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To the Grants Team

**SUBJECT: Letter of Support – Redgrave Woodland Community Nature Recovery Project**

I am writing as District Councillor for Rickinghall Ward, Mid Suffolk District Council, to offer my strong support for Redgrave Parish Council's application to the Community Nature Recovery Grants scheme for the purchase and restoration of a small woodland site in the centre of Redgrave village.

This is a well-considered and locally important project that aligns closely with Mid Suffolk District Council's priorities for nature recovery, biodiversity enhancement and community wellbeing. Securing the woodland in community ownership will ensure its long-term protection and enable positive management for wildlife, while providing a valuable natural asset for the local community.

The project clearly reflects the principles of the Mid Suffolk District Council Biodiversity Action Plan and the Suffolk Local Nature Recovery Strategy, with a strong focus on priority habitats and species, including wet and mixed deciduous woodland, pollinators, amphibians, hedgehogs and bats. I am particularly encouraged by the evidence-led approach, the involvement of professional ecological advice, and the commitment to long-term management and monitoring.

Redgrave Parish Council has demonstrated a clear understanding of both the ecological and community value of this site and has set out a robust and realistic plan to safeguard it for future generations. The proposal also complements wider district and county ambitions to strengthen the Nature Recovery Network and protect important green spaces from inappropriate development.

I fully support this application and would encourage the Council to look favourably upon it.

Yours sincerely,

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