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25th February 2022

To Whom it May Concern.

Letter of Support – Redevelopment of Coleraine Football Club.

Coleraine Football Club and its home ground "The Showgrounds" are situated near the town centre, between two areas of high deprivation in Coleraine Town. The proposed development by the club would help reinvigorate this part of the town by regenerating lower Ballycastle Road with a vibrant new image. I am fully supportive of this funding application which has a key part to play in the continued resurgence of football in the town and the realisation of the wider economic and social benefits for residents, businesses, and visitors. This is an extremely important part of football infrastructure in Northern Ireland.

The club gives the area civic identity and a lot of pride to the community and the "UK Levelling Up Fund" will play a central role in developing the infrastructure to support the community hub even further with the provision of 2,500 hours of outdoor playing space for the 4,500 under 16's who live in the immediate surrounding area. This regeneration investment will coincide with the planned council leisure centre development and the new college campus facility all within the town. Coleraine Football Club will reach their 100th Anniversary in 2027 but the history of football goes back further with the first organised game of soccer played on the Island of Ireland being played in Coleraine, which was an exhibition match between Scottish sailors to entertain the locals.

I am supportive of Coleraine FC's application as I believe it fulfils the three criteria of the "UK Levelling Up Fund"; Community Development, Regeneration of the area and heritage of football within Northern Ireland. In the first round under 'Levelling Up' monies Northern Ireland did less well than Scotland and Wales so it is essential that worthwhile applications, such as this one garner support in order to be successful in the next round.

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I recently invited Northern Ireland Minister of State Conor Burns MP to visit the site where he was shown the proposals by the Chairman and Board of the Club. I am aware the Club is in a state of readiness, with their business case and appraisals ready, their planning is in hand with an unencumbered site, they have the support of the community, local councillors, MLA's and MP in anticipation of the opening of the grant programme.

Yours sincerely,

GREGORY CAMPBELL MP

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7 March 2022

To whom it may concern,

Support for Coleraine Football Club

I am pleased to endorse Coleraine Football Club's application to the *Levelling Up Fund* for their Community Hub project.

The Showgrounds, the home of Coleraine Football Club, is the heart of Coleraine Town. The club is walking distance to our retail and business centre, between two areas of high social deprivation, and beside our main transport hub on the North Coast. The proposed development provides significant opportunities to reinvigorate our area and inspire local communities by regenerating the lower Ballycastle Road with a vibrant image and new facility.

As an elected representative, I understand the importance of Coleraine Football Club in my constituency. It is our identity, our family, our community space, and our club. The *Levelling Up Fund* will play a central role in developing the infrastructure to support the community hub even further with the provision of 2,500 hours of outdoor playing space for the 4,500 under 16's who live within the area. This regeneration investment will complement expected development of the leisure centre and the new further education college all within the town centre.

Coleraine Football Club celebrates its 100th Anniversary in 2027. History of football in Coleraine, however, is much older with the first organised game of soccer on the island played in Coleraine - an exhibition match between Scottish sailors to entertain the locals. Our football legacy continues today from youth football academies held every Saturday across town to professional games at The Showgrounds.

I fully support Coleraine Football Club's application as I believe it fulfils all criteria of the *Levelling Up Fund* – 1. Community Development, 2. Regeneration of the area and 3. heritage of football with Northern Ireland.

I understand the club is in a state of readiness; the business case and appraisals are ready; planning is in hand with an unencumbered site and; they have support from the community, Council and MLAs.

Yours faithfully,

Claire Sugden MLA



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7th March 2022

To whom it may concern,

Re: Coleraine Football Club Levelling Up Fund

As the MLA for the area, I support Coleraine Football Club's application to the Levelling Up Fund for their Community Hub project.

Coleraine Football Club and its home grounds "The Showgrounds" are near the town centre in Coleraine between two areas of high deprivation. The proposed development would help reinvigorate and regenerate the area.

The club is part of the area's civic identity and source of local pride, particularly its success in recent years. The "Levelling Up Fund" could play a key role in developing the infrastructure to support the community hub even further with the provision of 2,500 hours of outdoor playing space for the 4,500 under 16's who live within the area. This regeneration investment will coincide with the planned council leisure centre development and the new college campus facility all within the town.

