



FAO Gerry Millar, cc Andrew Hassard
Belfast City Council
Adelaide Exchange
Belfast BT2
31 January 2014

Dear Sir,

Loughshore Sports-Educational Village (Schools and Community Campus)

Further to our recent conversation, we agreed to submit an outline proposal to go forward to the Department of Education's recent call for Expressions of Interest – see at weblink

http://www.deni.gov.uk/shared_education_campuses_programme_protocol-2.pdf

In order to progress the bid to the Department of Education, we now require an indication from Council, in principle, and subject to the success of the bid, to lease land to Seaview Enterprises Ltd for said purpose. Although very early days in the development process, we need to know that BCC will provide the land as an 'enabler' for the project. We don't need to agree length of lease, user clauses or anything like that at this early stage, just an agreement that we can expedite an application to Department of Education and work towards the finer details of the lease once we are successful.

In essence, we are asking the Council to be a partner to the bid and – if so determined by the Council – to join the project team developing the bid for submission by 31st March 2014 and thereafter.

This, in turn, is predicated on agreements with Loughside FC, Brantwood FC, Newington FC and Strikers FC on a wider football facilities strategy for Lower North Belfast.

Our intention, overall, is to create a state of the art, open, welcoming sports and educational campus in the Lower North of the city which would utilize the space creatively and intensively to maximise leisure, recreation and leisure usage in an area of considerable need. It will also be our intention that at some stage in the future we will develop a shared space community football stadium. We believe that Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure may help fund that element of the campus at a future date. We provide this information, so that in your committee report to members that they can be made aware of this.

Attached with this letter is

- Outline Proposal Summary
- Site/Scheme drawings
- Seaview Enterprises Constitution
- Mes Que un Club programme summary (ie current activity)

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- Draft Lower North Belfast Soccer Facilities Strategy Agreement (this will be completed with all stakeholder clubs before application on the 31st March 2014).

I would be happy to be in attendance at the Committee meeting, should that be required, or available to answer any queries arising.

I await your response with anticipation.

Yours Sincerely,

Mark Langhammer
Seaview Enterprises Ltd
Crusaders FC and Newington FC