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**Sent:** 14 October 2019 22:33

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

**Subject:** Cathkin Park asset transfer request

Dear Sir/ Madam,

It has been brought to our attention that an asset transfer request has been submitted for Cathkin Park. Having read the business plan and looked at the map, we would make a number of observations:

- Cathkin Park offers a unique facility within Glasgow, for residents of Glasgow, a cycle speedway racing track. The track is one of only 3 in use across Scotland
- The Glasgow Cyclones Cycle Speedway club have held regional and national cycle speedway competitions at Cathkin Park since the 1970s
- During the racing season over 100 races are held at the track in the park with over 60 riders from across the UK travelling to Cathkin Park to compete in regional and national leagues supported by British Cycling
- We would expect that any changes that are made to the park are made to benefit all current users of the park (eg toilet and changing facilities for all users of the park for sporting activities)
- We would expect that any changes to the park would not reduce the services available to current users of the park (eg car parking for visiting teams from around the UK competing at the park or storage for sports equipment) without appropriate provision being made for alternative arrangements
- Improving services available at the park for use by other users of the Park (eg toilets and changing rooms) would greatly increase the use of the park
- As highlighted in the proposed business plan for the asset transfer Cathkin Park has significant potential to offer greater amenity to the local community and we would welcome the opportunity to be part of the decision making process about any future changes to the park
- The Glasgow Cyclones have been granted 3 year 'permission to use' the parking lot in the park to store the club's shipping container, which holds the club's equipment. We would expect that any changes to the park would take account of this.

The Glasgow Cyclones Cycle Speedway club completely agree that the Park is a positive asset within the local community, offering positive amenities not available anywhere else in Glasgow. We agree there is great potential to improve the amenities available at the park, making them available to more of the local community and for a wider number of uses within the local community.

The Glasgow Cyclones would welcome the opportunity to work with other users of the park, British Cycling, Glasgow City Council and the Jimmy Johnson Charitable Trust to improve the facilities available at the park.

Regards,

The Trustees of the Glasgow Cyclones Cycle Speedway club

