

**Objections from the Public Consultation Process in relation to:**

**Appeal by Blantyre Soccer Academy to South Lanarkshire Council's decision to refuse a Community Asset Transfer for the Jock Stein Facility, Hillhouse**

**1.**

I am opposed to the take over of the Jock Stein centre by BSA. I run a local football team and find it difficult to get pitches for the kids at the best of times. I have also had a 7 a sides booking at the Jock Stein centre for the last 20+ years which has been valuable to all players young and old for their fitness and well being.

Regards

Sean Callaghan

**2.**

Dear Sir or Madam

I refer to the recent application to transfer the Jock Stein Centre to a local amateur football club. I have been a resident of Hamilton for 31 years and I have used the centre on many occasions. I object to such a local facility being handed over to a single focus group and the attendant and most likely detrimental impact on the many other users. I have not paid my council tax over all these years to build and maintain leisure facilities so that they can be handed over to one group who will of course run it to suit their own agenda and football clubs benefit. They have the use of the facility like everyone else so why do they need exclusive use?

I understand that the application was originally denied and is now on appeal. I think it would be short sighted and wrong to proceed with such a transfer and would ask what has changed since the original application to now allow it on appeal.

Regards

John Forsyth  
15 Eriskay Avenue  
Hamilton  
ML3 8QB

**3.**

My name is Linda Carroll of 137 Belhaven Road Hillhouse Hamilton ML3 9SQ. I would like to register my objection against BSA appeal to take over Jock Stein sportsbarn. It would be in our communities best interests for this to stay in our community. I have been a Hillhouse resident most of my life and my children and grandchildren have used and loved the facilities from the swing park to exercise park and football parks and astro turf. I am now retired and was looking forward to using the gym facilities which have not opened yet due to covid, we have all suffered so much these last 3 years due to covid and need these facilities in Hillhouse. I think too much would be lost if there is a takeover BSA would not be able to afford to pay to run the gym and pay for staff. I sincerely hope committee votes to keep this in our community as we have always been so proud to have Jock Stein Sports barn here, what we need is SLC to invest in it and keep it in our community for us .

Mrs Linda Carroll

**4.**

I would like register my objection to BSA taking over the Jock Stein Centre and pitches as they already have numerous other facilities they can use for their own sole use, and leave the Jock Stein Centre for the local community to use, as there would be no viable alternative for the community of Burnbank and Hillhouse to use all the facilities that are available right now through the Jock Stein.

Yours David Murray

**5.**

Covid times have been very demanding for many in a number of different ways. Personally my family and I have benefited greatly from the local community centre in Fairhill and now attend a number of classes there. As with many of these facilities in South Lanarkshire I feel that they are definitely underused, not achieving their potential and that South Lanarkshire Leisure need to get their act together regarding this. I am not sure how you encourage full use of them but the local community and individuals would benefit greatly from their use.

I am also upset at hearing of the possible sale of the Jock Stein Centre, named after one of our local sports greats. Instead I would encourage South Lanarkshire Leisure to financially invest in keeping the centre and investing time and energy into promoting a much fuller use of it.

I am not from Fairhill but use their centre. Almost every class that I book is full and it is not unusual to go on a waiting list. Let's invest in, improve where need be, and promote our SLL facilities. Most have great parking facilities but are also within easy walking distance for locals.

Yours in anticipation

June Brown

**6.**

Dear Sir,

I refer to the matter relating to the appeal submitted by Blantyre Soccer Academy, in respect of the submission made, the appeal in itself provides no new evidence of any wider community support to their original request nor have they provided new information to support or suggest that the original decision to deny their request be revisited.

I would suggest that the Council's original decision to deny the asset transfer be upheld and any appeal by BSA be rejected.

My details are as follows

Paula Law  
61 Skylands Rise  
Hamilton  
ML3 8SA

Yours sincerely  
Paula Law

**7.**

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My details are as follows

Elaine Maxwell  
2 Redwood Close  
Hamilton  
ML3 8SY

Kind regards  
Elaine

**8.**

I oppose the asset transfer to Blantyre Soccer Academy. This is a well used community football pitch. No way it should be sold like the play barn in East Kilbride which now sits empty because of the same circumstances years ago.

