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Community Asset Transfer Scheme (CATS) for our national forests and land

ASSET TRANSFER REQUEST FORM

Introduction

Please read the relevant parts of the [Community Asset Transfer Scheme](#) (CATS) Guidance before completing this form. You may also wish to refer to the Scottish Government's [Asset Transfer Guidance for Community Bodies](#).

The Request must be submitted in writing, either as a hard copy or by email. Please answer all the questions. You can attach additional information as extra sheets or electronic documents. Please be specific. When answering the questions you do not need to repeat any information you have already given, but simply refer to an earlier answer or attached document.

Please return the completed form and supporting documentation to:

Community Asset Transfer Scheme Team
Forestry and Land Scotland
231 Corstorphine Road
Edinburgh
EH12 7AT

E-mail: fls.communities@forestryandland.gov.scot

We will confirm receipt of your Request within 5 working days and you will receive a formal acknowledgement letter within 15 working days to confirm whether your Request is valid or requesting further information. We may also ask you for more information during the assessment and evaluation process.

This is an asset transfer request made under Part 5 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.

SECTION 1: Information about the community transfer body making the request

1.1 Name of the community transfer body making the asset transfer request

Arran High School Mountain Bike Club

1.2 Community transfer body address

This should be the registered address, if you have one.

Postal address: Arran High School, Lamlash, Isle of Arran.

Postcode: KA27 8NG

1.3 Contact details

Please provide the name and contact address to which correspondence in relation to this asset transfer request should be sent.

Contact name: Robert McNeice

Postal address:

Postcode:

Email:

Telephone:

We agree that correspondence in relation to this asset transfer request may be sent by email to the email address given above. *(Please tick to indicate agreement)*

You can ask the Forestry and Land Scotland to stop sending correspondence by email, or change the email address, by telling us at any time, as long as 5 working days' notice is given.

1.4 Type of eligible community transfer body

Please select one option and make with an "X" in the relevant box to confirm the type of community transfer body and its official number, if it has one:

- a Company and its company number is
- or
- a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) and its charity number is
- or
- a Community Benefit Society (BenCom), and its registered number is
- or
- Unincorporated organisation (no number)

Please attach a copy of the community transfer body's constitution, articles of association or registered rules.

- If the organisation is an eligible community transfer body under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 go to **Section 2**.

1.5 If the organisation is not an eligible community transfer body under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015:

a) Has the organisation been individually designated as a community transfer body by the Scottish Ministers?

No **Yes**

Please give the title and date of the designation order:

or b) Does the organisation fall within a class of bodies which has been designated as community transfer bodies by the Scottish Ministers?

No **Yes**

If yes what class of bodies does it fall within?

Section 2: Information about the land and rights requested

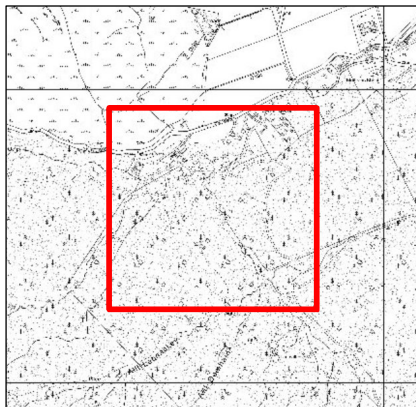
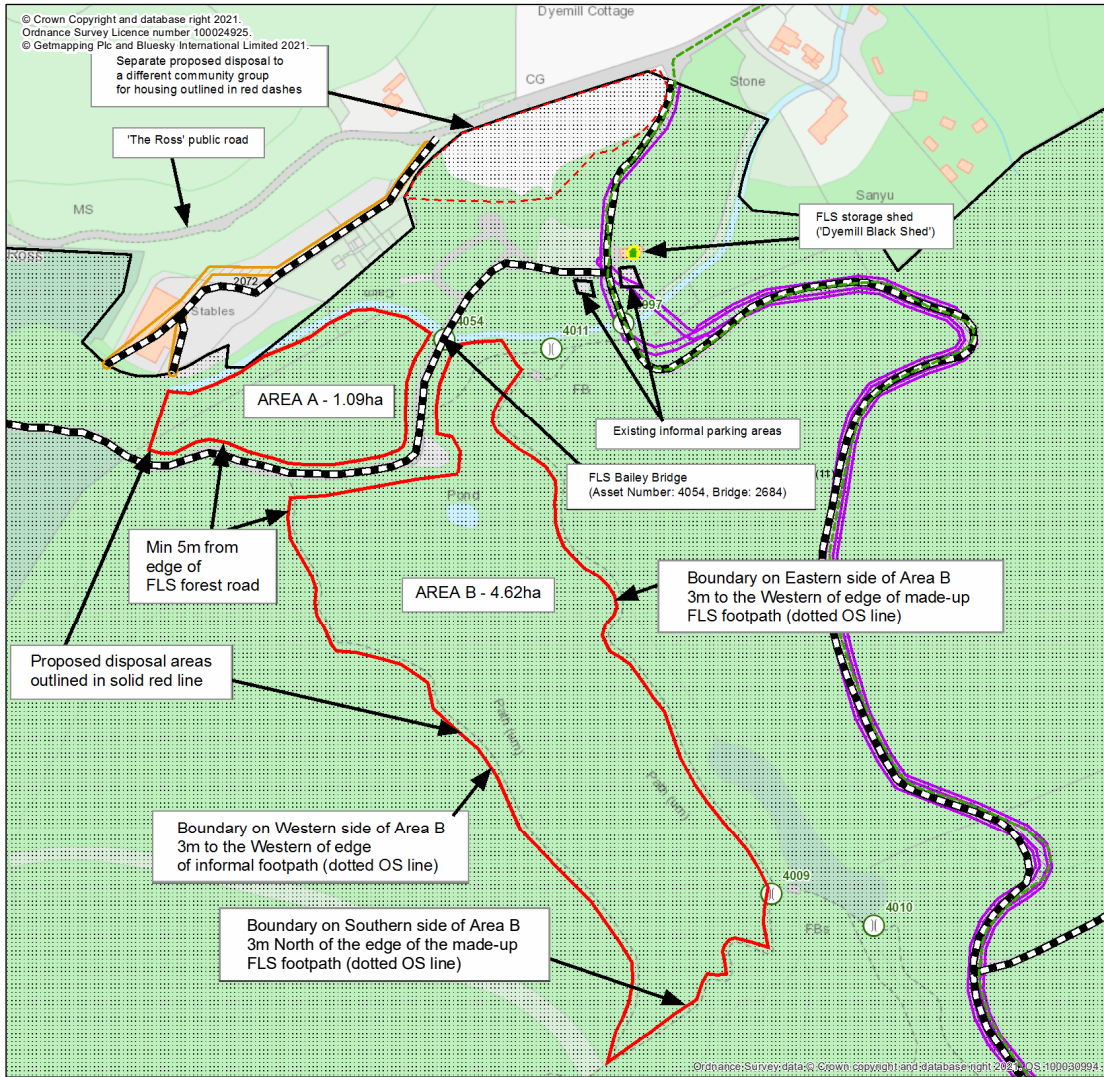
(see CATS Guidance Section 1.2)

2.1 Please identify the land to which this asset transfer request relates.

You should provide a **grid reference** and attach a **map** clearly showing the boundaries of the land to which this asset transfer request. You should also provide any name by which the land is known, and you may also wish to provide additional description. You can contact your Forestry and Land Scotland [Region](#) office for assistance in providing a copy of the map. *If you have identified the land on Forest Enterprise Scotland's [Register of Land](#), please enter the details listed there.*

Grid reference: NS 01331 29654

Name and description of the land: Dyemill Forest, Lamlash, Isle of Arran, North Ayrshire, KA27 8AR



Legend

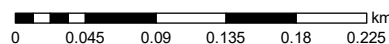
Core Paths	Bridges	Other FC Building	Disposed Rights
Forest Roads	FLS Buildings	Acquired Rights	Disposed Rights
Forest Roads	National Office	FC Legal Boundary	
	District Office	FC Legal Boundary	

Proposed disposal via CATS

Author: Mike Wood

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Date: 02/11/2021



Scotland's national forests and land are responsibly managed to the UK Woodland Assurance Standard.



If your request is for a building, you should provide a street address and the Unique Property Reference Number ([UPRN](#)) if known.

Address:

UPRN (if known):

Section 3: Type of request, payment and conditions

(see CATS Guidance Section 1.4)

3.1 Please tick what type of request is being made:

for **ownership** (under section 79(2)(a)) – go to **Section 3A**

for **lease** (under section 79(2)(b)(i)) – go to **Section 3B**

for other **rights** (section 79(2)(b)(ii)) – go to **Section 3C**

3A – Request for ownership

What price are you prepared to pay for the land requested (see CATS Guidance Section 2.2)?

