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Dear Clerk and Councillors of Newton Flotman Parish Council

**RE: FUNDING FOR NORFOLK FAMILY MEDIATION SERVICE**

I am writing to provide you with some information about our charity and the services that we offer to support families across Norfolk. We support couples going through divorce and separation, our service improves children and young people's lives. We have a large geographical spread and are dependent on donations to keep our work going.

Research into the impact of separation on Children's lives in the long term tells us Children are statistically likely to perform worse at school and have poorer future employment prospects, linked with increased engagement in substance misuse.

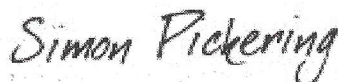
In addition, research tells us that children of separated couples are less likely to have successful relationships themselves as adults. Reducing the impact of divorce and separation for children and young people is key to securing their future success and realising their full potential.

We have seen a significant increase in referrals to our service in the last year. We are helping more couples reach agreements quickly and without great expense. In the last year we have worked with 121 families and held assessments with 593 individuals.

I am writing to ask if your Parish Council would consider supporting our work. We are currently looking to raise funding to recruit and train more mediators to meet our growing demand. We are the only organisation offering this work that is affordable for all families in Norfolk.

If you have any queries about Norfolk Family Mediation Service or would like further information about our work please contact me.

Yours sincerely



Simon Pickering  
**Development Director**