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Dear Emma

### **Jacob's Wells Baths – expression of interest**

Thank you very much for your detailed and well-developed proposals for Jacob's Wells Baths on behalf of Trinity Community Arts.

The Council's CAT Group considered these on 10 May, together with a proposal submitted by Bristol Historic Buildings. Both bids have similarities as they seek to restore this fine, historic building and bring it back into active use. The two bids also share a strong desire to create affordable, community-managed facilities for dance, music, arts, community, and leisure uses. The merits of both submissions were discussed at the meeting and I now have the CAT Group's mandate to respond.

Whilst the possibility of an open market disposal of the freehold remains an option in the context of a significant budgetary capital shortfall, the Council would like Trinity and BHB to work together and submit a joint proposal that combines the strengths of both bids. The CAT Group believes that the strong social and community outcomes of Trinity's proposal would complement the financial strengths and viability of the BHB bid.

We recognise the large amount of work and research that has gone into Trinity's proposal and we really appreciate your continued interest in JWB. We hope that Trinity is willing to collaborate with BHB to develop a joint outline bid, to be considered at the CAT Group's next meeting (scheduled for Monday 12 June).

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you require more details or wish to discuss this email in more detail.

Yours sincerely

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