



The Crossley Heath School

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To whom it may concern

I wish to add my strong support for Ravenscliffe High School and Sports College in their quest to develop facilities at Spring Hall for their students and the community. This is a project which will considerably enhance the provision at this outstanding school. I am aware that the school is extremely popular and over-subscribed; their need for additional sixth form facilities is well established and has many supporters. In my view, Spring Hall is an excellent location for development, situated as it is near to Ravenscliffe High School and with excellent transport links.

My school is located very near to Ravenscliffe and our two schools enjoy many links. Our sixth form students act as volunteers, regularly visiting on Wednesday afternoons during their enrichment time to assist within classrooms and to provide additional 1: 1 support. This is an experience which is valuable for all young people in both schools. In addition, last year we were able to offer a weekly work experience placement to a sixth form student from Ravenscliffe High School. Catherine was able to walk to Crossley Heath with her support worker and enjoy the routine of regular work within a structured environment. In return, our students and catering staff experienced the rewards of meeting and working with a young person with different needs and they took great pleasure in Catherine's success.

As a school, we use the track facilities at Spring Hall for our annual school sports day. We would like to continue to do so as the proposed development goes ahead. This is an ideal venue for us and it would be fantastic to have trackside cafeteria/refreshment facilities available for staff and students. I love the idea of a community cafeteria which would provide meaningful work experience for older students at Ravenscliffe, giving them a real sense of value to the community.

We would also appreciate sheltered space for our students. The trackside facilities at the moment are limited. Some years it is very hot and spectators and contestants need shade (as in 2013) meaning we have to take our own gazebos. Alternatively, we experience rainy weather when shelter would be helpful to us. At the moment, we are not able to bring spectators down to the track when it rains which means that our sports day is not the whole school community event that we would wish for.



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This year I am going to do all I can to support the Ravenscliffe plans and intend to incorporate some of our school charity fund-raising this year to this most worthwhile cause. This is a fantastic opportunity for the young people in the school who are some of our most vulnerable in Calderdale. I urge you to do all you can to support the Ravenscliffe bid and support the Head Teacher in his vision of providing the best facilities and experiences he can for the young people in his care.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wendy Moffat', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Wendy Moffat
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