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Subject: Re:L0839.002/Leycett Cricket Club

SENT ON BEHALF OF LEYCETT CRICKET CLUB

Good Morning,

Thank you for your email of the 30th August. I have now had the opportunity to speak to Club Officials.

The particular parcel of land in question has been incorporated into the entire cricket ground. It is therefore part of the entirety that the Cricket Club undertakes.

The Club itself is a community facility. It is open for use by anyone who wishes to participate in cricket, both local and a little further a field. The Club runs four Senior teams and five Junior teams together with the much heralded ECB young childrens program 'All Stars' and that is advertised throughout all Staffordshire. During the summer just gone, there were 15 youngsters registered and used that particular facility. It is difficult to give you any specific contact details for evidence and without providing personal information of those who attended.

In addition to it's use as a Cricket Club, the Clubhouse is used by residents from communities such as Leycett, Madeley, Madeley Heath and Silverdale for a variety of social events. This includes Birthday parties, Christenings, Funerals and Weddings.

The cricket ground is used by the Meadows School in Madeley Heath for their Sports Day's and other general sporting events. The School PTA host quizzes and Christmas parties at the Clubhouse too.

The Newcastle Primary Schools bring in children from various schools in the area for Cricket Festivals during the summer and coaching courses are run over holiday periods for these youngsters. Up to 50 youngsters are coached in this way.

The County Umpires Association runs two training courses over the winter months at two sites within the county and for the last three winters have chosen Leycett as their venue.

The festivals are held annually and advertised in the community for all to come along and enjoy and inevitably the most support is from people in the surrounding villages including those named above and others such as Scot Hay, Alsagers Bank etc.

The Clubhouse has also been used for meetings of residents in the village of Leycett although these are infrequent and the last was around 3 years ago.

I hope this is able to satisfy the Committee as to community use beyond Leycett Cricket Club itself. I am sure you will be aware that the Club, like the vast majority of Cricket Clubs, is an entirely not for profit organisation and all income is utilised for the benefit of the Club and that includes improving those facilities for use at by the Club members and the wider community.

One final point is that the Club would be willing to discuss purchasing the land in question rather than renting it. However, we are mindful of the nature of the land and that it might not be possible from the County Councils point of view.

I look forward to hearing from you shortly.