Coleraine Football Club will reach their 100th Anniversary in 2027 but the history of football goes back further with the first organised game of soccer played on the island of Ireland being played in Coleraine, which was an exhibition match between Scottish sailors to entertain the locals.

Coleraine Football Club fulfils the criteria of the "Levelling Up Fund" in terms of community development, regeneration of the area and the heritage of football in the north of Ireland.

I understand the club is in a state of readiness, with the business case and appraisals and planning in hand with an unencumbered site.

Is mise le meas,

Caoimhe Archibald MLA

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Northern Ireland
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Maurice Bradley MLA

Member of the Northern Ireland Assembly for the East Londonderry constituency

23rd February 2022

To whom it may concern

As MLA for East Londonderry, representing the Coleraine area, I have pleasure in endorsing Coleraine Football Club's application for funding through the "Leveling Up Fund".

Coleraine Football Club's home is at "The Showgrounds", which is near the town centre between two areas of high deprivation in Coleraine Town, Cross Glebe and Ballysally Millburn.

The proposed development for a Community Hub project at the Showgrounds would help reinvigorate this part of the town, regenerating the lower Ballycastle Road with a vibrant new image.

The Club are seeking to provide facilities to create a civic identity and pride to the community through the "Leveling Up Fund", which will play a central role in developing the infrastructure to support the community hub even further with the provision of 2,500 hours of outdoor playing space for the 4,500 under-16's who live within the area.

This regeneration investment will complement the planned Council leisure centre development, and the new college campus facility, all within the town and an established lack of 3G facilities in Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council pitch strategy document.

Coleraine Football Club celebrate their 100th Anniversary in 2027 but the history of football goes back further with the first organised game of soccer played on the Island of Ireland being played at Anderson Park, Coleraine, as an exhibition match between Scottish sailors to entertain the locals. This area is still a football ground. Coleraine Football Club also work closely with Special Schools in the area and have a designated section of the ground for disabled supporters.

I support Coleraine Football Club's application as I believe it fulfils the three criteria of the "Leveling Up Fund": Community Development and regeneration of the area and heritage of football in Northern Ireland.

Coleraine Football Club have invested heavily already in their project and are "spade ready" for the other phases they wish to complete following successful planning application, also with their business case and appraisals they have the support of the community, Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, local councillors and other MLAs in anticipation of the opening of the grant programme.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Bradley".

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14-11-22

Dear Colin,

Thank you so much for the very warm welcome to the Club last week. I really enjoyed my visit.

I can see you plans are ambitious and I wish you well in taking them forward.

I am sure we will meet again soon.

With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,
Conor Burns



The Lord Rogan of Lower Iveagh

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7 March 2022

By email

Dear Conor

I read an article in the Coleraine Chronicle (copy attached) following your visit to the Coleraine Showgrounds accompanied by local MP Gregory Campbell.

As you will see, Mr Campbell said afterwards: "We were able to meet with representatives from Coleraine Football Club to discuss the UK Levelling Up Fund which, if successful, could help to redevelop the Showgrounds into not just a top class Premiership football ground but one capable of hosting other prestigious local and international tournaments."

I recently tabled a Written Parliamentary Question on the issue of funding for sub-region stadia in Northern Ireland which was answered as follows:

To ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have for ministers to meet (1) the Northern Ireland Football League, and (2) the Irish Football Association, to discuss the funding of sub-regional stadia. (HL6309)

Lord Caine:

The sub-regional stadia programme is a devolved matter for which the Executive is responsible. I understand the Northern Ireland Communities Minister recently met local representatives to discuss the funding of the programme.

In light of this response and Mr Campbell's comments, can you advise me how much of the UK Levelling Up Fund is to be made available to Northern Ireland football clubs, how can this be accessed and how soon?

With best wishes

The Lord Rogan of Lower Iveagh



Showgrounds can be 'top class' - MP

MP Gregory Campbell claims Coleraine Showgrounds can be a top class venue capable of hosting international tournaments.

Mr Campbell was speaking after accompanying Minister of State Conor Burns (above) on a recent tour of the stadium.

