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Dear Friend of Heaton Park

Re: Proposals for brand new sports facilities for Manchester

We are writing to inform you about proposals by Goals Soccer Centres, the UK's premier provider of small-sided football and multi-sport facilities, to bring brand new community sports facilities to Manchester.

A purpose-built all-weather centre, with the ultimate in next generation small-sided pitches, is proposed for the Sport Zone at Heaton Park, to meet demand for facilities for one of the fastest growing sports in the UK. The proposals, which would be developed on a part of the park that has been earmarked for sports development by Manchester City Council, are for:

- 13 new small-sided football pitches, built to Football Association Advanced accreditation Standard
- Two multi-use games areas
- A brand new pavilion incorporating shower and changing facilities, two multi-purpose meeting rooms with internet and educational facilities, and a sports cafe
- A climbing wall
- Cage soccer
- A skate park

Goals Soccer Centres is chaired by Sir Rodney Walker, previously Chair of Sport England and Chairman of the Manchester Commonwealth Games. The proposal will see over 60% of available time made available to community groups free of charge. Furthermore, rather than operating on a members-only basis, the FA and Sport England-endorsed facilities are open to all individuals on a pay-as-you-play basis, providing high quality sports amenities to anyone that wishes to use them.

As a representative of an organisation with an interest in Heaton Park, we would welcome the opportunity to explain the proposals in more detail and demonstrate how your organisation would be able to benefit from the free facilities. We will be in touch in the coming days to see if a meeting can be arranged. Alternatively, an exhibition on the proposals will be taking place on Tuesday 24th March between 3.30pm and 7.30pm at The Farm Centre, Heaton Park, which will be open to all members of the public.



To find out more about the proposals, please call **0161 236 1514**. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

Rana Bhutta
On behalf of Goals Soccer Centres