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**To:** Infrastructure Land & Environment Policy Board

**On:** 28 August 2019

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**Report by:** Director of Finance & Resources

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**Heading:** Community Asset Transfer Return (1st April 2018 – 31st March 2019)

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**1. Summary**

- 1.1 In accordance with the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 section 95 we are required to publish our Community Asset Transfer report for the period from 1st April 2018 until 31st March 2019.
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**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board: -
- 2.2. Approve the Community Asset Transfer Return which will then be published on the Council's webpage for the period 1st April 2018 – 31st March 2019.
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**Background**

- 3.1 The relevant part of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 ("the Act") became effective from on 23rd January 2017. Renfrewshire Council have been actively promoting requests to transfer assets to its communities under medium / long term leases and full ownership where appropriate.
- 3.2 During the period 1st April 2018 – 31st March 2019, fourteen Community Asset Transfer requests were received. Whilst these requests were received not all proceeded to consideration by the Community Asset Transfer Panel, as nine of the applications did not comply with the requirements of the Act.

- 3.3 Renfrewshire Council have approved within the period five requests with one request being for the transfer of ownership of land to a community transfer body. The other four approved requests were for assets to be leased to community transfer bodies. There were no requests received for rights in land other than ownership or leases.
- 3.4 Linwood Community Development Trust were successful in seeking to acquire the Linwood Community Woodland via Community Asset Transfer (see attached plan E2699). The application was approved on the 30th May 2018. Ownership of the Woodland is proposed to be acquired for £1 if asked. (Plan Reference E2699)
- 3.5 Star Project requested land within Fountain Gardens, Paisley on a long-term lease of 30 years for £1 per annum if asked (see attached plan E2742B). The application was approved on 23rd January 2019. (Plan Reference E2742B)
- 3.6 Kilbarchan Amateur Athletics Club (Kilbarchan Harriers) requested land beside the On-X on a long-term ground lease of 30 years for £1 per annum if asked (see area cross hatched on attached plan E2921A), with rights of access and car parking on adjacent areas. This was with a view to building thereon a facility for athletics training. The application was approved on 23rd January 2019. (Plan Reference E2808)
- 3.7 Viewfield Rovers AFC requested Viewfield Park & Pavilion on a medium-term lease for 5 years at a rental of £1 per annum if asked (see attached plan E2868). The application was approved on 20th March 2019. (Plan Reference E2868)
- 3.8 Renfrew Victoria Boys Club requested Kirklandneuk Playing fields and Pavilion on a 25-year lease for £1 per annum, if asked (see attached plan E2867). The application was approved on 20th March 2019. (Plan Reference E2867)
- 3.9 The Head of Corporate Governance and the Head of Property are working with all parties and their respective professional advisers to conclude matters.
- 3.10 During the reporting period, there were no appeals in terms of section 85, nor reviews in terms of section 86, of the Act, received in respect of refusals or conditional acceptances of asset transfer requests, nor of delays in providing decision notices etc. Further, there were no reviews of decisions by the Scottish Ministers in terms of section 87 of the Act.
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## Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – Not applicable.
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – Not applicable.

3. **Community/Council Planning –**

- Our Renfrewshire is well – community transfer applications will be considered for the benefit of our communities;
- Our Renfrewshire is safe – consideration will be given to the safety within our communities in relation to applications;
- Working together to improve outcomes - Multi agencies will be working together to enable our community transfer bodies to be successful in their applications for assets.

4. **Legal** – Legal Services are consulted in terms of advising on the title for the applications and reviewing the groups constitutions, as well as the conveyancing for successful applications.

5. **Property/Assets** – Consulting with the community transfer bodies and Council departments to progress applications.

6. **Information Technology** – not applicable.

7. **Equality & Human Rights -**

- (a) The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.

8. **Health & Safety** – Consideration given to individual applications where applicable.

9. **Procurement** – Not applicable.

10. **Risk** – Not applicable.

11. **Privacy Impact** – Not applicable.

12. **Cosla Policy Position** – Not applicable.

13. **Climate Risk** - None. Any Climate Risk implications will be addressed in subsequent Reports.”