Craig Smyth

**9.**

Hi I am writing this email to kindly request the jock Stein stays within our community. I am a resident with young children. If this facility is not available to us we will have nothing. Furthermore will lead to antisocial behaviour.

Kind regards

Nadia Barghati and family

**10.**

To whom it may concern , this is my 2nd objection to BSA getting JS, they have already been rejected once and we all saw the reaction it got 1st time.If BSA are that determined to get there own facility there are options in Blantyre ie Stonefield rd Priory parks, and leave JS alone as it will only cause more outrage. Yours Kenny Davies,Blantyre G729PR

**11.**

Good afternoon,

I write to advise I am against the decision of Blantyre Soccer Academy taking over the Jock Stein Centre and I would like this to remain as part of the Hillhouse community.

Aimee Gibson  
19 Hillhouse Road  
Hamilton  
ML39TB

**12.**

Good morning

Following the recent decision by BSA to appeal the decision regarding the asset transfer of the Jock Stein, I would once again like to register an objection to this.

At present BSA monopolise let's across south Lanarkshire leaving the rest of the clubs to fight over the scraps. I note that BSA allege it will be open to all clubs however look at the number of teams that the club has across their infrastructure, what times would be available to clubs 10pm-11pm at night?

Proceeding with this not only removes an option for clubs but would make the facility less accessible for the local community.

I hope the council remains to see sense and keeps this as a community facility rather than transfer it for use in an elitist infrastructure that will make it wholly inaccessible for the public.

Regards

Ross Stirling  
4 Mill Court  
Hamilton  
ML3 8JB

**13.**

Hi my name is Dean Barghati, I have objected to BSA taking the jock stein as a community asset transfer.

I have had numerous meetings with BSA, community groups and every other football team in Hamilton and Blantyre in the last year. None of these teams/groups or any of the public were in favour of this transfer and I am now in the process of getting the proper funds to get the jock Stein facility that it deserves.

We have been lied continuously from BSA and the council's decision to reject this transfer was correct. The facility is used by everyone young and old and the children use the facility even when it's closed I was told by BSA that children joining thier club would have to" pay to play" and the BSA chairman was quoted In saying that the council had stopped a growing business.

I have been a resident of hillhouse for more than 30 years and I have have used this facility from the day I could walk to the present I would be a disaster for our deprived area if BSA take over this facility.

I hope that the appeals committee see sense in upholding the council's decision.

Dean Barghati  
67 Inglefield Gardens  
Hillhouse  
Hamilton  
M13 9FT

**14.**

The complex has served the community extremely well over the years, reflected in the large investment made by the council on behalf of the community using public funds. In my experience, pre-pandemic, it was being used by many community groups. After lockdown, it is being seen across the country that engagement in these type of community groups and other more personal endeavours are growing rapidly as people seek to improve their physical and maintain a positive mental health.

To remove an opportunity for the people in the immediate locale of the JSC and indeed wider Lanarkshire community, would be irresponsible of you as well as failing to recognise the needs of the current and would be stakeholders of the JSC.

As I understand, BSA have benefitted from CAT in the past. Although their charitable status and their support work within the community is commendable, previous CATs haven't engaged the public in the locale of these in the ways that might have been suggested. It is of utmost concern that should this pattern be continued with a high value and large scale facility CAT, the council and its taxpayers will simply be subsidising one community group. It's also worth noting that despite previously enjoying provision from SLC with discounted rates for pitch use etc, their subscriptions to parents and guardians remained high in comparison with other football groups - pricing the families who would benefit most from community areas like JLC - out of attending BSA.

