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**To:** clerk@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk  
**Subject:** A Local Family's Commitment to Torpoint – Proposal for a New Community Launderette

**Dear Members of the Torpoint Town Council,**

I am writing to you not just as an entrepreneur, but as a proud resident of Torpoint. Since my family and I moved here from Romania in 2017, we have fallen in love with this beautiful area and the tight-knit community that makes Torpoint so special. It is a place we are proud to call home, and I am now seeking to give back by launching a business that serves a genuine local need.

My connection to this town is deeply personal. My wife is a Registered Nurse locally, dedicating her life to caring for our community's most vulnerable elderly residents. We understand the value of service and care firsthand. As a father, I am also raising two children here. My 11-year-old son is thriving and loves life in Torpoint. However, our journey has not been without challenges.

Our daughter lives with multiple disabilities and struggles with incontinence. Furthermore, she has recently been through the incredibly difficult safeguarding process due to grooming. These experiences have taught us how vital a supportive community is. They have also highlighted a very practical, everyday struggle: the constant, high volume of laundry that comes with caring for a child with complex needs—a struggle many other families and carers in our town share.

This is why I am proposing to open a modern, 24/7 (or extended hours) self-service launderette on Fore Street.

**Why Torpoint needs this:**

- **Support for Families & Carers:** Like us, many families and elderly residents struggle with large loads or bulky items (like duvets) that domestic machines cannot handle.
- **The HMS Raleigh Connection:** Our recruits often lack adequate facilities for their heavy-duty laundry needs.
- **The High Street's Future:** I want to transform a vacant space on Fore Street into a clean, safe, and tech-forward facility that brings footfall back to our town centre.

I would like to ask the Council for guidance on:

1. **Planning & Permitted Use:** Are there specific local considerations for a "Sui Generis" use on Fore Street that would help a local family business succeed?
2. **Local Premises:** Are there any Council-owned or local commercial spaces you would recommend as suitable for this essential service?

I am committed to making this launderette a positive, reliable anchor for Torpoint's high street. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss how this project can best serve our town.

Thank you for your time and for everything you do for our community.

**Yours faithfully,**

**Razvan Oancea**  
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Resident of Torpoint