

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2015

ASSET TRANSFER REQUEST FORM

North Lanarkshire Council

This Community Asset Transfer request form must be completed to make a formal request. This form will help you to make sure you include all the required information.

You should read the asset transfer guidance provided by the Scottish Government before making a request. The council may also provide additional guidance on scheme.

You are strongly advised to contact the council and discuss your proposals before making an asset transfer request.

When completed, this form and supporting documentation should be sent to communitymatters@northlan.gov.uk

This is an asset transfer request made under Part 5 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.

Section 1: Information about the community transfer body (CTB) making the request

1.1 Name of the CTB making the asset transfer request

Moorlands Football Club SCIO

1.2 CTB address. This should be the registered address if you have one.

Postal address:

Postcode:

1.3 Contact details. Please provide the name and contact address to which correspondence in relation to this asset transfer request should be sent.

Contact name:

Postal address:

Postcode:

Email:

Telephone:

We agree that correspondence in relation to this asset transfer request may be sent by email to the email address given above. *(Please tick to indicate agreement)*

You can ask the relevant authority to stop sending correspondence by email, or change the email address, by telling them at any time, as long as 5 working days' notice is given.

1.4 Please mark an "X" in the relevant box to confirm the type of CTB and its official number, if it has one.

	Company, and its company number is	
	Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), and its charity number is	SC054617
	Community Benefit Society (BenCom), and its registered number is	
	Unincorporated organisation (no number)	

Please attach a copy of the CTB's constitution, articles of association or registered rules.

1.5 Has the organisation been individually designated as a community transfer body by the Scottish Ministers?

No

Yes

Please give the title and date of the designation order:

1.6 Does the organisation fall within a class of bodies which has been designated as community transfer bodies by the Scottish Ministers?

No

Yes

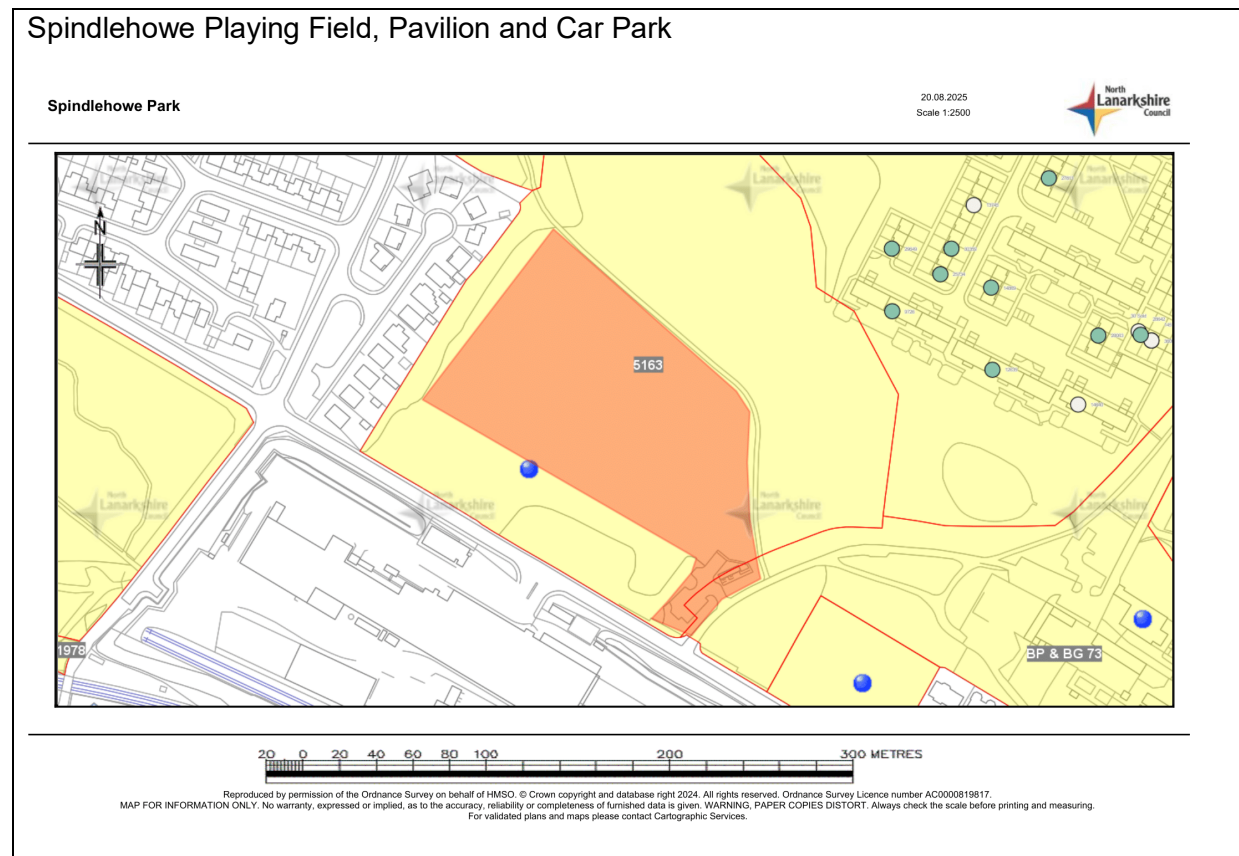
If yes what class of bodies does it fall within?

Information about the land and rights requested

1.7 Please identify the land to which this asset transfer request relates.

You should provide a street address or grid reference and any name by which the land or building is known. If you have identified the land on the relevant authority's register of land, please enter the details listed there.

It may be helpful to provide one or more maps or drawings to show the boundaries of the land requested. If you are requesting part of a piece of land, you must give a full description of the boundaries of the area to which your request relates. If you are requesting part of a building, please make clear what area you require. A drawing may be helpful.



1.8 Please provide the UPRN (Unique Property Reference Number), if known.

If the property has a UPRN you will find it in the relevant authority's register of land.

UPRN: 20226310

Section 2: Type of request, payment, and conditions

2.1 Please tick what type of request is being made:

for ownership (under section 79(2)(a)) - go to section 3A

for lease (under section 79(2)(b)(i)) – go to section 3B

for other rights (section 79(2)(b)(ii)) - go to section 3C

3A – Request for ownership

What price are you prepared to pay for the land requested?

Proposed price: £20,000

Please attach a note setting out any other terms and conditions you wish to apply to the request.

3B – request for lease

What is the length of lease you are requesting?

How much rent are you prepared to pay? Please make clear whether this is per year or per month.

Proposed rent: £ per

Please attach a note setting out any other terms and conditions you wish to be included in the lease, or to apply to the request in any other way.

3C – request for other rights

What are the rights you are requesting?

Do you propose to make any payment for these rights?

Yes

No

If yes, how much are you prepared to pay? Please make clear what period this would cover, for example per week, per month, per day?

Proposed payment: £ per

Please attach a note setting out any other terms and conditions you wish to apply to the request.

Section 3: Community Proposal

3.1 Please set out the reasons for making the request and how the land or building will be used

Our plan is to transform Spindlehowe Park into a vibrant, multi-purpose community asset that serves not only Moorlands FC but the wider community. This development will create a safe, inclusive, and accessible space where people of all ages can participate in sport, physical activity, and community events.

Proposed timetable of use for the current 11-a-side playing surface is reflective of an 8-16 hour per week usage of under 16 age groups. The club will additionally create an additional 7-a-side and 5 a-side playing field to maximise available space.

Improved pitch drainage and maintenance in addition to managing allocations of pitch space will ensure increased access while managing usage within defined limits (16hrs per week for under 16 age groups).

The proposed development of new playing surfaces and improved maintenance will significantly increase community access to the grass football provision at the site. The current single pitch provides a recommended capacity of approximately 16 hours per week for junior use, of which around 10 hours are being utilised by one group. The creation of two additional pitches will raise the total capacity to 48 hours per week, representing a 200% increase in available playing time. This expansion will enable multiple new teams and age groups to be accommodated while remaining within the recommended usage limits for natural grass surfaces, ensuring sustainable and long-term use of the facility.

Proposed operating times for Spindlehowe Park:

Weekdays 1800 – 2100

Weekends 0900 - 1700

Timetable of use

11s pitch

- Monday – 2017, 2018, 2019 Training 1800-1900
- Monday – 2014, 2013, 2012 Training 1900-2000
- Monday – 2011,2010, Amateur Training 2000 - 2100
- Tuesday – All pitches available to other clubs/community use 1800 – 2100
- Wednesday – 2017, 2018, 2019 Training 1800-1900
- Wednesday – 2014, 2013, 2012 Training 1900-2000
- Wednesday – 2011,2010, Amateur Training 2000 - 2100
- Thursday – All pitches available to other clubs/community use 1800 – 2100
- Friday – Grass cutting / lining weekly through summer, fortnightly through winter 1500-1700
- Friday - All pitches available to other clubs/community use 1800 – 2100

Saturday – 2017/2016 Matches 0900-1030
Saturday – 2014/2013 Matches 1100-1230
Saturday – All pitches available to other clubs/community use 1300-1700
Sunday – 2012/2011 Matches 0900-1030
Sunday – 2010/Amateur Matches 1100-1230
Sunday – All pitches available to other clubs/community use 1300-1700

7s Pitch

Monday – 2020 Training 1800-1900
Monday – All pitches available to other clubs/community use 1900-2100
Tuesday – All pitches available to other clubs/community use 1800-2100
Wednesday – 2020 Training 1800-1900
Wednesday – All pitches available to other clubs/community use 1900-2100
Thursday – All pitches available to other clubs/community use 1800-2100
Friday – Grass cutting / lining weekly through summer, fortnightly through winter 1500-1700
Friday – Available to other clubs 1800-2100
Saturday – All pitches available to other clubs/community use 0900-1700
Sunday – All pitches available to other clubs/community use 0900-1700

5s Pitch

Monday – 2021 Training 1800-1900
Monday - Pitch available to other clubs/community use 1800-2100
Tuesday –Pitch available to other clubs/community use 1800-2100
Wednesday – 2021 Training 1800-1900
Wednesday – Pitch available to other clubs/community use 1900-2100
Thursday – Pitch available to other clubs/community use 1800-2100
Friday – Pitch available to other clubs/community use 1800-2100
Saturday – Pitch available to other clubs/community use 0900-1700
Sunday – Pitch available to other clubs/community use 0900-1700

Occasional maintenance

- Resowing – as defined within Sportslabs recommended maintenance programme

Planned works

- Apply for planning permission upon receiving the asset (3 months)
- Construction phase co-ordinated by SportsLabs (16 weeks)
- Operational phase (12 months from taking ownership)

Details of planned works

- Installation of fencing to protect the site
- Installation of floodlights to extend usage over the year (retaining the recommended usage/ maintenance schedule)
- Refurbishment of the changing pavilion

In the meantime we will continue to run our club as we are currently and have agreed which trustees will remain on the Spindlehowe project to ensure this is completed timeously.

