



## Objection of Community Asset Transfer Proposal of Muirhead Activity Centre (MAC) to Dundonald Gymnastics Club (DGC)

As a local resident of Muirhead, I strongly object to the above proposed transfer.

The reasons are numerous, but from a personal perspective, I will list the ones which are most important to me.

1. Different generations of my family have physically and socially benefitted from activities at MAC throughout the years. At present, only my husband makes use of it playing badminton with Troon OIR on a Friday morning. He enjoys not only the physical exercise but also the company and friendships. It is very affordable and he always walks there. He would greatly miss it and would be adversely affected if he was unable to continue. He is one of many.

2. PARKING I am concerned about the issue of traffic and parked cars on Central Avenue.

I have two granddaughters who attend a gymnastics club in Glasgow, which has a much larger car park than MAC. When classes change over there, there is absolute mayhem, as one group leaves and the other arrives. I am assuming that most participants in DGC would be arriving by car, whereas at present many local users of MAC are adults and can also walk and the car park is still full. With so many children and cars on an already busy road, I fear the worst. I live beside Struthers Primary and frequently see irresponsible and dangerous manoeuvring of cars as parents and grandparents 'fight' to see who can park closest to the school.

3. MAC is more than an activity centre. It is a community centre, used by all age groups from senior citizens to young children, including an after school club. It is used as a voting station, freeing schools from this purpose. It was used for a month by Marr College as an examination centre when the school was being refurbished and rebuilt. It is used for birthday parties. All of these encourage a community spirit, the importance of which needs to be emphasised and promoted.

4. MAC is easy to access for local residents. To say that there are other facilities elsewhere is assuming that, for example, all parents have a car and can easily transport their children to other venues. In truth, many parents in Muirhead do not have their own transport which means that their children would not be able to attend other venues. It could be a long walk on a winter's night or waiting at bus stops for an expensive bus journey. Troon is one of the worst served towns for buses on the Ayrshire coast.

These are the main reasons why I object to the Community Asset Transfer of Muirhead Activity Centre.

