

Moorlands FC









Community Asset Transfer

Application submitted 12/04/26



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The below is a summary of the criteria required to be fulfilled in order to complete a Community Asset Transfer (CAT). We hope to have satisfied these requirements within this presentation and accompanying documents.

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-  **Benefits of the Proposal**
This should explain how the project will benefit our community and others.
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A description of the current state of the site, including photos and a list of the work urgently required to be completed.
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This should show how we will be able to manage the project and achieve our objectives.
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Who are Moorlands FC ?



Community Proposal

North Lanarkshire has faced a long-standing shortage of suitable football pitches. This uncertainty threatens the future of grassroots clubs, including Moorlands FC, and highlights the need for community-led solutions that protect facilities and expand access. Spindlehowe Park is already suffering from vandalism and anti-social behaviour, and without investment its condition will continue to decline.

Moorlands FC was founded in 2003 and is now established as Scottish Registered Charity supporting over **250 players** across **10 youth teams and an amateur team**, delivered by **53 volunteer coaches and helpers**. For more than two decades, the club has provided hundreds of children and young people with structured sport, positive role models and a safe, welcoming environment. Securing a permanent home is essential to sustain this work and to grow the opportunities available to local families.

Moorlands FC's plans to deliver an investment of **£250,000** in the development of Spindlehowe Park. The plans include full pavilion refurbishment alongside major investment in the pitches, including new drainage, regrading to create an even playing surface, and installing barriers to prevent vehicle damage. The project will also deliver new 7-a-side and 5-a-side playing fields and improved spectator areas to enhance the match-day experience for local families. Detailed designs and quotes from local businesses are already in place for each stage of the redevelopment. By redirecting around **£54,080** currently spent on pitch hire, the club can fund long-term maintenance and continuous improvement of the site. Together, these upgrades will create a safe, modern and well-managed home for football and community activity.

With strong finances, deep community roots and a clear vision, Moorlands FC aims to transform Spindlehowe Park into a safe, modern and inclusive hub that expands access to organised sport, strengthens community wellbeing and protects a valued green space for generations to come.

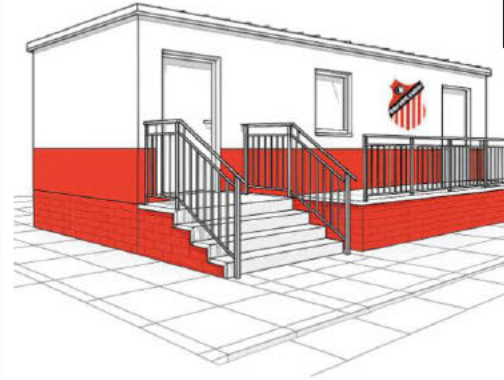
Community Benefits:

Better health and wellbeing - Football participation improves physical health, reduces long-term risks and supports mental wellbeing, backed by national Scottish evidence.

Inclusive access for all ages - High-quality, affordable facilities open to children, young people and adults regardless of background or ability.

Stronger, safer communities - A welcoming hub that reduces isolation, builds friendships and helps deter vandalism and anti-social behavior.

Positive pathways for young people - Coaching, volunteering and leadership opportunities that build confidence, resilience, teamwork and life skills.



Benefits of the Proposal

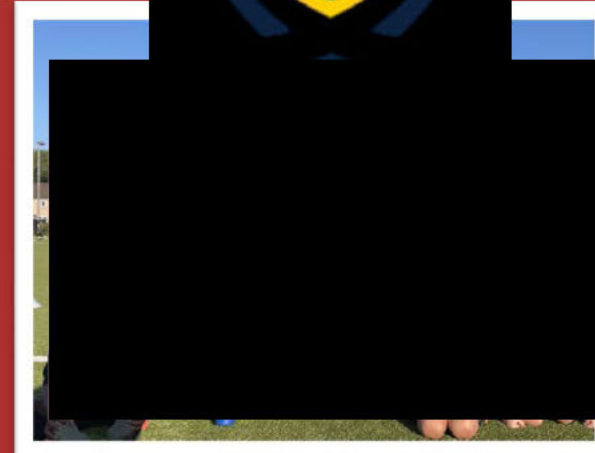
Moorlands FC's vision for Spindlehowe Park is supported widely across the community, with councillors, MSPs, MPs and local organisations all pledging their backing. The club has also secured approval from the Walk Wheel Cycle Trust to create a direct link from the park to National Cycle Route 75, establishing Spindlehowe as a destination for sport, outdoor activity and wider community benefit. The enhanced facilities will not only support our own teams but will also be made available to other clubs struggling with the shortage of pitches, helping local children and families access organised sport and enabling us to add new age-group teams each year. Major leagues including CLYFA, the Glasgow and District Youth Football League, the Scottish Amateur FA and the Scottish Youth FA have all endorsed the project, recognising the stability it will bring to fixture scheduling and grassroots participation.

The CAT will allow Moorlands FC to expand opportunities for all ages to take part in healthy, low-cost activity with clear physical, social and mental wellbeing benefits. Community Council members have expressed strong enthusiasm for bringing regular local matchdays back to Viewpark, and the project will also support volunteers to gain coaching badges, first-aid qualifications and leadership skills that benefit both the club and the wider community. Local businesses have welcomed the expected increase in footfall and the investment the redevelopment will bring, while partnerships such as our work with GROW Uddingston will help transform the site into a welcoming, attractive green space for everyone.

This investment targets one of Scotland's most deprived areas, delivering meaningful regeneration where it is most needed.

The project will inject **£250,000** into the North Lanarkshire economy through local trades, generate **£1.5 million** in social value over five years through volunteer contribution, and create an estimated **£100,000** in annual local economic benefit through increased visitors.

Ultimately, the CAT will transform a declining site into a modern, safe and accessible sports hub expanding access to organised sport for **8,000–10,500 children**, improving quality of life for residents, and securing a vibrant community asset for future generations.



Connecting Spindlehowe Park to NCN75

A Transformational Community Link

Moorlands FC proposes to create a new active-travel link connecting Spindlehowe Park directly to National Cycle Network Route 75 (NCN75), Scotland's main east-west walking and cycling corridor. This connection would complete a missing link in the local network, providing a safe, continuous, traffic-free route into Uddingston, Coatbridge, Glasgow and wider Lanarkshire.

The project uses the existing Spindlehowe Road path and the Tannochside green corridor, transforming under-used green space into a well-connected, welcoming community asset. By linking the park to NCN75, Spindlehowe becomes a destination within North Lanarkshire's active-travel network, supporting everyday journeys, recreation and community wellbeing.

This proposal directly supports North Lanarkshire Council's priorities on health, inclusion, climate action and safer communities. Evidence from national active-travel programmes shows that well-connected parks experience higher footfall, reduced anti-social behaviour and stronger community engagement, as regular activity and natural surveillance create safer, more vibrant public spaces. The link will also encourage more residents to walk, wheel and cycle, supporting physical activity, mental wellbeing and reduced reliance on short car trips.

