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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to support the campaign to designate Hillsborough Stadium as an Asset of Community Value.

For many Sheffielders, Hillsborough is much more than just a stadium. It is a place of hopes and wishes, of mums and dads and sons and daughters, of long remembered wins and never forgotten losses. It is a place of memories, memories that define us in a way our humdrum lives elsewhere never could. It is a place where memories will be made in the future, memories to be shared with those close to us. It is a place where, for ninety minutes, we connect with others in a way that is increasingly rare, and if the last fifteen months have shown us one thing, it is this: the things that connect us have never been more important.

It is clear, then, that due to this history of memory and connection Hillsborough Stadium can never be truly owned by one person, or one company. It is and always will be owned by the Wednesdayites who have forged their shared heritage each and every time they have been to a match, and have done this week after week, year after year, stretching all the way back to 1867.

I urge that this common heritage is formalised by the designation of Hillsborough Stadium as an Asset of Community Value so that generations to come will have the same chance as those that have gone before: to connect with the people around them, and to form shared memories, in a way quite unlike any other. What other decision is possible?

Yours faithfully,

Cllr. Mike Drabble,  
Elected Member for Richmond,  
Sheffield City Council Heritage Champion.