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Dear Sir/Madam,

Antrim and Newtownabbey Local Development Plan 2030: Draft Plan Strategy

I refer to the Local Development Plan 2030: Draft Plan Strategy and am fully supportive of the nature and content of the document. In particular, the committee supports Policy DM23 which aims to protect open space. It is particularly cognisant of the importance of this in respect of the playing field to the rear of Creggan Primary School, which is owned by our club, Kickham's GAC Creggan. The ambition is to preserve this for future generations and, in the near future, to improve the facility and make it readily available to the children who attend the primary school. At present, children use the club's main site which is approximately half a mile from the school, meaning that it is not readily available to the school as it can only be used at scheduled times and children can only walk to the ground under supervision.

If the pitch is formally protected and connected to the school we can invest in the facility and formally connect it to the primary school so that children can constantly avail of it, not only for physical education classes, but also during recreational break times. Whilst this may be an issue which is dealt with more formally at the Local Policies Plan stage we would be indebted if the authority could enhance the referencing to the protection of playing field facilities and the accommodation of ancillary changing room facilities in the adopted Antrim and Newtownabbey Local Development Plan 2030: Plan Strategy. In our opinion, this would increase the soundness of the Plan.

Moving forward, the club will be happy to correspond with the Planning Team in writing as the process evolves.

Thank you very much for considering this information.

Very best wishes,

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