Proposed price: **£1**

Bell Ingram have produced a Valuation Report and are of the opinion that the Market Value of the land is £36,500.

We request a discount on the value of the land based on the significant added value we will deliver to Arrans community and key national and local strategies.

Highlighted later in this document is our non financial benefits, estimated financial benefit and extensive contribution to key national and local strategies including Scotland's national outcomes.

Please attach a note setting out any other terms and conditions you wish to apply to the request.

3B – Request for lease

a) What is the length of lease you are requesting?

b) How much rent are you prepared to pay? (see CATS Guidance Section 2.2)
Please make clear whether this is per year or per month.

Proposed rent: £ per

Please attach a note setting out any other terms and conditions you wish to be included in the lease, or to apply to the request in any other way.

3C – Request for other rights

a) What are the rights you are requesting?

Do you propose to make any payment for these rights?

Yes **No**

If yes, how much are you prepared to pay? Please make clear what period this would cover, for example per week, per month, per day?

Proposed payment: £ per

Please attach a note setting out any other terms and conditions you wish to apply to the request.

Section 4: Community Proposal

You may wish to refer to relevant sections in supporting documents.

4.1 Please set out the reasons for making the request and how the land or building will be used.

This should explain the objectives of your project, why there is a need for it, any development or changes you plan to make to the land or building, and any activities that will take place there.

Proposal

Arran High School Mountain Bike Club propose to build, manage and maintain an accessible, inclusive and safe, all weather environment to grow and develop our Islands cycling community, inspiring Arran to cycle. The facility will encourage residents and visitors to engage in cycling in many forms, regardless of their background, gender, age, ethnicity or ability. With this new facility our Islands cycling community will benefit from being able to grow and develop local competition and event opportunities in addition to providing a safe and accessible area for coaching and skills development. The safe and accessible facility will provide an ideal area within cycling distance of Arran High School for our young leaders and coaches to deliver mountain biking sessions safely to their younger peers. The link between physical activity, contact with the natural environment and improved mental and physical health is well established. By improving the accessibility of mountain biking on Arran we can play a major role in improving our communities health and wellbeing. To ensure the recreational area is utilised by as many of our community as possible we will develop the site for family and school use with outdoor learning opportunities while improving the sites biodiversity.

Vision

Through increasing and diversifying participation in cycling our islands community experiences reduced health inequalities, improved physical and mental health and wellbeing, reduced social isolation in addition to a strengthened Island economy through an increase in cycling's economic impact on tourism.

Aims

- Reduce the financial barrier to participation in cycling
- Increase opportunity to participate in cycling
- Increase sharing of community resources
- Increase in community bikes maintained and repaired
- Increase use of off road core paths for access
- Increase in community members able to maintain and repair their own bikes
- Increased use of off road core paths for access

Increase in young people trained and volunteering in MTB leadership, cycle coaching and trail maintenance

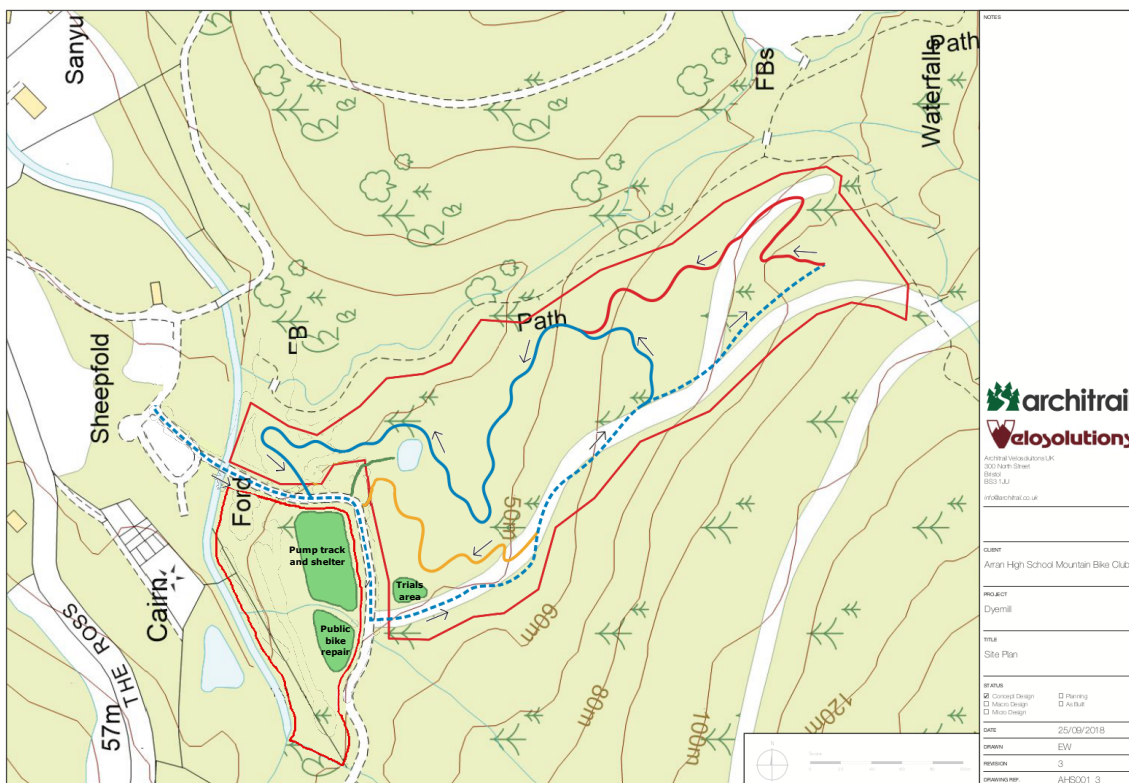
- Increase in young people and community members volunteering
- Increase in adults trained and qualified as MTB Leaders, coaches and in trail maintenance
- Increased and more diverse participation in cycling regardless of age, gender, disability, ethnicity, sexuality or socio-economic status
- Increase in young people cycling for recreation, active travel and cycling competition
- Increase in community trail maintenance volunteering
- Increase in transferable trail maintenance skills benefiting Arrans wider multi-user trail network
- Increase in people exercising responsible outdoor access with reduction in unauthorised trail building
- Increase in job opportunities in the cycling sector
- Increase in young peoples accessible introductions to cycle racing
- Increased community access to a quality outdoor recreation and learning environment in close proximity to Arran High School

Objective Areas		Objectives
Building sustainable facilities that create opportunities	1.1	Install mountain bike skills trails, floodlit asphalt pump track and bike trials area
	1.2	Install a youth build your own trail area
	1.3	Install a group shelter and outdoor furniture
	1.4	Install a bike wash, bike repair station, eBike charger and spares vending machine
	1.5	Install outdoor gym equipment
	1.6	Install a bike library of free to use bikes, skateboards and scooters
	1.7	Install free to use community bike workshop
	1.8	Install free to use trailer of trail tools and equipment
	1.9	Improve access to the pond for outdoor learning
Deliver a diverse range of opportunities to our islands young people	2.1	Continue to deliver group youth MTB rides for free
	2.2	Deliver youth MTB coaching for free
	2.3	Deliver local youth MTB race series
	2.4	Deliver Ayrshire schools MTB competitions
	2.5	Deliver 'overnight on a school night' bivvy sessions

	2.6	Continue delivering training and qualifications in Association of Trail Builders Trail Maintenance, Scottish Cycling Level 1 MTB leadership, Scottish Cycling Level 1 Cycle Coach, Sport Scotland's Child protection and Wellbeing, Emergency Outdoor First Aid and Park Tool School trail side mechanics.
Deliver opportunities to our wider community that strengthen our island	3.1	Deliver monthly community pump track jam
	3.2	Deliver annual cycling event
	3.3	Deliver facility opening festival.
	3.4	Deliver free Dr Bike sessions and teach bike mechanic skills to our wider community.
	3.5	Deliver training and qualifications in Association of Trail Builders Trail Maintenance, Trail Maintenance Volunteer Coordinator, Scottish Cycling Level 1, 2 and 3 MTB leadership, Scottish Cycling Level 1 and 2 Cycle Coach, Sport Scotland's Child protection and Wellbeing, Emergency Outdoor First Aid and Park Tool School trail side mechanics.
	3.6	Deliver volunteering opportunities in trail maintenance, MTB leading and coaching
Promotion that improves positive outcomes	4.1	Promote other off-road cycling routes on Arran
	4.2	Promote a diverse and inclusive use of the facility
	4.3	Promote facility as a family friendly area with more than just mountain biking
	4.4	Promote responsible access and the rights and responsibilities of mountain bikers with a culture of trail stewardship
	4.5	Promote a culture of community volunteering with transferable trail maintenance skills
	4.6	Promote opportunities for AHSMBC, Arran Bike Club and other key local partners to collaborate more easily on developing and growing cycling in our wider community
	4.7	Promote Arran's cycling product putting the Island back on the map for cycling
	4.8	Promote outdoor learning initiatives for children. For example: foraging, bush craft and outdoor cooking

