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19th March 2019

To Whom It May Concern,

Skilz Academy

I write as the Member of the Scottish Parliament for Angus South Constituency.

Skilz Academy, who currently run after-school sports programmes, funded by Active Schools, at Ladyloan and Hayshead Primary Schools, as well as a street football program, are seeking to replace the old synthetic pitch at Arbroath Sports Centre with a modern artificial grass surface.

This new facility would not only be used to host sports programmes for children run by Skilz Academy, but would also be utilised by Arbroath High School, and the wider community.

I believe that the establishment of adequate facilities must be part of any strategy to promote opportunities around physical activity and sport in our population. This project has the potential to play a role in ensuring that the people of Arbroath and the wider area have access to such facilities.

Regards,



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MSP for Angus South Constituency

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Dundee and Angus College are delighted to support the Skilz Academy in their asset transfer application and subsequent re-development of a 3G pitch at Arbroath Sports Centre.

Undoubtedly our students and the wider community will benefit from this improved facility and the College is keen to further develop its partnership with the Skilz Academy.

Yours sincerely

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Date: 18th March 2019



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SCOTLAND**

Keeping people safe

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Community Policing Team
Angus
6 Gravesend
Arbroath
DD11 1HT

Tel No 101

Dear Sir/Madam,

Over the past year the Arbroath area has encountered a large volume of youth related calls. Throughout 2018 and into 2019 a considerable amount of work has been carried out by the local Officers to prevent and deter both Anti-Social Behaviour and Youths Causing Annoyance incidents. This has included, working with partners, pro-active patrols and engagement with the youths themselves.

As an organisation we are always looking for diversionary opportunities for our local youths and this is why we are very interested in the news that there is hopefully an opportunity for Skilz Academy to gain access to a local outdoor all weather pitch.

Throughout Angus, the Police are working closely with the whole community to improve the quality of life for the benefit of everyone living in your neighbourhood.

From time to time, young people, particularly when gathered together in groups, can behave in a manner that is out of character so as not to 'lose face'. This can result in rowdy behaviour, vandalism and underage drinking. Whilst many young people may not set out to cause problems, when gathered in large groups this can be intimidating and the noise they generate can cause distress and fear to those living in the community.

Officers encourage our young people to attend local youth groups and to participate in organised and supervised group activities. Young people need

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stimulated and this proposed multi-sport facility will without doubt be beneficial to a whole host of local groups in the community, having a positive effect on not only individual's physical wellbeing but also their mental health.

Police Scotland would be very supportive of this community asset transfer to Skilz Academy and would be willing to assist with any activities that would promote positive youth engagement.

I wish you every success with this project and look forward to future engagement and partnership, working with you, your staff and the young people.

Yours faithfully



Community Sergeant

Useful websites –

www.policescotland.uk and follow the links to Community Safety and Youth Issues

www.childline.org.uk

www.youngscot.org/angus



Arbroath Community Sports Club

ACSC, Changing Pavilion, Hercules Den, Arbroath, DD11 4HY

To whom it may concern,

I am the chairperson for Arbroath Community Sports club. I am writing to you concerning the application from Skilz Academy in relation to the proposed upgrade and rebuild of Arbroath sports centres all weather pitch.

What Skilz Academy are proposing all sounds very positive and as far as we are concerned can only be a positive to the community and local clubs who would benefit from its use. As it stands Arbroath is about the only town in Angus that does not have either a 3g or 4g pitch.

I have been part of ACSC since 2008 and facilitating winter training in the town has always been a problem. Most younger teams will go inside but for the older ones who play during the winter, outdoor training is a must, but for the last couple of years more and more coaches are now refusing to use the current one. This is mainly because it is unsafe. I have first-hand experience of watching boys train on it in damp conditions and seen them sliding and falling on it, which one evening resulted in a boy dislocating his knee. Sprinkling sand on what basically feels like thin carpet, to 'keep it safe' is not working. This facility is not fit for purpose as it stands. And as a sports club our main priority is providing a safe environment for children to train on and at the moment this facility does not provide that.