The Walk Wheel Cycle Trust (formerly Sustrans Scotland), who manage the National Cycle Network, have provided a formal statement of full support. They confirm that once the asset transfer is complete, they will incorporate the new path into the NCN, promote it on public mapping, and support signage. They also highlight opportunities to improve safety on Spindlehowe Road and are keen to work with Moorlands FC, North Lanarkshire Council and the community on a wider package of NCN improvements. Importantly, they have offered funding and technical expertise through the Network Development Fund, recognising the strategic value of this connection.

Delivering this link will create a safer, more inclusive and more accessible community hub, increase park use, support healthier lifestyles and contribute to long-term regeneration -ensuring Spindlehowe Park becomes a well-used, well-connected asset for residents of all ages.

- ✓ Improves health and wellbeing
- ✓ Creates safer, more welcoming public spaces
- ✓ Strengthens community inclusion
- ✓ Supports sustainable travel and climate goals
- ✓ Enhances local connectivity
- ✓ Promotes economic and place-based regeneration
- ✓ Builds strong community partnership



Connecting Spindlehowe Park to NCN75: A Transformational Community Link

The Opportunity

- Create a safe, continuous active-travel route linking Spindlehowe Park directly to National Cycle Network Route 75.
- Transform an under-used green corridor into a well-connected, accessible community asset.
- Position Spindlehowe as a key node in North Lanarkshire's strategic walking and cycling network.

What This Delivers for the Community

- Safer, traffic-free access for walking, wheeling and cycling into Uddingston, Coatbridge, Glasgow and wider Lanarkshire.
- Higher park usage and increased natural surveillance, reducing anti-social behaviour.
- Health and wellbeing benefits through more opportunities for everyday physical activity.
- Inclusive access for children, families, older adults and people with mobility challenges.
- Support for local regeneration, making the park a destination rather than a disconnected space.

Confirmed External Support

- Walk Wheel Cycle Trust (formerly Sustrans Scotland):
- Provided a formal statement of full support for the Spindlehowe–NCN75 link.
- Will incorporate the new path into the National Cycle Network, promote it on public mapping and support signage.
- Highlighted opportunities to improve safety on Spindlehowe Road.
- Offered funding and technical expertise through the Network Development Fund

North Lanarkshire Council

- Supportive in principle of the Spindlehowe–NCN75 link.
- Recognise Spindlehowe Road as part of Strategic Network Route 7 in the Active Travel Strategy.
- Keen to work with Moorlands FC to ensure the link aligns with SNR7's design.
- Committed to progressing concept design work next financial year.
- Will collaborate with Moorlands FC and the Trust on design development and future funding applications.



Conclusion

- ✓ The proposal demonstrates alignment with local and national active-travel priorities.
- ✓ Shows that the project is deliverable in partnership with both the Council and the National Cycle Network.
- ✓ Unlocks external funding, reducing pressure on public budgets.
- ✓ Creates a long-term, high-value community asset that enhances mobility, safety and wellbeing.

Dear [REDACTED]

Further to our conversation just now, I'm writing to confirm that we are supportive of your request to incorporate the proposed path from Route 75 of the NCN to the pavilion in Viewpark as an NCN link path. To facilitate this, we will add this aspiration to our Network Development Plan for the NCN once your asset transfer has been completed. Once suitable infrastructure is in place, we would incorporate it into the NCN by promoting it on the public mapping and can also provide support for signage if needed.

I believe there's an opportunity here to make it easier for people to walk wheel and cycle to the park through improvements to the National Cycle Network in the area.

As a minimum, we should be looking at how future users of this link path would access it from the NCN along Spindlehowe Road. As cyclists are mixing with traffic here, some changes to the infrastructure within the road corridor would be required for users to safely transition into the park. We would need the support of North Lanarkshire Council to achieve this.

However, the status of the NCN in this area is rated as 'poor' and so we would be very interested to work with yourselves, the council and the wider community in identifying a wider package of NCN improvements that will make it easier for people to choose active travel to the park and other places in the area that people want to go. This could involve upgrades to the existing alignment through either traffic calming and crossing points, provision of segregated active travel infrastructure along the current alignment, or a realignment of the NCN potentially through the park itself.

We can provide funding and expertise for this work through the Network Development fund, a discretionary fund allocated to us by Transport Scotland for the delivery of NCN improvements. We will shortly be longlisting our feasibility work for next financial year and will put this opportunity on that list.

We also seek to engage NCN users through place making measures and co-design approach to improve social safety. We are looking for opportunities to design for women and girls, as in our experience if we design for these groups then we will increase the numbers and diversity of users on the NCN. I understand that one of the primary aspirations that Moorlands has the site is to make it a welcoming place for the whole community, and so we would be interested to explore further with you how any NCN improvements could support this.

I would be grateful if you would circulate this message to relevant stakeholder that you are engaging with in the council and the community to establish if there is wider support for NCN improvements in the area to complement your work and bring me into ant relevant discussions with them about moving forward with this. In the meantime, I will discuss with colleagues to understand if any options for improvement have been previously explored.

Thank you again for reaching out to us and highlighting this opportunity.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]
Principal Network Development Manager, NCN Planning

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[REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2026, 1:43 PM

To: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Gary
[REDACTED] Planning

Subject: Spindlehowe Park proposed connection to National Cycle Network 75

Good afternoon

Many thanks for reaching out and letting us know about the group's aspirations to create an active travel link connecting Spindlehowe Park to the NCN75.

I've attached a copy of the Council's Active Travel Strategy (ATS), which was developed to provide a framework for the delivery of the active travel interventions across North Lanarkshire. The proposed active travel network is shown in Appendix D, and the priority ranking is set out in Appendix E. You will see that this is an extensive list of projects, with many already included in the pipeline. Spindlehowe Road has been identified as part of Strategic Network Route (SNR) 7 (Caldercruix to Uddingston) and we're keen to ensure we take account of proposed linkages to local key destinations when developing each SNR.

We're therefore supportive in principle of the link path and would be happy to meet with the group to discuss their wider aspirations for the link, and how the design could align with the design of SNR7. We currently have no funding to take forward this work, however we'd be happy to progress the concept design of SNR7 next financial year and work with the group and the Trust to complete the conceptual design of the link. Thereafter, we would be happy to support the Group to apply for funding from the Trust to take the link to detailed design and construction.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Best regards

[REDACTED]
Team Leader, Transportation Planning

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Key Social and Economic Benefits – Spindlehowe Park

- ✓ Targets an area within Scotland's top 5% most deprived communities, delivering meaningful investment where it is most needed.
- ✓ Injects £250,000 into the North Lanarkshire economy, equivalent to supporting 8 full-time jobs for a year when spent through local trades and suppliers.
- ✓ Generates £1.5 million in social value over five years through the contribution of Moorlands FC's volunteer workforce.
- ✓ Expands access to organised sport for 8,000–10,500 children living within 3 miles of Spindlehowe Park, supporting healthier lifestyles, improved wellbeing and positive youth development.
- ✓ Creates an estimated £100,000 annual boost to the local economy through increased footfall and spend in nearby businesses.
- ✓ Transforms a declining site into a modern, safe and accessible sports hub, improving quality of life for local residents and future generations.



