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Wednesday, 8th September 2021

Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to express my endorsement, enthusiasm and commitment to co-deliver the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea's bid to create North Kensington Library of Things.

My social enterprise [Library of Things](#) is on a mission to make borrowing better than buying for people and planet. We do this by affordably renting out collections of useful items like drills, sound systems and sewing machines from local spaces like libraries – and helping neighbours share practical skills. Our service is now live in four London communities (Crystal Palace, Morden, Hackney Wick and Kentish Town), in partnership with councils and community networks. We're working with many more neighbourhoods to launch and operate Library of Things around the city, and have developed the necessary infrastructure (software, supply chain etc) to make this possible.

Since 2017, we have been in conversation with a number of community leaders and residents from the North Kensington area, who believe that Library of Things would be an important and much-loved resource in the neighbourhood.

Finally, we've found the right set of ingredients to make this happen in North Kensington:

1. Supportive community leaders ready to spread the word and promote the service
2. A 'host space' to provide a welcoming home for our item rental lockers – North Kensington Library
3. A supportive local council, providing the funding and broader impact framework, RBKC

Once up and running, Library of Things will work closely with local leaders and RBKC to ensure the service is accessible to everyone in the neighbourhood.

Our users elsewhere say that Library of Things saves them money and makes them feel more connected to and proud of their neighbourhood. Our research suggests that one in four rentals prevents a purchase, and that 60% of users are more likely to repair or recycle having borrowed. This creates and sustains a behaviour change movement that reduces waste and emissions in the borough.

Yours sincerely,



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