Short-term Outcomes	Medium-term Outcomes	Vision
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduced financial barrier to participation. 2. Increased opportunity for participation in cycling 3. Increased sharing of community resources 4. Increase in community bikes maintained and repaired 5. Increase in community members able to maintain and repair their own bikes 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Increased and more diverse participation in cycling regardless of age, gender, disability, ethnicity, sexuality or socio-economic status 12. Increase in young people cycling for recreation, active travel and cycling competition 13. Increase in community trail maintenance volunteering 14. Increase in transferable trail maintenance skills benefiting Arrans wider multi-user trail network 	<p>Through increasing and diversifying participation in cycling our islands community experiences reduced health inequalities, improved physical and mental health and wellbeing, reduced social isolation in addition to a strengthened Island economy through an increase in cycling's</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Increased use of off road core paths for access 7. Increase in young people trained and volunteering in MTB leadership, cycle coaching and trail maintenance 8. Increase in young people and community members volunteering 9. Increase in adults trained and qualified as MTB Leaders, coaches and in trail maintenance 10. Increased community access to a quality outdoor recreation and learning environment in close proximity to Arran High School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15. Increase in people exercising responsible outdoor access with reduction in unauthorised trail building 16. Increase in job opportunities in the cycling sector 17. Increase in young peoples accessible introductions to cycle racing 	<p>economic impact on tourism</p>
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Background

Need Through Disadvantage

Children and young people growing up on Arran are disadvantaged through geography as they do not have the same access to purpose built cycling facilities as those on the mainland. A costly and time-consuming journey is required by boat and car and often involves an overnight stay for any cycling trip of significance. The proposed Dyemill trails will allow Island residents, who may not be able to travel to ride, access to all weather maintained bike trails and the multitude of benefits they bring. A safe and inclusive facility to build a cohesive cycling community on Arran will help encourage the further volunteering required to deliver more cycling opportunities to our Islands young people. Social isolation, health inequalities and access deprivation to services are all problems young people on Arran experience. To ensure young people on Arran are not disadvantaged we need to improve their access to an inclusive entry level cycling facility in addition to building a healthy and supportive cycling community on Arran.

Need through Covid-19 Recovery

With the devastating financial impact of Covid-19 on the tourism industry on Arran it would be of significant benefit for Arran to diversify and tap into the mountain biking tourism market

in a similar way to the original 7Stanes project saving many rural farming economies suffering from the foot and mouth outbreak. Estimates from the Arran Recovery Group show tourism income on Arran is down £35 million. They cite working to retain the balance between community, environment and the economy, all the things that make Arran a special place, as the key to recovery.

Need Through Scottish Cycling Accredited Centre Level 1 Route

Our current designated level 1 route is pushing the boundaries with what is safe and because of its exposure and elevation we have risk assessed it to be led in pairs rather than the standard single leader. The intended participants would be primary school children and beginners. Because of the elevation our existing level 1 route is far from ideal and may serve to put beginners off the sport, as it demands a reasonable level of strength and conditioning. By offering short, repeatable routes at Dyemill our young leaders would be able to deliver accessible and inclusive introductions to the sport for a range of levels in safety. The proposed facility will also offer the opportunity for our young people to begin their coaching journey.

4.2 Benefits of the proposal

Please set out the benefits that you consider will arise if the request is agreed to (see CATS Guidance Section 3.2). This section should explain how the project will benefit your community, and others.

Please refer to the guidance on how the relevant authority will consider the benefits of a request.

The project will create many additional benefits including;

Economic development

The project will annually produce an estimated £34,662 financial benefit in additional volunteering, qualifications, community savings, community spend and new employment opportunities created. This is in addition to £284,129 worth of community assets invested in. The project will link free to use services with the High School on an island within the most deprived 10% of communities in Scotland for access to services. We will create multiple additional volunteering opportunities. Additional qualifications and a high level of leadership training from our national governing body not normally seen in UK schools will be delivered to eight young people annually. Arran once featured in national cycling development plans but through lack of investment has fallen off the map and currently does not feature on THE STRATEGY FOR SCOTTISH MOUNTAIN BIKING, 2019 - 2025. The facility will become

Arran's contribution towards the strategies aim of increasing mountain biking's annual total economic GVA contribution to £158m by 2025 an increase of 51%.

Social, physical and mental health and wellbeing.

The facility will lend itself well to supporting our communities' ability to reduce the negative impacts of social isolation and the links between inactivity and mental ill health and wellbeing. The links between everyday contact with nature or exercise outdoors and positive mental health is well established. Our young Level 1 MTB Leaders will have additional Mental Health First Aid training and qualifications. The community building that will take place with a sense of place and belonging will encourage a wider user group to develop connections within the facility. These connections can make a positive difference to both young and old on Arran. The Scottish weather can serve to put off exercise outdoors but by creating the facility in a way that reduces the effects of the weather on the trails and with an open shelter we will be doing all we can to reduce this barrier to exercise. There are further opportunities to link with developing mountain bike related healthcare programs and pathways, or in projects specifically designed to support people with mental or physical health issues. Once the facility is established we will explore encouraging and aiding in the delivery of these projects.

Environment

We will prioritise education and nurturing an innovative approach to how we create opportunity for our young people to have their voices heard and lead the way in responding to the climate emergency. There is an opportunity to work with partners such as COAST and Arran Eco Savvy to create a positive exemplar for off grid infrastructure. How we power the LED floodlights must be sustainable and renewable. We have a generator short term, which can run on biodiesel until we are confident that our chosen long-term power source is the best choice. Our rainwater harvesting bike wash will seek to promote and educate on biosecurity within our forests. An eBike charger will create the infrastructure needed to power these every day vehicles. Our free to use bike workshop will keep bikes on the road and diverted from landfill. We will aim for biodiversity net gain. We will increase biodiversity on site through installing nesting boxes for bats, owls and other birds. Local school pupils will lead the design and manufacture of these during outdoor learning lessons. Arran Bee Group will manage a hive on site and to link this with primary school outdoor learning visits. Our biodiversity nature pond will be designed for outdoor learning classes for primary and secondary school pupils. It is anticipated that the majority of skills trails will use as dig material with very little crushed stone requiring to be imported. Arran's main villages are linked by off road multi user paths but these are steep and technical in places. By increasing our communities' fitness, skills and confidence on bikes there is more chance that these off road routes will be used for active travel. We will install an eco friendly bike wash, which will harvest rainwater and be gravity fed. This will primarily be a focal point to educate users on biosecurity and the deadly threat to our forests from *Phytophthora ramorum*, which can infect a range of host species, causes particularly damaging infections on larch trees. We will encourage facility users to help slow the spread by following biosecurity advice to 'Keep it Clean' and wash their bikes and shoes before leaving the site. We will plant native trees including the native Arran Whitebeam (*Sorbus arranensis*), which is one of the rarest and most endangered trees in the world. We will fence these trees off, as deer love to eat them. Henry Murdo, who is a local wood expert will supply the saplings and help our young people plant them in addition to other native species like Aspen. These trees will be fenced to

protect them from deer. We will also plant more trees that bear fruit and nuts for birds and the native red squirrel to feed from. The facility will be managed in accordance with the principles of sustainable forest management (SFM), as set out in the UK Forestry Standard. Please see supporting document (Woodland_Management_Plan.pdf)

Education

We will work with our primary and secondary schools to develop and maintain the woodland for the accessible delivery of Duke of Edinburgh Award, John Muir Award and Forest Schools amongst other outdoor learning programmes. The siting of Bee Hives, developing the biodiversity pond, improving access to these areas and providing a shelter with outdoor furniture the facility will become the go to area for organised and informal outdoor learning. Informative signs will be developed. They could be developed as an interdisciplinary project with the Art, Graphics, Geography and Biology departments.

Equality

We will offer all of our services and activities for free to reduce any financial barrier to participation. We will also maintain a fleet of free to use bikes, scooters and skateboards. We aim to grow the diversity of participation through increasing the range and timing of opportunities, both for volunteers and participants. The path to the biodiversity pond intended for outdoor learning will be designed for wheelchair access. Our outdoor furniture and shelter will be designed with disability access in mind. We are committed to meeting our requirements under the Equality Act 2010 and the principles and active promotion of equality of opportunity while taking into account the different needs of our community as they develop.

Responsible trail development

Currently, sustainable trail development and the relationship between land owner and 'unauthorised' trail building is a developing topic within Scottish Mountain biking circles. The ownership, management and maintenance of this facility can provide a useful exemplar model of a responsible approach. Our build your own area will be a landowners first and our research of its intended outcome will be shared with DMBinS. The intended outcome is to reduce unauthorised building. The area will be solely for young club members and linked to responsible access lessons.

