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To Whom It May Concern,

Bethel - London's Riverside Church

This letter is to support the funding application made by Bethel - London's Riverside Church for the project to expand their community building in Dagenham.

I am the MP for Dagenham and Rainham and have been since 2001. I became aware of the outstanding work that Bethel does in the community when I attended the opening event of their renovated building in 2002. I was impressed by the quality of the space being made available for the community and that the £300,000 project had been funded entirely by their congregation.

Since that date and for the last 12 years I have been impressed by the valuable work they do in the community. Their youth and children work is second to none, they are highly regarded in the council and by local schools. All of their work is financed entirely by themselves and they have been responsible for helping thousands of people through their wide variety of community projects. The projects they provide for our borough, where continuous cuts are being made, are essential.

As a testament to the great work they do in the community all of their projects are in high demand, meaning that their current building is bursting at the seams and is restricting the support that they are able to provide. It is important that these new premises are made available to the community as soon as possible, in order that they can continue the invaluable work they do.

As MP of Dagenham I endorse this organisation and the applications they are making to various trusts to complete their community building expansion works.

I do hope that this letter will help your organisation to support any application made to you by Bethel - London's Riverside Church.

Yours faithfully,

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