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Subject: Cathkin Pavilion and MUGA

I wish to object to the proposals for Cathkin Park on the following grounds:

1. There has been little community consultation, beyond the small (very missable ) notices posted near to the park entrances.
2. The area already has a massive football academy/training centre within 5 minutes walk of this proposed centre in Prospecthill Rd. The proposal does not mention any reason why it is different from the existing training centre and why the group believes that there is a need for another centre of this type which already has funding.
3. The park is well used by local people but in parts looks in a sorry state as little or no maintenance has been carried out over the last few years. This means that diseased trees are being left in place, hedges are being left uncut, fencing/log borders are falling down and people are starting to illegally dump rubbish. This is not the fault of the park or the people who use it and is not a reason to transfer the ownership.
4. The park is home to many types of birds, a family of foxes and the trees give protection to hundreds of bats. The protection of the wildlife and green space in the area has not been considered within this application.
5. There is little by way of parking within the grounds of the park building. There is no mention within the proposal of where the cars, that will inevitably used by people using the centre, will be parked. A good example of this can be found at the football academy on Prospecthill Rd. The car park there is quite large but always busy with people finding difficulty getting in and out of the centre. The main road entrance to Cathkin Park is also off a busy main road (Cathcart Road). These important issues have not been addressed within the proposal.
6. Green space was taken away from the area when the new Victoria hospital was built on the recreation grounds in the Mount Florida area. This green space in Cathkin Park should be protected against development.
7. Will people who currently use the park be able to continue to access the whole park? This is very unclear from looking at the map and from reading the proposal.

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