

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to object to a Community Asset Transfer request from Dundonald Gymnastics Club {DGC} in relation to Muirhead Activity Centre, KA10 7AZ. The justifications for my objections are as follows.

A. Dundonald Gymnastics Club is a one activity sport, requiring specialised flooring, adequate space for fixed large equipment, wall bars and tumble areas which excludes the existing clubs, who are current members in the centre.

In the proposal from DGC it states that MAC "will no longer be available for hard court sporting activities". I object to the loss of an all- round sporting facility for the community.

I personally have attended the walking football in this hall and the exclusion of this activity will be a major blow to the over 50 year old attendees.

B. Section 4-4.2 of the Community Proposal lodged by DGC, states the community benefits should include social wellbeing and consideration of inequalities. If local residents on low incomes and local clubs or groups need to source alternative facilities at much higher cost, it would put them at a financial disadvantage.

Plus there will be an increase in travel costs for the existing users of the hall, plus there is also another issue for the community that use the hall due to the reduced bus service in the area.

C. I object to the loss of a taxpayers facility being transferred to a commercial business with a newly acquired charity number. I have noticed commercial information has been suddenly removed from the DGC online proposal and I would be interested why this financial information has been suddenly removed.

This private club as far as I can see is only focussed on its current members and has no intention of engaging or supporting the wider community. The Proposal only deals with the demands for gymnastics and does not accommodate 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.

D: Parking and road management

From the amount of DGC members being suggested and with only a limited number of allotted parking spaces, this would create increased overflow parking on a large scale in nearby streets and possible traffic congestion at peak periods. Also with the children's park across the road and a bus stop outside the hall I would also think that this increase in traffic flow could unfortunately cause avoidable accidents. Has ARA been consultant on the changes in traffic and pedestrian movement in the area?

I am also lastly very disappointed that I have not seen or heard of any council engagement with the community clubs, business or groups that use the hall. All I have heard of is one to one "interviews" with the owner of DGC with again no guidelines or support from the council. This lack of community engagement and guidance on removing a community asset in the area is shocking and I would think fails required asset transfer guidelines and legislation set out by central government.

In conclusion I object to the loss of a community sporting and social hub facility, used by local community to a private club who will have the exclusive use of the facility.

Regards,



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