So after speaking to [REDACTED] and hearing what they are hoping to achieve, I can only see this as a positive for all of the community who will use it. The amount of sports clubs alone in the town who would find this facility beneficial is immense, and would probably be booked out most of the time well in advance.

I hope you will have serious consideration to Skilz Academy's application and Arbroath can have a reliable, safe facility to use.

Regards

[REDACTED]

Chairperson

Arbroath Victoria FC

Ogilvy Park

Cairnie Loan



Dear Sir,

We at Arbroath Victoria FC would support the building of a new 3G surface as planned by Skilz Academy.

Arbroath is currently lacking in facilities that are of an acceptable standard for us to use and both our first team and also our U19 team would use the new facility to train.



Chairman
Arbroath Victoria FC



Arbroath Lads Club / Skilz Academy 22/03/2019

Dear Sir or Madam,

Arbroath Lads Club vision is to continue promotion and encouragement of health, fitness and team spirit through the game of football to young people in the local community. Arbroath Lads Club is a registered charity our business objectives are simple and have remained so over the past 67 years.

We aim to break even whilst keeping costs to our members at the minimum possible levels, our membership fees and match day levies have remained at the same level for the 20 years. We seek to develop the club to provide the highest level of facilities for the membership.

Currently we have in excess of 100 members with the age groups ranging from 5 - 17, all of these members would benefit greatly if a 3G training facility was available in Arbroath. In winter months from September to April all of these members travel out to HM Candor to use their 3G surface however the expense creates a burden for the family + members and the additional security and car travel adds significant issues.

Arbroath Lads club have a long standing association with Skilz Academy and would fully support their application to Angus Council for the community use of transfer of the current outdoor football pitch at Arbroath Sports Centre next to the high school. We as a club play all our home matches at the high school and feel it is a safe environment for the club members, the addition of a 3G facility would be fantastic for our and many more clubs in the local area.

Yours sincerely

Arbroath Lads Club President

Name	[REDACTED]
Company Name (if applicable)	Fit 4 Purpose
Address (Including Post Code)	[REDACTED]
Signature	[REDACTED]
Date	12/3/19
I/We support Skilz Academy Community Asset Transfer Application	YES (delete as applicable) NO (delete as applicable)
<u>Feel free to include any comments you may have</u> This is a much needed asset to the community, which would hence health and exercise opportunities for the local residence of Arbroath and people within the town. This will enhance community group collaboration between all sporting groups.	

Name	
Company Name (if applicable)	
Address (Including Post Code)	
Signature	
Date	21/03/19
I/We support Skilz Academy Community Asset Transfer Application	☒ YES (delete as applicable) ☐ NO (delete as applicable)
<u>Feel free to include any comments you may have</u>	

Name	
Company Name (if applicable)	A.A.S.F.I.
Address (Including Post Code)	
Signature	
Date	12.07.19
I/We support Skilz Academy Community Asset Transfer Application	☒ YES (delete as applicable) ☐ NO (delete as applicable)
Feel free to include any comments you may have	





Name	[REDACTED]
Company Name (if applicable)	ARBROATH WALKING FOOTBALL
Address (Including Post Code)	[REDACTED]
Signature	[REDACTED]
Date	10/03/19
I/We support Skilz Academy Community Asset Transfer Application	YES (delete as applicable) NO (delete as applicable)
<u>Feel free to include any comments you may have</u>	

Name	[REDACTED]
Company Name (if applicable)	ARBRATH VILTORA FC
Address (Including Post Code)	[REDACTED]
Signature	[REDACTED]
Date	1/3/19
I/We support Skilz Academy Community Asset Transfer Application	YES (delete as applicable) NO (delete as applicable)
Feel free to include any comments you may have	

Name	[REDACTED]
Company Name (if applicable)	
Address (Including Post Code)	[REDACTED]
Signature	[REDACTED]
Date	1/3/19
I/We support Skilz Academy Community Asset Transfer Application	YES (delete as applicable) NO (delete as applicable)
Feel free to include any comments you may have much needed facility!	

Name:	[REDACTED]
Company Name (if applicable)	
Address (Including Post Code)	[REDACTED]
Signature	[REDACTED]
Date	11/3/19
I/We support Skilz Academy Community Asset Transfer Application	YES (delete as applicable) NO (delete as applicable)
Feel free to include any comments you may have Would benefit my Sons local Football club.	