Estimated 'monetised' benefit to community	
Additional annual volunteering valued at £15 per hour	
Our clubs annual volunteer hours are recorded at 300 on average not including weekend trips. With a minimum increase in Level 1 MTB leading we anticipate an increase in 200 volunteer hours.	£3,000
Additional 20 people volunteering for two hours each month for trail maintenance. This will represent an additional 480 hours.	£7,200
It is anticipated that through training youth and adults in trail maintenance on site while advocating for wider trail maintenance that volunteers will use their skills further afield on Arran with Coastal way, Arran Access Trust and various community improvement groups including Shiskine Valley Trust. The additional hours spent	£1,200

volunteering on Arran will be upwards of ten people delivering four, 2 hour sessions a year.	
Annual regional youth race will involve ten volunteers for 8 hours.	£1200
Additional volunteer cycle maintenance workshops open days twice a year for 6 hours with five mechanics.	£450
Additional annual community savings	
Our free to use cycle maintenance workshop will save upwards of fifty island residents expensive bike repair bills	£2500
Additional annual qualifications	
Eight Scottish Cycling Level 1 MTB Leader qualifications	£600
Eight emergency outdoor first aid qualifications	£900
Eight mental health first aid qualifications	£900
Eight Sport Scotland's Child Wellbeing and Protection qualifications	£200
Eight trail maintenance volunteer coordinator with trail inspection qualifications	£1,600
Additional annual spend within community	
With 100 youth race entries taken by non-residents, they will contribute to Arrans economy through an average £10 spend on food and transport.	£1,000
Local bike related businesses will see an increased trade in parts and servicing with an uptake in the activity by younger riders in particular. There are different wants, needs, abilities and wealth from those who require their bikes to be repaired. Some are wealthy but have the time, the tools and the skills to do it themselves. Some cannot afford the tools or the repairs and do not have the skills. The result is that we anticipate a broad-spectrum of demographics requiring bike repairs. Some will wait for our free bike MOTs with repairs, some will use our free bike workshop and tools and some will increase the trade of local business by paying for repairs. One additional £50 repair each of the 52 working weeks per year would equal £2600 extra per annum for local bike repair business.	£2,600
Local cafes and other service providers will see a small rise in footfall particularly as we will encourage parking within Lamlash. If we expect 27,260 additional users it is not unreasonable to assume that 1000 of these would spend £1 at minimum each within Lamlash.	£1000
Additional annual job creation	
Additional 0.2FTE cycle coaching/leading jobs created annually. Consultation with Matt Webb of RideArran MTB guiding identified that similar Scottish MTB companies have benefited in an increase in custom when advertising through and at a designated and recognisable MTB centre or destination. The guiding, leading and coaching often come secondary to place. Repeat custom is also to be expected as the facility affords opportunity for skills progression.	£10,312
Additional community assets	
Box trailer community bike workshop with comprehensive set of tools	£16,000
Spare bike parts recycling box	£500
Free to use box trailer of trail maintenance tools for community groups	£6,660

on Arran.	
Construction of bike trails and associated infrastructure	£261,469
Totals	
Additional Volunteering	£13,050
Additional Community spend	£4,600
Additional qualifications	£4,200
Additional Community savings	£2,500
Additional community assets	£284,629
Additional jobs created	£10,312
Total	£319,291

Additional users	Totals
Some of the additional users identified below already cycle. We have identified them as additional users as the facility is a unique place to learn, practice, improve, repair and maintain, and volunteer. It is much more than just a cycle trail. If we did not have this facility some may still cycle but they would not have the targeted opportunity to contribute towards the growth of our cycling community through education, repair and maintain, and volunteering.	
Around 4,000 people live on Arran with 260 of primary school age and 240 of secondary school age. 20% of our secondary school role currently benefit from our extra curricular MTB activity. We believe we will grow this by another 20% with the addition of an all-weather, beginner friendly multi discipline facility.	48 young people
There are pupils at Arran High School engaged in MTB not associated with club activities that will benefit from the facility.	20 young people
A survey completed by 200 high school aged pupils indicates that 82 currently cycle and a total of 130 young people would use the facility regularly.	130 young people
Our activities do not currently impact upon younger children within our community. We will target a further 20% of primary aged children to regularly use the facility.	52 children
Regular club bivy overnights on a school night experiences.	40 young people
An annual regional youth race will bring an additional non-resident to Arran.	100 young people
Annual outdoor learning visits from Arran High School.	150 young people
Annual outdoor learning visits from Arran Primary Schools.	200 children
We will host an opening event, which will coincide with the UCI World Cycling Championships coming to Scotland in 2023.	500 people
Free to use bike workshop	50 adults
Group visits from Arran Outdoor Education Centre and Lochranza Centre groups.	2,000 children
Arran Belles on Bikes, Arran Bike club and Isle of Arran Cycle Club members would use the facility.	70 adults
In terms of tourism it is not anticipated that the facility would attract a significant quantity of people traveling to Arran specifically to use the facility. The current volume and demographic of visitors coming to	24,000 visitors

<p>Arran with bikes would however undoubtedly use the facility as there is nowhere else specifically geared towards families of cyclists. We are confident this is the case especially as it will be family friendly, multi discipline and free to access. Visitor numbers to Arran in 2018 were over 400,000 generating £61million for the islands economy, though CALMAC, or no other group, record the number of visitors with bicycles. 12% of people in Scotland participated in cycling within the 4 weeks prior as identified in Cycling Scotland's Annual Cycling Monitoring Report 2019. If we use this 12% as an indicative figure of visitors with bicycles on Arran that would equal 48000. Averaging 6 ferry crossings to Arran each day not including the Lochranza route would average 2190 each year. 22 bikes per ferry journey with some ridden and some carried on cars. Brodick Port Staff interviewed agreed this would be a reasonable estimate. If half of these are road cyclists then 24,000 visitors with bikes coming to Arran would very likely use the facility.</p>	
Totals	
The total number of additional users benefiting from the facility as highlighted above.	27,260 people

Contribution towards National Performance Framework	
NPF Outcome	Projects contribution
People grow up loved, safe and respected so that they realise their full potential	Young people will grow up respected and loved by their wider community due to their wider volunteering and contribution to a positive island life. They will feel less like growing up on an island holds them back and appreciate the positives. The accessible facility will improve the safety of entry-level cyclists.
People live in communities that are inclusive, empowered, resilient and safe.	Our inclusive cycling community will feel empowered and supported with their voice listened to. They will actively improve their islands resilience with training, qualifications, free to use cycle tools and trail maintenance tools. They will improve their resilience in safety by cycling outdoors all year round. An increased number of cycling clubs and informal groups will contribute towards a healthier and stronger community. The facility will provide a focus for our island community, young and old, to work together. The facility will Improve people's use of their community assets. More volunteering opportunities will encourage connections between generations.
People are creative and their vibrant and	The family friendly multi discipline facility will

diverse cultures are expressed and enjoyed widely.	offer opportunity for personalisation and choice whether on a bike or off it. A closely monitored and supervised build your own area will nurture creativity.
People have a globally competitive, entrepreneurial, inclusive and sustainable economy.	Growing Arran tourism by creating a marketable MTB product. Helping local cycling related businesses by develop a sustainable market. Developing our rural Island economy and promoting inclusive growth.
People are well educated, skilled and able to contribute to society.	Continuing and expanding delivery of training and qualifications for both our young people and adult volunteers is key to the projects sustainable success. Encouraging volunteering beyond the facility widens our impact. Outdoor learning opportunities will be developed with the High School and Primary Schools and early year classes.
People value, enjoy, protect and enhance their environment.	More people accessing the outdoors responsibly. Sustainably built and managed trails. More opportunities to volunteer in trail repair and maintenance, which helps to sustain wider trail networks. We will work with Arran Eco Savvy to develop sustainable solutions to our bike wash water supply and energy for eBike battery charger and floodlights. There is opportunity for innovation and the facility to be a positive example of off-grid sustainability. Outdoor learning with the High School, Primary Schools and early year classes.
People have thriving and innovative business, with quality jobs and fair work for everyone.	Supporting sustainable economic growth by providing job opportunities in the cycling sector and its broader supply chain.
People are healthy and active.	Greater participation means more physical activity. Creating a healthy network of volunteer and paid leaders, coaches and instructors. Increasing use of bikes for active travel. Sustainable development of cycling facilities. Every day contact with nature will be encouraged for its health benefits.
People will respect, protect and fulfill human rights and free from discrimination.	Reducing health inequalities by increasing participation in cycling, particularly in under represented groups.
People are open, connected and make a positive contribution internationally	Contributing to the pride in Scotland's status as a world-class nation for mountain biking. Continuing to be endorsed and promoted by

	Scottish Cycling and DMBinS as a positive example of innovative and sustainable practice.
People tackle poverty by sharing opportunities, wealth and power more equally	We will share our trail maintenance tools and resources and our cycle maintenance tools and resources. The facility will be free to use reducing any financial barrier to participation and we will maintain a fleet of free to use bikes.