"We were able to meet with representatives from Coleraine Football Club to discuss the UK Levelling Up Fund which, if successful, could help redevelop the Showgrounds into not just a top class Premiership football ground but one capable of hosting other prestigious local and international tournaments," said Mr Campbell.

"We also paid a visit to the Coleraine campus of Ulster University where I once again pressed the need for future investment from HM Treasury."



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26th May 2022

To Whom it May Concern

Letter of Support- Redevelopment of Coleraine Football Club

We confirm our support for the proposed development by Coleraine Football Club at its home grounds "The Showgrounds" located near the town centre. Since the club is located between two high deprivation areas, the development is expected to help reinvigorate that part of the town by regenerating the lower Ballycastle Road with a vibrant new image.

This funding application has a key part to play in the continued resurgence of football in the town and the realisation of the wider economic and social benefits for residents, businesses, and visitors. This proposed development will become an important football infrastructural development in Northern Ireland.

Coleraine Football Club within its community gives the area civic identity and a lot of pride in the district and the Levelling Up Fund will play a central role in maintaining and developing this. The Community Hub will contribute towards the already impressive Social Return on Investment (SROI) achieved by the club. These developments are timely as the club reaches its 100th anniversary in 2027.

The Irish FA is supportive of Coleraine Football Club's application because it fulfils two of the three criteria of the Levelling Up Fund, Regeneration and Heritage (Sport) within Northern Ireland. We are aware that the club is in a state of readiness, with their business case and appraisals prepared and their planning permission in progress. We understand that they also have the support of the community, local councillors, MLA's and MP.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Letter of Support – Redevelopment of Coleraine Football Club

I understand that Coleraine Football Club is submitting two applications to the UK Government's Levelling up Fund for the Redevelopment of Coleraine Football Club.


The first application is around stadium development/ increasing capacity, this has been identified as a regeneration project. The second, a community hub with 3G pitch is aimed at increasing participation in football and sport in general within the Targeting Social Needs (TSN) areas on either side of the Showgrounds (Cross Glebe and Coleraine Central).

In relation to the first project, whilst Coleraine Football club sits just outside the Coleraine Town Centre boundary, in the Coleraine Showgrounds, it is specifically mentioned in the recently reviewed Coleraine Town Centre Masterplan. The Masterplan has identified the key regeneration interventions required to allow Coleraine Town Centre to continue to grow and prosper. The Coleraine Showgrounds is seen in the Masterplan as complementary to the wider development proposal for Railway Place to include, improvements to the bus and train station, a new leisure centre, and better connections to the town centre and the new Northern Regional College. Any developments to the stadium that will increase capacity and generate footfall in that area has the potential to play an important part in the regeneration of this area and the realisation of wider economic and social benefits for residents, businesses and visitors.

In relation to the second project. This project fits with 'Active Living' the new Sport and Physical Activity Strategy for NI. In particular the Themes and Goals on recovering from the impact of the COVID pandemic, promoting participation, inclusion and community engagement, promoting excellence in sport, promoting partnership and integration, providing inclusive spaces and places and promoting the benefits of sport and physical activity. The Strategy brings a particular emphasis on lifelong participation, physical literacy and increasing participation opportunities for under-represented groups such as females, people living with disabilities and those from disadvantaged areas who are

disengaged from sport and physical activity. Further evidence of need is set out in the Sport NI draft Sports Facilities Strategy which recognises a need for increased sports facilities across NI Council areas, including Causeway Coast and Glens Council.”

I am therefore fully supportive of these funding applications and the role they will play in the continued regeneration of Coleraine, the potential realisation of wider economic and social benefits for residents, businesses and visitors, the contribution to active living and the New Sports and Physical Activity Strategy for NI.



Patrick Anderson
Acting Director, Belfast Regeneration

Keeping People Safe



Dear Mr McKendry,

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for the proposed development of The Showgrounds being submitted to the Levelling Up Fund from the PSNI in Causeway Coast&Glens.

Coleraine Football Club have supported the community over the last number of years with different initiatives/projects and programs, which have all had a positive impact on the Coleraine area. Most recently they invited 40 Children from a Mentorship Programme run by the PSNI, involving children from the local community who were at risk of being involved in ASB to the Showgrounds as guests of the club and went over and above on the night and the children all had an enjoyable experience.