Name	[REDACTED]
Company Name (if applicable)	
Address (Including Post Code)	[REDACTED]
Signature	[REDACTED]
Date	28/2/19
I/We support Skilz Academy Community Asset Transfer Application	YES (delete as applicable) NO (delete as applicable)
Feel free to include any comments you may have Will be excellent for all youth football in the town & surrounding area.	

Name	[REDACTED]
Company Name (if applicable)	
Address (Including Post Code)	[REDACTED]
Signature	[REDACTED]
Date	28/2/19
I/We support Skilz Academy Community Asset Transfer Application	☒ YES (delete as applicable) ☐ NO (delete as applicable)
Feel free to include any comments you may have	

Feel free to include any comments you may have

Name	[REDACTED]
Company Name (if applicable)	
Address (Including Post Code)	[REDACTED]
Signature	[REDACTED]
Date	1-3-2019
I/We support Skilz Academy Community Asset Transfer Application	YES (delete as applicable) NO (delete as applicable)
Feel free to include any comments you may have BEING A COACH WITH THE ACOC THIS WOULD BE A GREAT TRAINING FACILITY FOR ALL OF OUR TEAMS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR	

Name	[REDACTED]
Company Name (if applicable)	
Address (Including Post Code)	[REDACTED]
Signature	[REDACTED]
Date	1-3-19
I/We support Skilz Academy Community Asset Transfer Application	☒ YES (delete as applicable) ☐ NO (delete as applicable)
Feel free to include any comments you may have I feel this would be great for my son and his football team. And all other teams in Arbroath as it will give them great training facilities all year round.	

Name	[REDACTED]
Company Name (if applicable)	
Address (Including Post Code)	[REDACTED]
Signature	[REDACTED]
Date	1-3-2019
I/We support Skilz Academy Community Asset Transfer Application	YES (delete as applicable) NO (delete as applicable)
Feel free to include any comments you may have I Feel this would highly benefit the children in the Arbroath as there is no facility like this	

Name	[REDACTED]
Company Name (if applicable)	
Address (Including Post Code)	[REDACTED]
Signature	[REDACTED]
Date	1/3/2019
I/We support Skilz Academy Community Asset Transfer Application.	YES (delete as applicable) NO (delete as applicable)
Feel free to include any comments you may have THE COMMUNITY WOULD GREATLY BENEFIT FROM AN ASTRO PITCH.	

Name	
Company Name (if applicable)	NHS
Address (Including Post Code)	
Signature	
Date	
I/We support Skilz Academy Community Asset Transfer Application	YES (delete as applicable) NO (delete as applicable)
<u>Feel free to include any comments you may have</u>	

Name	[REDACTED]
Company Name (if applicable)	Ukraine Motors
Address (Including Post Code)	[REDACTED]
Signature	
Date	20/2/17
I/We support Skilz Academy Community Asset Transfer Application	☒ YES (delete as applicable) ☐ NO (delete as applicable)
<u>Feel free to include any comments you may have</u>	

Name	[REDACTED]
Company Name (if applicable)	INTERFLEX
Address (Including Post Code)	[REDACTED]
Signature	[REDACTED]
Date	20-02-19
I/We support Skilz Academy Community Asset Transfer Application	☒ YES (delete as applicable) ☐ NO (delete as applicable)
Feel free to include any comments you may have I think this pitch would help the well needed boost are footballing program needs.	

Name	[REDACTED]
Company Name (if applicable)	
Address (Including Post Code)	[REDACTED]
Signature	[REDACTED]
Date	
I/We support Skilz Academy Community Asset Transfer Application	☒ YES (delete as applicable) ☐ NO (delete as applicable)
<u>Feel free to include any comments you may have</u>	

Name	[REDACTED]
Company Name (if applicable)	
Address (Including Post Code)	[REDACTED]
Signature	[REDACTED]
Date	20/2/19
I/We support Skilz Academy Community Asset Transfer Application	YES (delete as applicable) NO (delete as applicable)
<u>Feel free to include any comments you may have</u> Would really benefit the town and community.	

