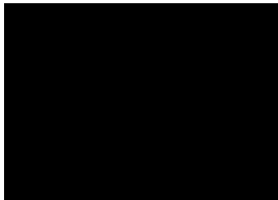


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Airdrie Harriers



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Dear 

Asset Transfer Request under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 – Decision Notice

This Decision Notice relates to the asset transfer request made by Airdrie Harriers on 30 May 2024 regarding the land at Langloan Street, Coatbridge ML5 1HH.

Following full assessment and consideration by North Lanarkshire Council's Communities Committee on 28 April 2025, the Council has decided to refuse the request.

Summary of Reasons for Refusal:

- While Airdrie Harriers demonstrated strong governance arrangements and a longstanding presence in the community and a positive track record in delivering community activities, the proposal to take ownership of the entire Langloan site represented a step change in scale and complexity. The organisation has limited demonstrable experience of operating or maintaining a site of this size or nature.
- Financial projections were not sufficiently robust and did not fully account for the scale of investment required and lacked evidence or contingency planning.
- The scale of capital investment needed to realise the project's ambitions — including resurfacing the running track, installing modular units, and developing additional community infrastructure is significant. The group's business plan assumed access to large-scale external grant funding, but no confirmed funding commitments were provided, nor were timescales for applications and outcomes clear.
- The very high discount requested (purchase offer of £1 for an asset valued at £1 million) increased the risk to the Council, especially given uncertainties around fundraising and financial viability. Given the potential for alternative strategic uses of the site (e.g. social housing or mixed-use redevelopment), the case for transfer at this level of discount was not considered strong enough.
- Although there was evidence of community engagement and potential community benefits, the extent of wider community support beyond the athletics community was described to a lesser extent. The proposal remained largely athletics-focused and membership-based, raising questions about inclusive access, wider usage, and the scale of social impact.



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Right to Review:

You have the right to apply to the Council to review this decision. Any request for review must be made in writing to:

North Lanarkshire Council – Community Partnership Team by emailing NLCCCommunityOwnership@northlan.gov.uk by Thursday 29 May which is 20 working days from the date of this notice.

Further guidance on the review process is detailed in section 10 of our [Community Ownership and Management of Council Owned Assets Policy](#)

If you require any assistance, please contact my colleague Gary Stark on starkga@northlan.gov.uk or on 07939 314527.

Yours sincerely

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