Benefit to local community

SIMD impact area

Spindlehowe Park sits within Data Zone S01011535, ranked 237th out of Scotland's 6,976 data zones in the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation, placing it firmly in the top 5% most deprived communities in the country. This level of deprivation means residents face longstanding barriers around health, opportunity, access to services and safe community spaces. Investing in the Moorlands FC Spindlehowe Park project brings high-quality facilities directly into an area that needs them most, giving children and young people safe access to organised sport, positive role models and structured activity that supports physical and mental wellbeing. For the wider community, the project creates a shared, vibrant space that strengthens social connection, raises aspirations and provides opportunities that help break cycles of disadvantage.



Increased access to organised sport for local kids

Around 8,000–10,500 children live within a three-mile radius of Spindlehowe Park, meaning the Moorlands FC redevelopment would give thousands of local young people far greater access to organised sport than is currently possible. New 11s, 7s and 5s pitches, alongside a modern pavilion, would allow multiple age groups to train and play safely at the same time, dramatically increasing weekly participation opportunities for families who rely on local, affordable provision. For children, this means easier access to regular physical activity, stronger social connections, positive role models and a healthier, more active routine. For the wider community, it creates a long-term platform where future generations can grow up with consistent access to structured sport, improved wellbeing and a vibrant, well-used community space at the heart of their neighbourhood.



Investing in Spindlehowe Park – impact of improved maintenance

Targeted investment in improved drainage and maintenance at Spindlehowe Park will significantly reduce avoidable cancellations caused by waterlogged pitches, one of the biggest barriers to grassroots football in Viewpark. Across the UK, poor pitch conditions lead to around 120,000 lost fixtures each year, 10,000–15,000 in Scotland alone and up to 40% of these are preventable with better drainage. Locally, leagues lose 3–7 weeks of play per season, with some losing as many as 13 due to unplayable surfaces. By addressing the core issues of poor drainage, compacted soil, and limited maintenance capacity, this investment will create a consistently playable, safe, and resilient pitch that keeps games on, supports player development, strengthens league continuity, and ensures Viewpark's young people have reliable access to football.



Social Value Impact Summary



Volunteer Contribution

- Moorlands FC delivers a significant social return through its volunteer workforce. With 53 volunteers, each giving 10 hours per week and using North Lanarkshire Council's valuation of £14.43 per hour, the club generates:
- **£305,916** in annual **social value**
- **£1,529,580** over our **5-year business plan**

Local Economy Impact

- Moorlands FC's redevelopment of Spindlehowe Park will generate a strong and predictable economic uplift for the surrounding area. With training weekday evenings and match activity across both weekend days, increased footfall is expected to deliver:
- **£100,000** in additional annual local spend
- Up to **20** nearby businesses directly benefiting
- This uplift is driven by consistent weekly activity that turns Spindlehowe Park into a reliable community destination, strengthening high-street resilience and supporting the long-term vitality of local shops and services.

Site development works inject **£250,000** investment into the North Lanarkshire economy, the project delivers a meaningful and immediate economic stimulus, particularly when this investment is channelled through local trades and suppliers. This level of spend is equivalent to supporting around **8 full-time jobs** for an entire year, strengthening local employment, sustaining small businesses and ensuring that the benefits of the development are felt directly within the community.

Moorlands FC already delivers strong community impact through a committed volunteer base and a sustainable operating model that demonstrates the club's value even without dedicated facilities. As membership grows, a projected 5–10% annual increase in volunteers-supported by funded First Aid, safeguarding and coaching qualifications will further strengthen community safety, build local capacity and enhance employability.

Moorlands FC's expanding social value directly supports North Lanarkshire's Local Outcomes Improvement Plan by increasing participation, strengthening community resilience and improving health and wellbeing. The redevelopment of Spindlehowe Park will amplify these outcomes, positioning the club as a key partner in building healthier, more connected and more active communities across North Lanarkshire.

Current Condition of Asset



Site Condition Summary and Required Remedial Works

Over the past decade, the site has experienced significant deterioration, resulting in a range of structural, safety, and accessibility concerns. The immediate issues requiring attention include, but are not limited to, the following:

Pavilion Building

The pavilion requires extensive refurbishment before it can be safely and effectively brought back into use for sporting activities. The building currently lacks an accessible entrance, and there are no compliant accessible WC or shower facilities. External access steps have become dislodged, creating a serious slip and trip hazard for users.

Boundary Security

A secure boundary fence is essential to prevent off-road bikes and vehicles from accessing the playing fields, which poses serious safety risks and causes significant damage to the pitches. Installing a robust perimeter will protect the playing surface, stop dangerous vehicle access, and ensure safe, controlled entry for all users.

Playing Field Surrounds

Groundworks are urgently needed around the perimeter of the pitch. A substantial hole has developed, filled with rubble and debris, presenting a dangerous trip and fall hazard to both players and spectators.

Estimated Costs and Funding Considerations

The total cost of the required works is estimated at approximately **£250,000**. This level of investment is beyond the scope of the current North Lanarkshire Council budget for restoration and therefore would require external funding or partnership support.

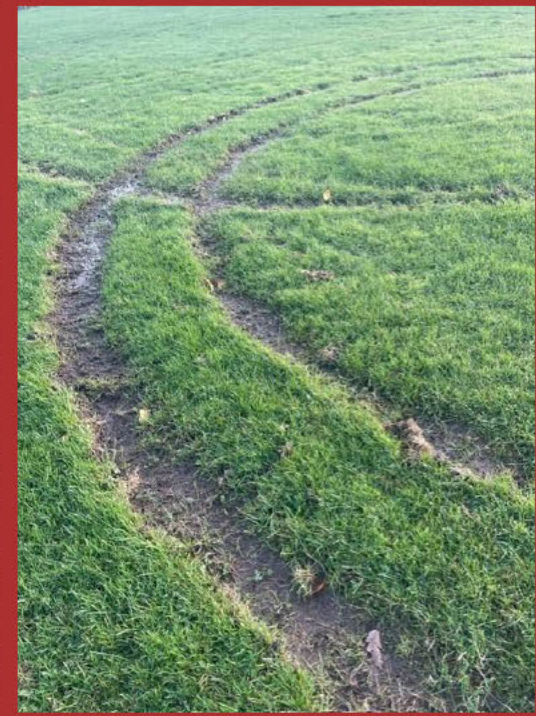
Land Use and Development Constraints

There are currently no known restrictions on the use or development of the land. However, the site will be retained exclusively for community and sporting purposes. It will not be repurposed for commercial activity or sold for private development.



Unique Property Reference 20226310

Condition of Playing Field



Condition of Pavilion



Negative Consequences



There are literally no negative consequences to our proposal. We have met with local businesses, community groups, MSPs, councillors, MPs, local and national football league representatives and other local football clubs who have all offered their support, as well as having received an overwhelmingly positive response from our survey. Letters of support have been included in Appendix.

