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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to offer support for the request for local planning permission which is being submitted by John Sugars and his partner Carrie Anne Brackstone. I would like to tender the following information in support of their application.

Their present home is proving to be too restrictive for their daughter Ruby who is suffering with Cohen's Disease a rare inherited disorder that affects many parts of the body and is characterized by developmental delay, intellectual disability, and weak muscle tone.

They have a clear vision and an action plan regarding the purchase and development of a property at Keldholme, Ryedale. Their change of use proposal is vital to achieving their plans and securing an effective open, light living space for Ruby. Developing the property into a stable, Cohen disease, family friendly environment is their intended objective and I fully support their application.

The couple are a Ryedale family through and through and when I arrived in Ryedale in 1983, I had the great pleasure of teaching them at Lady Lumley's School. They were both excellent students who excelled in all areas. They were supportive of the school and its policies and both went on to take sixth form courses and attend university. They have lived in our area for the most of their adult lives and their parents are well known in the Pickering and Rosedale areas.

John has been a keen sportsman throughout his life and is, and always has been, a member of Kirkbymoorside Golf Club. He joined as a junior to go on and become a scratch golfer. He represented the Club and County at various levels and is very appreciative of what the club and the local community has given to him. He was also employed by the club from 2008 to 2011 in a "front of house role" where he was very successful. He was quick to speak proudly of the club and the town and proved to be a great ambassador for the area and the golf club. He now works in Kirkbymoorside and surrounding areas as a Salvation Army contractor, a job he started in 2012.

As a golf club we were very proud to include Ruby as a beneficiary to the captain's charity during my year as club captain. The money raised went to a very deserving cause and has been used to enhance her developmental and mobility courses which the family have had to fund with their own money. The family have encouraged Ruby's independence, social interaction and despite struggles, constantly involve her in meaningful activity. It is highly likely that your planning permission would go a long way in ensuring further progression in both her personal development and providing the open space that she needs. The property would be Ruby's forever home and she will need to have somewhere in which she can gain familiarity before she loses her sight.

In conclusion, and having read the information regarding local occupancy, both John and Carrie meet the conditions. They are a caring local family and I have no hesitation in recommending them to you.

Kevin Hughes

Club Captain 2019-2020
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