



To Whom it may concern,

I am the Chair of Wythenshawe Ravens Netball Club. I have been asked to write a letter in support of the prospective planning application at Wythenshawe Town Football Club. Our club currently has 66 members of varying ages as well as a junior division and a drop in Back 2 Netball session.

We have previously had difficulty in securing suitable facilities to support the club in the South Manchester area, particularly the Wythenshawe area. We are a local club and aim to support local people back into sport and to retain juniors in sport in the Wythenshawe area. In the winter we train and play at St Paul's Catholic High School where demand for court space is already very high.

In the summer months we play outside. The surface of the outdoor pitches at St Paul's are not currently of a suitable standard for netball activities to be played safely. There are very limited outside courts available, and we rent outside courts further afield, usually in Trafford as most school based sports halls are closed for exam commitments.

In addition, many of our members play in social leagues over the summer and travel to leagues typically in Chorlton, Didsbury and Ashton on Mersey as there are not currently suitable facilities in the Wythenshawe area for a league to be run.

We are excited by the proposed application as we would be able to play and train safely outside in the summer months. There is also the possibility of playing in less than perfect weather, which again is often a reason that matches are cancelled. Facilities at outside courts can also be lacking and dependant on what the school can open meaning we do not often have access to changing rooms.

We feel that the proposed plans would be a benefit to the local area and would help retain more people and in particular women in sport.

Yours faithfully

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