

I object to the Community Asset Transfer request from Dundonald Gymnastics Club (DGC) in relation to Muirhead Activity Centre, KA10 7AZ for the following reasons:

1: Dundonald Gymnastics Club (DGC) is a one activity sport requiring specialized sprung flooring with adequate space for fixed large equipment, wall bars and tumble areas. This will exclude many of the clubs who currently use MAC. I object to the loss of an all-round facility for the community.

2: Section 4-4.2 of the Community Proposal lodged by DGC states that the community benefits should include social wellbeing and consideration of inequalities.

If local residents on low incomes need to source alternative facilities at a much higher cost, it would put them at a disadvantage. I object to the loss of a taxpayer's facility being transferred to a commercial business with 400 members and another 200 on the waiting list for £1.

3: The Proposal only deals with the demands for gymnastics & does not consider 'others'. This is contrary to Section 4 4.2 of the proposal, where the proposer must show how the project will benefit the community and others.

4: Despite a target number of 800 members who will be encouraged to MAC, there is no traffic management survey included with the proposals. With only a limited number of allotted parking spaces, this could create overflow parking in nearby streets and possible traffic congestion at peak periods.

I run children's dance classes at MAC and have met with the Head Coach of DGC. I have not been given any guarantees of a let and availability could not be discussed as they have not organized their timetable.

I was informed that the use of tap shoes would not be appropriate and I would have to share the floor with the gymnastics classes going on at the same time. This is just not practical and I'm concerned about the health and safety aspects of this.

MAC is the most utilised of all the Council Activity Centres and demand for the centre can only rise as the 800 new homes in the area are constructed. I object to the loss of a community facility used by local groups from toddlers to older people and individuals who are not part of larger organisations.

How can it be a better use of the facility if local people and clubs are no longer able to use it? This is not a benefit to the community.

The application should therefore be refused on the basis that there are reasonable grounds for refusal.

