

PROPOSAL FORM

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Name of building / venue / facility		
Springburn Synthetic Pitch		
Name of your organisation		
Partick Thistle Charitable Trust		
Please provide details of the legal status of your organisation		
Charity (please provide Charity No if applicable)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SC042480
Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Company Ltd by Guarantee	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Community Club/ Sports Club	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other (please specify)		
Do you have a formal constitution/ governance documents? (please provide a copy)		YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>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.</p> <p>Partick Thistle Charitable Trust managed to reopen Springburn in October 2020 allowing us to manage the bookings. The purpose for this was to make better use of the pitch for the local community.</p> <p><u>Monday – Friday</u></p> <p>The Trust currently runs community football sessions between 4-5pm consisting of mini kicker football sessions for young boys and girls taking their first step to football and skill centres for boys and girls (5-10yrs) who are not currently involved with any local clubs. Our community sessions provide a fun environment for youths potential to flourish. Previously this time was known as “down time” which had previously not been used.</p> <p>The pitch is booked by Thistle Weir Youth Academy who use the pitch from 5pm – 7pm for academy and grassroots training. This is a significant 50 week booking as</p>		

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5pm-6pm would normally be considered a 'down time' slot. This offers local youths a greater opportunity to get involved in the sport and be part of an established set-up.

From 7pm the pitch is then split into 3x1/3 of a pitch and hired out as training for kids and adult teams from 7pm-9pm (Monday-Thursday)

Friday night we host U'20'S fixtures and the pitch will be shared (alternate weeks) between Maryhill Fc and St Rochs Fc both local clubs in Glasgow.

Saturday & Sunday

The pitch hosts a full day of fixtures with 10am, 12pm, 2pm & 4pm kick off's allowing youth and grassroots teams to play weekend fixtures as well as junior and amateur adult teams.

Main objectives at Springburn are:

Host as many community clubs as possible.

Host community, grassroot and academy football for young girls and boys.

Utilising down time at Springburn for Charitable Trust project work.

The Trust have been managing the facility since October 2020 and have the capacity to continue managing this facility. Currently the Trust have agreed to a 'Permission to Use' agreement which will expire, we would like a longer term, more permanent arrangement which allows us to take over full management of the Springburn Synthetic Pitch.

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?

Partick Thistle Charitable Trust was established in 2011 in order to bring about positive, lasting change in the lives of individuals and communities across North Glasgow and beyond.

We work with some of the most disadvantaged, disengaged young people and families within our communities to promote active lifestyles; health & wellbeing; active citizenship and inclusion within our communities of place and interest.

Whilst most of our activities are project-based with funding secured for delivery, we also generate income through engagement with the club fan base and through delivery of commercial holiday football camps which allow us to bring some flexibility to our projects by recycling the income we generate. Income generated from Springburn Synthetic Pitch will allow the trust to not only continue with the work already being done within the community, but to increase the programmes and activities that we offer.

Our proposal will greatly benefit the local community particularly in North Glasgow.

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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?

Our examination of opening hours leads us to conclude that the facility was operating at around 50% of capacity, not only have we already increased this and utilising the pitch more, our experience and reputation in solid project delivery will allow us to significantly increase this figure with our links to local schools and organisations.

Plans for upgrading any parts of the facility will involve sourcing finance through a mixture of Grants and Loans and a strategy around upgrades will be developed once we have been embedded in the facility for at least one year.

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

Our strongly held view is that, due to the pandemic leading to Glasgow Life having to carry out an appraisal of all of the facilities they currently manage and tying that with limited available finance, the timing is right for PTCT to take over day-to-day management of Springburn Synthetic Pitch. We believe that this will free Glasgow Life from commitments to one of the sites they currently manage and that PTCT, working alongside the local community; national funders and partners can demonstrate how Springburn Synthetic Pitch can become an asset for football clubs in the community.

We have already stepped in to help Glasgow Life, and are successfully managing Petershill Sports Complex, and as previously mentioned, have been managing the Springburn Facility since October 2020.

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

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We have carried out a full building / facility conditions survey through DM Hall. This survey identified some significant areas of disrepair to the facility. We are seeking a 25-year lease and would ask that the council family contribute £28,700 per annum for the first 5 years to help us fund the repairs identified.

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

Partick Thistle Charitable Trust was established in 2011 to harness the power of football and sport to promote health and wellbeing, active citizenship, and inclusion within our communities of place and interest.

We do this through the provision of a range of community projects delivered in the Northwest of Glasgow, working with the most disadvantaged and disengaged. We have bespoke programmes for people of all ages living with a disability and as a result, have made football and physical recreation available to amputees; children who walk with the aid of a frame; adults with learning disabilities and people living with challenging mental health. Alongside this we deliver regular sessions for members of the homeless community in Glasgow, where they get the opportunity to participate in physical activity, enjoy a meal and access primary healthcare services which, otherwise would be difficult for them to access.

Our aim at all times is to deliver community programmes that provide a fun and engaging environment where interventions improve lives and connect people, making them healthier, happier, more resilient and successful. Securing a 25 years lease for the Springburn facility will allow us to grow, develop and offer a wider service to the disadvantaged groups we serve.

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