

Appendix 1

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Dear Steve

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Thank you for sending over a copy of the review of funding for Abbey Lane Burscough, we appreciate the council do not have a bottomless pit of money and we have been helped out financially over the past couple of years.

We also are proud of the way the site is being run and the success of the club. We feel that we may be a victim of our own efficiency, on paper we are a success however we are a little concerned that there is still a lot of maintenance work to be carried out due to the last 10/15 years of neglect due to the site being "mothballed", we need to replace fencing cut trees back around the perimeter of the entire site along with the general repairs due to lack of maintenance over the past years.

Basically as it stands at the moment we are holding our own financially, however if we are to lose the funding from WLBC we would then be in a situation where we would need to cut back on the costs of site maintenance to divert funds to the scheduled maintenance of the pitches, as per the conditions of the grant award from Sport England and the FA, which is not a situation we would want to be put in. If we where to secure some of the funding for the next couple of years or if it would be more acceptable reduce the funding over say the next three years it would enable us to get in a position where we could quite easily cope with the ongoing maintenance, as you can appreciate there is a major commitment from the club to ensure the site thrives and to date we have achieved this goal, but again we are concerned that the club are to be left with considerable works due to the neglect of the site over the years. We would like to appeal the decision the withdraw funding for the site for at least the next couple of years to continue its upkeep for not only ourselves but the wider community.



Elliot Cosgrove
(Chairman)