Contribution to national strategies	
Strategy	Fit with project
OUR RIDE - AN EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION STRATEGY FOR BRITISH CYCLING	We create an inclusive culture at Arran High School Mountain Bike Club. We work towards increasing participation of groups underrepresented in cycling including through our 'girls only' group. We will develop our membership, our cycling offer and services and in particular aim to increase our entry-level opportunities.
SCOTLAND'S FORESTRY STRATEGY 2019-2029	The facilities woodland will be sustainably managed. The facility recognises wider land-use objectives and will enhance the woodlands environmental benefits. More people within our community and businesses will be involved in the creation, management and use of the facilities woodland.
TOURISM SCOTLAND 2020 (2012)	As a country sport and as adventure tourism - the facility is focused on growing participation. Mountain biking/cycling is the second most popular outdoor activity in Scotland.
ACTIVE SCOTLAND OUTCOMES FRAMEWORK	We encourage and enable the inactive to be more active. We encourage and enable the active to stay active throughout life. Our activities develop physical confidence and competence. The facility will improve our islands active infrastructure of people and place. We support wellbeing and resilience in our community through physical activity and sport. We improve opportunities to participate, progress and achieve in sport.
SCOTTISH CYCLING STRATEGY (2019) DEVELOPING A NATION OF CYCLISTS	Lead, grow, support and partner. We are regularly used by SC as a positive example of a club doing things differently for the benefit of their community. Providing this facility will lead the way in how clubs can

	deliver growth.
MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGY 2017-27	While physical and mental health is linked, we will provide sustainable preventative solutions to periods of mental ill health. We will deliver mental health first aid training to eight young people each year.
A CONNECTED SCOTLAND: SCOTLANDS SOCIAL ISOLATION STRATEGY (2018)	Our project will promote community building while creating a central location where our islands cyclists will use as a hub. Young people growing up on Arran will benefit from a multi discipline facility that brings people together.
THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF MOUNTAIN BIKING IN SCOTLAND – A NATIONAL STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK	We will contribute as much as our community can towards the vision of increasing participation in mountain biking and increasing mountain biking tourism.
THE STRATEGY FOR SCOTTISH MOUNTAIN BIKING, (2019-2025) LEADING EUROPEAN MOUNTAIN BIKING	We will contribute towards Scotland being recognised as the leader of European mountain biking through innovative product development and tourism, participation and sport development, and sustainable trail development and management. Scottish Cycling and DMBinS as an innovative and responsible approach to sustainable trail development will showcase our project.
ONE SCOTLAND – A PROGRAMME FOR GOVERNMENT 2018-19 (SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT, 2018)	Our project will help create economic sustainability; valuing our islands natural capital; tackle physical inactivity, with a particular focus on encouraging more women and girls to take part in sport.
LONG-TERM VISION FOR ACTIVE TRAVEL IN SCOTLAND – 2030 (TRANSPORT SCOTLAND, 2014)	Encouraging more people to cycle for leisure, sport and travel.
THE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY DELIVERY PLAN FOR SCOTLAND	Increasing participation in mountain biking can contribute across all Active Scotland outcomes, particularly Outcome 4 (improving our active infrastructure – people and places).
CYCLING ACTION PLAN FOR SCOTLAND (2013)	Promoting cycling for young people for leisure, travel and fun.
REACHING HIGHER – THE NATIONAL SPORTS STRATEGY	“If we are to achieve our vision, the challenge will be to deliver two key outcomes: Increasing participation, improving performance.” Our facility and activities will contribute towards both.
ENJOYING THE OUTDOORS: SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION AND SHARING THE BENEFITS	“Path networks and green-space should be developed close to home to provide communities throughout rural and urban

	Scotland with opportunities to enjoy the outdoors.”
LET’S GET SCOTLAND MORE ACTIVE: A STRATEGY FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY	A 20-year plan that sets national targets to achieve ‘50% of all adults aged over 16 and 80% of all children aged 16 and under meeting the minimum recommended levels of physical activity by 2022’. The strategy recognises the importance of “having access to a range of physical activities including...cycling”.
THE NATIONAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY	“By investing in better infrastructure links between community facilities such as health centres, transport hubs and schools, we believe that cycling and walking as travel options are realistic alternatives to using the car for journeys to work, school and for leisure purposes.”

Contribution to regional and local strategies	
Strategy	Fit with project
NORTH AYRSHIRE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP (ORGANISATION DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2018-2021)	Our project will contribute to priorities including tackling inequalities, engaging communities, prevention and early intervention, Improving mental health and wellbeing.
NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL OPEN SPACE STRATEGY (2016-2026)	‘North Ayrshire will be recognised by the high quality and accessibility of its excellent publicly accessible open spaces, promoting economic prosperity, healthy lifestyles and biodiversity through the provision of greater opportunity for outdoor recreation for residents and visitors.’
NORTH AYRSHIRE LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN	A Working North Ayrshire, A Healthier North Ayrshire, A Safer North Ayrshire, A Thriving North Ayrshire – Children and Young People.
NORTH AYRSHIRE TOURISM ACTION PLAN (2018 - 2022)	“The next five years will see North Ayrshire and the islands come together to deliver unique and memorable coastal and island experiences for the community and the visitor.”
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & REGENERATION STRATEGY REFRESH NORTH AYRSHIRE (2016 – 2025)	Our facility will contribute towards a sustainable diversification of Arrans outdoor pursuits product. Contributing towards inclusive growth through innovation.
NORTH AYRSHIRE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY & CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY (2017-2020)	This key priority is linked to the Brundtland Report definition of sustainable development - “development which meets

	the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs” Our project will deliver an exemplar of off sustainable off-grid infrastructure while promoting active travel and improving our islands cycle maintenance capacity.
NORTH AYRSHIRE - YOUTH CITIZENSHIP & PARTICIPATION STRATEGY (2015 - 2019)	Delivering significant opportunity for our young people to play an active role in their school and community.
NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL TREE AND WOODLAND MANAGEMENT POLICY	Exemplifying the benefits woodlands attach to the environment greatly extend beyond perceived visual amenity and including; Social, educational and, communal benefits through connecting people with nature regularly and frequently.
AYRSHIRE AND ARRAN FOREST AND WOODLAND STRATEGY 2014	Trees and woodland make a unique contribution to the environment and economy of Ayrshire and Arran. Comprising around 23% of land cover, they provide a key resource for biodiversity and deliver a wide range of environmental benefits that help to support the region’s communities. We will improve community access and the sites biodiversity.
AYRSHIRE & ARRAN MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING STRATEGY (2014 - 2026)	Mental health and wellbeing is affected by a wide range of factors that we experience in our lives, such as forming and sustaining relationships, going to work and school, being able to participate in leisure activities and feeling part of the wider community. Our project has our young peoples mental health and wellbeing at its heart. Eight young people will be trained as mental health first aiders each year.
ARRAN RECOVERY & BEYOND: DRAFT - ARRAN RECOVERY GROUP	Community and environment make Arran a leading island destination. This in turn is the basis of our tourist economy, support sectors and business in general. Covid-19 has reinforced these assets and the well-being they foster. They will be at the core of our economic renewal.
NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING STRATEGY (2020-2025)	Enhancing local wealth and the creation of fair jobs, and maximising the potential of all our places through working in partnership with our communities and businesses. We will increase opportunities for jobs within the cycling sector.

4.3 Restrictions on use of the land

If there are any restrictions on the use or development of the land, please explain how your project will comply with these. Your Forestry and Land Scotland [Region](#) office can provide assistance in identifying any restrictions and how to comply with them.

Restrictions might include, amongst others, environmental designations such as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), heritage designations such as listed building status, controls on contaminated land or planning restrictions.

There have not been any restrictions identified on site however current access to the site has presented some restrictions.

Existing access of the site is via an existing forest road with an expected increase in traffic F&LS have requested we extend and upgrade an existing cycle trail from the Ross road to the site. This will run alongside the forest road and direct cyclists towards the site keeping them off the forest road. Facility signage would accompany the entrance of this cycle path. We will also pursue extending the off road core path route from the end of Glenkiln farm track, alongside the Ross road and ending adjacent Dyemill entrance.

Access via the bridge is restricted at present, as the bridge has been deemed structurally unsafe. F&LS do not need to replace this bridge to extract timber until 2023 however if F&LS timescales extend further we will endeavour to secure funding to cover 50% of the total bridge cost.

Due to the current assessed structural deficient condition of the access bridge we intend to proceed with a phased approach. Access of excavators using the Urie loch path for the first phase, providing it is reinstated, will enable construction of the skills trails. All other construction requiring vehicles will wait until a second phase once the bridge is repaired or replaced. The preferred contractor anticipates the skills trails using as-dug material but will reserve a budget for returning during the second phase to armour the trail surface with quarried material if the as-dug material proves to not be long-term low maintenance. If the as-dug material, as expected, is suitable the reserved budget will be used to develop the trails further after an on-going evaluation of no less than 12 months.

