Policy 16

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Formal Sport

Friends of Linn Park would like the recognition of all sports including golf to be included in the proposals map.

5.471 The SPS identifies outdoor sports facilities that require to be protected to meet demand for play and training. These, together with other areas for outdoor sports not covered by the SPS (e.g. athletics tracks, golf courses etc), are shown on the Proposals Map and are protected, as open space, by Policy 16.1. Delivery of the SPS will require ongoing investment to improve quantity and quality where appropriate, together with ongoing investment in the maintenance and refurbishment of active pitch sport provision if facilities are to remain effective in meeting community demand. It may also require the delivery of new pitch capacity for certain sports. There will be a general presumption in favour of proposals that help deliver the SPS. The Council and Glasgow Life will work to deliver the investment required, including via use of developer contributions (see Policy 14).

Growing

Friends of Linn Park would like the following addition;

5.473 The Proposals Map shows existing allotment sites and proposed sites for allotments/community food growing. Both are protected as open space by Policy 16.1. The Council and its partners will work to deliver new allotments/growing spaces, including via use of developer contributions (see Policy 14). Development of new food growing areas will include consultation with any relevant stakeholders including 'Friends of' groups with consideration of other open space uses such as recreation or sports use or local nature reserve designations before changing the open space use.

Friends of Linn Park ask for the following item to be **removed** from CDP2 in its entirety.

"5.476 Linn Cemetery is a strategic location where the last extension took place around 15 years ago. In order to secure service continuity at this location, there is an opportunity to utilise land at the former Linn Park Golf Course and this is identified on the Proposals Map."

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Friends of Linn Park state that;

> Linn Park Golf Course has always been part of Linn Park and should be considered as such.
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> Linn Park, including the golf course, pavilion building and car park are designated Green Belt.
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> Linn Park Golf Course has not been formally closed.
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> A 'redundancy assessment' under the Councils Open Space Strategy has not been completed for Linn Park Golf Course.
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> Linn Park Golf Course including the car park and pavilion building were found to be community assets in scope for the 'People make Glasgow Communities' programme and that this community interest has been ignored when bringing forward CDP2.
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> Ignoring community interest is contrary to Community Wealth Building under policy 25 of the National Planning Framework 4.
>
> Consultation on the future of Linn Park Golf Course is required before proposing any alternative land use including food growing, tree planting and cemetery expansion.

Friends of Linn Park consider that golf should be considered alongside other sports as 'Formal Sports'. We are not aware of any assessment which shows there is no identified demand for golf within Glasgow. We ask if the provision of affordable and accessible golf has been considered across Glasgow. We ask for a formal assessment of want/need in particular at Linn Park Golf Course.

The Scottish Government allows for golf to be considered in the local development plan process;

The LDP process requires local evidence (e.g. demand for golf, economic benefits, environmental constraints) and public consultation. Examples like the Mains of Cairnbulg proposal show how community engagement, ecological assessment, and tourism benefits can shape proposals, with concerns over flooding, coastal erosion, and ecology influencing planning outcomes.

Practical steps for including golf in an LDP

1. **Assess against NPF4 and local evidence** – confirm national policy alignment and local demand.

2. **Integrate into strategic sections** – place golf in the leisure/sport or land use policy sections.
3. **Engage stakeholders** – run proportionate consultation, including local clubs, residents, and environmental groups.
4. **Address material considerations** – environmental, heritage, agricultural, and transport impacts must be weighed.
5. **Document decisions** – if golf is included, explain the rationale and any conditions; if excluded, justify why.

Friends of Linn Park do not recognise that golf has been considered, or the community consulted with regarding keeping or excluding the golf course.

Friends of Linn Park would like future proposals for Food Growing to acknowledge the contribution 'Friends of' groups make to improving and protecting the bio-diversity and the quality of parks and greenspaces across Glasgow. Friends of Linn Park would like 'Friends of' groups to be recognised as stakeholders of such spaces and that they should be included in proposals to change the use of open space.

From Glasgow City Council Website;

"Friends of Glasgow Parks Groups across the city provide a range of activities and opportunities in parks and greenspaces across the city. They immensely benefit our parks and open spaces and create good opportunities to meet people, connect to other local community projects and give you and your community a voice and a true sense of ownership of the space you care about."

Friends of Linn Park ask for the community voice to be recognised in CDP2.

Friends of Linn Park ask for the reference to expansion of the cemetery into the area of the park used as Linn Park Golf Course to be removed. The golf course has not been formally closed and no redundancy assessment of this has been carried out. Before new uses can be proposed for open space, the existing use must be assessed. There is significant community interest in the golf course continuing in operation. This site was identified as a community asset under the 'People make Glasgow Communities'. There have been several interested parties seeking to run the golf course, re-open the pavilion building and to extend the Local Nature Reserve designation to include the area of the golf course. Ignoring this is contrary to Community Wealth Building under policy 25 of the National Planning Framework 4.

This site also carries a 'Site of Special Landscape Importance' which should be considered alongside any alterations to the open space use. The reference seems to have changed to be referred to as ‘Local Landscape Area’ in the new CDP2 and extending the cemetery into this area would significantly alter the landscape appearance and surely would go against any special importance recorded.

Other proposals within the CDP2 are in direct contradiction with the effect cemetery expansion could have in this area. For example;

5.31 Development proposals that directly or indirectly affect a Local Landscape Area (LLA), as shown on the Proposals Map, will only be supported where the proposed development would have a positive impact on the character or qualities of the site.

Cemetery expansion into this ‘Local Landscape Area’ is contrary to policy 4 of National Planning Framework 4 which states “LDPs will identify and protect locally, regionally, nationally and internationally important natural assets, on land and along coasts. The spatial strategy should safeguard them and take into account the objectives and level of their protected status in allocating land for development.”