Aims/ objectives

Moorlands FC SCIO aims to improve the physical, mental and social wellbeing of children, young people and adults in Uddingston, Viewpark and the surrounding areas by providing inclusive access to organised sport, physical activity and positive community-based opportunities, improving health and wellbeing, reducing inequalities, strengthening communities and empowering children, young people and adults the community.

Through inclusive football and related physical activity programs, the charity seeks to promote healthy, active lifestyles, create positive life opportunities, and build strong community cohesion. By developing teamwork, leadership, and confidence, it aims to inspire individuals to become positive role models and community champions, supporting people to lead active, healthy, and fulfilling lives.

Aims

Moorlands FC SCIO exists to:

- 1. Provide Inclusive Access to Sport**
Ensure football and physical activity are affordable, accessible, and welcoming for all, regardless of background or ability.
- 2. Promote Health and Wellbeing**
Encourage regular participation to improve physical fitness, mental health, and lifelong healthy habits.
- 3. Develop People and Communities**
Support personal growth, leadership, and social inclusion while strengthening community cohesion and reducing isolation.
- 4. Create Sustainable Infrastructure**
Secure and develop facilities that enable long-term delivery of inclusive sport and community programmes.

OBJECTIVES

To achieve these aims, we will:

- 1. Remove Barriers to Participation**
Offer well-organised, low-cost programmes and reduce financial, social, and confidence obstacles—especially for disadvantaged groups.
- 2. Support Youth Potential**
Provide safe, positive environments that build confidence, resilience, discipline, and life skills.
- 3. Develop Skills and Leadership**
Create pathways for coaching, volunteering, and qualifications, fostering teamwork, communication, and leadership.

4. **Promote Positive Role Models**

Engage qualified coaches and mentors who model respect, inclusion, and responsibility.

5. **Strengthen Community Connections**

Use football to bring people together, foster friendships, and create a sense of belonging.

6. **Empower Community Champions**

Identify and nurture volunteers and participants to lead, mentor, and inspire others.

7. **Invest in Spindlehowe Park**

Secure ownership to expand capacity, keep football local and affordable, and provide a shared hub for community activities.

How will Spindlehowe help achieve these aims?

Why Ownership of Spindlehowe Park Matters

- **Increase Capacity for Organised Sport**

Owning Spindlehowe Park will significantly expand our ability to deliver high-quality, organised football and physical activity programmes for children and young people within our local community.

- **Keep Football Local and Affordable**

Currently, our teams often travel outside our operating area to play matches, which increases costs for families and the club. Securing a guaranteed local facility will keep football close to home, reduce travel expenses, and remove financial barriers for parents and carers. Lower costs make the club more accessible and create greater opportunities for fundraising and reinvestment in community programmes.

- **Strengthen Community Connections**

As a community-focused club, we will ensure the facility remains bookable for other local clubs and organisations. This approach promotes collaboration, increases capacity for shared activities, and fosters community cohesion by bringing people together through sport.

- **Dedicated, Accessible Space for Inclusive Sport**

Owning Spindlehowe Park gives Moorlands full control over scheduling, pricing, and facilities, ensuring football and physical activity sessions are affordable and inclusive for all, removing barriers linked to cost and availability.

Moorlands FC currently spends around **£54,080 per year** on pitch hire across North and South Lanarkshire and the wider Glasgow area. By relocating activity to Spindlehowe Park, the club's annual pitch-hire costs for the same level of use will reduce to approximately **£40,040**, generating a saving of **£14,040**. This saving is significant because it directly offsets the **£12,780 annual maintenance cost** required to operate and care for Spindlehowe Park and the Pavilion. In effect, the reduction in pitch-hire expenditure fully covers the ongoing maintenance of the site, ensuring the facility is financially sustainable without increasing costs for local families.

In addition to these efficiencies, moving activity to Spindlehowe Park will release pitch capacity across North Lanarkshire for use by other clubs, while also enabling Moorlands FC to generate an estimated **£29,800 per year** in income from external lets. This projection is based on optimised use of the 5-, 7- and 11-a-side facilities within the permitted 16-hour weekly limit, further strengthening the long-term viability of the site.

- **Consistent Delivery of Health and Wellbeing Programs**

A permanent base allows regular, structured activities that promote physical fitness and mental wellbeing. This stability supports long-term engagement and helps participants build healthy habits, directly addressing health inequalities.

- **Safe Environment for Youth Development**

The pavilion provides a secure, supportive setting for children and young people to develop confidence, resilience, and positive behaviours, key to helping them reach their potential both in sport and life.

- **Community Hub for Cohesion and Empowerment**

Spindlehowe Park becomes a focal point for bringing people together, reducing isolation, and fostering a sense of belonging. It strengthens community ties and creates opportunities for volunteering and leadership.

- **Pathways for Skills and Progression**

With dedicated facilities, Moorlands can run coaching courses, leadership programs, and volunteering initiatives, enabling participants to gain qualifications and become community champions.

- **Platform for Positive Role Models**

The pavilion supports structured mentoring and engagement with qualified coaches and volunteers who model respect, inclusion, and teamwork, values Moorlands aims to embed in its programs.

Moorlands FC – Site Development Vision

Day One Aspiration:

- Secure Spindlehowe Park and immediately utilize the existing 11-a-side playing surface for training and match days, ensuring the site becomes an active hub for football and community engagement from the outset.
- Commence works to develop 2 additional playing surfaces which will increase capacity for more children and young people to take part in organised sport.
- Begin £250,000 investment in the site to increase security and usage

End of Year 1:

Complete extensive maintenance and improvement work on the 11-a-side pitch to increase durability and usage. In addition, create new 5-a-side and 7-a-side surfaces, driving participation and increasing overall site usage from 1 current club using the 11 a-side pitch 3 times per week to multiples sports groups and clubs across the community utilising improved sports facility each day.

End of Year 3:

Our cash flow forecast and business plan objectives position Moorlands FC to achieve a strong and sustainable financial footing, enabling us to progress confidently with strategic investment in synthetic grass installation. By Year 3, we aim to secure funding to upgrade the 11-a-side pitch to a high-quality synthetic surface, delivering year-round play and unlocking the full potential of the site to maximize utilization by 200%.

Year 5 Goal:

Deliver fully operational, extensively renovated playing surfaces with synthetic grass across all pitches optimized for multi-sport activities and extensive community use, ensuring the site becomes a premier destination for sport and wellbeing.

Long-Term Aspirations:

Introduce spectator seating, a modern clubhouse, and enhanced sports facilities to create a vibrant, inclusive community hub that supports football, physical activity, and social connection for generations to come.

Why This Development Is Needed:**Current and Anticipated Demand**

Across North and South Lanarkshire, there is limited access to high-quality playing surfaces, particularly synthetic grass pitches that allow for year-round use. Existing facilities are heavily oversubscribed, with clubs competing for scarce lets, often forcing young players to train late at night or travel long distances. This shortage creates a significant barrier for families and discourages participation, especially for younger age groups.

Year-on-Year Growth in Participation

Football clubs across Lanarkshire are experiencing consistent year-on-year increases in membership, driven by the introduction of new age groups and the growing popularity of girls' and inclusive football. This surge in demand places additional pressure on already stretched facilities, making it harder for clubs to secure adequate training and match slots.

Why Spindlehowe Park Matters

By acquiring and developing Spindlehowe Park, Moorlands FC can remove these barriers to entry by providing local, affordable, and accessible playing surfaces. Our phased plan—starting with maintenance improvements and small-sided pitches, then progressing to synthetic surfaces—ensures we meet current demand while futureproofing for growth. This approach helps ensure that children and young people will not be excluded from organized sport due to lack of facilities, supporting our mission to promote health, wellbeing, and community cohesion.

Impact on Inclusion and Opportunity

Without intervention, the shortage of quality pitches risks widening inequalities, as families unable to travel or pay premium rates are left behind. Moorlands' plan directly addresses this by creating a sustainable, community-owned hub that prioritizes participation for all, regardless of background or financial circumstances.

