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Reference for GLA 2030 Future Neighbourhoods Application – Letter of Support

To Whom It May Concern,

I write in my capacity as Head of Services from the Rugby Portobello Trust (part of P3 Charity) in support of The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Council (RBKC) proposal for the 2030 Future Neighbourhoods application in Notting Dale.

We strongly support this application and commit to working with RBKC in the delivery of the Climate Change Awareness and Education Programme. Skills and Education are a key part of the work we do with children, young people and families.

We therefore confirm that we would like to partner with the Council to support with engaging the community and delivering a series of initiatives and together as part of this application, such as:

Residentials and trips: The main objective is to provide opportunities for children and young people to get out of London and experience the countryside, nature and to gain an understanding of the wider environment and impact of climate change. Many of the children and young people we work with have not left RBKC, let alone travelled outside London. We are looking to take the Junior Club children (aged 8-12) to a Farm for a week so they can experience looking after the animals and appreciate the countryside and nature. For the Young People we are looking at a number of activities (and will consult them further) including outward bound experiences and/or trips to the seaside, during which they will gain an understanding of the environment and the impact of climate change. These activities will take place in the Easter and Summer holidays in 2023.

Warm Spaces: In addition to the above we are looking to open up our building to provide Warm Spaces and hot food for the community during the winter months to help with the cost of living crisis. Specifically we will provide hot lunches and a warm space for the community 2 days per week, and a hot meal and a warm space for our young people in the building 3 additional nights a week.

Our organisation has been based in Notting Dale for just under 140 years and as such have developed high levels of trust with the community in North Kensington. We specialise in delivering services for Children, Young People and Families. Our programmes include; Youth Club delivered 5 nights a week including a Girls night (Athena) and a Boys night (Man Cave) and a creative arts programme (Amplify). We also support young people with specialist Employment and Wellbeing programmes. Our Junior Club is delivered 3 days a week after school, Academic Support is delivered 4 days a week after school, Magic Mums is a programme for women and pre school children which includes

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a Stay and Play session every week, Skills sessions and Parenting Support for families referred to RPT. We run a Football Academy for teams from age 3-15 and a Play Service delivering after school clubs and programmes in Notting Dale during the school holidays. The Council has partnered with us on a number of contracts. We have been working with the Council for a number of years. RBKC contract with us in the delivery of both Youth Services and Out of School Learning, both of which we have been delivering successfully for a number of years. More recently we have been commissioned by RBKC to provide holiday play activities as part of the Holiday, Activities and Food programme (HAF).

Upon successful completion of previous projects we have always had excellent feedback and a reputation for quality and delivery. As one example we were commissioned by the NHS and the Kensington and Chelsea Foundation to pilot a Community Coaching programme in 2022 supporting 30 BAME women with IT skills to combat digital exclusion and are working with the NHS to roll this successful project out.

We strongly support this application which will not only tackle environmental issues in a holistic way; but will embed green recovery at the heart and bring benefits for the community, particularly support the most disadvantaged residents and unrepresented groups in Notting Dale.

Through this letter, we acknowledge specific roles and responsibilities we will fulfil in this partnership.

We are currently exploring match funding which could support with the delivery of the residential. We also have a number of volunteers who support our activities at RPT and would provide added value to any initiative we develop. For example we would look to support the delivery of Warm Spaces with help from volunteers.

Yours sincerely,

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