In conclusion, we fully support the efforts of Coleraine Football Club as they seek external funding to develop a community hub, to deliver exemplar youth and sport provisions both in terms of a capital development and in terms of programme delivery which will make a positive contribution to community cohesion as it will focus on working with young people who may be at risk of falling into anti-social activity or criminality.

Yours sincerely

Jonathan Mckeever *J. Mckeever*

District Football Officer

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Colin McKendry
Chairperson
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7th March 2022

Dear Colin,

Causeway Chamber welcomes and supports the Northwest Regional Stadium Business Case proposed by Coleraine Football Club setting out the development of a proposed £7 million stadium and training grounds over the next three- or five-years' time.

The Showgrounds project's aligns with the policies and objectives of the various Departmental Strategies, the Northern Ireland Executive's Programme for Government and Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Councils key strategic and policy documents in relation to sport and health and well-being.

This significant investment will bring added economic growth to the Causeway Coast & Glens area, bolster the club's community engagement promoting greater community cohesion through sport and creating a shared space which is accessible to all parts of the community. A newly enhanced Showgrounds stadium is perceived as contributing to improving the external perception of Coleraine and North Coast in turn attracting visitors through the delivery of major events.

We wish you and the team at Coleraine Football Club every success with the proposed business case. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if we can be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely

David Boyd
President, Causeway Chamber of Commerce

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Dear All

A simple thank you isn't enough to explain the difference you've made

Imagine how it would feel to hear your child has cancer a few days before her 13th birthday?

Thank you so much for allowing our Causeway Support Group to collect at your club – the amazing total which was raised of £467.30, allows us to provide respite and emotional support to families like Maggie's whose world has been turned upside down.

I'd like to share with you a couple of comments we received recently from families after their stay in Daisy Lodge. Stays that were made possible because of your support:

"Daisy lodge is one of a kind. I don't know where we would be had this not been available to us"

"Thank you very much for giving us this time to make special memories at a time that has been very difficult"

"Connecting with other families in the same situation is very important, it helps to understand that we are not alone"

Please turn over...



VINEYARD
COMPASSION

Chairman Colin McKendry
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1st March 2022

Re: Letter of Support for Coleraine Football Club

Dear Mr McKendry

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support on behalf of Vineyard Compassion for the proposed development of The Showgrounds in Coleraine being submitted to the Levelling Up Fund.

Coleraine Football Club have been an active supporter of our charity Vineyard Compassion over the years, in particular highlighting our Causeway Foodbank initiative and encouraging fans and the local community to donate food to help those in food poverty. The club have supported our community in the past with different projects and programs, which have all had a positive impact on Coleraine area.

We fully support the efforts of Coleraine Football Club as they seek external funding to develop a community hub, to deliver exemplar youth and sport provisions both in terms of a capital development and in terms of programme delivery which will make a positive contribution to community cohesion as it will focus on working with young people who may be at risk of falling into anti-social activity or criminality.

As a close neighbour to The Showgrounds, we are delighted to see the development undertaken so far, and are eager to see this community hub established that would make a substantial difference in the lives of many who we work with so are struggling and in crisis.

In conclusion, we would actively support this application for funding that would benefit the entire community.

Yours sincerely

Ricky Wright
Vineyard Compassion Chief Exec

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03/03/2022

Stephen Fleming

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Dear Laura/ Coleraine FC Secretary

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for the proposed development of The Showgrounds being submitted to the Levelling Up Fund by our charity Street Soccer Northern Ireland.

Coleraine Football Club have supported our project with regards use of facilities since we launched which has had a positive impact on our participants which has been immeasurable regards the improvement in their mental and physical wellbeing.

In conclusion, we fully support the efforts of Coleraine Football Club as they seek external funding to develop a community hub, which will be central to their support programs within our community. Any funding initiatives that can help our participants get access to structured health and wellbeing programs and outdoor playing surfaces, can only be commended. We are happy to lend our support.