Key performance targets

Moorlands FC currently supports over 250 children and aims to add 30 more each year through new age groups, increasing our footprint by 150 participants over five years, representing a 60% growth. This expansion is significant when set against the local population: Viewpark has approximately 15,831 residents, with around 3,052 children and young people aged 0–17 (19.3% of the population). Our planned growth means Moorlands will engage nearly 13% of the entire youth population in the area, creating a major positive impact on access to sport, health, and community inclusion.

https://www.citypopulation.de/en/uk/scotland/north_lanarkshire/S52000631__viewpark/

Year 1 aspirations

- Have developed the playing surface and 2 additional playing surfaces, settled into routine maintenance cycle with a local contractor employed to look after the playing surface
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- Start fundraising towards upgrading the pitch to a 3G surface
- Having a steady stream of income into the site
- Increasing our number of teams from 10 to 11 and increase the membership of each age group by 10%
- Pavilion refurbishment will be completed which will allow for regular function as a changing pavilion and to facilitate match day experiences.
- Expansion of partnership with local Charity groups like VIP Pass in Viewpark.

Year 3-5 aspirations

- Installation of a 3G playing surface across all 3 pitches at the site
- Increase number of teams 13-15 and increase membership to c500 players across various age groups.
- Establishment of ASN, Girls and Walking Football Teams.

Benefits of the proposal

3.2 Please set out the benefits that you consider will arise if the request is agreed to.

This section should explain how the project will benefit your community, and others. Please refer to the guidance on how the relevant authority will consider the benefits of a request.

Links to The Plan for North Lanarkshire

Priority – Improve economic opportunities and outcomes

Ambition Statement – Market and promote North Lanarkshire as a place to Live, Learn, Work, Invest and Visit

What do the club do?

- Attract visitors for matchdays
- Benefit local business by bringing visitors to the area
- Realising investment in enhanced sports facilities
- Creating skills and opportunities for members such as first aid, SFA coaching certificates to improve employability and skills for the communities they serve.

How does the community benefit?

- Visitors from away clubs will visit the local area and spend money locally, they may also be encouraged to visit again in their own time
- A local facility which is currently underused will be invested into and bring new opportunities to the local area

How is this measured?

- We engage with local businesses and many local business owners bring their children to the club where we received verbal feedback on how the club benefits the local community

Moorlands FC’s priority is to secure the long-term future of Spindlehowe Park as a safe, accessible, and community-focused sports facility. Our focus is on protecting this valued green space, developing high-quality grassroots football provision, and expanding opportunities for local children, young people, and families. Through the CAT, we aim to invest in the park’s improvement, strengthen community wellbeing, and ensure Spindlehowe remains a vibrant, inclusive asset for Viewpark for generations to come.

Moorlands FC priority is to secure a home for the club to help grow and offer opportunities for more kids to participate in football and organised sport.

Ambition Statement for the Community Asset Transfer of Spindlehowe Park

Moorlands FC is committed to creating a thriving, inclusive, and sustainable community football hub at Spindlehowe Park—one that strengthens local identity, expands opportunities for young people, and enhances the wellbeing of the entire Viewpark community. Our ambition is to transform Spindlehowe Park into a safe, modern, and accessible space that supports grassroots sport, community development, and long-term social impact.

By securing the Community Asset Transfer of Spindlehowe Park, Moorlands FC aims to:

- **Protect and revitalise a valued local green space**, ensuring it remains at the heart of community life for generations to come.

- **Provide high-quality football facilities** that allow children, young people, and adults to participate in sport regardless of background, ability, or financial circumstance.
- **Create a stable home for Moorlands FC**, enabling the club to grow sustainably, expand its youth pathways, and offer structured programmes that promote physical activity, teamwork, and personal development.
- **Deliver wider community benefits**, including volunteering opportunities, health and wellbeing initiatives, and partnerships with local schools, groups, and

What do the club do?

Moorlands FC is a community-driven grassroots football club and a registered charity, providing opportunities for children, young people, and adults to play, learn, and develop through sport. The club delivers structured coaching, competitive teams, and inclusive programmes that promote physical activity, confidence, teamwork, and personal growth. Beyond football, Moorlands FC plays an active role in supporting the wider community by offering a safe, welcoming environment where people can connect, contribute, and feel part of something meaningful.

How do our members/ the community benefit?

Moorlands FC provides meaningful benefits to its members and the wider community, and these outcomes are strongly supported by Scottish-specific evidence. Regular participation in football improves physical health, reduces the risk of long-term conditions, and enhances mental wellbeing. The Scottish FA confirms that taking part in football at any level—playing, coaching, spectating, or volunteering can improve mental wellbeing and help reduce stigma around mental health. Sportscotland also highlights that physical activity is proven to support mental health, helping people feel more relaxed, build social connections, and improve overall wellbeing.

Grassroots clubs across Scotland play a vital role in creating inclusive, mentally healthy environments. SAMH’s Mental Health Charter notes that hundreds of Scottish grassroots clubs contribute to improved wellbeing by promoting inclusion, reducing isolation, and fostering positive community culture. These findings align with the Scottish Government’s evidence that physical activity is one of the most effective ways to improve mental, physical, and social health across communities.

Through structured coaching, regular activity, and a safe, supportive environment, Moorlands FC enables its players to gain these proven benefits—improved fitness, confidence, resilience, and social connection—while strengthening the health, cohesion, and wellbeing of the local community.

How is this measured?

Moorlands FC measures the impact of its work through a combination of player development outcomes, wellbeing indicators, community engagement activity, and direct feedback from members and local residents. Progression through our player pathway programme is a key marker of success, with young players advancing from introductory sessions into structured teams, leadership roles, and in some cases into coaching and volunteering. This progression demonstrates increased confidence, skill development, and long-term engagement in positive activity.

We also monitor improvements in physical and mental wellbeing through regular coach observations, attendance patterns, and feedback from parents and players. Members consistently report increased fitness, reduced anxiety, stronger social connections, and improved self-esteem as a result of being part of the club. These findings are reinforced by our annual engagement survey, which shows high levels of satisfaction, a strong sense of belonging, and clear evidence that participation at Moorlands FC supports healthier lifestyles.

Beyond football, the club's impact is visible across the wider community. Our charity projects, volunteering initiatives, and community support activities provide tangible social value strengthening local relationships, supporting vulnerable groups, and promoting a culture of giving back. Community feedback regularly highlights the club's positive influence, recognising Moorlands FC as a trusted, proactive organisation that contributes to local wellbeing, cohesion, and pride.

Taken together player progression, wellbeing improvements, community involvement, and strong feedback from members and residents these measures provide clear evidence of the meaningful and sustained positive impact Moorlands FC delivers for children, young adults, and the wider community.

A successful Community Asset Transfer of Spindlehowe Park and the pavilion would directly strengthen Moorlands FC's ability to deliver and expand all of its core objectives. Securing a permanent, fit-for-purpose home would provide the stability needed to enhance our player pathway programme, support long-term development, and offer consistent, high-quality training environments for children and young adults. Dedicated access to the park and pavilion would also allow us to increase participation, run more wellbeing-focused activities, and create safe, inclusive spaces that promote both physical and mental health. In addition, having a community base would expand our capacity for volunteering, charity projects, and wider social-impact work deepening our contribution to the local community. In short, the successful CAT would give Moorlands FC the foundation required to grow sustainably, deliver greater community benefit, and maximise the positive impact we already demonstrate through our programmes, partnerships, and member feedback.

Spindlehowe Park - NCN Route 75 Active-Travel Connection

Moorlands FC proposes to deliver a new **active-travel link connecting Spindlehowe Park directly to National Cycle Network Route 75 (NCN75)** via the existing Spindlehowe Road path and the Tannochside green corridor. This project closes a long-standing gap in the local walking and cycling network and provides a **safe, continuous, traffic-free route** into Scotland's primary east-west active-travel spine.

The connection will significantly improve access between Viewpark, Uddingston, Coatbridge and Glasgow, enabling local residents to reach schools, services, employment areas and community facilities without relying on cars. It also strengthens Spindlehowe Park's role as a **well-used, inclusive and connected community asset**.

1. Increased Community Use & Engagement

Evidence from Sustrans, Transport Scotland and the Scottish Government consistently shows that **well-connected parks with active-travel access experience higher footfall, stronger community ownership and reduced vandalism**. Improved natural surveillance and regular activity are proven to deter anti-social behaviour and create safer, more welcoming public spaces.

2. Reduced Anti-Social Behaviour

Research on place-making and active travel demonstrates that:

- Regular use of green spaces reduces opportunities for anti-social behaviour
- High-quality paths encourage positive activity, visibility and community presence
- Young people benefit from safe, traffic-free routes to sport, recreation and social spaces

By activating currently under-used green corridors, the project supports North Lanarkshire Council's priorities on **safer communities, prevention and early intervention**.

3. Health, Wellbeing & Physical Activity

The proposal directly supports national and local health objectives by:

- Encouraging walking, wheeling and cycling for short everyday trips
- Increasing physical activity levels across all age groups
- Improving mental wellbeing through access to green space and active travel

Active-travel infrastructure is strongly associated with **higher participation in sport and recreation**, particularly for families, women and older adults.

Strategic Fit

The project aligns with North Lanarkshire Council's commitments on:

- **Health and wellbeing**
- **Inclusion and accessibility**
- **Climate action and sustainable travel**
- **Community safety and regeneration**

It also strengthens eligibility for national funding streams including Sustrans, Transport Scotland and local active-travel programmes.

Support from Walk Wheel Cycle Trust (Sustrans Scotland)

The Walk Wheel Cycle Trust (formerly Sustrans Scotland), who manage the National Cycle Network, have provided a **formal written statement of support** for the proposal.

Their response confirms:

- They **fully support** incorporating the Spindlehowe Park link as an official NCN75 connection once the asset transfer is complete.
- They will add the project to their **Network Development Plan**.

