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To Whom It May Concern

RE: Stromness Squash Court – Community Asset Transfer

Kirkwall Squash & Racketball (S&R) Club have made us aware of the Community Asset Transfer (CAT) request, for the use of the current squash court in Stromness, submitted by Orkney Amateur Weightlifting Club.

From a national perspective, and as the governing body for squash in Scotland, we wanted to take this opportunity to support the position of Kirkwall S&R Club, in regard to the CAT request.

Kirkwall S&R Club, and the Pickaquoy Centre, continue to play a key role within the national network of squash clubs and facilities. Their club membership, coaching infrastructure and competition programme, which has a particular emphasis on junior development, is vital to the continued provision and development of squash across the local community. This provision connects directly with the national strategy and has heavily contributed to the growth of the sport that was evident pre pandemic.

Scottish Squash and Kirkwall S&R Club have identified the 2025 Islands Games as a key event in the calendar, to continue to raise the profile of the sport and all the physical and mental health benefits that it offers. A crucial element of the delivery plan is the availability of the squash court in Stromness and especially as it is the only other squash court on the island. Therefore, we would like to draw importance to its availability, for the purposes of squash and the continued development of the sport, during the period of the 2025 Islands Games.

We would appreciate if this request could be considered within any decision taken on the aforementioned CAT request, and we would be delighted to provide any further information on the delivery and legacy plans of the 2025 Island Games.

Thank you for providing the opportunity for us to provide this feedback.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Garry McKay".

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