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To:

Ao Smile Foundation,
5A The Parklands,
Lostock, Bolton, BL6 4SD

8.03.19

Dear Sirs

**Re: Barlow Charity No. 521333
and Proposed Development of Artificial Pitch by Edgworth Cricket and Recreation Club**

We have been advised by Edgworth Cricket and recreation Club (ECRC) that provisional agreement has been reached with yourselves and ECRC for the funding of a proposed artificial pitch on the Barlow Charity's land at Edgworth. We thank you for your interest. We understand that the donation will be made to the Barlow Charity as landowners and as Charitable Trust. Unfortunately, at the time of writing, we have received no official confirmation of the donation or the terms under which it is proposed to be made.

May I just briefly clarify the position of ECRC in relation to the Charity. The club sits on charitable land. The club has a lease with the Charity. The club manages and organises its business, independent of the Charity. From time to time ECRC, with the Charity's prior permission, may bid for funds to develop their club's sporting base and to help fulfil one of The Barlow's charitable objectives: sport and recreation. In those instances, a bid is submitted under the aegis of the Charity. If successful, the bid money comes to the Charity to be administered under restricted fund arrangements.

In this instance it appears that the donation you propose does not conform to that process. I am sure you will understand that as Trustees we have to consider ECRC's proposal in the context of the Charity as a whole. The implications for the Charity in terms of leases, legal and accounting arrangements, project management, are considerable. We are not yet in a position to begin this preliminary work until we have further information about the proposal.

We have already held a public consultation to consider the proposal but we have had to rely on the general, informal information received from ECRC without specifics being yet made available. We would therefore be very grateful to receive your formal advice regarding the proposed donation, with particular reference to:-

1. The amount of the donation.
2. The terms under which the donation would be made.
3. When the money will be available to be drawn down by the Charity.
4. What information does does your Charity require from us for the money to be released.
5. Contact details of your representatives.

On receipt of this information we will be in a better position to begin our consideration. We thank you in advance and look forward to receiving the above information.

Yours faithfully

Christine Waring
Chair of Trustees, The Barlow Charity

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Dave Enright
Chair, ECRC