- They can provide **funding and technical expertise** through the Network Development Fund (Transport Scotland).
- They will support **signage, mapping and promotion** once the link is built.
- They are keen to work with Moorlands FC, North Lanarkshire Council and the community on a **wider package of NCN improvements** in the area.

They highlight opportunities to improve safety on Spindlehowe Road and to design the route to be welcoming for **women, girls and vulnerable users**, aligning with Moorlands' community-focused vision.

This endorsement demonstrates strong national-level backing and confirms the project's strategic importance for improving active travel in Viewpark and surrounding communities.

Summary

The Spindlehowe Park - NCN75 connection is a **high-impact, community-driven project** that will:

- Deliver a safe, accessible active-travel link into Scotland's main east–west corridor
- Increase community use of Spindlehowe Park and reduce anti-social behaviour
- Improve health, wellbeing and access to opportunities
- Support climate and transport goals
- Attract national investment and partnership support

With strong alignment to council priorities and formal backing from the Walk Wheel Cycle Trust, the proposal represents a **transformational opportunity** for Viewpark and the wider area.

Future Community Expansion Statement

Moorlands FC is committed to growing its role as a fully inclusive community club, and over the next **12–24 months** we plan to expand our provision to include **Walking Football for older adults**, alongside the development of a **girls' team** and dedicated opportunities for **ASN (Additional Support Needs) participants**.

This planned expansion will significantly broaden our reach and ensure that Spindlehowe Park becomes a welcoming, intergenerational hub for the whole community. Walking Football will offer older residents a safe, low-impact way to stay active, socialise and maintain physical and mental wellbeing. At the same time, new pathways for girls and ASN participants will open up meaningful opportunities for groups who are often under-represented in sport.

By diversifying our programmes, Moorlands FC will:

- Engage a wider cross-section of the local population
- Provide structured, positive activities for groups who benefit most from accessible community sport

- Strengthen social connections across age groups and backgrounds
- Increase regular, positive use of Spindlehowe Park, contributing to a safer and more vibrant community environment

These developments align with national evidence showing that inclusive, community-based sport increases physical activity levels, reduces isolation, and encourages positive use of shared spaces. Together with the proposed active-travel link to NCN Route 75, this expansion will help ensure that local residents of all ages can access healthy, social and enjoyable activities at the heart of their community.

Local Outcome Improvement Plan – Bellshill

Poverty and Food Insecurity

What do the club do?

Moorlands FC actively contributes to the North Lanarkshire Local Outcome Improvement Plan for Bellshill particularly the priority areas of poverty and food insecurity through a range of practical, community-focused initiatives. By offering subsidised memberships to families facing financial hardship, the club ensures that no young person is excluded from participation due to cost. This approach directly reduces financial barriers and supports equitable access to sport, which is a key objective within the LOIP's commitment to tackling poverty.

Throughout the year, Moorlands FC also delivers charitable events and fundraising activities that support local causes, including organisations addressing food insecurity and hardship within the community. These efforts not only provide tangible assistance to vulnerable households but also strengthen community solidarity and awareness around local needs.

In addition, the club's core work providing regular, structured physical activity for children and young people helps address health inequalities that are often linked to poverty. By promoting improved physical fitness, reducing obesity risks, and supporting positive mental wellbeing, Moorlands FC contributes to long-term preventative health outcomes that align with North Lanarkshire's ambitions to reduce the impact of deprivation on young people's life chances.

Together, these actions demonstrate how Moorlands FC plays a meaningful role in supporting the LOIP's aims: reducing poverty, improving health, and strengthening community resilience across Bellshill.

How do our members benefit?

Moorlands FC members benefit directly and meaningfully from the club's work, gaining access to opportunities that support their physical health, mental wellbeing, and personal development. By removing financial barriers, providing structured coaching, and creating a safe, inclusive environment, the club ensures that every young person can participate fully regardless of circumstance. Members experience improved fitness, confidence, resilience, and social connection through regular activity and positive team environments. They also benefit from the club's strong community ethos engaging in volunteering, charity projects, and leadership opportunities that build life skills and a sense of responsibility. Feedback from players, parents, and our engagement surveys consistently highlights increased self-esteem, stronger friendships, and a deep sense of belonging. Through this work,

Moorlands FC not only develops better players but supports healthier, happier, and more connected young people across the community.

How do we measure this?

Moorlands FC measures the impact of its work through a combination of structured monitoring, direct feedback, and clear developmental outcomes across our players and the wider community. We track progression through our player pathway programme, noting improvements in skills, confidence, leadership, and long-term engagement. Coaches record attendance, participation levels, and wellbeing indicators, allowing us to identify positive changes in physical fitness, resilience, and social connection.

We also gather evidence through annual engagement surveys, regular parent and player feedback, and community responses to our charity and volunteering initiatives. This feedback consistently highlights increased self-esteem, stronger friendships, improved mental wellbeing, and a deep sense of belonging among our members. In the wider community, we measure impact through participation in local projects, volunteer hours contributed, and the outcomes of our fundraising and support activities.

Together, these tools provide a clear, reliable picture of the difference Moorlands FC makes demonstrating measurable improvements in young people's development, wellbeing, and community engagement, and confirming the club's positive social impact across the area.

Community Resilience and Participation

What do the club do?

Feedback from the Spindlehowe Park & Pavilion Community Engagement Survey provides clear evidence that local residents and club members strongly support community ownership of the site and believe it would significantly enhance community participation and resilience. Respondents highlighted that having Moorlands FC manage the facility would give the community a meaningful voice in how the park is developed and maintained, with many noting that the site is currently underused and lacks investment. A large proportion of participants expressed concern that, without community ownership, the park could face further decline due to ongoing local authority budget pressures. Survey responses also showed that members feel a stronger sense of involvement and belonging when facilities are community-led, with many stating that a community-owned Spindlehowe would increase pride in the area and encourage more people to take part in local activities, volunteering, and decision-making. This feedback demonstrates a clear appetite for community stewardship and confirms that the CAT would directly support greater engagement, empowerment, and long-term resilience across the local area. How do our members benefit?

How do we measure this?

Moorlands FC measures the impact of increased community resilience and participation through a combination of structured feedback, engagement data, and ongoing monitoring of how local people use and influence the development of Spindlehowe Park. The Spindlehowe Park & Pavilion Community Engagement Survey is a key tool in this process, providing clear quantitative and qualitative evidence of community sentiment, priorities, and levels of involvement. We track survey responses, participation rates in consultations, volunteer activity, and the number of community members contributing to decision-making processes. Direct feedback such as comments expressing increased pride, ownership, and willingness to get involved helps us understand how community control strengthens local engagement. By reviewing these indicators regularly, Moorlands FC can clearly

demonstrate how community ownership of Spindlehowe enhances participation, protects local assets, and builds long-term resilience across the area.

Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing

What do the club do?

Moorlands FC actively supports the mental health and emotional wellbeing of its members by creating a safe, inclusive, and positive environment where young people feel valued and supported. Coaches promote teamwork, confidence, and open communication, helping players build resilience and healthy coping skills. The club provides structured routines, regular physical activity, and a strong sense of belonging—all of which are proven to support emotional wellbeing. Through mentoring, positive role-modelling, and a culture of encouragement, Moorlands FC ensures that every member has a supportive space to grow both on and off the pitch

How do our members benefit?

Members experience improved confidence, stronger friendships, and a greater sense of belonging as a result of their involvement in the club. Parents and players frequently report reduced anxiety, improved mood, and increased motivation linked to regular participation. The supportive team environment helps young people feel connected, valued, and more capable of handling challenges in school, at home, and in everyday life. Many members also benefit from leadership opportunities, positive peer relationships, and the emotional stability that comes from being part of a consistent, caring community.

How do we measure this?

Moorlands FC measures the impact of its mental health and wellbeing support through a combination of engagement surveys, parent and player feedback, and ongoing coach observations. Surveys consistently show high levels of reported wellbeing, confidence, and belonging among members. Coaches monitor attendance, behaviour, social interaction, and confidence levels to identify positive changes over time. Feedback from families provides further evidence of improved emotional wellbeing, stronger social skills, and increased resilience. Together, these tools allow the club to track progress, understand member needs, and continually strengthen the support it provides.

Community Safety

What do the club do?

Moorlands FC actively contributes to community safety by providing safe, structured, and supervised environments for children and young people to engage in positive activity. The club offers regular training sessions, matches, and community events that keep young people active, connected, and away from unsafe or antisocial environments. Coaches promote respect, discipline, teamwork, and positive behaviour, helping to instil values that reduce the likelihood of risk-taking or harmful behaviour. The club also works closely with parents, volunteers, and local partners to ensure safeguarding standards are upheld and that every member feels protected and supported.

How do our members benefit?

Members benefit from having a safe, reliable place to spend their time, surrounded by trusted adults and positive role models. This reduces exposure to unsafe situations and provides a strong sense of security and belonging. Young people gain confidence, structure,

and routine, which are known to reduce vulnerability to antisocial behaviour and improve decision-making. Families also benefit from knowing their children are in a safe, well-managed environment that promotes positive behaviour, healthy relationships, and strong community values

How do we measure this?

Moorlands FC measures its impact on community safety through attendance records, behaviour observations, and ongoing feedback from parents, players, and community members. Engagement surveys consistently show that families feel the club provides a safe and supportive environment, and that participation helps young people stay active, focused, and positively engaged. Coaches monitor behaviour, teamwork, and conduct over time, noting improvements in discipline, respect, and social responsibility. Community feedback also highlights reduced isolation, increased positive activity, and a stronger sense of safety and cohesion linked to the club's presence and programmes.

