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Community Asset Transfer Proposal for Muirhead Activity Centre

I am writing to object to a Community Asset Transfer request from
Dundonald Gymnastics

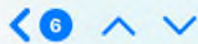
Club {DGC} in relation to Muirhead Activity Centre, KA10 7AZ. The
justifications for my

objections are as follows.

1: Dundonald Gymnastics Club is a one activity sport, requiring specialised sprung flooring, with adequate space for fixed large equipment, wall bars and tumble areas. This effectively excludes many of the existing clubs who currently use MAC. 4.4 of the DGC submission states that " The proposed equipment set up will mean that the centre will no longer be available for hard court sporting activities. This asset transfer request is submitted at a time when newer and better sized hardcourt provision is now online at the regenerated Marr College facility"

Are these possible new facilities adequate and available especially during the daytime when they would be expected to be utilised by the school?

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2: 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 need to source alternative facilities { Marr College} at much higher cost, it would put them at a disadvantage. I object to the loss of a taxpayers facility and it being transferred to effectively a commercial business.

3: The Proposal only deals with the demands for gymnastics, does not consider 'others'. The proposal has not considered any other sporting group or club who use, or in the future may want to use, the facility. 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.

4: Considering the alleged numbers of gymnasts who will allegedly be encouraged to MAC, there is no traffic management survey included with the proposals. With only a limited number of allotted parking spaces, this could create overflow parking in nearby streets and possible traffic congestion at peak periods.

In Conclusion I object to the loss of a sporting facility, used by groups from toddlers to older people and individuals who are not part of larger organisations. MAC has a user base from a local population of around 15000 people, which is growing rapidly. It is the most utilised of all the Council Activity Centres. It is noted that the other Activity Centres in Coyton, Dundonald and Mossblown have equivalent populations of around 2500 people, with presumably a similarly lower user base.