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To: Community Asset Transfer <communityassettransfer@glasgow.gov.uk>

Subject: Asset transfer of Cathkin Park

Good morning,

I live with my family on Myrtle Park, beside Cathkin Park. I have 2 sons and we regularly play on Cathkin Park. It is a great space for running around, kicking a ball, throwing a Frisbee, cycling round the little track (where my youngest son learned to ride his bike) and exploring in the woods, which we do regularly.

The whole family loves playing in the park with my sons and their friends. The park is an underused asset, which could add a lot more amenity than it currently does. With football pitches at Holyrood Sports Centre and Toryglen Sports Centre both within 5 minutes walk of Cathkin Park it would be very interesting to see the results of a wider consultation by Glasgow City Council into alternative uses for the space.

There is already an abundance of biodiversity on the site as a result of the trees growing there, including bats, which are protected.

I would be interested to see the results of a consultation that considered wider opportunities for the site such as:

- Increasing biodiversity on the site with better ecological management of the site including wild flowers, a more diverse mixture of trees,
- Alternative sports facilities on the site, such as a kids play Park, shinty, a BMX track and other sports not offered locally

There are limited spaces across the city that offer a haven for wildlife across Glasgow and this would make an ideal spot to consider encouraging more endangered species in Scotland, such as butterflies, small birds, hedgehogs and badgers.

I agree with the applicants for the asset transfer that there is a need for development of the site, but would like to see wider considerations of the options and this consultation and if nothing else but out of common courtesy, this must extend to those who live directly by the park.

Regards,

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