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Sent: 25 October 2019 13:29
To: Community Asset Transfer <communityassettransfer@glasgow.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Asset transfer request re Cathkin Park

Dear sir,

As a resident local to Cathkin Park, I am writing to object to the asset transfer request relating to Cathkin Park football ground, Pavilion and MUGA which has been lodged by the Jimmy Johnstone Charitable trust.

There has been no meaningful evidence provided of community consultation in relation to this request and of the numerous complaints already submitted by a wide variety of park users, without exception all have been unaware of this application until relatively recently. The request was submitted to the council over a year ago in July 2018 yet it is only in the last weeks of the objection window that anyone locally has been made aware. One scrappy A4 notice placed in an obscure part of the park a fortnight before window closure is not acceptable.

I agree with the opposition already submitted regarding unnecessary removal of public access to this facility for the benefit of a small number of persons who are not involved in the local community, loss of habitat for wildlife, loss of use for those groups already also using the park and potential detrimental impact to the quiet enjoyment of those living in the immediate vicinity of the park.

Having read the application and business plan submitted, both are evidently lacking in content and substance. The financial assumptions are dubious to say the least with nothing evidenced in terms of track record in operating such a business or project. Expecting the council to award grants for the provision of activities after transfer of responsibly of the land for a rent of just £1 p.a beggars belief.

The persons involved have had a lease on the pavilion and use of the pitch for many years but have not to date engaged with the local community in any meaningful way which is illustrated in the level of objection to the application.

In a location already well served by football facility provision, there is also no real need to further remove public parkland from the public domain. As has already been noted by others this smacks of a vanity project.

Your faithfully,

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