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**From:** Jonathan.Lightfoot [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 16 October 2018 1  
**To:** Development Plans  
**Subject:** THE NEW LOCAL PLAN FOR BARROW-IN-FURNESS BY THE DELETION OF SITE REC54 (MODIFICATION REFERENCE MAM27)  
**Attachments:** COMMENT BY FURNESS RUFC ON THE PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO THE NEW LOCAL PL....docx

Good Afternoon,

I am writing in relation to the comment submitted by Furness RUFC (Attached) on the proposed modification (MAM27) appealing the decision to delete Strawberry Fields Playing Fields from the 30 year plan.

As an appeal it does not carry much weight because of the following:

**Paragraph 1** is basically a rant playing the council off against Sport England.

**Paragraph 2** has no evidence to back up their suggestion that there are facilities no longer used as all of the 7 sites they refer to are still used by sport or have been developed on already to some extent.

**Paragraph 3** in relation to us at Furness Rovers, we have more players than ever (i.e. my team for example (U14) has nearly doubled from 12 last season to 20 this season and we are now turning people away...) and have teams from u6 through to three open age teams (First team, Reserves and A team). We had no alternative with the proposed planning to look for an alternative venue for the survival of the club, we have partly moved to Chetwynde school playing fields this month (former Croft Park) which is a school field privately owned and not an underused facility as is claimed... But if the site is confirmed as been removed from the plan we could look at returning.

**Paragraph 4** is a strange one as it basically states that sport is dying a slow death which is a bit of a sweeping statement. It may be the case with Furness RUFC as an individual club but not with other sports in the area. If this is the case why would they suggest a build a 3G facility???

It amazes me that as towns grow such sites could be vulnerable as surely as the population grows more facilities are needed. If these venues are built upon community sport will in turn be impacted.

I would like to think that when a decision is being made that the welfare of the community and potential for such facilities take priority.

Kind Regards

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