That in turn brings me back to an issue that cannot be ignored in that the complex should serve it's immediate locale of Hillhouse first and foremost. Needless to say, it is one of the poorest areas in our community. SLC should be looking to engage with this community. Before transferring the asset, I implore you to ask yourself if you have properly engaged with the 3 schools in the hillhouse community to make use of the facility (particularly during the quieter hours). At a time that our young people have missed out on so much interaction with others, we should be using this extremely valuable asset to offer more opportunities - not take them away. There's many groups in the area, with their funding absolutely slashed, who would excel with the benefit of being able to use the facility.

In conclusion, I would beg of you to properly commit to engaging with the whole community - not a single entity.

Yours Sincerely  
Paul McGovern  
Chairman  
Blantyre Celtic YFC

**15.**

Hi,

I would like to reiterate my strong objection to the asset transfer of The Jock Stein Sports facility to Blantyre Soccer Academy.

Having grown up in the local area and remain there to this date I know the importance that it gives everyone in the local community. I understand that there is a process to follow but I am astounded and disappointed that an attempt to remove this facility has again been attempted after the overwhelming objection that was put forward in the first instance. The correct and sensible thing to do is to reject the appeal and remain with the original decision and to look for ways to engage, improve and include everyone within the local community, especially

those who cannot afford to lose access to it and further deepen the lack of opportunities at a time when the current climate is fraught. We have a duty as a community to make sure that we take decisions that are in the best interests of everyone.

Please do the correct thing and keep The Jock Stein Sports facility a local community facility that can give opportunities to everyone within the local area, like it did for me throughout my childhood into my adult years, it was invaluable.

Best Wishes

David McLellan

**16.**

In relation to the refusal I am fully behind this decision and any further appeals should also be refused.

Having used the centre for bookings at the Centre for my children growing up, this should be retained in public ownership for the full benefit of the whole local community interests.

Furthermore, BSA should never have taken the decision to be ran as a commercial business as what should be a local Club to encourage children to become involved in grass roots football. The application is a power grab to disclude other local clubs from utilising the pitches for bookings. By attempting to monopolise and expand what is already a large commercial enterprise.

I think you now know my thoughts.

Lee Waldron  
47 Murray Crescent  
Blanyre  
G72 0WX

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you require further clarity

**17.**

Sirs

I am a 71 year old who, until COVID hit, attended Jock Stein gym etc 4 days a week along with 5 of my friends. Now we only attend on a Sunday due to staffing problems.

My main concern about BSA taking it over is that it will turn out to be solely for football related activities (mainly for Blantyre) and we will effectively lose our gym/table tennis/badminton and pickle-ball which we thoroughly enjoy.

Please DO NOT ALLOW THIS IMPORTANT ASSET TO MOVE OUT OF SOUTH LANARKSHIRE CONTROL.

James Gebbie  
123 Dalcraig Cresc  
Blantyre

**18.**

Good morning

I write in response to the appeal for the above application to transfer the Jock Stein Hillhouse to the BSA. The Jock Stein must remain a council run property and be available for use by all in the local community. Hillhouse needs this and football clubs must have equal opportunity to access outdoor pitch facilities.

It is just wrong for this to transfer into the hands of one club.

Address: 117 Philips Wynd, Hamilton, ML3 8PH

Kind Regards

Joanne Carroll

**19.**

I continue to reject BSA proposal for Jock Stein centre and grounds!

The Jock Stein centre and grounds are for, and are widely used by the local community! Local schools use the pitches and car park and local football teams rely on use the pitches. Local people also rely on the use of the gym facilities and groups run within the hall! It would be terribly unfair to allow BSA to take over these grounds for their own good and this must not go ahead!

JMcKeane- local resident

**20.**

To whom it may concern

I was shocked to hear that there has been an appeal by the bidders to take over the Jock Stein Centre and hope that the original decision to reject the bid will be upheld. I thought the decision was final when the Council rejected the bid in November.

I feel strongly about keeping such a facility in our community in order to guarantee access to all. We have used the centre for years and it would be a huge loss to many of the clubs and local families which use the facility. My family has been attending the badminton club there for years and there are many others who use it for recreational badminton, short tennis, basketball and other activities. Football is already well catered for throughout our region. Not every child likes to play football and I feel other sports should be given more consideration and promotion. This is especially true when we are trying to overcome the effects of covid and lockdowns on our young people. Just when we are starting to see sporting and community events getting back to some semblance of normal, the loss of this centre would be a huge blow.