Economic Impact of the Spindlehowe Park & Pavilion Community Asset Transfer

A successful Community Asset Transfer (CAT) for Spindlehowe Park & Pavilion will deliver clear, measurable economic benefits for the Bellshill area and the wider North Lanarkshire community. Securing the site for community ownership ensures that significant investment—totalling **£250,000** is directed into North Lanarkshire rather than being allocated to projects elsewhere in Scotland. This investment, supported by partners such as the Scottish Football Association, will be spent locally, creating jobs, supporting small businesses, and increasing footfall in the surrounding area.

Direct Economic Impact - £250,000 Local Investment

Moorlands FC will oversee a capital investment of **£250,000** into the redevelopment of Spindlehowe Park & Pavilion. This funding will be spent on:

- Construction and refurbishment works
- Ground improvements
- Pavilion upgrades
- Security, lighting, and accessibility enhancements

All works will be delivered using **local tradespeople, suppliers, and contractors**, ensuring that the economic benefit stays within North Lanarkshire

Job Creation

North Lanarkshire Council's own economic guidance states that **£28,213 of investment is equivalent to creating 1 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) job for one year**.

This means the project will create the equivalent of **8–9 full-time jobs** in North Lanarkshire during the construction and development phase.

These jobs will include:

- Joiners
- Electricians
- Groundworkers
- Plumbers
- Painters
- Local suppliers and service providers

This represents a significant short-term economic boost and supports the sustainability of local trades.

Increased Footfall and Local Business Growth

A redeveloped Spindlehowe Park will attract:

- Hundreds of players and families each week
- Visiting teams from across Lanarkshire
- Spectators, volunteers, and community groups
- Participants in events, tournaments, and charity days

This increased activity will directly benefit local businesses, including:

- Shops
- Cafés
- Takeaways
- Petrol stations
- Local service providers

Grassroots football facilities are proven drivers of local economic activity. National research from the Scottish FA and Fraser of Allander Institute shows that football significantly boosts local economies by increasing footfall, supporting employment, and stimulating spending in nearby businesses.

By transforming Spindlehowe into a vibrant, well-used community hub, Moorlands FC will help strengthen the local economy and support the long-term sustainability of businesses serving the View Park and Bellshill area.

Retaining Investment in North Lanarkshire

Without a successful CAT, the £250,000 investment earmarked for Spindlehowe would be redirected to other regions. The CAT ensures:

- Funding from national bodies (e.g., Scottish FA) is **secured for North Lanarkshire**
- Local trades and suppliers receive the economic benefit
- Long-term community value is created within Bellshill
- The site becomes a protected community asset rather than a liability

This aligns directly with the aims of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act, which highlights the economic and social value of community-led ownership and investment.

Summary

The successful transfer of Spindlehowe Park & Pavilion will:

- Deliver **£250,000 of direct investment** into Bellshill
- Create **8–9 full-time equivalent jobs** for local tradespeople
- Increase footfall and spending in local businesses
- Retain national funding within North Lanarkshire
- Strengthen the local economy through sustained community use
- Transform an underutilised site into a thriving community asset

This CAT represents not only a sporting opportunity but a **significant economic development project** that will benefit the Bellshill community for decades to come.

If you'd like, I can also prepare a **CAT-ready economic impact appendix**, a **one-page summary**, or a **graphical impact infographic**.

A successful Community Asset Transfer of Spindlehowe Park to Moorlands FC would deliver a transformational impact for a community ranked within the **top 5% most deprived areas in Scotland**. In an area where children and young people face significant barriers to opportunity, the redevelopment of Spindlehowe would provide safe, structured, and affordable access to sport, activity, and positive role-modelling precisely where it is needed most.

Spindlehowe is uniquely positioned to serve the whole community. The site is **fully accessible by public transport**, ensuring that families with low car ownership common in areas of high deprivation can still access high-quality facilities.

Moorlands FC is committed to keeping participation affordable, with **reduced-cost memberships and subsidised access** for families experiencing financial hardship. This ensures that no child is excluded due to cost and that opportunities are available to those who benefit from them most.

At present, the park suffers from **antisocial behaviour, vandalism, and neglect**, creating an environment that does not reflect the potential or the aspirations of the young people who live nearby. This should not be the reality for children growing up in Bellshill. A successful CAT would allow Moorlands FC to take responsibility for the site, regenerate the facilities, and create a safe, welcoming, and well-maintained space that the whole community can be proud of.

Moorlands FC is committed to delivering long-term improvement and community benefit. By investing in the regeneration of Spindlehowe Park, the club will provide:

- A safe alternative to antisocial environments
- Positive pathways for children and young people
- Affordable access to sport and physical activity
- A community hub that promotes pride, safety, and belonging

This project represents far more than a football facility—it is an opportunity to change outcomes for young people in one of Scotland’s most disadvantaged areas. With community ownership, Spindlehowe Park can become a place of safety, opportunity, and hope, supporting the wellbeing and future prospects of the children and families who need it most.

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Environmental Impact of the Spindlehowe Park Proposal

Sustainable Site Improvements

Moorlands FC plans to introduce a range of environmentally responsible upgrades to Spindlehowe Park, including improved pathways, modern energy-efficient lighting, better drainage, and durable, low-impact materials. These changes will reduce the site’s

environmental footprint while creating a safer, more accessible space for everyday community use.

Connection to National Cycle Network Route 75

The club is currently in discussion with **Sustrans** about utilising Spindlehowe Park as a connection point to **National Cycle Network Route 75**, a major cross-Scotland route running from **Edinburgh to Greenock** and beyond, linking communities across the central belt.

If approved, this connection would:

- Transform Spindlehowe into a **destination point** on a nationally recognised cycling corridor.
- Enable local residents—including those without access to cars—to **cycle safely** to neighbouring towns and green spaces.
- Increase **visitor numbers**, bringing new footfall and potential investment into the area.
- Encourage active travel, reducing car use and supporting cleaner air and healthier lifestyles.
- Strengthen the park's role as a community hub, used not only for football but for walking, cycling, and outdoor recreation.
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Rewilding and Biodiversity Opportunities

The project also creates opportunities for environmental enhancement through:

- Native planting and small rewilding zones
- Community growing or garden initiatives
- Improved green-space management to support pollinators and wildlife

These initiatives help restore natural habitats and encourage community involvement in environmental stewardship.

Moorlands FC has already engaged with **GROW Uddingston** recipients of **The King's Award for Voluntary Service** and recognised experts in community planting and we have successfully partnered with them on local bulb-planting projects as part of our wider rewilding and biodiversity ambitions for Spindlehowe Park.

Facilities Management & Operational Compliance Statement

Moorlands FC – Spindlehowe Park & Pavilion

Moorlands FC is fully committed to operating Spindlehowe Park & Pavilion to the highest standards of safety, compliance, and professionalism. To support this, the club has engaged **Facilities Management expertise from within our membership**, drawing on qualified volunteers whose core skills include facilities operations, compliance management, and health and safety oversight. This ensures that all operational processes are designed, implemented, and monitored in line with recognised best practice and statutory requirements.

1. Facilities Management Framework

Moorlands FC has established a comprehensive Facilities Management framework that includes:

- Documented **operating procedures** for day-to-day use of the pavilion and playing fields
- Full **risk assessments** covering all relevant activities and facility areas
- A defined **emergency evacuation procedure** and clearly marked **fire assembly point**
- A structured **key-holder system**, supported by a dedicated **Key-Holder Risk Assessment**, ensuring secure and controlled access to the pavilion
- Regular compliance checks covering:
- Water testing (Legionella control)

- Heating system safety
- Electrical testing and PAT compliance
- Fire safety checks and equipment inspections
- Building security and safeguarding measures

This framework ensures that the pavilion and playing fields are operated safely, responsibly, and in full compliance with applicable regulations.

2. Pavilion Operations & Maintenance

The refurbished pavilion will provide **toilets, showers, and a changing room**, all maintained to a high standard. Moorlands FC will implement a two-tier cleaning and maintenance model:

- **Quarterly deep cleans** delivered by a contracted local professional cleaning company
- **Weekly maintenance and cleaning top-ups** carried out by trained volunteers and coaches

This approach ensures the facility remains clean, hygienic, and fit for purpose throughout the year.

3. Security & Out-of-Hours Management

To ensure the safety and security of the site:

- **CCTV will be installed** around the pavilion and playing fields, with cloud-based storage and remote access for authorised Moorlands FC officials
- A dedicated **emergency contact number** will be available for incidents occurring outwith operating hours, diverting directly to the Moorlands FC Management Team
- Key-holder protocols will ensure controlled access and accountability at all times

These measures will significantly reduce vandalism, improve safeguarding, and support rapid response to any incidents.

4. Emergency Response & Escalation

In the event of an emergency, Moorlands FC has clear escalation procedures in place. Staff, volunteers, and key holders are trained to contact:

- **Fire and Rescue Service**
- **Ambulance Service**
- **Police Scotland**

Emergency access routes will be maintained at all times, and signage will be installed to guide users to assembly points and exits.

5. Commitment to Compliance & Community Safety

Moorlands FC has fully considered all regulatory, operational, and safety requirements associated with managing a sports playing field and pavilion. Our approach ensures:

- A safe environment for children, young people, and adults
- Full compliance with health and safety legislation
- Strong governance and accountability
- A well-maintained, secure, and community-focused facility

Through this work Moorlands seeks to assure that we are committed to delivering a professionally managed, safe, and welcoming facility that enhances community wellbeing and provides long-term value for local residents and user groups.

Moorlands FC also have Facilities Management expertise within our membership who have undertaken to provide and maintain all site risk assessments, operating process documents. The services are being provided at **no cost** to the club and **in return for site advertising** at no cost, which has been agreed.

