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ASSET TRANSFER UNDER THE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT ACT DECISION NOTICE - REFUSE

To: Mr Billy Anderson
Secretary
Kelburne Hockey and Community Sports Club
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Date of Notice: **30 August 2022**

This Decision Notice relates to the asset transfer request made by **Kelburne Hockey and Community Sports Club** validated on **20 May 2022** in relation to **Ralston Community Sports Centre, Penilee Road, Paisley PA1 3RA**.

Renfrewshire Council CAT Panel met on **2nd of August 2022** to consider your CAT Request. The Panel decision is to **REFUSE** the request.

The reasons for this decision are as follows:

- i. Uncertainty of funding available to carry out works detailed in the CAT Request; and
- ii. Impact of the significant degree of community opposition to the CAT Request on community cohesion

The final paragraph of section 82(3) of Part 5 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, requires the Council to consider "such other matters (whether or not included in or arising out of the request) as the authority considers relevant". One aspect recommended that relevant authorities consider under this heading is community support for proposals and any potential impact on other community groups.

One of the intended benefits of community asset transfer is to increase community cohesion and resilience. In the case of KHCSC's request for Ralston Community



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Sports Centre, the Panel considers the impact of opposition to the transfer on community cohesion, to be detrimental to the net benefit(s) of the transfer.

Right to Request a Review

Under Section 88 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 (the “Act”), you have a right to request an internal review of this decision.

An application for Review must be made in writing to **Mark Conaghan, Head of Corporate Governance**, Renfrewshire Council, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley PA1 1WB mark.connaghan@renfrewshire.gov.uk by **28 September 2022**, which is 20 working days from the date of this notice.

The application must include the name and contact address of your community transfer body and specify the land/property to which the asset transfer request relates. It must also include a statement setting out your reasons for requiring a review. This should normally be based on the information provided in connection with your request and the reasons given by the local authority for their decision.

Reviews are conducted by The CAT Review Board, a sub-group of the Infrastructure Land and Environment Policy Board. The Board may request additional information from yourselves and others and can choose to call a Hearing if they so wish. The Board has a maximum of 6-months to issue a further Decision Notice.

If the outcome of the Review does not resolve the issue, or if no decision is made within the required period, you have a right to Appeal to the Scottish Ministers under section 88 of the Act.

Guidance on making an application for review or appeal is available in the [Guidance for Community Transfer Bodies](#) and to download from the [Council Website](#).

Yours sincerely



Alasdair Morrison
Head of Economy and Development