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Mr Andrew Hassard MSc FCIEH
Director of Parks and Leisure
Belfast City Council
Belfast City Hall
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30 August 2010

Dear Andrew,

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF SHORE ROAD (GREENCASTLE) PLAYING FIELDS

Further to our recent meeting we are writing, on behalf of the Committees of Grove Utd and Malachians Football Clubs, to seek the agreement of the Council to a lease of at least 21 years on the above mentioned playing fields. Such a lease is needed to allow the clubs jointly to pursue a development project which would be of great benefit to the future of the 2 clubs and to local schools and the wider community in North Belfast.

As you will be aware the playing fields are currently subject to an ongoing facilities management arrangement. The changing facilities for both clubs have been upgraded recently to meet IFA standards and we are very grateful for the assistance provided by the Council to allow our clubs to retain Intermediate Status in the Amateur League.


Grove Utd and Malachians have been sharing the Shore Road facilities for almost 20 years on a cross-community basis and our management committees are now wishing to consolidate the future of our clubs and to develop the facility to provide permanent state-of-the-art changing rooms, an indoor sports arena and multi-purpose rooms for use by the 2 clubs, local schools and the wider community. This is an exciting cross-community project but in order to avail of the necessary grant-aid funding from various sources the clubs require a lease of at least 21 years.

We should be grateful if you would arrange to have our request submitted to the relevant committee within the Council at the earliest possible opportunity. We would of course be happy to provide any further information you may need.

Yours sincerely,



Brian Boyd
for Grove Utd FC



Kevin Shiels
for Malachians FC



David McDonald
Total Respect Foundation
Chairperson of MalGrove

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