Yours in Sport

Stephen Fleming

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Claire Boyd
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Dear Jamie and Coleraine Football Club

On behalf of the Northern Trust Fostering Services, I want to acknowledge your response to a situation in your local area where a child was admitted into foster carer having entered into n. Ireland under illegal immigrant status from Syria.

Youseff is 14 years old and arrived with very little personal belongings and no use of the English language, all of this occurred the week prior to Christmas. On contacting the club to ascertain if we could obtain any items for Youseff for Christmas, the response was beyond my expectations. A full kit and a football was provided and was presented to Youseff. The football ignited something for him and it was apparent he had an interest in the sport. Although Youseff had no English he was able to connect to his carers and their family by simply kicking a ball.

On the 14th of February Youseff and his carers were afforded the opportunity to don his kit and attend a Coleraine FC match at the showgrounds. Once again, beyond all expectations he was met with a warm welcome and a swift change of hat a scarf to the blue and white of the club. A 2-1 win and a wonderful experience for Youseff one which will hopefully not be a one off.

I would also like to note the support the club provided during Fostering Fortnight in May 2021, the club used all of their social media platforms, representatives and players to spread the word of the need to recruit and retain foster carers for children in our local area, they were the only club in the Irish League to do this.

As a member of the club and with a child actively involved in the Youth section of the club I am immensely proud of the contribution they have made to local fostering services and wider fostering network. I would hope that this is a partnership that can be retained and built upon in the future, as

the need to secure placements in our local area remains at crisis point. The club has been an excellent platform to promote recruitment and engage with the club with our current carers to recognise the amazing work they do.

Kind Regards

Claire Boyd



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Principal: Mrs A Passmore

Dear Coleraine Football Club

It is with great pleasure that I write on behalf of North Coast Integrated College to confirm our support for the proposed development of The Showgrounds facilities at Ballycastle Road, to be submitted to the Levelling Up Fund.

Many of our pupils have, and continue to benefit from the support of Coleraine Football Club and the use of your facilities. I have no doubt this has an ongoing positive impact on their physical health and mental wellbeing.

We look forward to your exciting plans for the development of a Community Hub and 3G pitch coming to fruition, so that we can avail of the structured programme this will allow the club to deliver.

For the avoidance of doubt, we fully support and endorse the efforts of Coleraine Football Club in seeking external funding to develop these facilities and understand this will facilitate plans for a wider community development programme, central to the club's objectives. We commend any funding initiative that will provide our pupils, and all children in our catchment area, access to outdoor playing surfaces and accompanying structured health and wellbeing programs. We look forward to further developing links and initiatives between North Coast Integrated College and Coleraine Football Club for the benefit of all and offer our full support to all efforts to realise these aims.

Yours sincerely,

Amanda McGarry

Amanda McGarry
Head of PE



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Dear Coleraine Football Club

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for the proposed development of The Showgrounds being submitted to the Levelling Up Fund by our school, St. John's PS.

Coleraine Football Club have supported our school with regards to the use of their facilities which has had a positive impact on our children, particularly their mental and physical wellbeing. We look forward to the development of the Community Hub and 3G pitch and being able to use it as part of the structured programme the club aim to deliver.

St John's have recently enjoyed playing small games at half-time during a senior match, they loved having Benny the Bannsider into their classrooms recently and thoroughly enjoyed the recent Dankse Bank U18 football final, which proved to be a marvelous day.

In conclusion, we fully support the efforts of Coleraine Football Club seeking external funding to develop these facilities. We recognise that these are central to a larger community development programme being developed by the club. Any funding initiatives that can help the children of Coleraine get access to structured health and wellbeing programs and outdoor playing surfaces, can only be commended. We are happy to lend our support.

Kind Regards



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Dear Coleraine Football Club

I am delighted to write this letter on behalf of St Malachy's PS in support of the proposed development of The Coleraine Showgrounds which is being submitted to the Levelling Up Fund.

We strongly support this application as Coleraine FC's inclusive approach has had a fantastic effect on the mental and physical wellbeing of the children in our school and the wider community. We have superb plans in place, through Shared Education, to potentially use the fantastic facilities (and proposed Community Hub and 3G pitch) at The Showgrounds as a base to meet up and to build community relations.

