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I am very supportive of this initiative by the Rooksdown Community Association, supported by both the Rooksdown Parish Council and Basingstoke & Deane, creating easily accessible facilities in the middle of our community out of two empty retail units is a very positive step.

These two retail units in Greenlands Road have remained empty, with little commercial interested, since they were built. The Rooksdown district centre already has a Co-op, Bernardos charity shop, hairdressers and a coffee shop and it is not difficult to see why there has been little interest in the units.

The Rooksdown Community Association has taken the initiative to acquire these units and has now applied for planning permission to run them as spaces to provide social activities and much needed services for our community. I support this wholeheartedly.

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