Appendix 3d - Letter of Support





#WILTSHIREFOOTBALL

RE: Netherhampton Sports Association CAT Mr Daniel Geeson Leisure Strategy and Play Officer

8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Mr Geeson,

Wiltshire County Football Association strongly support Salisbury FC Youth, through the creation of the Netherhampton Sports Association in partnership with Wheatsheaf Cabin Crew RFC, to obtain a 25 year lease of the sports facilities at Netherhampton Road Pitches.

With the lease in place, the club will be in a far better position to apply for funding in order to enhance the site and the club. Most funding pots require security of tenure in order to proceed and as such they will be in a stronger position to apply for funding towards improving and maintaing grass pitches, as well as small grant applications for new goals, storage or potentially facilities to serve reshreshments.

Salisbury FC are critical to the local community. They are the largest football club in the south of the county, with 26 teams for boys and girls, ranging from U6 Soccer Stars through to U18s. The 25 year lease will not only secure a home for them, but allow them to continue to grow as a club, offering further opportunities for participation and develop the site into a key sporting hub within the local community. The funding opportunities that would become available to them will allow the club to become more sustainable, create a better environment for young players to develop and better support the growing number of volunteers within the club.

We see this as a fantastic opportunity for both clubs and we are more than happy to provide any support required throughout the process.

Yours Sincerely Lyndon Taylor Football Development Manager

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