In summary, we think, if Coleraine FC are successful in this application, the further community will benefit greatly. With mental health being a prevalent issue in modern society and the significant increase in obesity rates among primary aged children, this is a must for our Coleraine and the wider community!

Kind Regards

Mr D Coyles

P7 Teacher

St. Malachy's PS



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Dear Coleraine Football Club,

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for the proposed development of The Showgrounds being submitted to the Levelling Up Fund by our school Castleroe Primary School.

Coleraine Football Club have supported our school with regards use of facilities which has had a positive impact on our children, particularly their mental and physical wellbeing. We look forward to the development of the Community Hub and 3G pitch and being able to use it as part of the structured programme the club aim to deliver.

In conclusion, we fully support the efforts of Coleraine Football Club seeking external funding to develop these facilities, we recognise these are central to a larger community development programme being developed by the club. Any funding initiatives that can help the children of Coleraine get access to structured health and wellbeing programs and outdoor playing surfaces, can only be commended. We are happy to lend our support.

Kind Regards,

Samantha Williams
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9 May 2022

Dear Coleraine Football Club

It gives me great pleasure to write you a letter detailing our support for application for the proposed development of Coleraine Showgrounds which is being submitted to Levelling Up Fund.

Coleraine Football Club have been a massive ally to our school in many meaningful ways, including providing us with use of their facilities, which has had a huge impact on the mental and physical health of our children, in a very positive manner. We are very much looking forward to the development of the 3G pitch, and the community hub, and excited to be able to use them as part of the planned structured programme of the club.

You have no idea how much it meant to our children to be able to play friendly match with a local school. It raised them up! There is nothing more important to be gained from the club than the increased self-esteem and aspirations of our young people, especially in these difficult times. We had children with disabilities and others playing together, cheering one another along. This is truly making a difference in our society. We have also had children who have played at half time during a Coleraine match. You can only imagine how much this has meant to these boys and girls. Their parents and friends also attended on this occasion and any of them had never been through the gates of the Showgrounds before. There is no better way to get the community involved!

We are fully behind Coleraine Football Club's efforts to secure external funding for such special facilities and recognise the importance of them in the wider community development programme that the club aspires to achieve. Funding initiatives that keep our children in mind and allow them access to structured health and wellbeing programmes, as well as outdoor playing surfaces, are ones to be commended and supported, which we are proud and excited to be able to do.

Many thanks,

Arlene Moon



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1st April 2022

Dear Jamie,

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support from our school, Coleraine College, for the proposed development of Coleraine Showgrounds, which is being submitted to the Levelling Up Fund.

Coleraine FC have supported our school with regards to the use of facilities which have had a positive impact upon our children, particularly in respect of their physical and mental wellbeing.

We look forward to the development of the Community Hub and 3G pitch and being able to use them as part of the structured programme that the club aim to deliver.

In conclusion, we fully support the efforts of Coleraine FC to seek external funding to develop these facilities and recognise that these are central to a larger community development programme being developed by the club. Any funding initiatives that can help the young people of Coleraine get access to structured health and wellbeing programmes and outdoor playing surfaces can only be commended. On behalf of Coleraine College, I am very happy to endorse and support these endeavours.

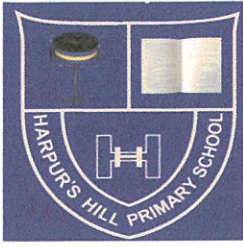
Yours sincerely

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Friday 29th April 2022

Dear Coleraine Football Club

Re: Letter of Support for the development of The Showgrounds

I am 100% behind this initiative to develop The Showgrounds as the Club is at the heart of our local community and plays such a major role in getting everyone active.

Recently our school had the pleasure of a visit from Benny the Bannsider, the club's mascot and he had all 254 pupils dancing to music. This then encouraged children and families to go and enjoy the match day experience and support Coleraine. I have found that after lockdown due to Covid more families are content to stay in their houses and the mental wellbeing of our pupils have suffered, so Coleraine Football Club through this initiative, have helped to bring the 'feel good' factor back to the community.

