

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL

25 June 2014

Report to Director of Environment

PROPOSED GROUND LEASE AT AURS ROAD, BARRHEAD

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to ask the Council to approve the lease of an area of ground at Aurs Road, Barrhead to East Renfrewshire Cricket Club for use as a cricket pitch.

RECOMMENDATION

2. It is recommended that the Council approve the proposed lease of an area of land at Aurs Road, Barrhead to East Renfrewshire Cricket Club for use as a cricket pitch and to delegate to the Director of Environment to conclude appropriate lease terms.

BACKGROUND AND REPORT

3. Representatives of East Renfrewshire Cricket Club approached the Council with a request to lease an area of ground for use as a cricket pitch. The area identified is shown hatched in the Appendix to this report and is adjacent to the new all-weather sports pitch at Cowan Park.

4. The club, which is currently based in Hamilton, has 63 senior members most of whom live in the East Renfrewshire area and consequently there is a desire amongst members for the club to return to this area.

5. The club has put in place a development plan, approved by sportscotland, to develop and grow the club by giving young people the opportunity to play cricket. In 2013, the club operated a schools program in Barrhead giving up to 300 pupils the opportunity to try cricket which resulted in 30 children becoming junior club members. The club has also recruited 2 female coaches with the aim of developing both senior and junior women's teams.

6. The club has recently been granted planning permission to develop the pitch at this location and has secured grant funding from sportscotland for the construction of the playing wicket. If the ground lease is granted, the club hopes to be in a position to start playing senior home games in the Scottish Cricket League by mid-summer 2014.

7. It is proposed that the site will be leased to the club for a period of 31 years at a rent of £1 per annum. In return, the club will offer East Renfrewshire schools an agreed number of hours free coaching and use of the pitch.

8. The location for the cricket pitch has no common good implications and does not compromise the proposed replacement Barrhead High school or associated facilities.

FINANCE AND EFFICIENCY

9. There are no financial implications for the Council.

CONSULTATION

10. Consultation has been undertaken between Education, Planning and Property and Technical Services.

PARTNERSHIP WORKING

11. Partnership working continues to take place between the Council and East Renfrewshire Cricket Club.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSALS

12. There are no other staffing, IT, equalities or other implications associated with this report.

CONCLUSIONS

13. The proposed ground lease will enable an established cricket club to develop and grow in Barrhead giving local people the opportunity to play cricket.

RECOMMENDATION

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Director of Environment

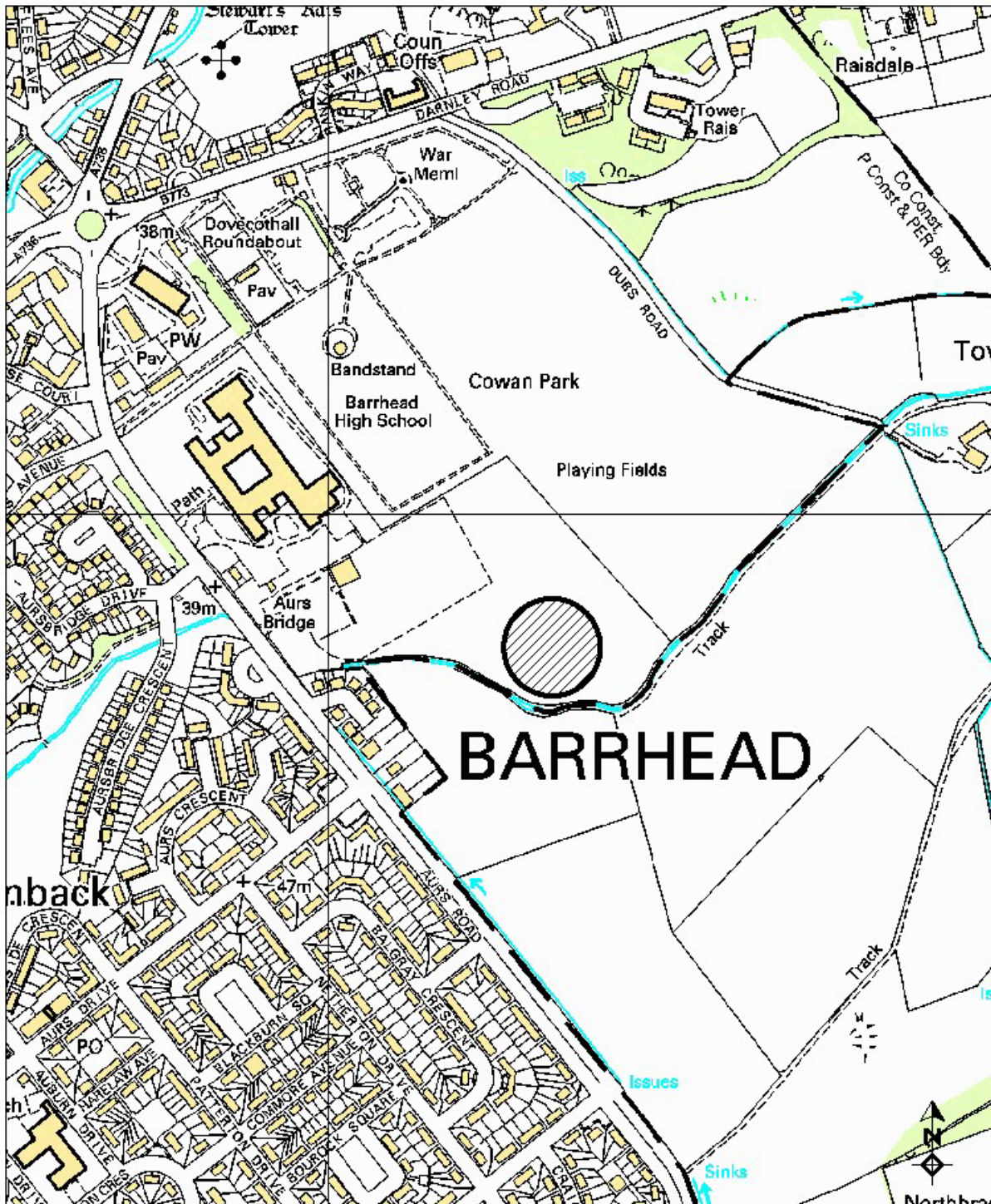
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East Renfrewshire Cricket Club, lease, Barrhead

Appendix I



<p>Land at Aurs Road</p> <p>Barrhead</p>		
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