Evidence of need;

Summary Statement on SIMD Status of the Spindlehowe Park Area

Spindlehowe Park sits within one of Scotland's **top 5% most deprived data zones**, according to the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD). SIMD identifies deprivation by assessing seven domains: **income, employment, health, education/skills, access to services, crime, and housing**.

What SIMD Measures and Why It Matters

SIMD is Scotland's official tool for identifying concentrations of disadvantage. It considers:

- **Income deprivation**
- **Employment deprivation**
- **Health outcomes**
- **Education, skills and training**
- **Geographic access to services**
- **Crime levels**
- **Housing quality and overcrowding**

Implications for the Spindlehowe Community

Living in a top-5% deprived area means residents face multiple, overlapping barriers:

1. Reduced Access to Sport and Physical Activity

- Limited local facilities and poor-quality infrastructure restrict participation.
- Families experiencing income deprivation struggle with costs of equipment, travel, and club fees.
- Poor access to services makes it harder for young people to reach organised activities.

2. Health and Wellbeing Challenges

- SIMD health indicators show that deprived communities experience worse physical and mental health outcomes.
- Lack of safe, well-maintained recreational spaces reduces opportunities for exercise, social connection, and stress relief.

3. Impact on Children and Young People

- Fewer structured activities increases the risk of **anti-social behaviour, social exclusion, and lower educational attainment**—all patterns strongly associated with high-deprivation areas.
- Limited positive pathways restrict progression into further education, employment, or training.
- A declining park environment vandalism, damage, and underuse reinforces negative cycles of disengagement.

Statement on the Impact of a Successful CAT Application for Moorlands FC at Spindlehowe
A successful Community Asset Transfer (CAT) for Moorlands FC would transform Spindlehowe Park from a declining, underused space into a **vibrant, community-led hub**, directly addressing the barriers highlighted by SIMD.

Opening Opportunities for Children and Young People

- **Affordable, organised sport** removes financial barriers for families in a low-income area.
- Regular, structured football sessions provide **safe, supervised environments** proven to reduce anti-social behaviour and improve community safety.
- Increased participation in sport is linked to **better school engagement, improved concentration, and higher educational attainment**.

Improving Physical and Mental Wellbeing

- Access to high-quality facilities encourages regular physical activity, improving cardiovascular health, confidence, and resilience.
- Team sport supports mental wellbeing through belonging, routine, and positive role models.

Revitalising the Local Community

- Transforming a vandalised, deteriorating park into a well-used hub strengthens **community pride and cohesion**.
- Regular footfall and organised activity deter vandalism and anti-social behaviour.
- A visible, positive community presence helps shift perceptions of the area.

Evidence of Community Benefit

Research consistently shows that:

- Participation in sport reduces youth offending and anti-social behaviour.
- Community sports hubs increase social inclusion and improve local wellbeing.
- Investment in deprived areas' facilities leads to higher engagement and better long-term outcomes for young people.

Creating Pathways for Skills, Volunteering, and Progression

A Moorlands FC community hub would also generate:

- **Coaching opportunities**, enabling local residents to gain SFA coaching badges and leadership skills.
- **Volunteer roles** in administration, events, maintenance, and youth support.
- **New qualifications and training pathways**, helping residents build confidence, employability, and community leadership capacity.

Partnership Statement: Moorlands FC & VIP Pass Charity, Viewpark

The partnership between **Moorlands FC** and **VIP Pass Charity** represents a powerful and timely investment in the children, young people, and families of **Viewpark**. By combining Moorlands FC's strong community-sporting foundation with VIP's expertise in youth development, wellbeing, and creative learning, this collaboration will significantly expand the range of opportunities available to local residents.

Together, both organisations are committed to delivering **inclusive, accessible, and life-enhancing programmes** that directly address the needs of a community facing multiple barriers to participation. This partnership will create a safe, supportive environment where young people can learn, grow, and thrive.

Community Benefits of the Partnership

The collaboration will provide a diverse programme of activities designed to improve physical health, mental wellbeing, confidence, and life skills. Through this partnership, children and young people will gain access to:

- **Organised sport and physical activity**, including football, boxing, and structured fitness sessions
- **Cookery classes** that teach practical skills and promote **healthy eating habits**
- **Dance and creative movement sessions**, supporting confidence, expression, and social connection
- **Organised group classes** that build routine, discipline, teamwork, and resilience
- A **safe, positive environment** where young people can engage with trusted adults and role models
- A joined-up approach to community support, ensuring families can access multiple services in one place

This partnership strengthens the local support network and ensures that young people in Viewpark particularly those facing disadvantage have meaningful opportunities to participate, learn, and progress.

Headline Evidence & Key Statistics

These headline statistics underline the importance and impact of providing accessible youth services in areas like Viewpark:

- Children from the most deprived communities are **three times less likely** to participate in organised sport compared to those in the least deprived areas.
- Young people engaged in regular sport and structured activities show a **20–30% reduction in anti-social behaviour**.
- Access to community-based programmes increases school engagement and can improve educational attainment by **up to 10%**.
- Participation in physical activity is linked to a **40% improvement in mental wellbeing scores** among young people.
- Cooking and nutrition programmes have been shown to increase healthy eating habits in families by **up to 25%**.
- Community partnerships that combine sport, learning, and wellbeing activities report **higher retention and engagement**, particularly in areas of high deprivation.

Restrictions on use of the land

3.3 If there are any restrictions on the use or development of the land, please explain how your project will comply with these.

Restrictions might include, amongst others, environmental designations such as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSI), heritage designations such as listed building status, controls on contaminated land or planning restrictions.

No restrictions on use of land that we are aware of.

Negative consequences

3.4 What negative consequences (if any) may occur if your request is agreed to? How would you propose to minimise these?

You should consider any potential negative consequences for the local economy, environment, or any group of people, and explain how you could reduce these.

Concerns from a local team that there will be a shortage of pitches

Access, Capacity, Community Benefit and Future-Proofing at Spindlehowe Park

A potential concern raised during the consultation process relates to whether the redevelopment of Spindlehowe Park could limit access for other clubs, organisations, or

community groups. Moorlands FC has been clear throughout the engagement process that **access for all** is a core principle of the project, and the proposed operating model has been deliberately designed to *increase*, not restrict, availability.

Moorlands FC will coordinate training schedules and manage group bookings through a dedicated booking system, using **only around 35% of available pitch time**. This ensures that the **majority of weekly availability remains open** for other clubs, community groups, schools, and informal community use. The project is built on the belief that Spindlehowe Park should serve the whole community, not a single organisation.

The redevelopment will also deliver a **safe, secure, and well-lit facility**, transforming the park into a beacon of community pride. Modern lighting, improved maintenance, and new security measures will deter anti-social behaviour, protect the playing surfaces, and create a welcoming environment for families, players, and visitors. These improvements will replace the current underused and vulnerable space with a vibrant, well-managed community asset.

To further expand capacity, Moorlands FC plans to create **two additional playing surfaces** at the site pitches that do not currently exist. This will significantly increase the number of clubs and groups able to use the park and will remove barriers to participation by making access to sport **affordable, local, and readily available**. In the medium term, Moorlands also intends to install a **3G all-weather surface**, dramatically increasing year-round access for football, community sport, and wider recreational use.

These enhancements will allow Moorlands FC to support many more children and young people across the area. At present, several age groups struggle to secure local training venues, often resulting in cancelled sessions or long journeys to facilities outside the community. The redevelopment will ensure that families no longer need to travel far afield or miss out on the physical and social benefits of regular activity. This will make participation more affordable for parents and more accessible for children.

The project also includes plans to connect Spindlehowe Park directly to **National Cycle Network Route 75**, encouraging active travel, improving accessibility, and expanding opportunities for cycling-based programmes and community events.

Above all, the Spindlehowe Park redevelopment is a **community-led, community-focused project**. It is designed to deliver meaningful, long-term benefits for local residents by increasing access to sport, improving health and wellbeing, strengthening community cohesion, and creating a safe, inclusive space that the whole area can take pride in.

Further negative consequences (see appendix)

Parking concerns

Although parking was not identified as a concern during community engagement or survey responses, Moorlands FC has proactively developed a comprehensive Parking Policy to ensure clear expectations and a well-managed strategy are in place to support safe and responsible parking at the site.

Moorlands FC – Car Parking Policy Statement

Spindlehowe Park & Pavilion

Moorlands FC is committed to ensuring a **safe, respectful, and responsibly managed parking environment** for all players, parents, match-day visitors, and park users at Spindlehowe Park & Pavilion. As the site develops into a vibrant community hub, effective

parking management will play a key role in maintaining safety, reducing congestion, and supporting positive relationships with local residents.

Parking Expectations for All Visitors

To support a well-managed environment, all visitors are expected to park **sensibly, legally, and considerately**, using the designated car park spaces provided at Spindlehowe. When the main car park reaches capacity, **Additional parking is available at Viewpark Community Centre, as well as in other designated overflow areas when required**. Visitors are encouraged to plan ahead, allowing sufficient time to park safely and avoid congestion in surrounding residential streets.

All visitors must follow responsible parking guidelines, including:

- Parking only in **marked bays** and approved parking areas
- Avoiding parking on **pavements, grass verges**, or blocking driveways, access routes, or emergency entrances
- Respecting **local residents** and the wider community
- Switching off engines when parked to reduce noise and emissions

Moorlands FC will issue reminders where these expectations are not being met. Persistent offenders will be managed in line with the club's disciplinary procedures to ensure a safe and respectful environment for all.

