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To whom it may concern,

Grounds for Success - Research Project.

I am writing to express my support for the Wallands Community Primary School proposed research project – Grounds for Success. As Community Ranger for Lewes District Council I aim to promote the development of wildlife friendly green spaces and nature corridors, achieved through community involvement and practical participation. This project with its numerous learning and engagement strands achieves this to a very high level.

I have worked closely with partner organisations and the local community to deliver engagement from a Council owned green space and gateway to the South Downs called Landport Bottom, located on the edge of Lewes. Wildlife Walks, Schools without Walls, The CHALKlife Festival and Chalking up the Benefits are all projects where Wallands School have been at the heart of it. Both the school's staff and students have shown ongoing commitment in linking the local environment and community with learning.

The development of a wildlife friendly and educational green space within the school grounds will enable students to maintain a constant link with the natural environment as well as creating a green corridor linking Landport Bottom with the town of Lewes. The proposed research and development of a tool kit allowing other schools to replica this initiative is inspired.

I believe this is an excellent and important project and I'm happy to lend my wholehearted support to it.

Warmest regards,

Dan Fagan
Community Ranger
District Services



Barcombe 9th June 2015

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We have enjoyed a working partnership with Wallands School including the Chalklife festival and a Schools Without Walls project where we worked with a group of able children and the community ranger to enhance community access to the biosphere area by creating an interpretation board and leaflet.

The school has a well developed connection to their local landscape and a real commitment to making it understood by, and accessible to, young people. The planting that they are proposing would effectively 'link' their school to a hugely important area and facilitate direct study and access for a large number of young people.

We are very pleased to be supporting their Heritage Funding application and wish them all the best with their plans.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nigel Greenwood'.

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To whom it may concern.

The Friends of Wallands is the collective body of parents, staff, carers, friends and supporters of Wallands Community Primary School. We have been pleased to support in whatever way we can the Wallands Outdoor Learning Project since its inception. We actively participated and contributed to the feasibility stage of the project, have raised funds for the project and continue to be involved in its delivery.

We recognise as parents the positive impact that outdoor learning has on our children and that the project will build upon and enhance the existing outdoor learning programme we have in place. We are particularly pleased that the project will enhance the biodiversity of our unique school setting as part of the South Downs National Park, introducing indigenous tree and plant species into the grounds to provide a thriving habitat for local wildlife. The learning associated with this aspect of the project will give our children a greater understanding, appreciation and respect for the wider landscape in which they live.

This long term project will benefit current and future generations of Wallands School pupils and the wider community and we are happy to support its continued success.

Yours faithfully

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