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Dear [Redacted]

**Statutory Consultation under Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015
 Municipal Building, Kildonan Street, Coatbridge**

Thank you for your representation to the Statutory Consultation in respect of the proposed change of use of the above common good asset.

In response to the specific issues raised in your response, the Council would comment as follows:

Question/Issue/Concern	Council Response
<p>The Council should use the homes from the proposed conversion for looked after children in the care of the Council.</p>	<p>Should the approval of the Court be obtained, any homes in the Municipal Building would be allocated based on the Common Housing Register and Housing Allocation Policy of North Lanarkshire Council. The Common Housing Register is a partnership between the Council and other Registered Social Landlords. For applicants, the Common Housing Register allows simple and fair access to a number of social landlords. There are no plans to use the homes from the conversion solely for looked after children however, it would be open to a looked after child to be allocated a home if they are registered on the Common Housing Register and meet the criteria in the Housing Allocation Policy.</p> <p>The Council offer a range of support and services to looked after children.</p>

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<p>The Council should convert Kildonan Street into one bedroom self contained flats.</p>	<p>The indicative designs in the Feasibility Study indicated that not all homes will be one bedroom. The homes will be made up of different house types and sizes according to local demand. The future design of the homes in the conversion will be considered during the design and planning process.</p>
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All representations received from the Statutory Consultation were considered at the Housing and Regeneration Committee on 8 September 2021. The Committee, having had regard to all representations received, reconfirmed its decision of 20 May 2020 to include the Municipal Building in the new supply housing programme and convert this into housing for social rent by the Council subject to the consent of the Court being obtained. The Head of Legal and Democratic Solutions has been authorised to petition the Court under Section 75 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 in this regard.

If you wish to view the Committee report and redacted copies of all representations and responses, please visit North Lanarkshire Council's website at www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk or contact the Community Matters email address above.

If you require this letter in another format such as large print, Braille or in a different language please contact communitymatters@northlan.gov.uk

Yours sincerely



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