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Dear Richard,

Neighbourhood for Tulse Hill

Thank you for sending me the briefing on your proposed project to create a Neighbourhood Hub for Tulse Hill.

The project is an imaginative concept that I welcome for the simple reason that what you are proposing will have far reaching consequences for the good of the whole community. The fact that it is based on Community Self-Build is in itself an exciting way of ensuring that as many people from across different age groups can contribute to the creation of a centre that will be open to everyone.

The training and educational element offers a model that is consistent from the beginning in recognising that offering opportunities to new workers is an important way of offering learning in new skills. A factor that can be carried over when the Hub is open and opportunities can be offered for groups of students to learn from the experience of the building process and the importance of environmental sustainability.

The fact that your plans are rooted in the importance of sustainability will lead to learning opportunities that can be shared with the wider Church and community. At a time when 'green issues' are rightly so important, the Hub is a sign of what is possible when people work together to develop a shared vision.

I think that the plans for the proposed Hub are a clear sign of how Holy Trinity can serve the whole parish and community. It is also an example of how Mission Action Planning can be both innovative and far reaching.

I offer you my wholehearted support for the project and look forward to receiving regular reports and in due course celebrating with you when the Hub comes to completion.

With best wishes

The Rt Revd Christopher Chessun
Bishop of Southwark