

KILMARNOCK STATION RAILWAY HERITAGE TRUST

CONSULTATION RESPONSE

BOWLING CLUB BUILDING, HOWARD PARK

Kilmarnock Station Railway Heritage Trust (KSRHT) would like to thank all parties who considered our consultation and took the time to respond to our application for a lease of the bowling club building within the Howard Park.

The consultation received four responses. One which indicated support for the proposal and three which indicated objections to the proposal itself. The objections could be largely considered in two parts which we aim to address within the response.

DUPLICATION OF SERVICES

Understandably there were objections in relation to the number of other providers which operate similar facilities within the locality.

In order to understand the rationale behind the project and how unique it is to the area KSRHT has linked and provided QR codes for videos which better describe the range of equipment which will be utilised in this facility to help people recover from surgery or to improve people with a disabilities mobility. These videos and the link have been included at the bottom of the response.

Furthermore KSRHT contacted a number of both third sector and private local Health and Wellbeing providers to consider whether their offer would be impacted with each of the organisations responding, including Galleon, Apex, True Fitness and Underground Fitness indicating that the equipment in situ within their facilities would not accommodate our target audience.

Furthermore the Health and Wellbeing sector continues to be an area of market growth with a predicted 8.6% growth worldwide in this sector. KSRHT proposed offer would aim to bring more people into this market while they recover from surgery with potential to move onto commercial gyms when they are physically able.

Hopefully with this information and viewing the unique equipment we aim to provide this will allay any concerns about service duplication.

PARKING

The second main concern was the availability of parking within the vicinity of the park. KSRHT were aware of this concern from our previous consultation. The services being offered within this site will however be extremely limited in terms of the number of people using the site. Primarily the activities will be limited to between 2-4 individuals including a physiotherapist.

The site is also very central to the transport links and local parking facilities including Dundonald Road and both car parks which sit opposite the Police Station. Given the

number of parking bays locally it is not anticipated that the limited use of the facility would have a detrimental impact on the locality given it would form a very small percentage increase to what is already a high traffic site. This however will be considered further during the planning phase with Ayrshire Roads Alliance, as a statutory planning partner, offering guidance which, if the project is to progress, KSRHT will be required to adhere to.

VIDEOS



[Medical Leg Press](#)



[Medical Leg Extension](#)



[Lateral Pull Down](#)



[Chest Press](#)