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To whom it may concern,

RE: Planning Application, Bright Stars Day Nursery, 241 Park Road, PE1 2UT

I am writing to express our support of the planning application for the above provider in expanding their current registration and providing more early years education and childcare places at 241 Park Road, Peterborough.

The early years are a critical time of development and learning for children to get the best start in life. We know from research that the effects of poverty, inequality and disadvantage can be mitigated through the provision of high quality early education and childcare. It is our intention to ensure that all children in Peterborough have access to high quality early learning experiences to ensure they have acquired the necessary skills and dispositions to learning when they start school. We know that Park ward is one area where we require more free early education places to narrow the attainment gap between young children from low income families and their peers, setting them on a path to a more successful future.

Bright Stars Day Nursery was judged as 'Outstanding' at their most recent Ofsted inspection and this expansion would allow them to offer high quality early years education to benefit a greater number of children in the area. We anticipate these to be families wanting the current free entitlement of 15 hours and then 30 hours early education when the government expansion comes into effect. These are not likely to be working parents driving in from across the city, but families living in the local community, accessing on foot. The nursery also offers staggered session times throughout the day to provide parents with flexibility. This will therefore have minimal impact on rush hour traffic and increased congestion.

With this in mind, we would be in full support of the above application. If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Emma Woollard".

Emma Woollard
Team Leader
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