FAO Ms Sue Wills- Planning Officer Manchester City Council
C/O Alice Routledge
Asteer Planning
Mynshulls House
14 Cateaton Street
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Date: 2nd April 2024

Dear Ms Wills,

Re: Mellands Road, Gorton- Planning Application Ref: 138788/FO/2023

I write to you on behalf of Centrepoint, the homeless charity for young persons and in relation to the above referenced planning application at Mellands Road, Gorton by Greater Manchester Youth Federation and Kellen Homes.

Centrepoint have been in dialogue with Greater Manchester Youth Federation for over 18 months now and have assisted in shaping the redevelopment proposal to include as part of the scheme 36 new build independent living homes for young people. This will be our first suburban located new build scheme in Manchester and one Centrepoint are very keen to see delivered.

Our Patron, HRH The Prince of Wales has been a vocal supporter of our Independent Living Programme since its inception. We were delighted to have him officially open our London flagship development, Reuben House, in June 2023.

HRH Prince of Wales said:

"It really is inspirational, and it starts to show everyone how we really can prevent homelessness. It's a really amazing solution, a practical solution, a tangible solution … to help young people get back on track."

We do hope this proposal receives a positive response from Members when presented to Planning Committee in the near future.

Kind regards,

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