Anna Agnew  
27 Philips Walk  
Hamilton  
ML3 8PL

**21.**

My name is Arthur McKeown.

I am a parent and resident of Hamilton. I am contacting you to raise my objection to the JS pitches being transferred to the control of a private club (BSA).

This move is fundamentally unfair. It disadvantages the many to favour the few. The local community do not benefit in any way from a single football team controlling a resource which was funded by the people of Hamilton. The same thing has happened in other facilities in NL and SL and results in teams having nowhere to train and nowhere to play.

I have seen it at first hand. Also, it means national government health targets are negatively affected by a council decision.

Please reconsider and refectorio the BSA application. Do the correct thing.

Thanks  
Arthur

**22.**

I oppose the transfer of this centre which should be for the community of all south lanarkshire residents especially those from the Hill House area

I also believe there maybe a conflict of interest as one of the committee members is a south lanarkshire council employee

Peter Henry

**23.**

Dear John,

I write to you regards the appeal from the BSA regards the asset transfer of the Jock Stein facility.

The facility is a community facility not just for football but for all sports that the community take part in . The BSA should never be allowed near the facility as it was stated in print their chairman stated that not getting the facility was stopping a good business they are a boys club not a business.

Their intentions are to get hold of the Jock Stein and benefit from the facility for themselves only ,no matter what they put down in paper. Why if they have the so called funds do they not try and by land in Blantyre and develop it as a facility they can share with the Blantyre Community.

This has caused a lot of distress and anger among the Organisations that use and have used the Jock Stein since it opened . I would urge the appeal be thrown out and continue with the Jock Stein being kept as the community facility it is shared by the community not one organisation like the BSA who have only one intention and that's themselves.

Regards  
Jim McGinty  
Chairman  
Blantyre Boys Club



**24.**

To whom it concerns, I wish to lodge my objection to the possible sale of the Jock Stein Hub to Bantyre Soccer Academy (or any other sole organisation).

The Hub has been a place that throughout the years my children were able to join various clubs (my son actually played for BSA funnily enough) to help build their confidence, keep fit etc. This is a place that South Lanarkshire should be financing for the children of Hamilton to use, it should not just be sold to BSA and taken out of the use of the general public

Thanks

Craig Campbell  
41 Elmbank Crescent  
Burnbank  
Hamilton  
ML3 9JF

**25.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

In relation to the appeal lodged by Blantyre Soccer Academy against the recent decision to decline the community asset transfer of the Jock Stein Centre, I'd like to further express my concerns.

My 3 children use this facility at least 3 times a week each, not just for football but also other sporting activities. It provides facilities to the surrounding community and should be kept in the hands of the council (through SLL) who act on their behalf.

There is no covenant in place to ensure continued access for the wider community. Publicly owned spaces should be for the benefit of all the community.

Kind regards,

Edward.

**26.**

Ref: CAT/21/0004  
Jock stein complex community transfer

Dear sir/madam

I am writing to express my concerns at the possible community asset transfer of the Jock Stein complex to BSA and to ask you to uphold the original decision.

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Regards

Pamela Hutton

18 Swinburne Ave  
High Blantyre  
Glasgow  
G72 9SG

## 27.

I'm emailing to oppose the transfer of jock stein to Blantyre soccer academy, my sons team plays there it is their home ground, and I believe they would struggle to get their let if Blantyre soccer academy got it and they would you use it solely for their own academy's purpose and they already have their own ground elsewhere. It's not going to benefit other teams in the community and solely benefit Blantyre soccer academy in their use of it, they already have the hub in Blantyre, I really don't feel it would benefit another other teams and community that use the jock stein facilities for their ground for their teams. I travel from Glasgow to jock stein for my sons training and games and they will be hard pushed to find other facilities to accommodate their team elsewhere.

