

## PROPOSAL FORM

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<b>Name of building / venue / facility</b>		
Springburn Park Red Blaes Pitch		
<b>Name of your organisation</b>		
Friends of Springburn Park		
<b>Please provide details of the legal status of your organisation</b>		
Charity (please provide Charity No if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>	SC051279
Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Company Ltd by Guarantee	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Community Club/ Sports Club	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other (please specify)		
<b>Do you have a formal constitution/ governance documents?</b> (please provide a copy)		YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Tell us about your proposal for the building/ venue/ facility and how you see this operating. Provide some detail as to why your organisation is well placed to deliver the benefits that will flow from the proposal.</b>		
<p>Friends of Springburn Park along with Community Partners such Glasgow Kelvin College have proposed the development of a multi-use cycling facility on the site of the disused red blaes pitch within Springburn Park. The facility will provide a venue for multiple cycling uses such as: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mountain Biking Track</li> <li>2. BMX Track</li> <li>3. Flat Cycle Skills Area</li> <li>4. Inclusive Cycling Area.</li> </ol>		

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The facility will be utilised by a variety of community led organisations and community members. This facility will be accessible for local Nursery School Learners to go through the Play on Pedals Programme. In addition to this we aim to provide a cycling base for a number of local Primary Schools as they take their learners through the Bikeability Programme as well as providing an outlet for those who have shown an interest in cycle-based activities. The facility would allow progression for the local Springburn Academy High School where it is hoped that young people (and staff) would use the facility as part possible cycling clubs and associations. The facility will be designed with an Inclusive Ethos as we firmly believe that cycling is for everyone.

We believe we are well placed to deliver this project as we are a community lead project, made up mostly of local people who know what their community and the park needs to thrive.

We have also worked alongside Glasgow Kelvin College to build our community partners who can support the scheme and guarantee long term success:

- Freewheel North – Freewheel North are a Glasgow based inclusive Cycling Provider. They currently have a city-wide cycling business plan in place that will see their Cycling Facility at Glasgow Green replicated in three other venues of which Springburn Park will be one. This strong partnership will ensure that the proposed facility is accessible to everyone with wheelchair accessible bicycles being offered by this partner.
- Glasgow Kelvin College – Glasgow Kelvin College Learners will be directly involved within the programme with ongoing discussions on how GKC can support FOSP.
- NG Homes – Maintenance and Community Engagement.
- Local Primary Schools and Nurseries – Direct involvement through participation.
- Springburn Academy High School – Direct involvement through participation and possible community cycling groups.
- Glasgow Sport & Glasgow Disability Sport. Glasgow Sport Cycling have been advising us from the outset of the project and are strong supporters of the project aims and objectives. In addition to this Glasgow Disability Sport have expressed an interest in becoming involved with potential links with Freewheel North. This would create potential for regular disability cycling events and groups.
- The Brunswick Community Development Trust- The young people who attend will help design the track and also be involved through participation

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- Other local community groups including Disk Golf association, The Park Run, RVS Community Café, and Spirit of Springburn are all in support of this asset being built in Springburn Park
- Members of the Scottish Parliament – including local councillors and Bob Doris MSP have put their support behind this project

We also intend to link up with other local services including -Police, Fire and other emergency services and are in the process of doing this.

### **Tell us about the benefits that you expect to generate from this proposal and how these might meet an existing need. Will your proposal benefit the local community, a community of interest or both?**

Springburn suffers from high multiple deprivation, scoring mostly 1s on the SIMD (2020). We also have high numbers of generational poverty and people from several protected characteristics groups. With this comes high numbers of obesity, mental health issues and overall poor health. The track will encourage people of all ages to get outdoors and participate in a sports activity, improving both physical and mental health.

It will also encourage families to spend more time together, encouraging bonds and healthy family ties.

There are no facilities like this in the surrounding area, meaning community members would need to travel to access this facility, for people with low incomes and families this could be an unmanageable expense, meaning children and young people miss the opportunity to engage in sports and develop new skills.

