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SECTION C: YOUR PROPOSAL		
Name of building / venue / facility		
Rogerfield Primary School (land) UPRN 906700158970		
Name of your organisation		
Blairtummock Housing Association		
Please provide details of the legal status of your organisation		
Charity (please provide Charity No if applicable) Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) Company Ltd by Guarantee Community Club/ Sports Club		Blairtummock Housing Association is a registered society under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 Reg No. 2354R(S) Scottish Housing Regulator Reg No. HCB 216 Scottish Charity No. SC036997
Other (please specify)		Registered Social Landlord
Do you have a formal constitution/ governance documents? (please provide a copy) YES ☑ NO ☐		
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		

In the first instance BHA and partners wish to transform derelict land into a vibrant community open space - the long term uses of the site will become clear through consultation. Uses that are designed to promote bio diversity and recreation for all ages will be to the fore in these discussions. We are confident that strong outcomes around regeneration, social wellbeing, public health, environmental wellbeing, and economic development, will be secured through the improvements we make.

the benefits that will flow from the proposal.

Community Consultation: Our partners in the Blairtummock and Rogerfield Partnership are very excited around the potential of the site. The local Men's Shed has expressed an interest in being situated on site and using it as a base for its activities. BHA has a lot of experience in working closely with our community, arriving at proposals that have broad support, and ensuring that many positive outcomes can be secured. We hosted high teas, and gala days in the past to engage the community, and have sought feedback through survey monkey, MS Forms and dedicated web portals, as well as door to door and telephone surveys. Each of these methods will be utilised to ensure we speak to as many people as possible, and they are involved to the level that they want to be.

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Regeneration: There is a vital need for high quality, recreational, and open space in the area. With the exception of the backcourts, and gardens of the properties surrounding the site, there is no well-maintained outside space. Community consultation, and a bottom-up approach is in the DNA of our organisation, and the future of the site will become clear through this process. It is known that a wide ranging community consultation will be required to get to the heart of what future uses are desirable, and how these aspirations can be delivered. It is thought that uses such as Sport, Physical Activity, Grow Your Own, Community Space, Bio-Diversity, and Parking, will all be part of our discussion with the community.

Social Wellbeing: Beyond the physical, and amenity improvements inherent in the transformation of the site, there are opportunities to grow the capacity, and togetherness of local people through the opportunities that exist around its development. Those who volunteer will design, plan, manage and deliver the transformation, and through the process, grow in their personal capacities and as a group. This volunteer input will significantly reduce the amount of money that would be required to redevelop the site. We expect the contract to improve the site to last around 35 weeks (8 months), and during this time with a group of 10 volunteers, averaging 10 hours per week, we will secure volunteering input with a cash value of over £38,000 (at the Glasgow Living Wage level).

Public Health: This project would help to increase the wellbeing of the community in both physical and mental health; improving the physical outlook through addressing the dereliction nearby; improvements that spark greater community cohesion, enjoyment of being outdoors, and opportunities for physical activity and/or sport.

Economic Development: The site is receiving no investment either in respect of capital improvements or scheduled maintenance. Our plans would ensure that funds can be secured to redevelop the site, providing work for a contractor to bid for and the associated employment. We would also be investing revenue sums over the longer term to ensure the site is well maintained, and remains a valued asset locally.

Environmental Wellbeing: The development of the derelict land presents definite opportunities around grow your own, biodiversity, and other enhancements. The interests of the community will be important in respect of any of these interventions, but it is clear that there is a chance to enhance the contribution of local people and organisations around this outcome.

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?

As detailed above there are wide ranging benefits to the local community through the redevelopment of the site. At this stage it is not possible to fully understand this aspect of the project. However, it is clear that the improvements will have mental and physical health benefits for those who live nearby (a more attractive outlook and potential for recreation, leisure, and play) and those who volunteer in the work (engaging in actively improving their own community, and growing their skills and capacity). The local Men's Shed has noted an interest in hosting their activities in the site and this is a very interesting possibility. The opportunities for leisure and recreation on the new site as well as the potential to improve the sense of Place and the vibrancy of the area are enormous. Improvements to the streetscape in respect of better parking provision and possible car charging are also of interest.

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

In all of our redevelopment projects already undertaken we have considered the life-cycle costs of the final asset from the outset. This has ensured that we develop spaces that can be well maintained at a reasonable cost. We understand the costs of maintenance and the cost of replacement and budget for these. Some BHA revenue funding will be used to maintain the site once it has been redeveloped and revenue grants will also be secured for the activities and maintenance of the facilities where those activities happen. Some works are likely to be undertaken by our Estate Caretakers team. We will also draw on the energy of volunteers to reduce the maintenance burden on BHA. A variety of users of the site will help by contributing a small amount towards the maintenance of the spaces that are created.

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

The Association has extensive experience of managing buildings and facilities. We currently oversee a large office complex which includes our own offices, Community hall and a childcare centre. We also have a fully owned subsidiary that operate from an industrial unit in the area. We have refurbished 5 of our backcourt areas over the last 10 years and these have involved lots of hard and soft landscaping improvements, we believe that this will be a significant aspect of the work to improve the former Primary School site.

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

We have already engaged with Councilors and officers from Glasgow City Council (and council family). They have been very supportive of our plans to improve the derelict land. Support from Scott Ferguson (Seven Lochs) has been particularly helpful, with support in applying for funding and drawing on experience from other derelict sites under development to inform how we move forwards.

We will require as much information on the site as possible, such as any previous Site Investigation works or contamination testing. This will help us to understand the uses that are possible on certain areas. We will also seek the input of planning, building control and roads to inform the design of the site and any additional parking provision that is developed.

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

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The proposal has the support of Blairtummock and Rogerfield Partnership (Blairtummock HA, Glasgow Kelvin College, Pavillion Youth Cafe, Platform Community Arts (GEAC), Easterhouse Parish Church, Seven Lochs Trust, GCC Neigbourhood Team, The Circle, Bee Club, Denmilne Action Group, Daffodil Lunch Club, Thistle Childcare, Thriving Places and all three Local Elected Members).

There is a thread of eco-awareness and positive climate action in all the work. Climate action influence much of what we do in partnership. We are members of a Co – wheels electric car partnership across the area which includes other housing providers and third sector organisations. This provides the community with low-cost access to electric vehicles. Small scale, grassroots environmental improvement will be a huge part of the work that volunteers undertake. Opportunities will be created and filled by local people, this approach ensures that the carbon involved in community and volunteering opportunities is very small. Through a change in the outlook of those involved in our volunteering programmes from passive recipients to active and engaged citizens involved in local democracy - the local environmental challenges are much more likely to be discussed, prioritised, and taken forwards. This will have a positive effect in addressing climate change and reaching net zero. We are aware of the need to create and sustain "20 Minute Neighbourhoods". We understand the positive impact that this can have. Again, connecting local people with local opportunities will be vital.

It is our intention to use the Volunteering Hub (which we are currently creating with external funding support) to highlight the activities and services that can be accessed locally. This work is likely to help make "placemaking" more of a reality in the area. Our engagement will include awareness around climate emergency and the positive changes that are possible through the volunteering that we are promoting. It will be very much a can-do programme. Encouraging people to meet their own aspirations and to make a huge impact locally through their volunteering.