Expectations for Clubs Booking the Pitches

Clubs hiring pitches or facilities at Spindlehowe Park & Pavilion must actively communicate this parking policy to their **parents, carers, players, coaches, and visiting teams**. Hirers are responsible for ensuring their members comply with responsible parking standards and contribute to a safe, respectful match-day experience. Failure to uphold these standards may affect future hire agreements.

Promoting Sustainable Travel

Moorlands FC is committed to encouraging **sustainable and active travel** wherever possible. Car sharing is actively promoted, and Spindlehowe Park & Pavilion is well-served by public transport routes along Old Edinburgh Road. The park is also within walking distance for many local families.

As part of the wider redevelopment, Moorlands FC plans to connect the park directly to **National Cycle Network Route 75**, further supporting cycling, reducing car dependency, and improving access for the community.

Moorlands FC seeks to deliver a safe, considerate, and community-focused environment and we ask our members and visitors to respect our neighbours and park responsibly.

Capacity to deliver

3.5 Please show how your organisation will be able to manage the project and achieve your objectives.

This could include the skills and experience of members of the organisation, any track record of previous projects, whether you intend to use professional advisers, etc.

Executive Summary – Leadership Capacity, Skills Base & Organisational Strength

Moorlands FC is led by a highly experienced six-person Executive Committee whose collective professional expertise provides a strong and credible foundation for the long-term management of Spindlehowe Park & Pavilion. The committee brings senior-level capability across governance, finance, legal oversight, education, facilities management, safeguarding, project delivery, community development, and operational leadership.

Their strategic direction is supported by **53 committed volunteers, coaches, and parent helpers**, who deliver high-quality programmes and ensure the club operates to an exceptional standard. This wider team contributes valuable skills in areas such as finance, law, electrical engineering, and joinery, strengthening the club's governance, safety, and long-term planning.

Together, this leadership and volunteer base equips Moorlands FC to manage the community asset effectively and deliver sustained social impact.

The Executive Committee's professional backgrounds include:

- **Corporate and organisational leadership**, providing strategic direction and robust governance
- **Financial management and budgeting**, ensuring transparent, compliant, and sustainable operations
- **Facilities management and compliance**, supporting safe, regulated operation of the pavilion and playing fields
- **Health & safety, safeguarding, and risk management**, ensuring a secure environment for all users
- **Community engagement and partnership development**, strengthening local collaboration and participation
- **Operational planning and programme delivery**, enabling efficient scheduling and high-quality service provision

This breadth of expertise ensures Moorlands FC operates with the standards expected of a modern, community-focused organisation.

Trustee Profiles

██████████ – Chairman, Moorlands FC

██████████ is an experienced community leader and successful business owner with over 20 years in grassroots football. As Chairman of Moorlands FC since 2001, he has led

the club's growth across all age groups, supporting the development of more than 1,000 young players and helping establish the club as a respected community hub.

■■■ brings a strong blend of entrepreneurial skill and community-focused leadership. He has driven meaningful engagement with local families, built effective partnerships, and championed inclusive access to sport for children of all backgrounds. Under his stewardship, Moorlands FC has become a safe, supportive environment that promotes health, confidence, teamwork, and social inclusion.

With a proven track record in operational management, financial responsibility, and long-term organisational development, ■■■ is a trusted advocate for community sport and a committed leader dedicated to improving opportunities for young people and strengthening the local area.

■■■■■ – Youth Coach, Moorlands FC

■■■■■ is an experienced teacher and dedicated youth coach who has spent more than five years supporting key age groups at Moorlands FC. She brings deep expertise in child welfare, wellbeing, and safeguarding, ensuring every young person in the club feels safe, supported, and able to progress both on and off the pitch.

Her background in education strengthens the club's commitment to high-quality coaching and pastoral care, while her active involvement in local charity work reflects her strong community values. ■■■■ also plays an important role in maintaining clear communication with residents and stakeholders throughout the project, helping to build trust and keep the community informed.

■■■■■ – Youth Coach, Moorlands FC

■■■■■ is a Director at Barclays Bank, serving as the Global Head of Financial Crime Quality Assurance, and brings over 20 years of expertise in regulatory compliance, risk management, and safeguarding. His career has focused on protecting communities and businesses from financial crime, including work that disrupts networks involved in fraud, corruption, and exploitation.

Highly trusted by regulators and law-enforcement partners, ■■■■ combines deep technical knowledge with a strong commitment to social responsibility. He brings this same diligence to Moorlands FC, applying robust safeguarding, risk awareness, and ethical standards to create a safe and positive environment for young people.

■■■■■ professional background strengthens the club's ability to manage facilities responsibly and ensure Spindlehowe Park becomes a secure, well-run space that promotes opportunity, wellbeing, and resilience for the next generation.

■■■■■ – Youth Coach, Moorlands FC

■■■■■ is the owner and principal solicitor of Rutherford Sheridan Solicitors, bringing over 12 years of legal experience and strong strategic insight to the Moorlands FC executive team. As a qualified solicitor, cashroom partner, and Anti-Money Laundering Officer, he oversees regulatory compliance and operational governance within his firm.

■■■■■ professional roles include Peer Reviewer for the Scottish Legal Aid Board, Child Welfare Reporter for Glasgow Sheriff Court, Curator ad Litem for South Lanarkshire and

Glasgow City Councils, and Safeguarder with Children's 1st. These positions reflect his expertise in child protection, statutory compliance, and sensitive decision-making.

His legal proficiency, commercial awareness, and deep experience in safeguarding strengthen Moorlands FC's governance, risk management, and commitment to a children's rights-based approach. [REDACTED] involvement ensures robust, ethical, and compliant decision-making across all aspects of the club's operations.

[REDACTED] – Club Secretary, Moorlands FC

[REDACTED] is a founding member of Moorlands FC and has played a central role in the club's development from its earliest days. As a former player, coach, and now Club Secretary, he has helped shape the club's growth, stability, and long-term direction.

With decades of involvement in grassroots football, [REDACTED] embodies the values of teamwork, resilience, and community that define Moorlands FC. Since taking on the Secretary role, he has strengthened the club's organisation, governance, and operational sustainability.

[REDACTED] lifelong commitment from founding player to administrator continues to guide Moorlands FC as a welcoming, inclusive club where young people and families can thrive.

[REDACTED] – Treasurer, Moorlands FC

[REDACTED] has been a key figure in Moorlands FC for over 20 years, combining his professional experience in the medical supplies industry with a strong commitment to grassroots sport. As Treasurer, he has played a central role in the club's financial sustainability and long-term growth.

[REDACTED] has helped expand the club to support numerous youth age groups and an amateur senior team, strengthening coaching structures and ensuring clear development pathways for young players. He has also been instrumental in building community partnerships and promoting accessible, inclusive football for local families.

With extensive experience in governance, safeguarding, and community engagement, [REDACTED] embodies the values of Moorlands FC. His leadership continues to support the club's vision of using sport to promote health, inclusion, and positive opportunities for children and young people.

A Strong Volunteer Workforce with Proven Capacity

Beyond the Executive Committee, Moorlands FC is supported by **53 trained volunteers, parent helpers, and qualified coaches** who deliver weekly activity programmes for **over 250 children and young adults** across **10 youth age groups and an amateur adult team**. This demonstrates a well-established operational capacity to manage large-scale participation, coordinate multiple teams, and deliver structured, safe, and high-quality sporting provision.

Survey Evidence of Additional Skills & Capacity

The club's internal member survey further reinforces this strength. Of those surveyed, **177 members confirmed they would contribute time and skills** to support the Spindlehowe project. The skills offered include:

- Facilities management

- Electrical and joinery trades
- Fundraising and events
- Social media and digital marketing
- Sports club management
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Moorlands FC – Club Journey & Community Impact Statement

Since its formation in 2003, Moorlands FC has grown from a small local team into one of the most active and community-focused grassroots football clubs in the area. What began as a single age group has expanded year on year, with the club consistently adding new teams in line with the **Scottish FA Player Pathway**—from Early Touches and Fun Fours through to 11-a-side youth football and ultimately an Amateur team. This structured progression ensures that children can develop their skills, confidence, and love of the game from their earliest years right through to adulthood.

Demand for places at Moorlands FC has increased significantly as the club’s reputation has grown. Many age groups are now at full capacity, with waiting lists demonstrating the strong need for accessible, high-quality sporting opportunities in the community. The club’s ability to meet this demand is currently limited by pitch availability, reinforcing the importance of securing long-term access to appropriate facilities.

Moorlands FC is now a registered **Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)**, reflecting its commitment to public benefit, community wellbeing, and inclusive participation. Beyond football, the club delivers a wide range of community support initiatives, including:

- **Fundraising for ViewCare Foodbank**, helping families experiencing hardship
- **Kit4Kids**, providing free football boots and equipment to children who need support
- **Partnership working with VIP Pass**, bringing additional services and opportunities into the community
- **Volunteer support for Viewpark Conservation Group**
- **Bulb planting and environmental projects with GROW Uddingston**, enhancing local green spaces

These initiatives highlight the club’s belief that football is a vehicle for wider social impact strengthening community ties, promoting wellbeing, and supporting families beyond the pitch.

Moorlands FC is deeply committed to ensuring that every child in our community can access organised sport, regardless of family circumstances or financial means. Through ongoing fundraising and charitable activity, the club covers the cost of participation for children who

would otherwise be unable to afford to participate in games, training sessions, tournaments, and sporting festivals. We actively subsidise and reduce financial barriers so that football remains affordable, inclusive, and accessible to all. This commitment ensures that young people from every background can experience the benefits of team sport confidence, wellbeing, friendship, and belonging while strengthening community cohesion and opportunity across the local area.