We would welcome the installation of a locked forestry gate before or after the bridge restricting unauthorised vehicle access.

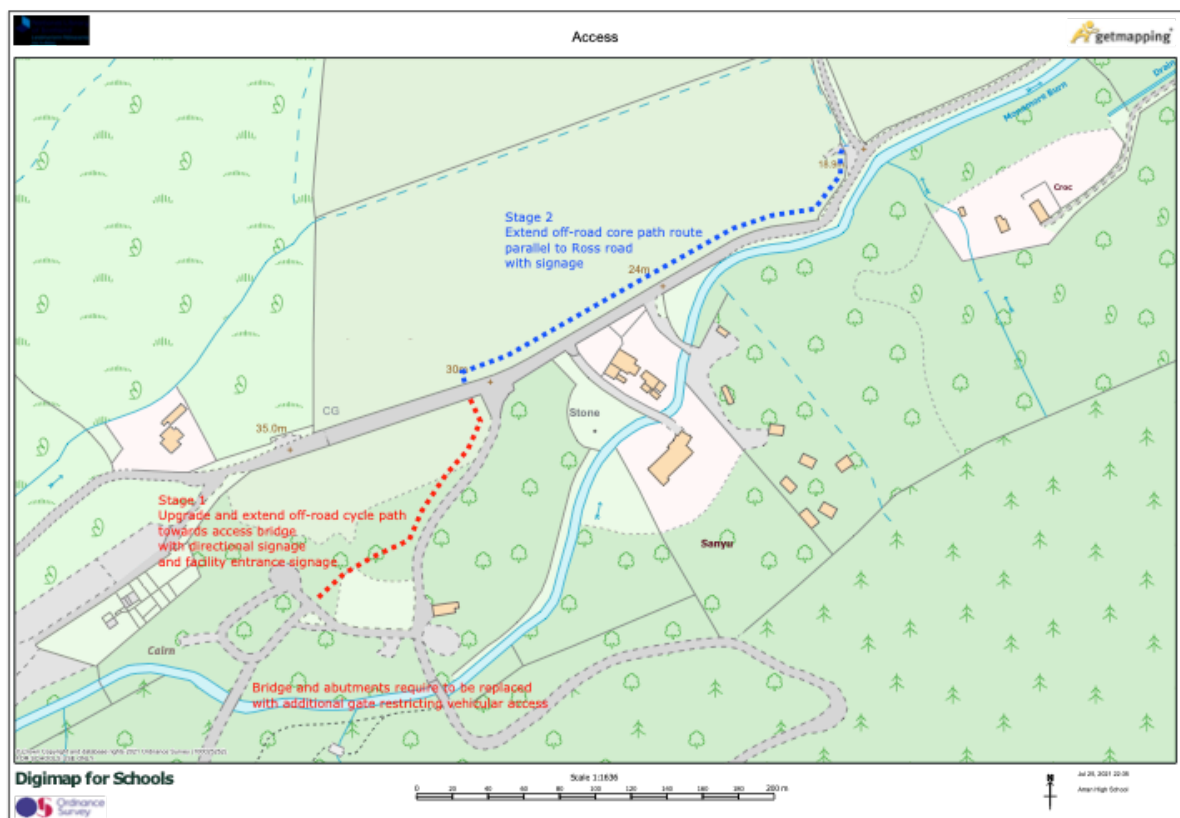
4.4 Negative consequences

What negative consequences (if any) may occur if your request is agreed to? How would you propose to minimise these?

You should consider any potential negative consequences for the local economy, environment, or any group of people, and explain how you could reduce these.

Potential increase in cars parking at Dyemill will be reduced by promoting the off road core path route via Glenkiln Farm from Arran High School and Lamlash village centre. We will encourage parking and the use of amenities in Lamlash.

There is an anticipated increase in timber extraction using the main forest road and Ross road. Although the forest road is currently used by cars, walkers and cyclists and is advertised as a Forest cycling route we do not want to increase the frequency and number of cyclists on this road. We will construct a path along side this road from the Ross road entrance to Dyemill and direct cyclists to the facilities proposed entrance. We will also work towards extending the core path from the end of Glenkiln farm road to the entrance to Dyemill alongside the Ross road. This addition would result in an entirely off road route from Lamlash to the facility.



Please show how your organisation will be able to manage the project and achieve your objectives.

This could include the skills and experience of members of the organisation, any track record of previous projects, whether you intend to use professional advisers, etc.

Advisors on Liability.

We met with John Ireland from F&LS and Arran Access Trust to discuss liability and best practice in Dec 2019. We also met with Clive Forth of Association of Trail Builders in May 2021 to discuss liability, qualifications, and current best practice of inspection and maintenance.

Experience of Responsible Trail Management and Maintenance

Qualified club volunteers (CTC Trail Maintenance Inspection and Trail Maintenance Volunteer Coordinators) have regularly been recording inspection and maintenance on the existing multi user trails we use. This experience has given our club a good insight into the practicalities of managing planned and reactive trail maintenance. Meallachs grave, in Lamlash, was built and is managed and maintained by AHSMBC with landowner consent. Unauthorised building including some unsafe features have been removed and made safe by us. An unauthorised large gap jump with unsafe landing near the Dyemill car park area was removed and made safe after discussion with the landowner. By positively working with the landowner we are improving our communities capacity to respond and responsibly manage unsafe unauthorised builds. Numerous unauthorised builds during lockdown were made safer. In particular, care and attention was given to protruding branches at eye and body level and crash zones.

Volunteers

We currently have five, Association of Trail Builders (formerly CTC then CyclingUK) Volunteer Trail Repair Coordinators and eight Trail Inspection qualified volunteers. Our SurveyMonkey identified 259 people on Arran who would volunteer for regular rail maintenance. This total is in addition to the circa 40 young club members who already regularly volunteer for trail maintenance.

Experience of Engaging Wider Community

AHSMBC has hosted Arran's own IMBA (Europe) Take Care of Your Trails each year since 2017. Engaging our wider community in volunteering where possible, this annual event has helped evolve our trail maintenance to 'a little, often' approach which now sees our club members participating in voluntary trail maintenance with land owner permission each time they are out mountain biking.

Home Base with Comprehensively Equipped Cycle Maintenance Resource

We operate out of a garage space in Arran High School as a Scottish Cycling Level 1 Accredited Centre with a comprehensive bike workshop as our designated base. With a minibuss, large box trailer, twenty-bike trailer and shipping container for additional secure storage.

Maintaining Resources

We continue to manage and maintain over thirty high quality mountain bikes as free to use assets along with all the helmets, waterproof jackets, gloves and associated kit in order to make our outdoor adventures fun and safe.

Existing Comprehensive Collection of Trail Maintenance Resources

We own a significant quantity of hand tools and equipment including 10 digging hoes, 10 MacLeod's, 10 pick/mattocks, 2 rakes, 10 taper mouthed digging shovels, 4 wheel barrows, 30 gorilla tubs, 1 pinch/pry bar, 1 sledge hammer, 2 club hammers, 10 loppers, 10 bow saws, 2 long reach pole saws and plenty PPE.

Insurance

Scottish Cycling has confirmed our annual affiliated club insurance will cover the public liability of the facility and the public's use of our mobile bike repair workshop. All club activities are insured under North Ayrshire Councils corporate insurance.

Planning Permission

Planning permission is required for the project. A pre-planning enquiry has been made with North Ayrshire Planning Services on 20th January 2021 (21/00046/PREAPP Dyemill, Lamlash). Our pre planning consultation period of 12 weeks has expired and a full application has now been submitted on Friday 12th November 2021. Planning Reference Number: 100387959-008

The most relevant policy in the Local Development Plan (Adopted Local Development Plan (north-ayrshire.gov.uk) is Strategic Policy 1: the Countryside Objective which allows that tourism and leisure uses which promote economic activity, diversification or sustainable development can accord with the LDP particularly where they develop the coastal tourism offer or infrastructure. Strategic Policy 2: Placemaking has relevance to all development proposals and the design/layout of the facility should be appropriate to the landscape, welcoming and accessible in this regard. Policy 4: Leisure Uses on Arran also supports developments, which have significant social or economic benefits to the island, and this aspect should be clarified in an application. Policy 15 relates to Landscape Protection.

Governance

Arran High School Mountain Bike Club (AHSMBC) is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR). The club's Scottish charity number is SC046453. AHSMBC began as a community group on the 1st October 2014 and transitioned into its current legal form on 21 March 2016. The Organisation has been formed to benefit the community of Arran High School (AHS), which includes pupils, parents, or guardians of pupils and staff (the "Community"), with the following purposes (the "Purposes"):

- To deliver regular opportunities for Arran High School pupils to participate in Mountain Biking.
- To encourage Arran High School pupils to choose cycling as an alternative travel option.
- To benefit the defined community by providing recreational facilities, or organising recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for who the facilities or activities are primarily intended.

