

## **Appendix C Summary of points raised at the Public Meeting in Falls Park in September 2014**

Opinion at the meeting was divided in opposition to and support of the development. Points raised at the public meeting in Falls Park in September 2014 can be summarised as follows:

- Concern was expressed about the level and extent of consultation with some present saying they were not aware of the development. Reference was made to no consultation on the specific location of the pitch in Falls Park.
- Some present questioned the need for a pitch, the usage of existing pitches and whether a different site should be considered.
- Some present felt that other needs of park users were not being considered rather than focussing on sport.
- Concern was raised about the removal of green space, that local people do not want it and fears that it will destroy the beauty of the park.
- Some were of the view that the new development to include floodlighting and extended use of the facility would provide a safer environment for other park users.
- Local clubs represented at the meeting advocated the need for the pitch as there are not enough pitches available locally and highlighted the need for modern facilities to be able to play in all seasons.
- The point was made that local clubs have to hire buses to travel outside the area to get access to pitches.
- The point was made that this is a much needed facility for young people in the area.