

## PROPOSAL FORM

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<b>Name of building / venue / facility</b>		
Glenconner Park		
<b>Name of your organisation</b>		
Rosemount Development Trust (RDT)		
<b>Please provide details of the legal status of your organisation</b>		
Charity <i>(please provide Charity No if applicable)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Company Ltd by Guarantee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Community Club/ Sports Club	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <i>(please specify)</i>		
<b>Do you have a formal constitution/ governance documents?</b> <i>(please provide a copy)</i>		YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>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.</b></p> <p>Glenconner Park will remain a public park for use by the residents of Royston. RDT's aim is to improve the offering by investing in new and existing sporting facilities, which will first and foremost be made available to locals and by building a sustainable income through these assets.</p> <p>We will also improve the layout, maintenance and development of the park as a natural environment, providing a much needed green space in Royston.</p> <p>Over previous years, Glenconner Park has suffered through vandalism, antisocial behaviour and crime, littering and neglect. It is our intention to revitalise the park through real community engagement and buy-in and to make it somewhere that people want to be, contributing to a distinct sense of 'Place' in Royston.</p> <p>This process will compliment a number of ongoing RDT initiatives in the area, including a regeneration project at Provanhill Street, part of a wider 'Royston Road</p>		

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Masterplan', greening initiatives and funding for a community orchard, public artwork and an active travel hub, among others.

As lead organisation of the Royston Strategy Group, RDT is uniquely positioned within the community to drive change for and on behalf of the people of Royston. Working to the aims of the Royston Vision and Strategy Document and informed by ongoing community engagement, we are guided by what those who work and live in Royston have identified as priorities for the area.

Utilising our strong partnerships, we are able to generate support for community projects and to work collectively, rather than as an individual organisation, and to work with partners to provide opportunities for their service users.

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?

- **Health & Wellbeing** – North Glasgow ranks amongst the worst communities in Scotland for health and mortality rates. Offering local people a viable green space to be active and outdoors can only improve these figures. In a 2017 consultation by Community Links Scotland and Royston Youth Action which received 398 survey responses, 74% of people who did not exercise identified a lack of local facilities as a contributing factor, with 85% confirming that they would exercise more if there were better local facilities.
- **Local Pride** – Residents of Royston can often be pessimistic about the area in which they live and RDT aims to imbue the community with a sense of optimism and pride through both major and minor improvements which signal care and investment. This programme of regeneration is meant to be a cohesive effort, with projects complimenting each other and improvements to Glenconner Park contributing to the overall drive by locals and community groups to improve access to opportunities in Royston.
- **Increased footfall for local businesses** – By increasing the offering of sporting facilities and driving higher use of pitches etc. by both local and neighbouring residents and sports teams, we aim to encourage more people to be in and around Royston and spending money. This also compliments the work being done by RDT and Kevin Murray Associates on a Royston Rad Masterplan, which identifies this area as the de facto Town Centre and is investigating options for improving the retail and service offering, as well as the safety, appearance and feel of Royston Road.

What are your plans to generate sufficient income/ grants to be able to sustain the ongoing operating costs of the building/ venue/ facility?

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Initial revenue costs would be sought from funders to ensure stability over the first three years, as capital improvements are made and the park becomes established as a community resource and a sporting enterprise.

We anticipate that income from pitch hire will offset maintenance and staffing costs long term, particularly once supplemented with any additional facilities and that profits will be reinvested back into the park to drive continuous development.

We are also exploring the potential for RDT to establish a groundskeeping department, which would maintain the park but would also be available to be subcontracted to partners i.e. housing associations in order to generate additional revenue.

While we intend to employ a number of staff on a full time/part time basis, the intention is that we will also work with Royston Youth Action to provide volunteering opportunities for young people as well as complimenting RDT's existing greening projects which will see the creation of a volunteer gardening/landscaping corps, with training provided by TCV. Initial funding for greening projects and volunteer training – including an orchard in Glenconner Park – has already been sourced.

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

Rosemount Business Park is owned and managed by Rosemount Workspace Ltd. Rosemount Workspace Ltd is a subsidiary of Rosemount Development Trust and is a registered not-for-profit charity, limited by guarantee.

Rosemount Business Park was completed in 1999 on the site of the former British Railworks. Through the careful oversight of a voluntary Board of Directors and a thorough programme of reinvestment, the park continues to provide high quality rental space while supporting the community of Royston, Glasgow.

Despite a challenging period through the pandemic, occupancy levels at the park remain at 85%-95%, demonstrating the strength of the Rosemount Development Trust business plan and management team and providing valuable income for the trust to support the people of Royston.

RDT also manage the Millburn Centre on Roystonhill, which has previously been available as office space but is now part of a developing proposal for further housing as part of the Roystonhill Masterplan.

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

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Continued support from GCC and Glasgow Life in providing RDT with insight into existing park maintenance and management and in transitioning to a community/RDT owned model would ensure that there are no gaps in our strategy moving forward.

There may be instances in the future where RDT would look to GCC for support in specialist park management tasks i.e. tree surgery and management.

While RDT will be responsible for sourcing funding for development of the park and establishing staffing, support in applying for any local authority funding such as ENV2 monies would be extremely helpful in the progression of this project.

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

RDT are currently working with Community Links to develop a thorough and robust business plan for Glenconner Park, which will inform any final decision to proceed with the PMGC process.

Following submission of this application, it is our intention to undertake a small feasibility study with Collective Architecture in order to ascertain how viable developments to the sporting facilities and any redesign of the park space are. At this point the RDT Board will make a decision on whether to proceed with a full application, with a view to an asset transfer.

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