We believe our children and young people should not be left behind in sports and wellness due to circumstance and having this facility locally will be key in tackling this.

The proposed location of the cycling facility is located next to synthetic football pitches, a cricket field and disk golf course. We are working on making connections with management committees and users of these facilities to create a sports hub in the park, which will encourage people to try different sports and develop new skills.

Finally, we believe that the facility will encourage community members to access the park more widely, spending time in nature and tapping into numerous other activities which happen across the park. These activities naturally encourage community connections, supporting the reduction of social isolation and loneliness.

### **What are your plans to generate sufficient income/ grants to be able to sustain the ongoing operating costs of the building/ venue/ facility?**

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The initial capital cost for the facility will come from grants. We are working with Glasgow Kelvin College's Funding Manager who has sourced a number of grants suitable for this project and will support the bid writing and reporting process. We will continue to work together to check for new funding sources and anticipate submitting a number of bids for different stages of the project delivery.

The main Operating Cost of the Cycling Facility will be maintenance. Litter and Debris will have to be cleared and the area maintained by our volunteers and Our Community Partners:

- **Glasgow Kelvin College** – Learners from various departments will volunteer within this aspect of the programme.
- **NG Homes** – Part of our initial discussions with this partner has seen the potential for maintenance of the facility being offered by this partner.
- **Freewheel North** – This essential Community Partner will be running Inclusive Cycling Sessions from the Venue and will ensure that paid staff and volunteers are present. They will also contribute towards the maintenance and upkeep of the facility.
- **Future Proofing Potential Funds** - Future Funding applications and Grants will be driven by FOSP with the aid of Glasgow Kelvin College Funding Manager as well as other involved community partners (Brunswick), this will ensure a robust approach to future activities, events, costs and revenue.

### **Tell us about any experience you have in managing a building/ venue/ facility.**

- Friends of Springburn Park currently manage the Community Village in the park. This includes, managing health and safety, maintenance, and lease and space management.
- NG Homes, who will support maintenance of the facility, manages a large number of housing stock within the local area.
- However, once built the track will need very little maintenance. Friends of Springburn Park will also have the correct insurances in place for the facility.

### **What help and support from the council family would you require for this proposal?**

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Glasgow Sports have been advising us as we progressed from cycling concept to proposal. They have been invaluable over a number of years assisting Glasgow Kelvin College in some significant cycling initiatives.

In addition to this we have been fortunate to have given support and advice from Glasgow Sport Disability team. These are two significant sources of support moving forward as they will enable the programme to be inclusive and support the entire community.

It is important to note that we hope to further this strong relationship by enlisting the help of Glasgow Sport Staff as we build towards our aim of the creation of a Community Sports Hub within the park catering for Cycling, Football, Disc Golf, Cricket, Running and other health related activities. It is hoped that these activities can connect with recent community hub activities within the nearby Glasgow Kelvin College.

### **Please provide us with any other information that you feel is relevant to your proposal.**

Our services are shaped by the community for the community. In 2017 a community charrette was completed called "Our Springburn, Shaping Our Future", this showed the regeneration of the park was a key priority for residents. From this we conducted a survey in summer 2020 asking for more information. Out of 577 returns 77% said they used the park for exercise, with comments saying "damaged pathways make it hard to cycle"

51.46% said improved recreational facilities for children and young people were a priority for them

We also received comments regarding "broken glass" around the park which could puncture the wheels of bikes; however, this would not be an issue on the track as this would be maintained by ourselves and partners.

Additionally at the recent community event we carried out further consultation on the installation of a pump track in the park, we received around 60 replies from adults and young people. These are still being collated but most people commented saying they would use the facility with "friends" or "family" and they felt it would be "a safe place" for children and young people to cycle. A majority of people who replied said they would like to see weekly biking activities run from the track and cycling lessons for younger children.

We also asked in these surveys if people would like to be involved in the design of the track. Most young people said yes.

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On the back of this we are preparing a larger scale survey and work with partners who's key audience is young people to so we can filter their ideas into the design process.

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