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SECTION C: YOUR PROPOSAL

Name of building / venue / facility

Yoker Playing Field

Name of your organisation

Knightswood Football Club

Please provide details of the legal status of your organisation

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| Charity (please provide Charity No if applicable) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Company Ltd by Guarantee | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Community Club/ Sports Club | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (please specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Do you have a formal constitution/ governance documents? YES NO
(please provide a copy)

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.

Knightswood Football Club are looking to acquire Yoker Playing Fields as a base for it's activities and to partnership with local organisations.

The club has been established since 2013, we have around 30 to 40 volunteer coaches and over 300 players participating in teams aged from 4 to over 35 years of age.

Our proposal is to re-vitalise Yoker Playing Fields by upgrading the existing ash pitch to an all weather 3g surface. replace the existing flood lights to LED energy efficient bulbs, new building facilities will be erected to provide changing facilities, physio room, laundry room, office and cafe facilities. This proposal will not only benefit the local community, but it will enhance the area with the changes that we are proposing.

Knightswood Football Clubs aim is to engage with the young people within the local communities to educate the importance of healthy living, taking part in physical activity, build on confidence, life skills and mental health. our club play a key role in the community and want to create a positive change in young people's lives and provide equal opportunities in a diverse society.

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?

Over 50% of Knightswood players, coaches and club members are from Yoker and the surrounding areas. Our club has demonstrated the impact that we have by contributing to local charity events, community engagement and build strong, trusting relationships between ourselves and the organisations within the communities.

Due to the lack of football pitches within the West End area, we are unable to meet the needs of the young people. We are committed on delivering our promise to young people and our key strategy is based around the SFA participation strategic plan, however at this moment and time we are unable to deliver, due to our current situation with facilities. This proposal will allow the club to grow and we will be able to increase participation in sport and it will ensure that all teams have a venue to train and play at.

The feedback we received from a previous community consultation meeting was positive and they embraced the proposal. The community members explained that the grounds have been empty for a longtime and they would like nothing more than to see them reinstated as a football pitch, which would benefit the local and wider communities.

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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?

Sustainability is key to this proposal and we are confident that Academy lets, casual lets and regular lets to local teams and organisations will provide sufficient income to cover operation and maintenance costs.

We aim to be innovative in how we generate income and have appointed board members to conduct a feasibility study to assist with funding ideas and opportunities. It would be our intention to seek and hopefully secure funding for the project.

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

One of our board members has vast experience in operating a sporting venue for over 8 years. They have experience in the daily operations of the venue which includes the safety and security of the venue. They have experience in implementing normal operational procedures, emergency procedures, which will include fire safety, intruder, evacuations and first aid. The board member is well versed in managing a facility and would lead a team to manage the venue sufficiently. We also have professionally qualified practitioners in finance, construction, business management and other professions.

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

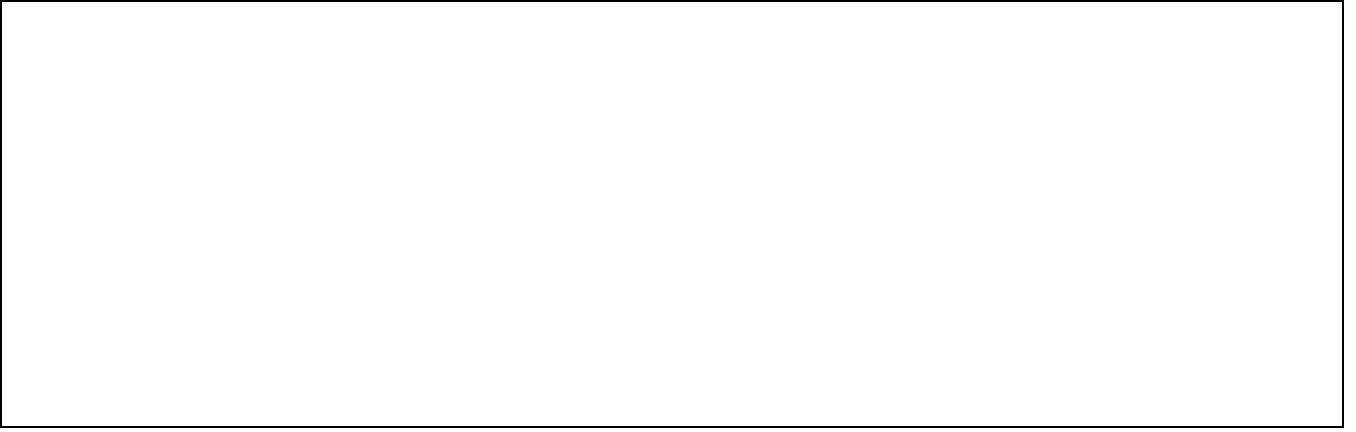
For us its important that we build relationships with the key people who have the skills and experience when it comes to getting advice on this project.

Regular contact with Glasgow City Council and Glasgow Life to support with processes and guidance throughout the project.

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

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