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Mrs Margaret Whitelaw  
Secretary of Lenzie Community Development Trust  
2 Regent Square  
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Dear Mrs Whitelaw,

**Re: Support for LCDT's co-housing proposal**

I am writing from the ESRC UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence (CaCHE), a leading housing research centre based at the University of Glasgow, to offer support for Lenzie Community Development Trust's proposal to repurpose the former Campsie View School site for co-housing.

Co-housing is an accepted housing choice in the USA and in some parts of Europe, but remains a niche model in the UK. There is however a growing interest among policymakers in the potential benefits of co-housing for addressing social isolation and loneliness, and improving the wellbeing of older people in particular.

If East Dunbartonshire Council approve this proposal, CaCHE would be willing (in principle and subject to funding) to undertake an evaluation study of the development project which might involve e.g. examining the decision making process, monitoring the development and measuring its outcomes, and understanding residents' expectations and lived experience. There is clearly potential for this to become a demonstration project from which lessons could be learned and applied elsewhere in Scotland and the rest of the UK.

You will find examples of our work on our website at <https://housingevidence.ac.uk/publications/>.

Kind Regards,

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