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Hi,

I'm writing in support of the application **Worthing United Football Club** have made to extend their clubhouse to include a cafe.

WUFC are a fantastic part of the community. My son played for them from the age of 3 up at Lyons Farm and from 5 through to 18 at Hillbarn, alas when there were only rudimentary facilities available.

It was through that experience that my son fell in love with sport. He learnt about team work, inclusion, community and that from hard work and determination do great things come.

Whereas I came to understand the value that these clubs have in our cultural society; every week many thousands of kids all around the country - girls and boys - turn up and are exposed to the joys and benefits of participation sport. Friendships and relationships are formed, respect is nurtured.

These clubs are incredibly important and, along with the people that run them, should be treasured. Worthing United hopes to use the revenues that the cafe will generate to support themselves and the community that they have built; it will be a facility that all park users will be able to use.

I hope they will receive a positive response to their application and look forward to watching the next generation of players coming through.

Yours sincerely,
Alan Stickland