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Dear Annemarie

I have recently been contacted by constituents who are representatives of the Save North Kelvin Meadow and Children's Wood initiatives, regarding the future of the site at Kelbourne Street/Sanda Street/Clouston Street. I understand that a planning application (12/00924/DC) for development at the site is under consideration by the Council, and that the Children's Wood initiative is in the process of submitting its own proposal for development at the site.

Having visited the site on a number of occasions, and seeing it well used by constituents and the wider public, it seems clear to me that the North Kelvin Meadow is a valuable asset to the local community and the wider Glasgow North area. I believe it is important that the City Council does all that it can to protect important green spaces in the city. There is a clear feeling among the community that too much land is being given over to development when local residents, especially children and young people, need and want to spend more time outdoors for recreation and exercise. I believe the Council must consider this when deciding on the applications that exist for the site, and prioritise plans that preserve green and wild space for the use of the whole community.

It would be helpful if you could clarify the following points for my constituents:

- what the Council considers the current ownership and status of the site to be; in particular whether the Council considers the site to be a 'stalled space' and what its general policy on the development of stalled spaces is
- what consultation the Council has carried out among the local community with regard to proposed developments on the site, and how this matches Council and Scottish Government policy on consultations
- whether the Council would consider entering into a partnership or leasing agreement for maintenance/development of the site with one or more of the community initiatives
- what policy the Council has developed with regard to opportunities for 'risky play' by children and young people in the city, and what role it sees for North Kelvin Meadow and the Children's Wood in this regard.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely

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