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Dear Fiona

I am writing to commend to you the proposed relocation of the Church.

You are aware that the church has been consistent in their desire to continue its ministry and mission in the Elephant and Castle. While the 'right' alternative solution has been sought, Crossway has continued to offer welcome and support to other Christian congregations and numerous local community groups. Four new organisations have been added to our family in the past twelve months. The variety of current use includes eight congregations each with varying involvement in the local community. In addition Victory School is operating three sessions through the church, an ESOL group, a parent mentoring scheme and a family drop in centre. The Southwark Day Centre for Asylum Seekers offers food and advice to around 100 clients every week and we hope to resume our own work with homeless people when our situation is more secure.

The Crossway leadership have recognised the greater need in the area to provide a base for 'starting' churches and community groups and want to develop this work of welcome and hosting further. The new site identified and the plans being discussed could provide flexible space to accommodate the existing groups and offer opportunity for new social and religious organisations looking to get established in the area. It would therefore safeguard the current work and provide opportunity for even greater variety of work.

The new building will also enable the church to reach-out to the Newington estate as it has done over the years to the Heygate estate. Given the church's record of being a community resource, the new building will be a real asset to the Elephant and Castle and not purely the United Reformed Church. For these reasons Crossway are happy to support the current proposals and hope that the various legal and practical negotiations will soon result all parties benefiting from the regeneration agenda.

Yours sincerely,



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