The only reservation raised during engagement came from Bellshill Athletic FC, who currently lease the playing field and expressed concern about continued access. To address this, Moorlands FC proactively asked North Lanarkshire Council to issue a joint communication to all user groups, outlining our plans, inviting feedback, and encouraging collaboration to ensure the project delivers value for every club, player and the wider community. Unfortunately, this communication was not issued by the Council.

Moorlands FC has been clear throughout that the upgraded facilities will remain fully accessible for community use through a transparent booking app, offering improved pitches, enhanced spectator experience, accessible toilets and changing rooms, and modernised sports amenities and provided assurances over stable pitch let costs. We have invited further dialogue and assured the group of the continuation of available lets. Despite these assurances and our efforts to collaborate, Bellshill Athletic FC have chosen to oppose the proposal.

A full record of engagement is provided in the Appendix.

100% of survey responses from local residents were in favour of the proposal.

The findings show a clear, united message: the community strongly backs the redevelopment, trusts Moorlands FC, and sees real social and wellbeing benefits from the club's involvement, with many residents ready to contribute their own skills to make the project happen.

- Universal support for investment in the park, more community football, and Moorlands FC stewardship
- Near-total belief the project will strengthen community cohesion
- Full awareness of Moorlands FC and an "Excellent" reputation across respondents
- Reported wellbeing gains including improved confidence, reduced anxiety, better fitness, and stronger social ties
- Priorities focused on youth sport, active lifestyles, improved green space, and inclusive community events
- Strong volunteer capacity across trades, facilities, fundraising, digital skills, and general support



Spindlehowe Park Survey Response



Overwhelming Community Support

- 100% want investment in the park & pavilion
- 100% support more community-based football
- 97% believe the project will bring the community closer together
- 100% support Moorlands FC taking over the site

Strong Recognition and Trust of Moorlands FC

- Awareness of the club: 100%
- Reputation: overwhelmingly rated “Excellent”
- Clear perception of Moorlands as a trusted, reputable, community-focused organisation

Health, Wellbeing & Social Impact

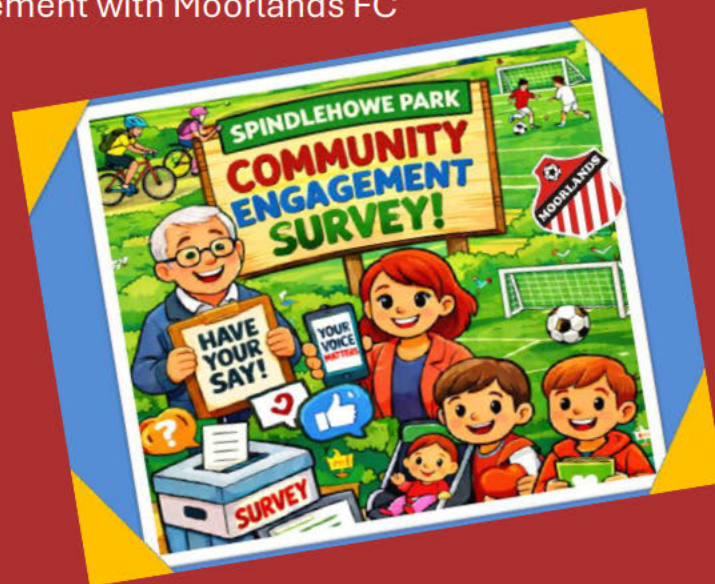
Majority report direct physical or mental health benefits from involvement with Moorlands FC

Themes:

- ✓ Increased confidence
- ✓ Reduced anxiety
- ✓ Improved fitness
- ✓ Stronger social connections
- ✓ Sense of belonging for children and families

Most Valued Benefits

- Access to organised sport for kids 98%
- Getting young people active: 95%
- Community cohesion: 88%
- Health & wellbeing: 87%



Community Priorities for Redevelopment

Top benefits selected:

- ✓ Increased access to organised sport for kids
- ✓ Opportunities to get young people active
 - ✓ Improved community cohesion
- ✓ Better green space management
 - ✓ Health & wellbeing benefits
 - ✓ Most requested activities:
 - ✓ Football
 - ✓ Walking/jogging
 - ✓ Other sports
- ✓ Community events
- ✓ Informal recreation/play

244 Responses received
Survey completed October 2025

Capacity to deliver



Our club is guided by a six-person committee made up of accomplished professionals - including banking directors, lawyers, teachers, community champions, and skilled traded persons – Moorlands FC is supported by 53 dedicated coaches, parent helpers, and volunteers who ensure our programmes run to an exceptional standard.

██████████ is a founding member and long-serving Chairman of Moorlands FC, bringing over 20 years of grassroots leadership alongside running a successful local gas engineering business. A trusted trades professional and committed community figure, he will oversee ground maintenance and site upkeep during the redevelopment, applying his practical expertise to help create safe, inclusive community spaces.

██████████ is a founding member of Moorlands FC with over 20 years of involvement, combining his pharmaceutical-sector experience with strong financial leadership as Treasurer. He oversees project funding, accounts, and budget management, leads the amateur team, and will manage contractor access and health-and-safety compliance during site development.

██████████ is an experienced teacher with over five years supporting key age groups at Moorlands FC, bringing strong expertise in child welfare, wellbeing, and safeguarding. She helps ensure children feel safe, supported, and able to progress, and plays an active role in local charity work. Emma will also help keep residents and stakeholders informed throughout the project.

██████████ is a banking director who brings strong governance, risk management, and strategic leadership to Moorlands FC. He leads the 2018 age group, has established each new group since joining, and drives the club's commercial engagement and community volunteer work. As lead contact for the Community Asset Transfer, he uses his professional network to engage partners and support the site's development into a modern sports hub.

██████████ has been part of Moorlands FC since his early playing years, progressing through the age groups to lead the Amateur team. He now manages SYFA compliance, registrations, and key administrative duties as Secretary, and will oversee site bookings and let's as responsibilities transition from NLC to Moorlands.

██████████ the 2019 age group and brings strong legal and strategic expertise as a qualified lawyer and firm partner. He plays a key role in the Community Asset Transfer, guiding contracts, compliance, and risk management, and oversees operational and legal standards across site development and day-to-day operations.

Level and nature of support



Moorlands FC has engaged a wide range of stakeholders throughout the development of this project, all of whom have expressed strong support. We have received overwhelming backing from individuals, businesses, community organisations, football clubs, councillors, MPs, and local residents.

Support includes councillors Helen Loughran, Barry McCluskey and Maureen Devlin, along with a letter of support from MP Frank McNally. Numerous local and regional football clubs have endorsed the project, including Calderbraes, Motherwell Phoenix, Cambusnethan Talbot, Fir Park Corner, Hamilton YFC and Shotts YMCA.

We have also received formal letters of support from the Scottish Football League groups — the Central Lanarkshire Youth Football Association (CLYFA) and the Glasgow and District Youth Football League (GADYFL). Both recognise the positive impact the redevelopment of Spindlehowe Park will have on access to organised sport and future generations of young players.

Within the local community, support has come from Viewcare Project, Viewpark Conservation Group, Grow Uddingston, VIP Pass Community Project and others. We continue to work with community organisations and charities to develop partnership plans that will use the site as a wider community engagement hub.

