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Dear Planning

Leisure & Environmental Services would like to provide full support for the proposed refurbishment works at New Mills Leisure Centre and ask that consideration is given to the significant benefits this development will bring to the local community and to the wider ambitions of the Council and its partners.

The refurbishment of New Mills Leisure Centre represents a key component of the Council's Leisure Transformation Plan, which seeks to modernise leisure facilities, improve accessibility, enhance health and wellbeing outcomes, and ensure that high-quality leisure provision remains available for current and future generations. The investment in New Mills Leisure Centre will safeguard an important community asset and enable it to continue meeting the evolving needs of residents.

The proposals align closely with the priorities set out within Move More High Peak, which aims to increase levels of physical activity, reduce health inequalities, improve mental wellbeing, and create opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to lead active lives. By improving the quality, accessibility and attractiveness of the leisure centre, the refurbishment will help remove barriers to participation and encourage greater use of the facility.

The project will deliver substantial community benefits, including:

- Increased opportunities for residents to be physically active and improve their health and wellbeing.
- Enhanced facilities that are accessible, inclusive and fit for purpose.
- Support for preventative health measures, helping to reduce inactivity and associated health conditions.
- Improved opportunities for social connection, community engagement and tackling isolation.
- Stronger provision for children and young people, encouraging healthy lifestyles from an early age.
- A more sustainable and resilient leisure facility that can continue serving the community for many years to come.

New Mills Leisure Centre is a valued community hub, and its continued improvement is essential to supporting the wellbeing of local residents. The proposed refurbishment is not only an investment in a building but also in the health of the community of New Mills.

We feel the proposed works represent a positive, sustainable and strategic investment that will make a significant contribution to delivering the ambitions of the Leisure Transformation Plan and the objectives of Move More High Peak. The improvements will provide lasting benefits for residents and ensure that New Mills Leisure Centre remains at the heart of the community in New Mills.

Many thanks

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