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The lead agency for developing sport in Northern Ireland

Dear Peter

Re: Active Communities Investment Programme

As you will be aware, Active Communities is a Sport Northern Ireland National Lottery funded initiative that aims to increase participation in sport and physical recreation in communities throughout Northern Ireland. In the period 2010-2015, SNI expects to up to invest £2,667,588 in the Belfast consortium, to support the delivery of Active Communities and realise benefits of grassroots participation.

As we approach 2013, and the midpoint of the Active Communities investment period, Sport Northern Ireland is reviewing the impact of Active Communities to date, reflecting on successes and identifying areas for improvement. Our review process has three strands:

Strand	Purpose	Undertaken By
1 Active Communities Longitudinal Research Study	A quantitative and qualitative analysis of performance in relation to Key and Programme Performance Indicators.	Knight, Kavanagh and Paige
2 Active Communities Interim Programme Evaluation	To analyse performance in relation to the aims and objectives outlined in the Active Communities Strategic Business Case.	SNI Investment Assurance Team
3 Active Communities Partner Consultation	To ascertain the views of project partners in relation to Active Communities with a view of influencing future programme development.	SNI Participation Team

Given the process outlined, I would invite you to contribute your views to strand 3 at this time on your perception of the delivery of the current programme and thoughts on how it could be further improved. I would also welcome your thoughts on any external environmental factors which you believe that SNI should be aware of as we approach 31 March 2015, and any observations you

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may have as to how these are likely to have a positive or negative impact on Active Communities

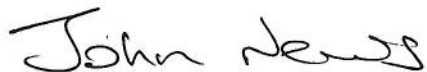
SNI has strongly endorsed the RPA 11B Model through the Active Communities programme. With this in mind, I would encourage your consortium to submit a single agreed response, however, I am happy to receive responses from individual district councils. If you (or your consortium) feel that it would be helpful to discuss any of these issues with SNI before submitting a response, my team and I would be happy to meet with you.

Responses should be received on or before Tuesday 30 October 2012, and should be sent to sarannegallagher@sportni.net

SNI expects to complete the three strands of the internal review by 31 December 2012. Following that the Board of SNI will consider these findings in early 2013 with a view of bringing forward proposals for Active Communities (beyond 01 April 2015) in the early part of 2013/14. Those proposals will be subject to normal statutory consultation processes at that time. SNI believes that this timescale will assist our current Active Communities partners to effectively manage any necessary transition that may be required beyond the current award.

I look forward to hearing from you, and to continuing to work with you to maximise the impact of Active Communities.

Yours sincerely,



JOHN NEWS
Participation Manager