Walk Wheel Cycle Trust has pledged support and funding for proposals to connect Spindlehowe Park to the National Cycle Network, strengthening sustainable travel links.

A community survey of residents and club members received 244 responses - all supportive of the plans. Feedback shows a clear desire to transform Spindlehowe Park from a declining site affected by vandalism and antisocial behaviour into a modern sports hub and community space that improves health and wellbeing, attracts investment, increases football, and delivers long-term economic and social benefits for North Lanarkshire.





Kevin Gibson
Moorlands Football Club

[By email: info@moorlandsfc.com]

Wednesday 7 January 2025

Dear [REDACTED]

I am delighted to add my support to Moorlands Football Club's community asset transfer application for Spindlehowe Park in Viewpark.

When we met to discuss the Club's proposals for Spindlehowe Park, I was particularly impressed by the Club's commitment to engaging with the local community in Viewpark and various local organisations such as View Cares and Viewpark Conservation Group, which I am sure will continue if the Club is successful in their application for the pitch.

The scale of the project is very impressive, and I look forward to seeing Spindlehowe Park returned to good use, following a spate of anti-social incidents and years of under-use. The proposed long-term redevelopment of Spindlehowe Park will be a great focal point for the community in Viewpark to come together, and the development would provide a first-class facility for the hundreds of young people and volunteers involved in Moorlands Football Club. In addition, I welcome the commitment to charge fair rates to other organisations who may wish to make use of the facilities, particularly since, as you will no doubt be aware, the availability of sports pitches in the surrounding area can be limited.

I would like to wish you all the best in the process of securing a community asset transfer, and I am happy for my letter of support to be included in the particulars of your application as and when it is submitted to North Lanarkshire Council.

Yours sincerely,

Frank McNally MP
Member of Parliament for Coatbridge and Bellshill

Uddingston Community Council would like to extend its wholehearted support and best wishes to Moorlands Football Club for its Community Asset Transfer application of Spindlehowe Sports Park & Pavilion from North Lanarkshire Council.

To bring this resource back to being a vibrant local hub would make it a fantastic asset and an inspiration for all of the community now and for generations to come.

Please help and support them in whatever way you can.

Uddingston Community Council



I've had a good chat with the guys and great to see them planning ahead, they have my full support as do all those seeking to come to Thorniewood.

Councillor Helen Loughran



Great work from Moorlands.

Great to have these sort of clubs in the community. This move will have a positive impact on our community and as the local councillor.

I fully support this.

Councillor Barry McCluskey





March 2026

To whom it may concern,

Re: Moorlands FC – Spindlehowe Park Community Asset Transfer

I am writing in support of Moorlands FC in their application for the Community Asset Transfer of Spindlehowe Park and Pavilion.

As a long-established, community-focused charitable football club based in Uddingston, Moorlands FC's proposal presents a significant opportunity to redevelop this neglected site for the benefit of the local community and wider area. Their plans will provide inclusive and accessible sporting opportunities for children, young people, and adults, while also creating a safer, more welcoming environment for all residents.

At present, Spindlehowe Park shows extensive damage caused by repeated vehicle misuse, reducing the safety and usability of the playing fields. This poses a clear hazard to teams who currently use the pitch, as well as to other park users and local children. The pavilion—which forms a key part of the club's vision for the site—has been abandoned for many years and is now a hotspot for vandalism and loitering. This has further restricted use of the park, particularly during the evenings, with many residents reporting that they do not feel safe accessing the space at these times.

