



AREA COMMITTEE 5

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Area Committee 5

Good afternoon

As a local resident and parent I am writing to show my support for a bid to improve the lower playground at Eastwood Farm.

The area is very dilapidated with two basketball hoops which aren't even opposite each other so cannot facilitate a proper game of basketball. Apart from these, there is a covered gazebo which I only see used as an area for people to use drugs and light fires. The run down nature of the area attracts crime and antisocial behaviour.

I'm sure making this part of the playground a fun, exciting place to be would attract more families and teens who want to use it for play and exercise which would in turn decrease the antisocial gatherings. Teens and young adults in Bristol desperately need more facilities to promote their health and wellbeing especially in more deprived areas of the city.

Kind regards

Rosie El-Tibi

Area Committee 5
Eastwood Farm

Dear Sir/ Madam

As a local resident I write to support the bid being made by Friends of Eastwood Farm for this much needed play & recreational area.

At a time when young people are encouraged to become more active (especially girls) this new area would be greatly appreciated by the neighbourhood and will be designed specifically with girls in mind.

I hope the FoEF are successful in this bid as it will be an asset to the community.

Regards

Hilary Rydon

Area Committee 5

Eastwood Farm

Please submit the following statement to the committee meeting – we will attend to read it out:

The Friends of Eastwood Farm are extremely proud that we campaigned and contributed funding for a playground at Eastwood Farm Nature Reserve for kids up to 12 years. It is also thanks to the CIL funding from 2019 that the project was delivered and has been so well used by the kids of Broomhill and beyond. However, we do feel the project has only been half completed. There is an area of flat tarmac, adjacent to the playground, which has long lost any equipment and is little used, except for a run-down youth shelter used for chatting, but also sadly for drug dealing. There is nothing else nearby for youths.

Our vision is of a vibrant area, catering for those who want to play ball games, meet up, hang out, and just chat. We are particularly keen to ensure it caters for girls as well as boys, by opening up the youth shelter, providing more areas of seating, avoiding unsafe spaces, and having features attractive also to girls.

It's a great space. We want to see it well used, like the playground, finally providing something for young people in the area, and a real benefit to the community.

Ralph Openshaw and Jo Moore
The Friends of Eastwood Farm
Ralph Openshaw



Our request for funding will be used towards the replacement of Jubilee Pool's flat roofs. Despite the Mayor's continued blocking of funds for Jubilee Pool we are eligible to apply for and entitled to receive support from the CIL fund.

The Friends of Jubilee Pool (Bristol) Ltd has now had ownership of Jubilee Pool for 17 months. In that time we have achieved so much.

We have seen an increase in usage with circa 6000 visits from your constituents to Jubilee on a monthly basis. Swim and Swim School Membership is up to 983, an increase of over 250 since last year.

We have secured more staff and swimming instructors, paid for staff training, seen an increase in clubs and schools using the pool, we have the only Rookie Lifeguards club in the city, we have women and men only swimming sessions, adult swimming lessons, accessible swimming, training paralympians and increased the range of sessions for different groups and clubs. Plus we run multiple fundraising events. The effort and energy we put into Jubilee Pool is starting to work, it's starting to thrive and there's a real buzz to the place.

But, as you are aware Jubilee Pool has had very little investment for a very long time. This has resulted in significant problems with the building and its kit. Together with the community we have been working really hard to raise funds to replace outdated pool infrastructure to reduce our energy consumption and manage dilapidations.

A fundamental part of this is the replacement of the flat roofs that cover the changing facilities, the gym, the reception area, staff rooms and the electricity sub station that feeds the surrounding area of Knowle and Brislington. These are in such poor condition and are failing.

In a time of a climate emergency and a cost of living crisis the replacement of the flat roofs will enable us to install the AHU and solar thermal pipes and will dramatically improve the building's thermal performance, aid natural ventilation and prevent the further degradation of the building.

We acknowledge that we are asking for a significant sum of money. But that's because these works are significant. Clearly it would be great to benefit from the entire amount that is being asked for, but if a smaller sum is considered appropriate we would gratefully accept that. As something is better than nothing.

Helping us to fund new flats roofs will contribute towards securing the future of a vital community and leisure facility for your current and future residents.