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To whom it may concern,

## **GLA 2030 Future Neighbourhoods Application – Letter of Support**

I am writing on behalf of REWORK, a project run by Groundwork London, in support of The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea (RBKC) Council's proposal for a Household Goods Upcycling Scheme in the 2030 Future Neighbourhoods application in Notting Dale. REWORK is a refurbish and reuse project where repairable white goods are fixed up by trainees who are getting back into workplaces. We deliver three aims: diverting electrical waste into reuse; providing a second life to domestic appliances and affordable high quality products for those who can't or choose not to purchase new; providing jobs and training to unemployed Londoners.

The RBKC Upcycling Scheme shares the same objectives and will help to ensure that the same benefits can be received across the Notting Dale ward and wider borough. We therefore confirm that we would like to partner with the council to support with delivering this service.

We have been providing similar services to boroughs and RSL's in London for nearly 10 years, including: Lambeth (LBL), Hounslow (LBH), Kingston on Thames (LBK), and Affinity Homes. Additionally we supply our goods into Charity shops chains in London and the South of England including Emmaus Trust and Oxfam. All our goods are fully refurbished to the national Reuse standard, and carry a warranty that we service ourselves. We offer a supply and fit service wherever this is required. We are registered with, and audited by, the Environment Agency to ensure all our waste is tracked and correctly disposed of.

Collectively across our contracts we refurbish and supply circa 4500 white goods per year, which demonstrates the need and impact of our valuable service which we hope to also deliver to RBKC. We strongly support this application which will help to tackle environmental issues such as reducing waste going to landfill, as well as building capacity in the circular economy sector.

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I confirm all the above information is correct. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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