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Dear Mr Forde

SUBJECT: Strathaven Dynamo's Planning Application- 3G Football Pitch Kirkland Park Strathaven.

I write regarding the above following numerous representations from constituents. A number of concerns and questions have been raised as follows:

1. Who in the Education Department has authorised the removal of the £11 OK from the rebuild programme of Kirkland Park Primary School (which was apparently ring fenced to provide a MUGA pitch to be put in place in 2014) and re- allocated that money to support the building of a 3G pitch by Dynamo Football Club if planning consent is given.

3. Why is it widely being reported that the 3G option is the Council's preferred option?

The 3G pitch is 18 times the size of the MUGA pitch.

The MUGA pitch would be appropriate to Kirkland Primary and nursery school and for their exclusive use but a 3G pitch which the school would need to share with other users would certainly not be appropriate with its close proximity to the school and infant school. There is also the issue of child protection if the school had to share a 3G pitch.

I look forward to hearing from you

Yours sincerely

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