Trustees (as of Jan 2021)

Stephen Garraway - Treasurer

[Redacted]

Kim Toogood - Secretary

[Redacted]

Robert McNeice - Chair

[Redacted]

Lucy Urquhart-Dixon - Wellbeing and Protection Officer

[Redacted]

Our current trustees have around another 20 years left of leading young people on bikes and volunteering to offer them exciting opportunities. That gives them 20 years to nurture the next generation of local mountain bikers who will feel valued as part of their community and feel it is their duty to volunteer their time to maintain a facility they will have benefited so much from. In 20 years there will be an army of young mountain bikers ready to take up the reigns!

Beyond 2021

In addition to the existing positions of Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Wellbeing and Protection Officer, we intend to support our existing committee structure with the following positions; Communications and PR officer, Dyemill Officer, Fundraising Officer and

Membership Secretary. Adding to our committee with parent volunteers will strengthen and future proof our committee against any unforeseen problems. The robustness and diversity of expertise of our committee will be improved with the addition of parent volunteers.

Our club is beginning to bear fruit of seniors leaving high school and asking to return to volunteer coach and lead. This is hopefully the beginning of duplicating the club model endorsed by Mountain Biking UK Magazine of a tiny French village called Peille that produces abnormally high numbers of cycling champions. This is due to all those passing through the junior club feeling it is their duty to give back and volunteer coaching time, whether as world champions or local leisure cyclists. It is a healthy community of volunteers just like AHSMTBC is nurturing.

Membership

Current membership is at 40 pupils, which represents around 20% of the school role. We have seven volunteer MTB leaders with more undergoing training each year. We also have six level 1 leaders.

Affiliations and Endorsement

AHSMBC is an affiliated club of our sports national governing body, Scottish Cycling. The club is also a member of Arran Community Sport Hub / KA Leisure. Arran High School, North Ayrshire Council and North Ayrshire Active Schools endorse AHSMBC. The club is a previous winner (2016) of Developing Mountain Biking in Scotland (DMBinS) club of the year and has been shortlisted every year since. At the 2020 Scottish Mountain Biking Summit, AHSMBC was a case study on what school clubs can achieve.

Achievements and Performance

- Catering for differentiation of ability, fitness and aspirations with four separate sessions each week. Including a girls only group as an inclusive response to inequalities in an underrepresented group.
- Participation rate is currently 50 pupils', which represents over 20% of the school role of 240.
- Nurturing resilience through riding throughout the darker winter months with night riding when most other outdoor activities pause.
- We encourage wider community volunteering through annually hosting Arran's IMBA (Europe) Take Care of Your Trails month and incorporate trail maintenance, with land-owner permission, as a key part of our approach to responsible access.
- We are a Scottish Cycling Level MTB accredited centre able to train and use level 1 leaders from the age of 16years.
- Encouraging a love of cycling with our Islands younger children by visiting all of our seven feeder primaries delivering coaching and free bike repairs.
- Responded to Covid19 lockdown with offer of free bike repairs to all of Arran's children and young people.
- Boosting cohesion and a sense of belonging with a minimum of two annual mainland residential mountain biking trips.
- Free bike repairs each week for pupils through park tool school increasing our club member's capacity to sustainably maintain their own bikes.
- Scottish Cycling Rock up and Ride pilot project delivering free bikes to eligible school pupils.

Contract Tenders

We invited 18 mountain bike trail construction companies based in the UK to tender for one or both contracts. We have awarded 'preferred contractor' status to Chris Rogerson Construction for the design and construction of the skills trails contract and to Architrail Velosolutions UK Ltd for the design and construction of the asphalt pump track contract.

Monitoring and Evaluating Outcomes

We will annually measure achievement of desired project outcomes through a variety of means including;

- Annually we will formally analyse results of our facilities data and online feedback to inform future provision and developments.
- We will use an infrared trail counter to record; Number of site visits.
- We will use an online booking form to record; How many times our trail tools are borrowed, how many times the bike workshop trailer is used and how many times the bikes, skateboards and scooters are used.
- We will encourage the use of a feedback questionnaire found on our website and other social media platforms.
- We will annually use survey monkey to delve deeper into our projects harder to measure outcomes.
- We will regularly monitor Trail Forks and Strava to gain insight on usage.
- We will track and monitor; Young peoples additional qualifications and adults' additional qualifications.
- We will use and develop social connections to listen to and encourage word of mouth sharing of opinions and feedback.
- All of our intended project outcomes will be published on our annual report.

Section 5: Level and nature of support

5.1 Please provide details of the level and nature of support for the request from your community and, if relevant, from others (see CATS Guidance Section 3.2)

You should describe the community your body represents and include information on the proportion of your community who are involved with the request, how you have engaged with your community beyond the members of your organisation and what their response has been.

You should also show how you have engaged with any other communities that may be affected by your proposals.

Community

Arran High School Mountain Bike Club represents the community of Arran High School, which includes staff, pupils, parents, or guardians of pupils. Our aims and outcomes are of wider community impact, benefiting both our local island community and wider Scottish mountain biking community. We work in partnership with many other organisations including

Arran High School and Arran primaries cluster, North Ayrshire Active Schools, Arran Outdoor Centre, North Ayrshire Locality Partnership and Arran Access Trust.

Engagement and endorsement of organisations.

We have spoken directly to organisations within our wider community. We have written project endorsement (attached on Lettersofendorsement.pdf) from the following organisations; DMBinS, Arran Locality Partnership, Arran youth Foundations, Arran Community Council, North Ayrshire Green Health, North Ayrshire Active Travel, Arran Outdoor Centre.

Public consultation

Our SurveyMonkey dated Jan 2021 identifies that 94.44% of 378 respondents support the project. 378 respondents constitute 8.4% of our Island population. Those that are undecided or do not support the project have apparently misinterpreted the published map and are concerned over conflict of users on the existing walking trails which we are in fact moving mountain bikers away from. A significant number of Island residents would regularly use the facility as evidenced in our survey. 219 residents would use it once or twice a week, 89 once or twice a month and 29 once or twice a year. 16 of these people are under 10, 138 are aged between 11 and 18, 76 are aged between 18 and 40 and 148 are aged 40 and over. 34 respondents do not ride a bike, 45 are beginners, 84 are novice, 155 are intermediate and 59 are experts.

A second public consultation took the form of sharing an online Microsoft Survey as part of our pre planning consultation. In addition to being shared widely within our island community we shared this with Nature Scot, F&LS, Our three local Councilors, Arran Community Council and Historic Environment Scotland. We had 73 responses with all but 2 supporting the project. One was undecided based on unknown pump track floodlight hours which we have addressed and the other undecided as he could not see the relationship between existing trails and proposed trails.

Section 6: Funding

Please outline how you propose to fund the price or rent you are prepared to pay for the land, and your proposed use of the land

(see CATS Guidance Section 1.5)

You should show your calculations of the costs associated with the transfer of the land or building and your future use of it, including any redevelopment, ongoing maintenance and the costs of your activities. All proposed income and investment should be identified, including volunteering and donations. If you intend to apply for grants or loans you should demonstrate that your proposals are eligible for the relevant scheme, according to the guidance available for applicants.

Plan and build expenditure 2021 - 2022	
Inner tube / spares vending machine	£1,50
Bike stand	£500
Public bike repair station	£450
Rain water harvesting bike wash	£2,550
Pump track bikes and trials bikes if useable for active travel	£10,000
Kitting out the mobile work station box trailer	£5,000
Track Concept Design	£7,333
Land Cost	£1
Additional interpretation signage	£2,000
Legal	£5,000
Outdoor gym	£5,000
Disabled access pond access path (crushed stone only)	£200
MTB Trails including trials area construction	£64,797
Pump track construction	£105,939
Floodlights and generator	£10,000
Shelter	£12,000
Access cycle path	£5,000
Picnic benches / outdoor furniture	£3,000
Automated External Defibrillator	£1,200
Access path from Ross road	£2,000
District Valuer Service (50% share of total)	£500
Trail signage, (is included in build quote)	£0
Pond regeneration by volunteers	£0
Total out	£243,970

Manage and maintain 2022 onwards					
Expenditure	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
<i>Additional training and activities</i>					
Training trail inspection and trail maintenance volunteer coordinator	£1,600	£1,600	£1,600	£1,600	£1,600
Training mental health first aid	£600	£600	£600	£600	£600
Training (Scottish Cycling Level 1 leaders)	£600	£600	£600	£600	£600
Training (Level 1 Leader first aid)	£900	£900	£900	£900	£900
Training (Level 1 Leader Child Wellbeing and Protection)	£200	£200	£200	£200	£200
Opening event	£0	£2,000	£0	£0	£0
Annual event competition	£0	£1,000	£500	£500	£500
<i>Additional facility only</i>					
Insurance (Scottish Cycling affiliated club)	£40	£40	£40	£40	£40
Crushed stone	£100	£100	£100	£100	£100
Two brush cutters and associated PPE	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Fuel and maintenance for brush cutters	£50	£50	£50	£50	£50

