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Sent: 23 October 2019 17:15

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

Subject: Objection: Cathkin Park and MUGA

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing on behalf of Mount Florida Community Council to OBJECT to the request for a community asset transfer of Cathkin pavilion and MUGA. Our reasons are below.

The Charitable Trust has made no serious attempt to consult the local community on its proposal. The Trust made no attempt to contact the Community Council. It has not replied to an invitation to present its case in a Community Council meeting. There is no mention of the request on the Trust's Twitter feed. We have been told by residents that the only publicity is a small A4 posters at ground level facing inward to the park.

Perhaps as a consequence of the inadequate consultation, the rationale and community benefits behind the request are unclear. The Trust already has access to the pavilion the MUGA and the pitch. We have been told by residents more familiar with the situation that it is already paying a peppercorn rate, and that it is in receipt of a City Council grant but we have not been able to confirm this.

The governance of the Charitable trust is opaque and potentially inappropriate to the level of responsibility that we would expect of an organization stewarding such an important asset. For example, we have been unable to find the constitution for the Trust. That means that we don't know the process by which directors may be removed and replaced, or by which a local community director may be appointed. Furthermore, the names of the directors are redacted from the annual report published on the charities regulator's website, against recommended practice.

It is not clear to us whether the proposed asset transfer would impact on the cycle speedway club which has a track in the park. It is important that this long-established club should not be negatively affected.

The grounds are held by the City Council for the public benefit and the Community Council believes that should remain the case.

Thank you

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