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Steve Cridland  
Chief Executive Officer  
Burgess Hill Town Council

(By email)

Dear Steve,

**Re St John's Pavilion Burgess Hill**

I refer to your correspondence to me of 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

The District Council welcomes your indication that the Town Council would be prepared to support a redevelopment of the Pavilion led by the cricket club but do not believe a transfer of this charity asset is necessary for this grant to be made towards a Burgess Hill community asset.

Such a transfer would need to be approved by the Charity Commission. We don't know at this stage if approval would be forthcoming. The Commission will assess the Town Council's ability to undertake the role compared to the District Council and, of course, the Trustees would need to agree to this request in the first instance

The District Council has been in conversation with the cricket club in the last year and based on their specification for works to the pavilion, we estimate the cost will be in excess of £1 million (with build costs rising very rapidly).

It is important to note that no S106 monies have been collected specifically for this project and nor is there any in the pipeline. There is £90k secured for general improvements and extension of community buildings which has been set aside for the RBL building which could be diverted to this project. Finally, there are section 106 monies attached to the Burgess Hill sites in the Sites DPD, some of which could potentially be used to assist this project when they are received.

Councillor Ash-Edwards is writing to Councillor Eggleston about a meeting to take this matter forward with the Cricket Club.

Yours sincerely



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Head of Regulatory Services and Solicitor to the Council

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