Tools/ Equipment	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Forestry Management - Tree thinning/harvesting/planting	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Reserve funds (restricted) to remove trails in future if required	£0	£100	£100	£100	£100
Wacker/compactor plate	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Trailer for trail maintenance tools	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Infrared trail counter	£0	£200	£0	£0	£0
Website - WordPress.com	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Fleet bikes maintenance	£0	£100	£100	£100	£100
Total expenditure	£4,090	£7,490	£7,140	£7,790	£4,790
Income					
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
General fundraising	£1,000	£3,000	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000
On site donations	£500	£500	£500	£500	£500
Locality Participatory Budgeting	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000
North Ayrshire Green Health Development Fund	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000
NAC Youth Participatory Budget	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000
NAC Community Benefit Fund	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000
NAC Outdoor Access Grant	£500	£500	£500	£500	£500
Total income	£6,000	£8,000	£6,000	£6,000	£6,000
Annual surplus/deficit	£1,910	£510	£1,210	£1,210	£1,210
Rolling surplus/deficit	£1,910	£2,420	£3,630	£4,840	£6,050

Funding sources		
Fund	Notes	Amount
NAC locality PB	SECURED Successful Participatory budgeting application.	£1,112
Arnold Clark Community Fund	SECURED Affected by Coronavirus pandemic.	£1,000
The Ideas Fund Delivered by the British Science Association (BSA) and funded by Wellcome.	To promote diversity and inclusion by supporting great, innovative ideas that focus on improving mental wellbeing - particularly in rural or minority ethnic communities or amongst young marginalised or socioeconomically disadvantaged people who have been overlooked in the past. We will help communities tackle the problems that matter to them by connecting them with research professionals so they can work together to bring their ideas to life and both build new skills and relationships.	£90,000

	With positive feedback from round one we anticipate a successful application in round two.	
Youth Philanthropy Initiative	Annual high school funding competition.	£3,000
Sport Scotland Cycling Facilities Fund (65% max of total assets)	SECURED (IN PRINCIPLE) . Successful registration of interest. Project supported by Scottish Cycling and DMBinS and classed as High/Med priority with June 2022 funding submission deadline. Working with Sport Scotland designated funding support officer.	£169,000
Cycling Scotland Cycling Friendly Community Development Fund	Previously unsuccessful application but we have received in depth feedback which will likely result in a successful bid in the next round.	£20,000
North Ayrshire Community Investment Fund	SECURED Funding available immediately for land purchase and/or as match funding for remainder of project.	£59,000
North Ayrshire Green Health Development Fund 2022	We are previous recipients of a £5,000 award for another project and one of very few youth groups in North Ayrshire advocating the health benefits of every day contact with Nature.	£10,000
Arran Trust	SECURED Awarded in 2015 to begin design of cycling facility project. Covid19 has hit tourism and Arran Trusts visitor gifting scheme hard with low funds available for community projects. However they are keen to continually support our project should we need them again.	£7,333
Co-op community fund	We are previous recipients of this funding and evidence shows that other community groups have received multiple awards over recent years.	£10,000
Bank of Scotland Reach	Suitable for charities that can demonstrate they address disadvantage or social exclusion.	£25,000
Inspiring Scotland Healthy Islands Fund	Funding will contribute to delivery of Strategic Objective 7 of the National Islands Plan, which aims to improve and promote health, social care and wellbeing for those living in Scottish Island Communities. An application has been submitted and awaits a decision.	£50,000
Calmac Community Fund	We are previous recipients of this funding for a separate project.	£2,000
Go Fund Me page	Will be set up with a target once we are in ownership of the land.	£10,000
Local Funding Events	Parent volunteers have offered to help	£1,000

	fundraise with bake sales and other fundraisers.	
Scottish Cycling Rock up and Ride development funding	SECURED Club development grant from Scottish Cycling's Rock up and Ride Pilot Project.	£2,500
Arran High School Mountain Bike Club fundraising through bike repairs	SECURED and on going. Averages around £2000 annually. Although we offer free MOTS with repairs, these often attract donations.	£1,500
ASDA	SECURED	£1,000
NAC Youth Participatory Budget	As previous recipients we anticipate a successful bid.	£1,000
NAC Community Benefit Fund	As previous recipients we anticipate a successful bid.	£1,000
NAC Outdoor Access Grant	As previous recipients we anticipate a successful bid.	£500
IMBA (Europe)	SECURED	£500
Local business sponsorship	Multiple island-based businesses could be approached for trail naming rights or advertising spaces.	£1,000
Company sponsorship	National and/or International MTB business could be approached for trail naming rights or advertising spaces.	£1,000
Onsite donations	Estimate based on Mountain Rescue post-annual donations.	£500
The Ayrshire Community Trust	To deliver programmes and projects that make a difference to peoples lives by encouraging, supporting, and promoting community action. We are previous recipients of smaller value awards.	£10,000
ALDI sports fund	As previous recipients we anticipate a successful bid.	£1,000
Magic Little Grants	SECURED	£500
Total project cost		£243,970
Total funding possible		£479,945
Total funding very likely		£266,612
Total funding secured in principle		£169,000
Total funding secured already		£73,945

Funding notes:

Any shortfall in funding can be addressed with local fundraising and a targeted GoFundMe campaign. We have identified a number of funders that we cannot submit an application to until we are in ownership of the land. We could still deliver with a lower level of funding as the project could be delivered in stages with on-going fundraising or immediately with

smaller trails and or pump track. However, it appears our total funding target will be successfully secured.

We anticipate an annual average cost of £390 to manage and maintain the facility in good order, which we can confidently secure through on site fund raising.

The additional annual fee for training and activities averages £4400. Small NAC funding routes like participatory budgeting, which are consistently successful, tried and tested funding routes for us will cover this annual expenditure.

We consider all financial barriers to participation should be reduced or removed which ensures we go beyond our equality or equity of access aims. We will always rule out membership fees or charging for the facilities use.

If we cannot find the funding for the activities and training we will put them on hold until funds allow but still manage and maintain the facility.

Historically, our income through fundraising and grants has been fruitful. In 2016 our income was **£36,138**, in 2017 it was **£8,495**, in 2018 it was **£17,110**, in 2019 it was **£15,120** and in 2020 it was **£18,249**. We confidently foresee any financial impact from maintenance can be overcome.

Our website will be run voluntarily and not cost anything. Ideally we will invest in two brush cutters with associated PPE at £1000 each however we will borrow them from Shiskine Valley Trust until we can afford our own. We also intend to invest in a £350 wacker/compactor plate when surplus funds allow but will borrow one from Blackwaterfoot Garage until then. All woodland management will be by qualified volunteers and with donations of tree saplings.

Signature

Two office-bearers (board members, charity trustees or committee members) of the community transfer body must sign the form. They must provide their full names and home addresses for the purposes of prevention and detection of fraud.

This form and supporting documents will be made available online for any interested person to read and comment on. Personal information will be redacted before the form is made available.

We, the undersigned on behalf of the community transfer body as noted at section 1, make an asset transfer request as specified in this form.

We declare that the information provided in this form and any accompanying documents is accurate to the best of our knowledge.

1. Name Robert McNeice

Address [REDACTED]

Date 28/Jul/2021

Position Chair

Signature [REDACTED]

2. Name Steve Garraway

Address [REDACTED]

Date 28/Jul/2021

Position Treasurer

Signature [REDACTED]

Checklist of accompanying documents

To check that nothing is missed, please list any documents which you are submitting to accompany this form.

Section 1 – you must attach your organisation’s constitution, articles of association or registered rules

Title of document attached:
Constitution.pdf

Section 2 – any maps, drawings or description of the land requested

Documents attached:
Location.pdf
Site.pdf
Access.pdf
Boundary.pdf
Core_paths.pdf

Section 3 – note of any terms and conditions that are to apply to the request


Documents attached:
N/A

Section 4 – about your proposals, their benefits, any restrictions on the land or potential negative consequences, and your organisation’s capacity to deliver.

Documents attached:
Business-case.pdf
Ecological_assessment.pdf
Landscape_assessment.pdf
Woodland_Management_Plan.pdf

Section 5 – evidence of community support

Documents attached:
Lettersofendorsement.pdf
Survey_Data_All.pdf
Survey_Data_Q12_complementaryprovision.pdf



Survey_Data_Q13_anyothercomments.pdf
Survey-Planning.pdf

Section 6 – funding

Documents attached:
Budget.pdf
Valuation_Report.pdf