Margaret Pratt  
7 Killin Drive,  
Glasgow,  
G32 9AY

**28.**

I wish to object to the transfer of the Jock Stein Centre . I am 71 years old and have been using this facility for at least the past 10 years . I use this facility because it is easily accessible from my home . I don` t drive and to use another facility would involve using a very unreliable public transport system.

This facility was well used by many people in my age group and to lose this now would have a great impact on our social mixing and wellbeing

Facilities like this are sadly lacking in Hillhouse and to lose this one would be a major blow to the community

Anne Johnstone  
25 Corsock Ave  
Earnock  
Hamilton

**29.**

I am writing to you to register my objection to the Jock Stein sports centre being taking over by a Blantyre Football club.

This is a well used centre and is the only sports facility in the area.

It should not be removed from the public domain.

I would want to see it opened again and the ACE clubs returned.

Kind regards

Lorraine Garrow

**30.**

Just like before Myself and my mother are still against this move please take this into consideration when making your decision

Thank you

Martin Doyle, 19 Inglefield Gardens, Hamilton, ML3 9FT

**31.**

I am writing with reference to the appeal of the original decision to refuse the above Community Asset application by Blantyre Soccer Academy to take over management of The Jock Stein centre. As a resident of hamilton my whole life and now with 3 sons, one a teenager and twins aged 10, we all make regular use of the centre as the community provision that it is. I have held birthday parties for the boys there, attended fitness classes and the gym etc. When younger, my boys regularly used the play park and now regularly use it for football training, both independently and as part of a local football team. The centre is an important facility for all the local residents of Hamilton and should remain as such for the benefit of the wider community. Transferring to BSA is in effect privatising the facility which will have a detrimental effect on a large percentage of the current user groups. I work in public sector and appreciate that all local governments are trying to find ways to meet the ever increasing budget cuts, especially in the wake of the pandemic, but some cuts are too damaging to the very communities that Local Authorities are there to serve. There are many more options for budget savings that councils can implement rather than depriving

their customers and voters of access to key community facilities that are well used and valued by a wide cross section of the community. I urge SLC to uphold the original decision to refuse the application by BSA and protect this important venue and the services it provides for the benefit of the wider community.

Regards  
Moira McCall  
31 Tarbert Court  
Hamilton  
ML3 8UP

**32.**

I strongly object the take over. Growing up in Hillhouse the Jock Stein was always a valuable asset to some very vulnerable families and young people. Working as a teacher now in St Ninians I can see this even more, particularly in the context of tackling isolation, physical and mental health post Covid (I am also a trained applied Psychologist). It's a horrendous idea.

Laura Little

142 Montrose Crescent Hamilton ML3 6LJ

**33.**

Dear John,

I refer to the attached relating to the appeal submitted by Blantyre Soccer Academy, in respect of the submission made the appeal in itself provides no new evidence of any wider community support to their original request nor have they provided new information to support or suggest that the original decision to deny their request be revisited.

I would suggest that the Council's original decision to deny the asset transfer be upheld and any appeal by BSA be rejected.

My details are as follows

Danny Maxwell  
2 Redwood Close  
Hamilton  
ML3 8SY

Kind regards,

Danny Maxwell

**34.**

I have been asked to comment on behalf of hillhouse residents and tenants assoc again regarding the requested review by Blantyre Soccer Academy. The group voiced their opinion on the first application and the decision to say no to the request has in no way changed for our members. We firmly believe this would not benefit the hillhouse community.

Sandra Panton

**35.**

Paul Fitzpatrick  
12 Durisdeer Drive  
Hamilton  
ML3 8XB

14<sup>TH</sup> Feb 2022

Reference: CAT/21/0004

I am writing to you in relation to the PROPOSED Asset Transfer of the Jock Stein Centre, Hillhouse Road, Hamilton, ML3 9TB.