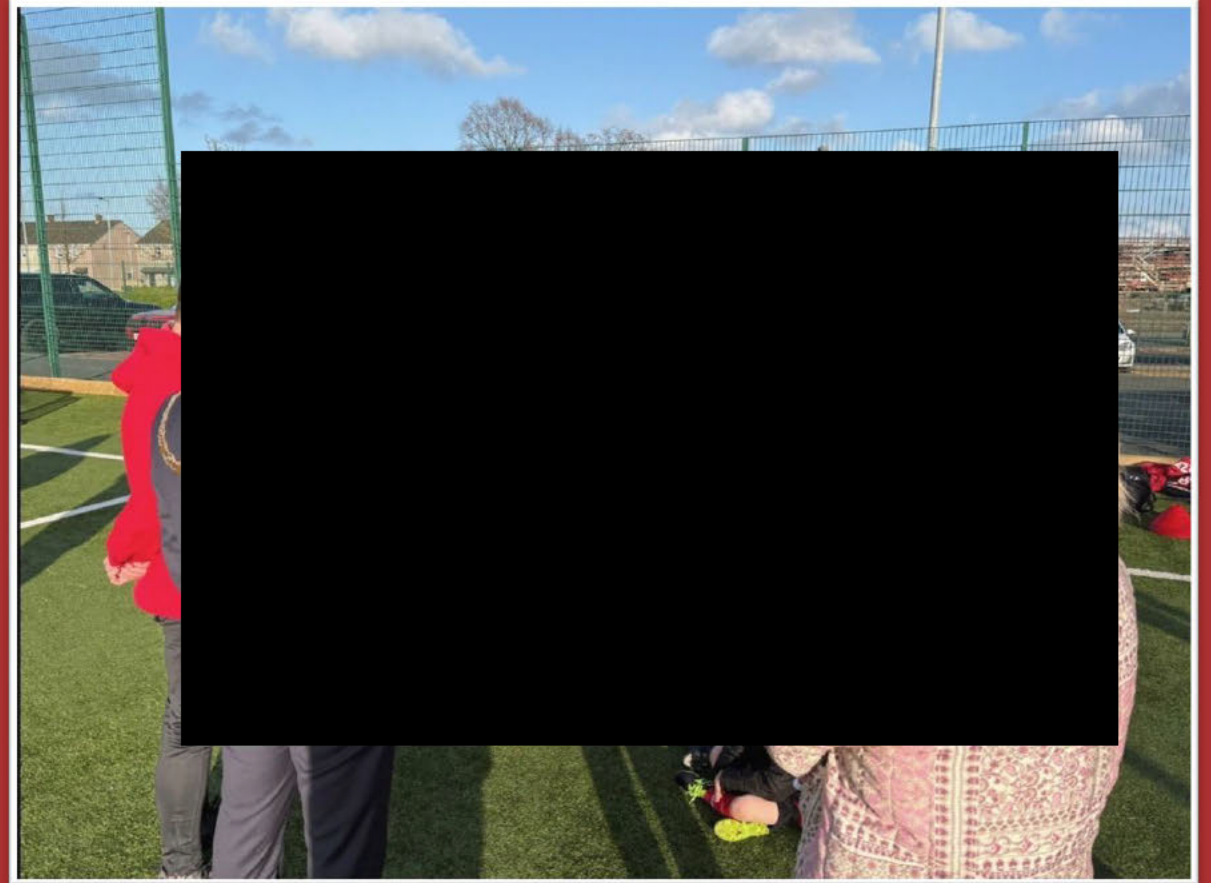
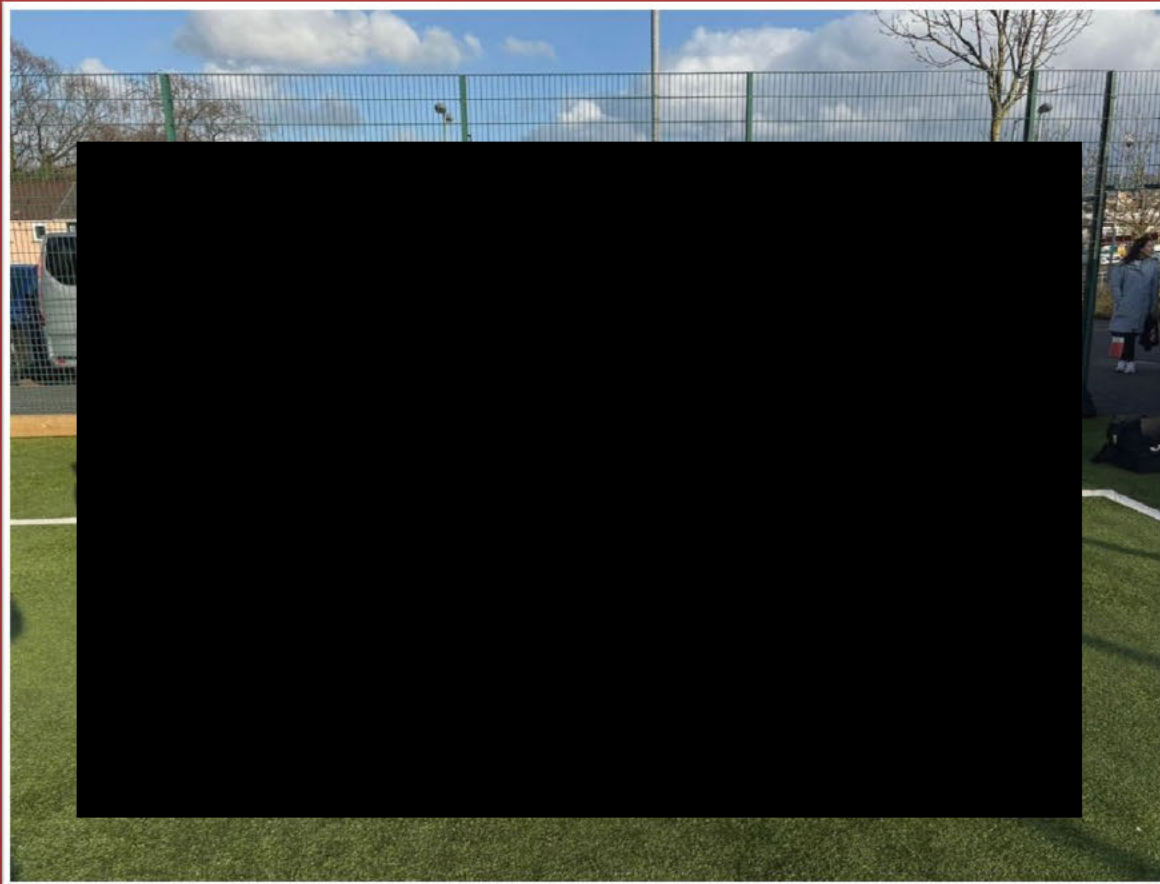
With more than 250 registered players and 53 volunteer coaches and parents, Moorlands FC plays a vital role in promoting physical wellbeing, confidence, and social connection in an area of high deprivation. I believe their application clearly demonstrates a capacity not only to restore the site but to transform it into a vibrant, well-used community asset. Their proposal outlines extensive renovation of the grounds and pavilion, meaningful partnership working—including engagement with Sustrans to connect active travel routes—and the development of a community hub that will be accessible to all residents.

This comprehensive approach offers a long-term solution that prioritises safety, community cohesion, and sustainable use of the park. I am confident that the transformation proposed by Moorlands FC will deliver lasting benefits for the local community and ensure that Spindlehowe Park reaches its full potential as a valued public space.

I would be grateful if my support could be formally noted as part of this application.

Yours sincerely

Mark Griffin MSP
Member of the Scottish Parliament for Central Scotland Region



Moorlands FC are putting some amazing transformational plans in place for Spindlehowe Park and harnessing the power of football to bring positive change in a local community .

I'm looking forward to seeing the progress and all the great things ahead for this group.

Provost Kenny Duffy / Cllr Geraldine Woods / Cllr Helen Loughran



We at Cambusnethan Talbot Community FC would like to give our support to our fellow grassroots club, Moorlands FC as they strive to take over and upgrade the Spindlehowe facilities in Viewpark.

We believe this will not only be good for Moorlands and the many kids they have as part of their club but the local community as a whole.

Having dealt with Moorlands at various age groups over the years we find them a very well run and respected community club who do a great job in the community of Viewpark providing a platform for many kids to play football in a safe and enjoyable environment over the years.

Yours in sport

[REDACTED]
Cambusnethan Talbot Community FC
Club Secretary



Great opportunity to put a bit of positivity into the local community and support grassroots football.

The Moorlands teams at all levels already give so much to the community and this investment would be great for them and the locals.

La Vita Restaurants



Our clubs "fully support" the Moorlands plans for Spindlehowe Park & Pavilion
Motherwell Phoenix. Hamilton YFC and Calderbraes FC

This is an amazing opportunity for NLC to not only support the development of grassroots football but also to provide a modern hub for the wider community.

We know the younger Moorlands teams very well and they are a great bunch, who do so much for their kids, so it would be great to see them benefit from this new facility.

All the best to everyone at Moorlands from all at Shotts YMCA



Thank you Moorlands FC for the work you do in our community, raising funds, volunteering and helping make a difference. We support your plans and are truly blessed to have you.
ViewCare Project - Viewpark.



We support the Moorlands FC plans for Spindlehowe Park and look forward to a strong partnership in the local community to provide opportunities to children and young adults in the community.

VIP-Pass Community Project





COUNCILLOR MAUREEN DEVLIN BOTHWELL AND UDDINGSTON

Our ref: MD/CMcl
Date: 8 December 2025

To whom it may concern

Moorlands Football Club

As an elected member of South Lanarkshire Council, I am writing in support of Moorlands Football Club proposal of the Community Asset Transfer of the Spindlehowe Sports Park & Pavillion from North Lanarkshire Council.

Moorlands FC support kids from the Uddingston & Bothwell area which spans both North and South Lanarkshire. I personally am aware of the commitment the Club and the coaches have, to the children of both communities therefore I have no hesitation in supporting this proposal.

Should you require any other information please contact me.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Maureen Devlin



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15 December

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Moorlands FC: Spindlehowe Park Project

As the local volunteer charity concerned with improving the local environment for residents, visitors and businesses, Grow Uddingston fully endorses and supports Moorland FC's local initiative of improving and regenerating Spindlehowe Park.

This initiative would greatly improve this local facility that over the last few years has fallen into disrepair and would provide the local community with an excellent facility, that could be enjoyed by everyone. With the increase in not only boys and girls playing the sport, but the recognition of the benefits to older adults in playing as well, this would be a welcome and valued facility.

