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To: Community Asset Transfer <communityassettransfer@glasgow.gov.uk>

Subject: Community Asset Transfer Request - Cathkin Pavilion and MUGA

I have been contacted by a number of constituents regarding the above request by the Jimmy Johnstone Football Academy. Significant concerns have been raised about the potential impact of the proposal, particularly on the ability of the local community to continue to have free and open access to Cathkin Park and to these facilities or whether access will, in effect, be controlled by this organisation. I myself feel that the community consultation referred to in the submitted Business Plan is very weak, asking extremely general questions and eliciting responses from only a tiny number of people. The local community, including the Community Council, strongly feel that they have not been engaged or consulted. The Community Council were unaware of the transfer request and, as a local member, I was only made aware of it by Council officers. While I do not question the sincerity of the Jimmy Johnstone Football Academy in their intentions, I do think it is questionable whether they could genuinely be described as a local, community organisation and the business plan remains vague about the benefits that would be delivered to local people through a transfer to them. As a local member, I would require a great deal more reassurance before I could support this particular asset transfer and I would request that it is not progressed at this stage.

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