PHOENIX (FORFAR) GYMNASTICS CLUB

Support Letters Common Good

**Respondent One**

**Please find comments submitted in support of the Forfar Phoenix common good application for the sale of the land to the club:**

**• Having a bespoke gymnastic training facility in Forfar will allow the club to expand in overall gymnast numbers allowing the children currently on the waiting list (200+) an opportunity to develop in gymnastics**

**• The club could increase the number and size of equipment available to their gymnasts allowing them to progress further in the sport. As the equipment would be permanently placed in the facility it would no longer be exposed to damage and excessive wear and tear due to the storage arrangements at the campus and the equipment constantly being dismantled.**

**• Having their own facility would allow a safer working environment for the coaches and gymnasts as there would be limited distractions (currently birthday parties, football coaching and trampolining) plus a larger area to develop bespoke classes.**

**• Improve educational experiences and the wellbeing of Phoenix’s advanced gymnasts who currently travel to the Dick McTaggart centre in Dundee, McTaggart is already operating at full capacity and there are waiting lists for further slots for clubs to train. The training times are provided by the centre and therefore gymnasts as young as 9 years old are travelling to Dundee to train late into the evening on school nights. These gymnasts are having to snack instead of sitting down to evening meals due to the timings of the classes and then they have to complete homework during the car journeys. Most of the gymnasts end up sleeping in the car on the way home due to the exhaustion of a busy school day and then late training in the evening.**

**• Reducing the travel time would have a positive impact on family, work-life balances, improve education and in turn allow the gymnasts to focus and then improve their gymnastics due to being less tired and stressed.**

**• Presently the gymnasts have to focus on core strength, range and conditioning during their allocated class times and at home as there is limited availability at the campus for bespoke classes, by having their own premises the club could expand with additional classes to help develop the competitive gymnasts further and help them reach the next level.**

**• Currently all gymnastic holiday programmes are held in Dundee and Aberdeen having a bespoke facility could allow full & part time working parents the opportunity to utilise a local holiday programme which would significantly help with child-care during school holidays.**

**• Having a bespoke fitness facility in Forfar would benefit the local community greatly as it provides further opportunity that will ensure our future generations are kept healthy and active.**

**• Bringing the facility into the centre of the town will also allow parents of gymnasts from out with Forfar to complete weekly food shops, have cars serviced and enjoy local eateries whilst the children train bringing further revenue into the community.**

**• The tennis courts are currently in a state of disrepair and a horrible eye sore by allowing this bespoke facility to be built it would tidy up the area and inject a new lease of life into the area.**

**Respondent Two**

**Dear Sir/Madam, in receipt of this mail, I would like to communicate my 100% support for the Common good land transfer of the former tennis courts and associated car parking, Craig o loch, Forfar to Phoenix Gymnastics club for the future use of a purpose built gymnastics facility.**

**As a local resident to Angus, both my daughters are members of this club and I regularly witness first hand, the benefit that this organisation provides to the community and also the professional manner in which it is run. Should the proposal get approved, I have no doubt that the club, the members and the community would greatly benefit. For the future success and growth of our local club and the well-being and opportunity for our children, I urge you to make this happen.**

**Thanks & Best regards**

**Respondent Three**

**I write in support of the above sale of common good land to Phoenix Forfar Gymnastics Club. As a parent of two children who attend classes with Phoenix I wholeheartedly support this application. The benefits this would bring to the kids and the club as a whole are unsurmountable. Having the ability to build their own club facility would be such a great thing for the club and the town and surrounding areas. It would provide the opportunity for many more kids to become involved in gymnastics and provide current gymnasts with more of an opportunity to further develop their skills with increased classes, specialist equipment and more time to train.**

Respondent Four

Representation of Common Good Land for

Pheonix Gymnastic Club Forfar

I think this is a fantastic opportunity for the young children of Forfar/Angus to have their very own purpose built gymnastic facility.

I support Shona and the club with moving forward with her plans for securing the Common Good Land at Forfar Loch and hope the application is successful.

Hopefully all the hard work and fundraising will pay off and the children will enjoy this facility for many years to come.