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Subject: Asset transfer under the Community Empowerment Act - request made by Jimmy Johnstone Charitable Trust - Cathkin Pavilion and MUGA - lease of land/building

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To whom it may concern,

I wish to make a representation about this request on the grounds of concern about the environment, and specifically with regards to legislation regarding the protection of bats.

I am a resident in Florida Avenue and regularly walk to the end of the Avenue and visit Cathkin Park where I look out for wildlife and evidence of their habitation.

I have seen some drafts of the proposed area for development. A substantial area of greenery including trees will be lost for good.

In recent summers during hot spells towards sunset I have seen over a hundred bats flying around in the park and landing in trees amongst the dense canopy of branches. These bats have light brown fur and are almost the size of a sparrow. I could not stay for long to observe as a "sentry" bat started to fly overhead, protecting its territory. I am not an expert in bats which is why I have copied this email to the Bat Conservation Trust. I do know that bats feed on insects over a range of over 2 km. I have also seen evidence of nesting debris in the park blown around as far away as the Asda Toryglen grass verge. There are many dead looking trees in Cathkin Park with hollow trunks where bats could roost and there are old buildings too. To further illustrate the wildlife diversity, I have spotted a woodpecker in the park drilling one of the trees along with bright red and black butterflies.

To conclude, I hope that a compromise can be reached between the Trust's request and the need to protect the unique and indeed unexpected richness of the natural environment in Cathkin Park.

Yours faithfully,

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