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Kim Wright
Chief Executive
Lewisham Council
Laurence House
Catford SE6 4RU

Dear Ms Wright

St Mildred's Church, London SE12
Planning application reference DC/19/112087
Petition in support of proposal to build new church hall and community space

Pease find enclosed a petition submitted on behalf of St Mildred's Church, Lee.

This petition demonstrates extensive local support for a planning application for the proposed construction of a new church hall and community facility on the St Mildred's site. Planning officers are recommending refusal of this application, reversing officers' pre-application advice. Refusal is recommended by officers on heritage grounds notwithstanding significant local support and the absence of any local objections. Those heritage grounds have not been substantiated.

Even where there are valid heritage considerations, planning law and policy require that in the context of a planning application concerning a building which (as here) is not listed and is not in a Conservation Area any such concerns must be balanced against other relevant planning considerations such as community benefit.

The purpose of the enclosed petition is to request that when this application is considered at Planning Committee, Council Members give proper weight to the significant benefit which the proposed building will provide to the neighbouring community and to the extensive local support for this scheme demonstrated by the petition.

With many thanks.

Yours sincerely

