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North Lanarkshire Muslim Women & Family Alliance



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Dear

COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER APPLICATION - DECISION NOTICE

This Decision Notice relates to the asset transfer request submitted by North Lanarkshire Muslim Women and Family Alliance (NLMWFA) on 31 May 2024 in respect of land at Langloan Street, Coatbridge, ML5 1HH.

North Lanarkshire Council at the meeting of the Communities Committee on Monday 28 April 2025 has decided to refuse the request. The reasons for this decision are summarised below:

Summary of Decision:

The Council recognises the strength of NLMWFA's vision, and the considerable work undertaken to develop a project designed to promote inclusion, wellbeing, and economic empowerment for local communities. Your organisation's long-standing track record, clear community engagement, and focus on supporting underrepresented groups are all acknowledged and welcomed.

Following a detailed assessment, however, it was identified that there remain challenges to progressing the proposed project at this time. In particular, concerns were noted around the financial viability of the proposal, the absence of secured funding for capital development, and the complexity of the site arrangements. Further concerns were raised about the absence of a full feasibility study for a project of this scale.

Given these factors and taking account of the overall value and future potential of the site, the Council has concluded that the asset transfer request could not be supported at this time.

Next Steps and Support:

We are committed to supporting community organisations to achieve their ambitions. Council officers will be in touch with you shortly to offer feedback in more detail and to discuss how we can assist you to strengthen any future proposals.





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 NLCCommunityOwnership@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 <u>Community Ownership</u> and <u>Management of Council Owned Assets Policy</u>

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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