To whom it may concern,

As you may already be aware Skilz Academy are currently pursuing an asset transfer to take ownership of the astroturf pitch at Arbroath Sport Centre in order to replace it with a brand new 3G surface.

The current surface was installed in 2004 and is long overdue for replacement and is not used by the majority of the community and local sports clubs due to its state of repair rendering it unsafe and prone to flooding. Current usage figures are 3-5 hours per week for 8-9 months and zero for 3-4 months of the year with the only constant booking being for the athletics club.

By replacing the surface and upgrading the ancillary services Skilz will create a real community asset that Arbroath can be proud of.

Our plans for the new surface call for a user centred approach to our activities and this new venture will benefit from that approach by working with all individuals and groups within our community to best utilize this new facility. Whilst the main aim is to improve sporting facilities for those in our community the secondary benefits such as opportunity, health and aspiration are equally important to us.

Skilz Academy as a two-tier SCIO is capable of having both organisations and individuals as members and will seek to encourage as many people and organisations to take up membership. By working in this way, every member of our charity has the ability to decide how best to use the new facility to benefit our entire community.

Whilst Skilz Academy will be the custodians of the new facility it will truly be owned by the community.

Benefits to the Community

- Tackling inequality
- Increase in capacity to offer different sports and activities.
- Increase the opportunity for local grassroots football teams such as ACSC, St Murdochs and Arbroath Lads club to offer opportunities to children aged 5-19.
- Offer local sports clubs such as rugby, athletics, tennis, athletics an opportunity to utilise the surface to increase membership.
- Increase in capacity to offer walking football for senior members of the community.
- Creation of school programmes (STEM, Friday afternoon sports, breakfast & homework clubs)
- First class surface available for use of Arbroath High School and surrounding schools during the school day.
- Increase in employment and volunteering opportunities.
- Increase in public health, both physical and mental.
- Lowering of instances of anti-social behaviour through diversionary programmes and education
- Promotion of social inclusion through sport, recreation and education
- Build social capacity and a sense of place.
- Raise community aspiration
- Creation of sports hub by working in partnership with other organisations and community groups by utilising a user centred approach.
- Highly affordable multi-use surface.

We hope that you can support us in our endeavours to successfully deliver this project for the people of Arbroath and the surrounding areas and would ask that you show your support by completing the form overleaf.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Name	[REDACTED]
Company Name (if applicable)	
Address (Including Post Code)	[REDACTED]
Signature	[REDACTED]
Date	24/2/14
I/We support Skilz Academy Community Asset Transfer Application	☒ YES (delete as applicable) ☐ NO (delete as applicable)
Feel free to include any comments you may have	

Name	[REDACTED]
Company Name (if applicable)	
Address (Including Post Code)	[REDACTED]
Signature	[REDACTED]
Date	24/2/19
I/We support Skilz Academy Community Asset Transfer Application	YES (delete as applicable) NO (delete as applicable)
Feel free to include any comments you may have.	

Name	
Company Name (if applicable)	
Address (Including Post Code)	
Signature	
Date	23/02/19.
I/We support Skilz Academy Community Asset Transfer Application	YES (delete as applicable) NO (delete as applicable)
Feel free to include any comments you may have	

Name	[REDACTED]
Company Name (if applicable)	
Address (Including Post Code)	[REDACTED]
Signature	[REDACTED]
Date	23/2/19
I/We support Skilz Academy Community Asset Transfer Application	YES (delete as applicable) NO (delete as applicable)
Feel free to include any comments you may have	

Name	[REDACTED]
Company Name (if applicable)	
Address (Including Post Code)	[REDACTED]
Signature	[REDACTED]
Date	25/02/2019
I/We support Skilz Academy Community Asset Transfer Application	YES (delete as applicable) NO (delete as applicable)
Feel free to include any comments you may have	

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Name	[REDACTED]
Company Name (if applicable)	[REDACTED]
Address (Including Post Code)	[REDACTED]
Signature	[REDACTED]
Date	25-02-2019.
I/We support Skilz Academy Community Asset Transfer Application	YES (delete as applicable) NO (delete as applicable)
Feel free to include any comments you may have COMMON SENSE.	