This letter is being sent on behalf of a group of Clubs who have united in their strong objection at the proposed monopolisation of this facility to one Blantyre based football team, this amounts to more than 50 teams. The Clubs who have united and form this opposition are:

Aston Villa Lions

Bardyke Rovers

Blantyre Boys Club

Blantyre Celtic

Blantyre Victoria

Eddlewood Boys Club

Hamilton Accies Boys Club

Hamilton Dynamo

Hamilton Phoenix

Jim McGinty Over 35s

Mill United

As you can see from the Clubs listed above, there is huge opposition at this proposed Asset Transfer. This is not based out of dislike or hatred for Blantyre Soccer Academy, but rather a strong passion and care for the Hillhouse community and the areas surrounding it. Hillhouse is in some parts a deprived area, and this proposed transfer of the facility to one organisation will only harm the community, not enhance it. We naturally care from a football side of things, but as we are all true community clubs, we have a huge element of responsibility to the local community.

I will outline our main concerns below; this list is comprehensive but not exhaustive. There are also concerns over how this application came about.

- This application was received on 15<sup>th</sup> June, which meant the notices were placed at Jock Stein to coincide with most teams not being at the facility due to the summer holidays. Is this a coincidence or an attempt to manipulate the system?
- When asked how BSA became aware of the option to apply for the Asset Transfer a member of their board replied on more than one occasion that he received an envelope through his door around midnight one evening. Who was responsible for this? Was it from within the council?
- BSA continually use the leaked document relating to a list of venues earmarked for potential closure, yet this proposal has now been removed and no longer remains a concern. Surely this is a blatant attempt to pull the wool over the eyes of the residents.
- Due to the timing of the application no formal public consultation is possible given the current restrictions relating to Covid. Would it not be realistic that if such an application was to be given serious consideration, then it should be placed on hold until all formal procedures can be fully completed.
- BSA can give no information on the future of the staff, these people have dedicated time and commitment into the centre and care about the people. Surely, they need to remain an integral part of a centre at the heart of the community.
- BSA at an informal meeting on 10<sup>TH</sup> July stated that their intention is to make profit from the centre then reinvest this into the local community. How do they plan to make a profit from a facility that has been loss making? They could not provide basic details of this. By making this statement it implies that if they do not make a profit, nothing will go back into the local community.
- BSA have not fully costed or even got a satisfactory business plan or model to know that they can benefit the local community. On this basis alone their application is flawed.
- Their proposal for a community garden is not going to enhance the community as they already have these available for use. Furthermore, this was going to be paid for using grants, something any current local community group would be able to do. Also, BSA currently have a substantial amount of money in their bank account so why do they need to use public funds in the way of grants?
- In relation to the locals using the grass as a garden due to living in flats close by, they state they will allow this to continue. Yet they would not give any assurance that the grass pitches would not be fenced off.
- Pitch availability is a huge concern. BSA advised the pitches would be let fairly, however anyone with a miniscule amount of common sense would understand that this is lip service. The priority will be given to their own teams.
- There is talk of an application being made to the WOSFL. This requires a home pitch for the member team. BSA stated that he Jock Stein would probably be their home pitch. This rules it out of use for other teams for a large amount of time.
- The pitch requires to be updated, yet they do not know a cost for this. How can they ascertain if they can pursue this without knowing the figures?
- There has been no mention of the fees which will likely be charged for the use of the pitches, meaning it is feasible that other clubs could be priced out of using the facility.
- BSA could not confirm what aspects of the centre would be saved. Will the gym remain available? Will community classes be available? For many this is their only form of recreation. This poses a serious risk to the mental and physical health and wellbeing of the residents.

In conclusion I feel, given the reasons outlined above, there is absolutely no ground on which this application can be accepted. There are too many gaps in the proposal. It screams of being rushed through without proper research and planning being undertaken. Why would that be? As a united group of teams, we oppose this transfer in the strongest possible terms. This should be enough to reject the current application given the sparse information supplied and the inability to fulfil the correct process at the current time.

The appeal provides no new evidence of any wider community support to the original request and provided no new information to suggest or support that the decision requires to be revisited.

I welcome any feedback or the opportunity to answer any questions you may have in relation to the above points.

Yours sincerely

Paul Fitzpatrick

On behalf of the above noted clubs