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Dear Mr McGlynn

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

I write regarding the above following numerous representations from constituents in Strathaven and should be grateful to receive a response to the following questions and concerns that have been raised:

1. When is Planning Application EK/09/0315 due to go before the Planning Committee?
2. Can you confirm the process by which the removal £110,000 dedicated to the rebuild programme of Kirkland Park Primary School (and which was apparently ring fenced to provide a MUGA pitch to be put in place in 2014) was authorised
4. Was a decision taken to re-allocate this funding to the proposal to build a 3G pitch by Dynamo Football Club and if so when was this decision taken?
5. What is the status of this planning application?
6. Do planning officials regard the 3G proposal as the preferred option?
7. Has a site visit been made by the planners.
8. Given that there are now at least 250 objectors to this planning application, what steps have the planning officer taken to mitigate the following concerns of the objectors:
 - a) that the 3G pitch will use 8,000 sq metres and will dominate Kirkland Park Primary school

- b) that the perimeter fencing and six floodlit towers will be out of character with the Primary and Nursery School in the parkland setting and
- c) that in addition it appears that the access, surrounding roads and parking would be inadequate to meet the needs of the number of users envisaged.
9. What conditions and or recommendations (if any) are being made to the applicant (Dynamo Football Club) for the 3G pitch?
10. How will the building of the 3G Pitch be financed and who will be responsible for, and manage and maintain the 3G pitch in the event of planning consent being granted?
11. Has there been any attempt to look at alternative sites bearing in mind that Kirkland Park is a priority green space in South Lanarkshire's local adopted plan and protected by the provision of ENV1 and 2?

I look forward to hearing from you.

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