Every year our pupils are invited to use Coleraine FC's facilities and they also organise football competitions for both boys and girls. Our pupils were recently invited to play a small sided game during the half-time interval at a Coleraine game and the excitement of playing in front of such a large crowd will remain with them forever. The connection the club has with the local community is excellent and to have such a great resource within walking distance from the school is tremendous.

I believe the club aims to develop and deliver a structured programme to help improve the mental wellbeing of those living in the local community and the Community Hub and 3G pitch is essential to for the club to achieve this. Any funding that the club gets is funding for everyone in our community as we will all benefit from it. With the focus on improving everyone's health and wellbeing, the club should be praised for this initiative and I am pleased to lend my support.

Yours sincerely

Mr. D Radcliffe
Principal



Hezlett Primary School

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Principal: Mrs D Winters

31st March 2022

Dear Coleraine Football Club

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for the proposed development of The Showgrounds being submitted to the Levelling Up Fund, by our school Hezlett Primary School.

Our pupils and their parents really enjoyed the experience of having a kick about at half-time during the recent Glentoran match and the whole school was buzzing with excitement to meet 'Benny The Bannsider' yesterday. A huge thank you from all at Hezlett!

Kind Regards
Donna Winters
Principal



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Thursday 31st March 2022

Dear Coleraine Football Club

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for the proposed development of The Showgrounds being submitted to the Levelling Up Fund by our school, The Irish Society's Primary School and Nursery Unit.

Coleraine Football Club have supported our school with regards use of facilities since which has had a positive impact on our children particularly their mental and physical wellbeing. We look for to the development of the Community Hub and 3G pitch and being able to use it as part of the structured programme the club aim to deliver.

In my previous role as Chairman of the Coleraine and District Primary School FA, we have always had a great affinity with the club with over twenty large schools (160 plus pupils) taking part in a number of initiatives within the club over the past ten years. We have been involved in girls' football tournaments, Year 4/5 competitions as well as our showcase of the year, the Doherty Cup which attracts many of our local school community for a night of celebration at The Showgrounds.

In conclusion, we fully support the efforts of Coleraine Football Club seeking external funding to develop these facilities, we recognise these are central to a larger community development programme being developed by the club. Any funding initiatives that can help the children of Coleraine get access to structured health and wellbeing programs and outdoor playing surfaces, can only be commended. We are happy to lend our support.

Kind Regards

Mr C A Murdock

Principal



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4th April 2022

Dear Coleraine Football Club,

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for the proposed development of The Showgrounds being submitted to the Levelling Up Fund by our school Macosquin Primary School.

We have made use of a range of the Football Clubs facilities which has had a positive impact on our children particularly their mental and physical wellbeing. We look for to the development of the Community Hub and 3G pitch and being able to use it as part of the structured programme the club aim to deliver.

In conclusion, we fully support the efforts of Coleraine Football Club seeking external funding to develop these facilities, we recognise these are central to a larger community development programme being developed by the club. Any funding initiatives that can help the children of Coleraine get access to structured health and wellbeing programs and outdoor playing surfaces, can only be commended. We are happy to lend our support.

Kind Regards

Principal

L McElwee

Dear Coleraine Football Club

I am delighted to write a letter of support for the proposed development of The Showgrounds being submitted to the Levelling Up Fund by our school Portrush primary School.

Coleraine Football Club have supported our school with regards use of facilities since which has had a positive impact on our children particularly their mental and physical wellbeing. They kindly allowed us to play a friendly match against another school in preparation for the start of our competitive schools' season and we have attended tournaments at The Showgrounds. Our school were also invited to provide the half-time entertainment as a recent NIFL match which the children greatly enjoyed. Jamie and his team are very well organised and have been a delight to communicate with and support. We look for to the development of the Community Hub and 3G pitch and being able to use it as part of the structured programme the club aim to deliver.

In conclusion, we fully support the efforts of Coleraine Football Club seeking external funding to develop these facilities, we recognise these are central to a larger community development programme being developed by the club. Any funding initiatives that can help the children of Coleraine get access to structured health and wellbeing programs and outdoor playing surfaces, can only be commended. We are happy to lend our support.

Yours Sincerely

Jonny Birch (Teacher at Portrush Primary)