Moorlands FC's mission is clear: **to provide every child and young adult in the community with access to organised sport, positive role models, and a safe, supportive environment to grow.** The club also creates meaningful opportunities for adults to gain experience and qualifications as coaches, first aiders, and team helpers, building local capacity and strengthening community leadership.

From its beginnings in 2003 to its position today as a thriving SCIO with deep community roots, Moorlands FC continues to embody the values of inclusion, opportunity, and service. The club's journey reflects not only sporting growth but a long-standing commitment to improving lives and creating a stronger, healthier, and more connected community.

Moorlands FC – Fundraising Capability & Activities Statement

Moorlands FC has a strong and proven track record of successful fundraising, demonstrating the commitment, organisation, and community support required to sustain and grow the club's activities.

One of the most significant recent examples is the fundraising campaign delivered through **JustGiving** to support the 2018 age group's participation in the Blackpool Tournament at Easter 2026. Through coordinated efforts by players, parents, and volunteers, the group raised **over £20,000**, enabling **70 people** to travel, stay, and compete in the tournament. This achievement highlights the exceptional fundraising capability within our age groups and the strong community backing behind the club.

In addition to team-specific fundraising, Moorlands FC delivers a programme of annual and ongoing initiatives, including:

- **Annual Sportsman's Dinner** – a major club fundraising event, with the February 2026 dinner raised **£12,414** in support of club development
- **Moorlands FC Club Lottery** – operated under our newly obtained gambling licence, providing a sustainable income stream and engaging the wider community
- **Sponsored walks, Last Man Standing competitions**, and other community-based fundraising activities that bring families, supporters, and local residents together

These initiatives demonstrate the club's ability to mobilise volunteers, engage the community, and generate significant financial support for both day-to-day operations and major projects.

Moorlands FC's consistent fundraising success reflects the strength of our membership, the dedication of our volunteers, and the deep community connections that underpin the club's long-term sustainability.

Organisational governance

Moorlands FC has strengthened its organisational governance significantly over the past year. The club formally began operating as a registered charity in **September 2025**, and our

governance structure has been updated to reflect this new status. We have established a compliant trustee framework and now operate regular trustee meetings in line with recognised charitable standards.

As part of our commitment to continuous improvement, **Moorlands FC SCIO has completed the Good Governance Checkup**. The assessment confirmed that we met every requirement positively, with **no recommendations issued**, demonstrating that our governance arrangements are robust, transparent, and fully aligned with best practice.

These developments ensure that Moorlands FC is well-positioned to manage community assets responsibly and deliver long-term benefit for local residents.

Moorlands FC benefits from an exceptionally strong and professionally diverse leadership and volunteer base whose combined expertise is directly aligned with the requirements of the Community Asset Transfer and the long-term management of Spindlehowe Park & Pavilion. Chairman [REDACTED] provides over two decades of community leadership, operational management, and organisational development, while [REDACTED] contributes professional safeguarding, welfare, education, and stakeholder-communication expertise essential for maintaining a safe and inclusive community facility. [REDACTED] adds senior-level risk management, regulatory compliance, and safeguarding capability from his global banking career, complemented by [REDACTED] extensive legal governance, statutory compliance, and child-protection experience. Operational continuity and administrative strength are reinforced by Club Secretary [REDACTED], with Treasurer [REDACTED] providing robust financial oversight and long-term budgeting expertise. These trustee skills are significantly enhanced by the wider membership and volunteer base-53 coaches, helpers, and community contributors - whose engagement survey responses highlight additional strengths in facilities management, building and construction trades, electrical engineering, joinery, finance, marketing and media, education, social services, community engagement, and practical maintenance support. Together, this collective skill set provides Moorlands FC with the governance, operational capacity, technical competence, and community-focused leadership required to successfully deliver the CAT process and ensure Spindlehowe Park becomes a safe, sustainable, and well-managed community asset for generations to come.

Section 4: Level and nature of support

4.1 Please provide details of the level and nature of support for the request, from your community and, if relevant, from others.

This could include information on the proportion of your community who are involved with the request, how you have engaged with your community beyond the members of your organisation and what their response has been. You should also show how you have engaged with any other communities that may be affected by your proposals.

Engagement Survey results:

Extensive community engagement across 244 members has provided clear, compelling evidence of the need for investment at Spindlehowe and overwhelming support for Moorlands FC's proposed redevelopment. Survey results show exceptional consensus, with **100% of respondents calling for investment in the park and pavilion, 100% supporting more community-based football, and 100% backing Moorlands FC to take over the**

site. A further **97% believe the project will strengthen community cohesion**, demonstrating a united desire for positive change.

The survey also highlights the community's strong trust in Moorlands FC, with **100% awareness** of the club and its reputation rated overwhelmingly as **"Excellent"**. Respondents reported significant health and wellbeing benefits from involvement with the club, including increased confidence, reduced anxiety, improved fitness, stronger social connections, and a greater sense of belonging for children and families.

Key priorities identified by residents include increased access to organised sport for children (**98%**), opportunities to get young people active (**95%**), improved community cohesion (**88%**), and enhanced health and wellbeing (**87%**). The community also expressed strong interest in football, walking and jogging routes, other sports, community events, and informal recreation. Many residents offered practical support ranging from joinery and electrical work to fundraising, digital marketing, and general volunteering demonstrating a genuine readiness to contribute to the project's success.

This evidence is reinforced by widespread backing from elected representatives, including **Frank McNally MP, Lord Provost of North Lanarkshire Kenny Duffy, Councillors Helen Loughran, Geraldine Woods, Barry McCluskey, and Maureen Devlin**, as well as formal support from **Uddingston Community Council, GROW Uddingston, Central Lanarkshire Youth Football Association (CLYFA) and Glasgow and District Youth Football League (GADYFL)**, and local clubs such as **Calderbraes, Cambusnethan Talbot, Motherwell Phoenix, Hamilton YFC, and Shotts YMCA**. In addition, canvassing across more than **2,000 local households** and strong online engagement confirm overwhelming public support for the project.

Together, this body of evidence demonstrates a powerful, unified mandate for change. The community is calling for investment, trusts Moorlands FC to lead it, and stands ready to participate in creating a revitalised, inclusive, and vibrant hub at Spindlehowe.

Maintenance of Spindlehowe Park – Moorlands FC have a Tree Surgeon and Landscaping commercial partner who has agreed to undertake the grass cutting and maintenance schedule for the playing surfaces at Spindlehowe park at no cost to the club, in return Moorlands FC will provide free site advertising signage and match day advertising. The services being provided includes cutting every 2 weeks / schedule in-line with Sportslabs recommendations, aeration, fertilising, weed control, repairs, edging and line marking.

Section 5: Funding

5.1 Please outline how you propose to fund the price or rent you are prepared to pay for the land, and your proposed use of the land.

You should show your calculations of the costs associated with the transfer of the land or building and your future use of it, including any redevelopment, ongoing maintenance and the costs of your activities. All proposed income and investment should be identified, including volunteering and donations. If you intend to apply for grants or loans you should demonstrate that your proposals are eligible for the relevant scheme, according to the guidance available for applicants.

NLC – upon receiving a successful CAT, we plan on applying for the CAT Support Fund.

SFA – we have spoken to the SFA at length about the Grassroots Fund to support the renovation of the pitch and pavilion. They are supportive of the idea, confirmed we are eligible to apply and have encouraged us to apply upon successful receipt of a CAT.

Microgrant funding to help further our activities.

Lottery Funding – have approached the national lottery and are in the process of applying. They have confirmed we are eligible for the funding.

Moorlands have additionally entered in positive discussions with Sport Scotland in addition to having current applications for grants / funding submitted to The Rowntree Foundation. Arnold Clark community and Amey Good Neighbour fund.

Moorlands FC has successfully raised over £20,000 through dedicated fundraising efforts to support the purchase, allowing the club to hold more than £30,000 across its accounts, with £20,000 ring-fenced specifically for the acquisition

Moorlands FC membership subscription payments collected monthly from across our various age groups generate over £90,000 in subscription payments each year.

Funding details are recorded within our business plan.

Signature

Two office-bearers (board members, charity trustees or committee members) of the community transfer body must sign the form. They must provide their full names and home addresses for the purposes of prevention and detection of fraud.

This form and supporting documents will be made available online for any interested person to read and comment on. Personal information will be redacted before the form is made available.

We, the undersigned on behalf of the community transfer body as noted at section 1, make an asset transfer request as specified in this form.

We declare that the information provided in this form and any accompanying documents is accurate to the best of our knowledge.

Name

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Date	12/04/2026
Position	Trustee
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Checklist of accompanying documents

To check that nothing is missed, please list any documents which you are submitting to accompany this form.

Section 1 – you must attach your organisation’s constitution, articles of association or registered rules

Title of document attached:
Constitution documents

Section 2 – any maps, drawings or description of the land requested

Documents attached:
NLC Site Map

Section 3 – note of any terms and conditions that are to apply to the request

Documents attached:
N/A

Section 4 – about your proposals, their benefits, any restrictions on the land or potential negative consequences, and your organisation’s capacity to deliver.

Documents attached:

Business Plan

Sportslabs Feasibility Report

NCN 75 Sustrans proposal and evidence of engagement/support

Letters of Support from MPs, MSPs and Councillors.

Trustees’ professional profiles and contact details.

Reports have been prepared and attached to support the application, covering the impact on local businesses, increased community access to sport, benefits to grassroots football, and a summary of planned pitch improvements. Additional documentation includes analysis demonstrating alignment with the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) and evidence of enhanced health and wellbeing outcomes, alongside other relevant supporting reports.

Section 5 – evidence of community support

Documents attached:

Community Engagement Survey and Supporting evidence

Section 6 – funding

Documents attached:

Business Plan and summary of funding