More generally, and from our own experience, we have found that in addition to the direct benefits to the local environment, the regeneration of this facility would have wider community benefits. Having a well maintained facility such as this would increase local residents' sense of pride in their community, which in turn increases community involvement.

We wish Moorlands FC every success in this project.



Hon. Secretary



*Central Lanarkshire Youth Football Association
(CLYFA)*

The Committee at CLYFA Football League (Central Lanarkshire Youth Football Association) firmly support the plans of Moorlands as outlined in their proposal to provide a quality facility at Spindlehowe Park for football in the local area.

The league fully endorse Moorlands FC in their application to North Lanarkshire Council and we confirm that they are a suitable and capable organisation to take this project forward to the benefit of the community.

Regards

[REDACTED]
CLYFA League Secretary
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29/01/26

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To Lord Haughey, The City Charitable Trust

As Chairperson of the Glasgow and District Youth Football League, I am delighted to write a letter of support for Moorlands Football Club in relation to their application for Funding to take over the abandoned Pavillion and Football Pitches at Spindlehowe Park. We are one of the biggest youth football leagues in Glasgow and its surrounding areas, comprising of over 450 teams, which are based in Glasgow, North Lanarkshire, and several other Council Areas. We are members of the Scottish Youth Football Association who in turn are an associated member of the SFA. We are part of the partnership working between the SFA and all the youth football leagues throughout Scotland.

As stated above, our league is the biggest in Glasgow and the surrounding area. As you will be aware there is currently a huge problem with football facilities, the maintenance and cost of running pitches throughout the country, which has seen many facilities close or not being able to be maintained. As a result of this many clubs with the support of their Local Council have taken over many of the parks, which has assisted not only the club, but the council and more importantly the league, increasing the partnership working with the league and its member clubs. This partnership working has dramatically increased the number of venues that are now available to the league for their fixtures, which has supported and maintained the growth in participation in grassroots football. Over the last few years, the growth in Sport including Football has risen. Although this increase is great to observe, the increasing issue for Clubs and leagues is the lack of facilities to meet this increase.

Currently, Spindlehowe Park and the Pavilion is lying empty. If the Council were to decide to transfer the facility to Moorlands Football Club and if the Club were successful in its CAT application, it would provide greater access to organised sport for kids across Lanarkshire and the surrounding area. It would be open to all including other clubs within the area. This would obviously meet the demand in the increase in participation that is currently occurring throughout the country, and particularly Lanarkshire.

As a League and an Association, we would fully support Moorlands application in taking over this venue, the benefit to the club and the wider community immense and see the continued growth of not only the club but th wider participation in Sport.

Yours in Sport,

[REDACTED]
Chairperson - GADYFL



Current Sources of Income

We have several revenue streams currently. These include

Junior Membership Subscriptions

We currently more than **250** subscribed junior members, each paying **£360** per annum, generating over **£90,000** income across the various age group accounts. We intend to establish at least one new team for every season, and this will deliver year on year income growth.

Sportsman's Dinner

Moorlands FC held a Sportsman's Dinner at Hamilton Community Stand on 7 February from this one event we raised **£12,414** to support the club. It is our intention to event at least annually,

Additional Fundraising

Each individual team organizes individual events and fundraising activities, more recently our 2018 have raised over **£24,000** to pay for Blackpool tournament costs and accommodation for the Easter 2026 Tournament , this demonstrates the scale of fundraising potential in each of our 10 age groups.

Football Festivals

We intend to run football festivals in Summer 2026 targeting **£3,000** fundraising with a one-day event hosting 32 teams. Going forward, we are looking to book additional festivals for a variety of age groups, which will again increase club income.

Commercial Partners and Sponsors

Moorlands FC is proud to be supported by a number of Commercial Partners and Sponsors including La Vita Restaraunts, Excelsior Tree Surgey, Blaney Commercial Vehicles, RS Law, HHH Design, Search, Global Logistics Staff, Torishima, S&L Joinery, Rowan Tree, GMC resin, Arnold Clark, Cicular IT, 17 Three, Sports Production Company, Devari, Habitat Building Services, Ecocel and Orbit Finance and receive over £15,000 annually in support from these amazing companies.

Our Sponsors and Commercial Partners have confirmed their support for the Club, and it's plans to acquire and develop the site.



Arnold Clark



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Ongoing financing of site



Upon completion of the Project, we believe we will be able to comfortably meet ongoing running costs associated with the site. Following on from the previous slide, each of the figures used below are very conservative estimates of the what levels of funds from each of our revenue streams will be allocated to the site maintenance fund.

Training & Home Fixture Matches

Our various age groups will train at the site utilising the existing playing surface inline with Sportslabs recommendations for pitch usage supported with a grass surface maintenance plan. Teams will train twice per week across the majority Moorlands age groups. An additional 7-a-side and 5-a-side playing area will be created to increase capacity for Training and Matches leading to increase revenue to the club to support further site development. Pitch hire costs for 5-a-side, 7-a--side or full 11-a-side pitch for match days vary from **£20-35 per hour**. A payment will be transferred to the club site maintenance account for each training session / Match booked including bookings from other clubs/groups.

Projected annual income £50,400.

Club Lottery / Last Man Standing

The club holds a lottery licence and operates a draw through MyClub Lotto, this together with the Last Man Standing competitions creates a regular income from play for the club.

Projected annual income £3,000+

Sportsman's Dinner

Moorlands intend to host an annual event, with ticket proceeds going towards the site maintenance fund. The 2026 Sportsman's dinner in February raised **£12,414**.

Targeting £12,000+ annual income

Site Advertising

We have ten businesses who have pledged to pay £1,000 each plus costs to have their signage displayed at the site for one year.

Minimum annual income £15,000

Additional Events

The additional events and fundraising activities mentioned earlier include Football Festivals, Sponsored Walks and age group fundraising present further income generation opportunities with the allocation of funds decided at the time based on club requirements.

Potential additional income £10k+ annually

The above indicates that we will very comfortably be able to contribute a five –figure sum into the upkeep of the site annually, with a very healthy club surplus that we could also utilise if required. This is based on revenue streams that are already in place and does not take into accounts any fund-raising events that we could hold at the site or any grants that we will become eligible for once we own the site.

Funding

The site at Spindlehowe Park is in a neglected and deteriorating condition, with regular vandalism, antisocial behaviour, and visible decline. Transferring ownership to Moorlands FC for a reasonable fee would allow a far greater share of the funds we have raised to be invested directly into restoring and improving the park for the local community.

As of **01/04/2026**, the club holds over **£30,000** across its accounts, with **£20,000** ringfenced specifically for this project. Additional fundraising commitments are already in place for later in the year, strengthening our financial position as we move toward development.

We have held positive discussions with North Lanarkshire Council, as well as the SFA, National Lottery, Sport Scotland and other funding bodies. All have indicated that Moorlands FC will be in a strong position for grant applications once the Community Asset Transfer is complete, but formal applications cannot progress until ownership is secured.

