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Submitted to **Rough Sleeping: Homelessness Strategy Consultation**

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Rough Sleeping: Homelessness Prevention Strategy Consultation

1 What is your name?

Name:

[REDACTED]

2 What is your email address?

Email:

[REDACTED]

3 What best describes your interest in this consultation?

Other

Please state:

A member of the public and also Local Authority employee (not in this service area)

4 Do you agree the our overall approach of the strategy?

Yes

If you selected no or not sure to this question please tell us why?:

5 Do you agree with our universal level approach and actions for preventing rough sleeping?

Yes

If you selected no or not sure to this question please tell us why? :

6 Do you agree with our targeted actions and approach to preventing rough sleeping?

Yes

If you selected no or not sure to this question, please tell us why?:

7 Do you agree with our rough sleeping crisis response approach and actions?

Yes

If you selected no or not sure, please tell us why?:

8 Do you agree with the approach to rough sleeping recovery and additional actions?

Yes

If you selected no or not sure, please tell us why?:

9 Do you agree with the approach and priority actions for helping people to move-on from rough sleeping?

Yes

If you selected no or not sure, please tell us why?:

10 Any further comments?

Please use box below if you would like to make any further comments:

From the information provided, hopefully it will bring much needed support to these individuals that need help. It is so difficult to establish who is homeless and who is begging these days and therefore you are unsure who to help.

There probably is already, however could there be a central hub i.e. empty shop where homeless persons pop in the day and get support, be warm, obtain refreshments. Maybe it could have a café attached that is operated with former homeless staff and non homeless staff to support them in obtaining work experience and where people could go and buy themselves lunch but also buy a homeless person lunch or other items. There could be a "needs/support" board or window display of items required to help someone in their new home i.e. microwave, sofa, bedding etc that people can come and look at and then go and buy the item for that person or make a contr bution knowing that it will go to supporting a homeless or former homeless person. This way you know that the money is

not buying an individuals alcohol or drugs and you are not supporting any immoral beggars.

Also where a former homeless person is in better health, maybe a scheme could be set up with farmers from the outskirts of Birmingham. That would provide work experience picking fruit and vegetables. Not only would they gain some work experience and get fresh air. It also keeps them away from drug dealers and any other anti-social contributors which may affect their downfall. They would need to be provided with transport to and from the farms.

11 About You: Please state your age group.

Age group:

35 to 59

12 About you: What is your gender?

Gender:

Female

13 About You: What best describes your ethnicity?

Ethnicity:

White: English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British

14 About you: What is your sexual orientation?

Sexual Orientation:

Heterosexual

15 About you: What best describes your religion or belief?

Religious Belief:

No religion