

Community Right To Bid Determination Form
Localism Act 2011
The Assets of Community Value (England) Regulations 2012
Determination by Deputy Chief Executive

Nomination Reference: BL/2018/ENQ/08202	
Date of Nomination: 15 th October 2018	
Site Address:	Griffin Ground Stancliffe Street Industrial Estate, Blackburn.
Land/Property Description	Land - Green environmental space

Asset Owners:

Name & Address of Asset Owner	Connection to the asset
Blackburn With Darwen Borough Council	Freeholder

Nominating Organisation:

Name of Organisation:	Proof of eligibility to make a community nomination:
Mill Hill Community Football Club	
Type of Organisation: Community Voluntary Organisation	

Summary of Reasons given by Nomination Organisation as to why the asset should be identified to qualify as an asset of community value:

An extract from the submission is below.

<p>Mill Hill Community Football Club have been in existence since 1988 and took the Leasehold for Griffin Park football ground in 2001, the club itself plays an important part of the local community using the grounds to host events in the community.</p> <p>The club also plays an important part in the local football community by hosting charity games and events as well as allowing the use of the ground for local cup finals.</p> <p>The ground is steeped in Football history going way back to the early 1900s such infamous teams such as Dick Kerr's Ladies and Blackburn Rovers football club among teams having used or played on this famous ground.</p> <p>http://www.blackburn.gov.uk/planningdocs/SPD/Griffin-SPD-update-2017.pdf Pages 24, 25 & 26</p>

Response to the Consultation:

The Council's Leisure Facilities Manager raises no objections to the proposed nomination.

“I’ve no problem with this and it’s a sensible thing to arrange the facility as an asset of community value. Griffin is vital for the Mill Hill footballing community and Pete Fryer and his committee do an excellent job managing the facility under the terms of the lease and will continue to do so in the future.” Dated 16th October 2018.

No other comments were received.

Assessment:

Firstly, it is confirmed that the nominating organisation, the Mill Hill Community Football Club is a community organisation for the purposes of the Regulations.

The Regulations state that a local authority should make a decision within 8 weeks of receiving a nomination.

The Council has also consulted the local Mill Hill Ward Councillors. No representations have been received.

The fundamental consideration for the Council is whether the ground is currently a use that furthers the social wellbeing or social interest of the local community. The Council considers that Griffin Ground meets this criterion. This is because it has been used for football for decades and serves a purpose for the local community, and with the support of the Council as freeholder is likely to be serving the local community for the next 5 years.

Decision

I confirm that:

Nominated Asset: Griffin Ground, Stancliffe Street Industrial Estate, Blackburn.

Should be an Asset of Community Value and included on the Council's Local Assets of Community Value Register and placed on the Local Land Charge Register.



Denise Park,
Deputy Chief Executive

Date: 12th December 2018

Background Papers: Nomination application, letter from the owners.

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