Annual running costs for a site of this scale are estimated at around **£12,780**. Our financial model, supported by diverse income streams and the club's strong reserves, demonstrates that we can comfortably sustain these ongoing costs. In fact, the club will save more than this amount each year through reduced pitch-hire fees alone once the renovated facility is operational.

Transforming Spindlehowe Park into a modern, well-managed community sports hub will not only address the current issues of neglect but also create a long-term asset that supports health, wellbeing, and community activity across Viewpark and North Lanarkshire.



Site Running Costs



There will be a number of ongoing costs associated with the site, which we will comfortably pay as per the previous slide. It is obviously difficult to know the exact cost of the work in advance, but we have provided fair estimates below. These include, but are not limited to:

Pitch maintenance

We estimate that the pitch will need cut approximately 20 times in a calendar year and lined every second time it is cut. We will have a 6-week period each summer where any specific areas are re-seeded or re-turfed as appropriate.

This is being undertaken by a local contractor who sponsors the club at no cost in exchange for advertising at the site. Moorlands will allocate **£150 each month** to the site maintenance account to ensure this cost can be met within our financial model in the event of any future need.

Approximate annual cost £1,800.

Building Maintenance

Very difficult to predict but a joinery firm, a plumbing company and electrician have all pledged their support for the development works and ongoing maintenance at site, site advertising will be provided in lieu of payment. An annual provision of will be allocated to the site maintenance account to ensure this cost can be met within our financial model in the event of any future need.

Budget of £1,500.

Utilities

Various Bills including Electricity, accounting for Floodlight use and Pavillion facilities. Public Liability Insurance and Building Insurance have been estimated based on the full operations of a community sports ground and pavilion.

Approximate annual cost £6,300.

Cleaning

There will be a firm onus on each of our age groups to look after the site when used so should be kept clean and today on an ongoing basis. We will also be doing quarterly litter picks on the outdoor space. However, we have arranged for a local cleaner to carry out a deep clean inside the pavilion each month.

Approximate annual cost £600

Gardening

This is not an essential cost, but we plan to provide Grow Uddingston with an annual budget to plant flowers in spring, prune trees and generally uphold the welcoming green space that we plan to create within the initial project.

Budget of £500.

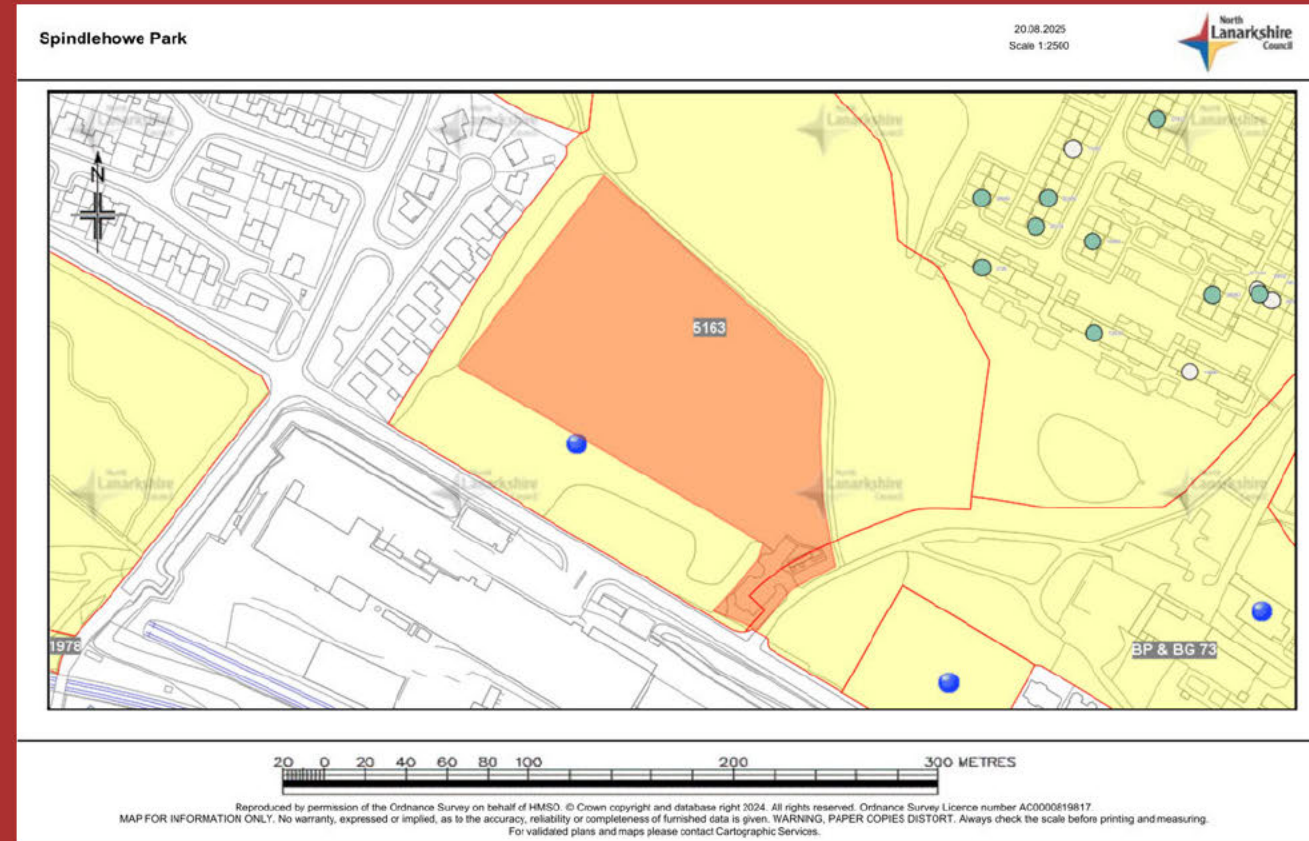
Financial Offer

As per attached survey carried out by DM Hall, the value of the land has been rounded up to **£45,000 (forty-five thousand pounds)**.

With the community benefit already outlined in this application, combined with the overwhelming support received from all parties and the continued decline in the condition of the site, we feel an appropriate figure for the transfer of ownership would be **£20,000**. We have arrived at this figure based on a review of similar cases.

To confirm, our proposal for a transfer of ownership of the site at Spindlehowe Park & Pavilion is a one-off payment of **£20,000 (Twenty thousand pounds only)**.

We hope this meets with your approval, because a higher figure would significantly detract from our ability to deliver the valuable regenerated community space that is so badly needed by so many people in the local area.



Accompanying Documents



Community Asset Transfer Application

Details of this application presented within the template provided by North Lanarkshire Council.



Business Plan & Supporting Evidence

This section outlines the business plan and presents the supporting evidence behind our strategy



Letters of Support

This section presents the letters of support underpinning the Moorlands Spindlehowe Park project



Engagement Evidence

This section provides evidence of our community engagement event and the key findings from the local engagement survey



Land Survey

This section summarises the land survey completed by DM Hall and its key findings.



Club Constitution

This section includes the Moorlands Club Constitution as part of the project's supporting documentation.



Management Committee Profiles & Contact details

This section provides contact details for our club representatives and profiles of the management committee.

