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FC United's
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offer for Moston.





1 FC United of Manchester

FC United is a non-league football club playing in the Northern Premier League. Formed in 2005, FC United is:

- > **Member owned** – currently 3,500+ members, who have an equal share in the ownership of the club and anyone can join and co-own the club.
- > **Democratic** – the board is elected by the members and the members decide club policy, such as ticket prices.
- > **Committed to community benefit** – uniquely, FC United have legal obligations to be of benefit to their communities written into their constitution.



2 The Proposed Project

Feasibility work and consultation is underway to see if a proposal for football development in Moston is deliverable.

This includes examining the potential for the following:

- > **A partnership** between FC United, Moston Juniors FC & Manchester City Council
- > The provision of a **new community football ground and community hub** with:
 - Circa 5000 capacity football ground which will be used up to 30 times a year
 - Community club house with; *Multi-function community room, Catering facilities, Classroom & Changing facilities*
 - New artificial pitch & the retention of two junior grass pitches

3 Sporting Facilities

If agreement can be reached, the site will offer improved sporting facilities for Moston, with new community changing facilities (there are currently none) and a new artificial pitch allowing more intensive use and for a number of sports, including football.

This will allow FC United, Moston Juniors and other sports providers to increase sports participation for all groups in the area to improve health and fitness, provide activities for young people who currently lack things to do and hold community events, competitions and schools events.

The site will also:

- > Create opportunities for sports training, including coaching qualifications.
- > Allow education and sport to be delivered on one site.
- > Become a hub for a range of sports facilities, tying in with facilities at St Matthews, the Creative and Media Academy and Broadhurst Playing Fields.

4 Partnership with Moston Juniors Football Club

The site would be developed in partnership with Moston Juniors FC who have been providing football in the local area for nearly 20 years. This will include:

- > Integration of FC United's Community Programme with Moston Juniors development plans
- > Pathways from junior football to senior football
- > Coach, volunteer and other workforce development
- > New leagues, including development of women's & girls, disability
- > Holiday activities and drop-in football sessions



5 Non-Sport Community Facilities

This is much more than a football stadium.

The club house will include the following:

i) A multi-function community room which can divide into three separate areas or operate as one big function / meeting room. It will have full catering & bar facilities & can be used for a whole range of activities.

These could include:

- > Functions such as weddings, anniversaries and parties
- > Smaller celebrations including children's and birthday parties
- > Meetings for local community groups
- > Councillor surgeries and local ward meetings
- > Bingo nights, dinner dances and lunches for older people
- > Pre-school provision, 'breakfast clubs' & after school clubs for local schools
- > Education, training and employment services
- > Advice and drop-in sessions for local agencies

However, these are only some ideas – the local community can help decide what takes place there.

ii) A smaller classroom and club room that could have IT facilities to provide space for training and education, meetings of sports partners including Moston Juniors or presentations for other community organisations and agencies.

iii) Education and Training Classroom. This could be used as a classroom or club room. It could have IT facilities and provide space for training and education, meetings of sports partners including Moston Juniors or presentations for other community organisations and agencies.

6 A New Public Space

The current site is surrounded by a high fence and access is managed by Moston Juniors.

The new development will have a new open public space. This space will be sympathetically landscaped to allow:

- > Routes through the site
- > Sitting areas and gathering points for **local people to use**
- > **Space for community events, school fetes, barbeques or outdoor celebrations**
- > **Places for parents to be and watch their children** participating in sports activities



7 FC United Community Track Record

Lots of football clubs say that they are for communities. FC United have a track record in community provision that is there for anyone to see and we have been working with local groups for years.

- > **FC United won the Cooperatives UK Community Excellence Award in 2009** for the quality of its community programme
- > The club will **bring significant investment, grants and projects to the Moston area** – last year we spent over £200,000 on community projects, over a quarter of the club's total turnover.
- > In **2010-11 we will have worked with in excess of 2000 young people** on a variety of projects
- > We will help address significant problems in the local area, including those experienced in relation to **young people, health, environment, community cohesion** and a lack of facilities.
- > You can see what sorts of things FC United do by going to **www.fc-utd.co.uk/community** or contact our community team to see what we might offer and what you would like to see.

We have already set up an Apprenticeship Scheme to provide training for 16 young people from Moston over the summer to deliver activities for young people in New Moston & Charlestown.

8 Investment into Moston

The development itself will bring over £3.5m of investment into Moston at a time of real economic hardship and help generate other regeneration in the area.

It will bring people to spend money locally and provide some full and part time employment as well as lots of education and training opportunities. We will work with local groups to help them and be part of ongoing improvements in the area.



9 Traffic & Parking

FC United are committed to reducing the impact of traffic and parking on match day.

Parking - the plans are to:

- > Have the only access to the site from Lightbowne Rd, **minimising traffic on St Mary's Rd.**
- > Provide **over 160 car parking spaces** on site
- > Provide **200+ car parking spaces** on Lightbowne Rd
- > Implement a green transport plan to **maximise use of public transport**, including existing bus routes and new Metrolink stops at Central Park and Dean Lane (which is under a mile from the site)
- > Develop a **park and ride scheme** using facilities at Central Park

Traffic Marshalls

We know that some people will worry that fans may try and park on local streets. As such we will provide our own volunteer Traffic Marshalls to stand on St Mary's Rd and at entrances to local streets to prevent this happening.

10 Consultation, Management & Troubleshooting

We will do everything we can to reduce nuisance & disturbance. We will implement schemes that have worked well elsewhere, such as 'street sweeper' schemes to minimise litter.

However, **FC United will establish a Community Forum which will meet regularly during each year** to deal with any problems that might be caused by the running of the site.

The club will also have an **'open access' policy** and provide a dedicated phone number, email address and postal address for **local people to contact the club** should they experience any problems.

The overall **responsibility for management of the site** will be with FC United.

However, the operations on site will be overseen by an Operations Board including Moston Juniors, Manchester City Council and local groups.

11 Environmental

The club house will be environmentally friendly and energy efficient. It will be designed and landscaped to make a positive contribution to the local area.

We are also exploring the possibility of a District Heating Plant which will have the capacity **to provide cheap heating for St Mary's School and residential properties local to the development.**



12 Community Broadband

FC United will be introducing wireless broadband connectivity to the site and we hope to make this freely available to those houses closest to the site via a wireless connection.

We also intend to hold discussions with Sidney Jones Court staff and residents about how best **to make use of this technology for the benefit of residents.**

13 A Long Term Commitment

FC United want to be part of the Moston community for the long term and are committed to being of benefit to it.

We want to have an ongoing dialogue with local people, groups and organisations to make this development the start of a process that will bring community regeneration to the area and make it a better place to live.

14 Contact

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