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 Date…………………………

Dear Sirs,

**Re: 16/01118/FUL**

 **Land Adj. to Croft Head And Lower Townhouse Ponds, Littleborough**

 I am writing this letter in support of the recently submitted Planning Application for the development of two new car parks at the above site.

 Providing new car parks will improve access to either fishery for the 750 (approx.) members that regularly make use of the facilities in their leisure time.

 Over 200 of the members within the society are senior citizens or registered disabled. As access to Croft Head is uphill, and Lower Townhouse downhill, the provision of these car parks with disabled spaces is particularly important to ensure that the fisheries are equally accessible to all members.

 The Angling Society is an important part of the community in Littleborough and the provision of these car parks will help continue its reputation as a popular tourist attraction that positively contributes to the local economy and culture, bringing visitors from neighbouring towns and further afield.

 The society intends to actively encourage more members from a younger demographic to join the sport, and providing enough car parking to adequately serve either fishery will be crucial in achieving this.

 It is my view that a formal car park with an additional screening of trees will also prevent any unsightly views of overspill parking across the field. Both ponds have been restored from derelict states over the years and well maintained since, improving the landscape and environment considerably.

 It is for all these reasons that I support in full the proposed development and as a member of the society and/or local resident I hope you will take these points into consideration.

Yours faithfully,