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Sent: 25 October 2019 13:34 To: Community Asset Transfer <communityassettransfer@glasgow.gov.uk> Subject: Cathkin Pavilion and MUGA

Dear Clare,

I would like to express the strongest objections to the community asset transfer request of Cathkin Park to the Jimmy Johnstone Charitable Trust.

Having read their business plan and the associated documents, it is completely unclear exactly what they are proposing to do with the park.

The park is used by myself and local residents. It is free and open to everyone, from joggers to dogwalkers, to children and families. It is a historical, peaceful park in a busy city and removing this space from the community would be detrimental to wellbeing of those in the immediate and surrounding areas. Will this shared space be taken away from us? There are lots of community and sporting venues in the surrounding area, with much less parks, and peaceful green spaces.

The consultation in the business plan does not even being to meet the definition of a consultation. It is small select sample, with a vague and biased questionnaire. The further bias in the reporting of the consultation is astonishing, and insulting. Residents in the Myrtle Park area and the surrounding areas in Mount Florida should be consulted properly, with clear explanations of what they are going to be doing.

How busy is it going to get, traffic and footfall wise, in a peaceful, safe area? What events are happening? What buildings are proposed? Will we be able to access the park? What impact will it have on residents and wildlife.

Removing this green space and handing it over for development, especially without any environmental impact assessment, is going against what should be our joint fight against climate change and effort to preserve and protect our local ecology and wildlife.

Excuse this quick outline of the start of reasons for my objections, as I just found out about this today (and I walk through or past the park every day, further demonstrating the extreme lack of consultation). Having read the other responses published at https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/article/22135/Current-Asset-Transfer-Requests, I agree with the reasons for objections explained by others in the community.

Many thanks,