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Subject: Support for Planning Application – Eden Banqueting Hall 2025/62/91888/E (Case Ref: IM04792)

Dear Kerri,

I am writing in my capacity as the local ward councillor and case worker for MP Iqbal Mohamed to formally express my strong support for the planning application relating to Eden Banqueting Hall, 297 Bradford Road, Batley, WF17 6HY, which seeks permission to convert the former nightclub premises into a café and 18-bed Bed and Breakfast accommodation.

The building has been unused or underutilised for a significant period and its current status offers limited benefit to the local area. This proposal presents an important opportunity to bring a vacant site back into active and purposeful use and aligns clearly with the principles set out within the National Planning Policy Framework, particularly the emphasis on the effective use of previously developed land within existing urban areas. Reusing the existing structure is a sustainable approach and will help prevent further decline of a prominent building along Bradford Road.

The proposed development would make a positive contribution to local regeneration by increasing footfall and activity

within the area, which in turn would support nearby businesses and services. The addition of a café and short-stay accommodation would attract both local residents and visitors to Batley, creating activity throughout the day and evening and contributing to a more vibrant and welcoming local environment. Increased occupancy and regular use of the site would also improve natural surveillance and overall site management.

The proposal is expected to deliver clear economic benefits by creating employment opportunities during the conversion phase through construction and associated trades, as well as ongoing permanent jobs once operational within the hospitality and service sectors. It would also encourage additional local spending, benefiting surrounding shops, transport services, and community facilities. These benefits align closely with local and national planning objectives to support economic growth and sustainable development.

Batley and the surrounding area continue to attract visitors for business, family, cultural, and social purposes, and the proposed Bed and Breakfast accommodation would help meet the demand for short-stay lodging. This would be particularly beneficial for visitors attending events, supporting local families, or accessing nearby facilities. The provision of this type of accommodation would enhance the town's hospitality offer while remaining proportionate to the scale and character of the area.

The proposed use is compatible with surrounding land uses and is, in my view, more appropriate and managed than the former nightclub use. It has the potential to reduce late-night disturbance while providing a well-regulated and supervised facility, which is likely to have a positive impact on neighbouring properties and the wider community.

Overall, I consider this proposal to be policy-compliant, sustainable, and beneficial to the local area. It supports the National Planning Policy Framework's presumption in favour of sustainable development, makes effective use of an existing building, contributes to regeneration, and offers economic and community benefits without causing undue harm in planning terms.

For these reasons, I request that this planning application be given full and positive consideration. As the local councillor, I believe this development reflects the needs of the community and represents a valuable opportunity to support regeneration and growth within Batley.

Kind Regards,

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