

## Charity Collection Submission – Hestia Housing and Support

Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to nominate my charity Hestia Housing and Support.

Hestia are primarily a London based charity who last year provided support to over 9,000 people, many in times of crisis. The main areas of support are Domestic Abuse (we are the largest provider of domestic abuse refuges in London), Modern Slavery Response and Mental Health needs.

We also conduct campaigning and advocacy. Last month Hestia, under the banner of UK Says No More (a national campaign to end domestic violence) organised a rally in Parliament and persuaded more than 100 Parliamentarians to sign up to our Charter on the Prevention of Domestic Abuse.

Of particular interest to AFC Wimbledon would be the Age Activity Centre and the Recover Café on Garratt Lane, less than a mile from the site of the new Plough Lane stadium. The Age Activity Centre is a dedicated space for members of the community to meet new people and enjoy fun activities; activity and engagement is vital for older people to lead a healthy and fulfilled life. The Recovery Café is an innovative service offering a safe and welcoming space for people struggling to cope with their mental well-being. The café has proved to be a successful model that Hestia hopes to replicate in other areas of London.

I believe you would find Hestia to be good charity partners for AFC Wimbledon, and that the two projects mentioned would be ideal for Wimbledon to be associated as the club begins the process of reintegration into the borough of Merton.

Charity information:

Hestia Housing and Support

Company limited by guarantee

charity number: 294555

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