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# Linwood Community Woodland, Moss Rd, Linwood

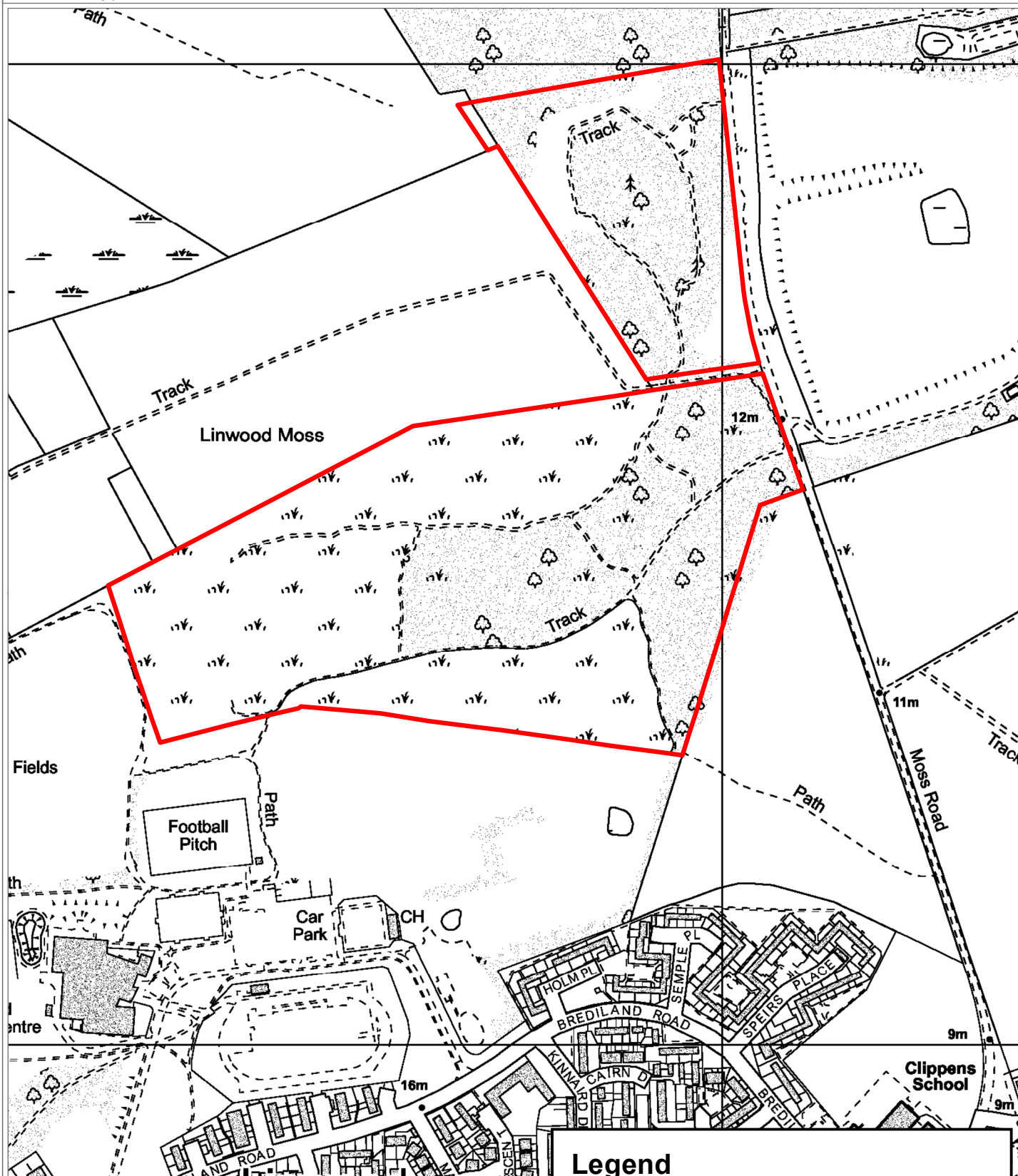
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Area extends to 23.8 hectares or thereby



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# Fountain Gardens, Paisley

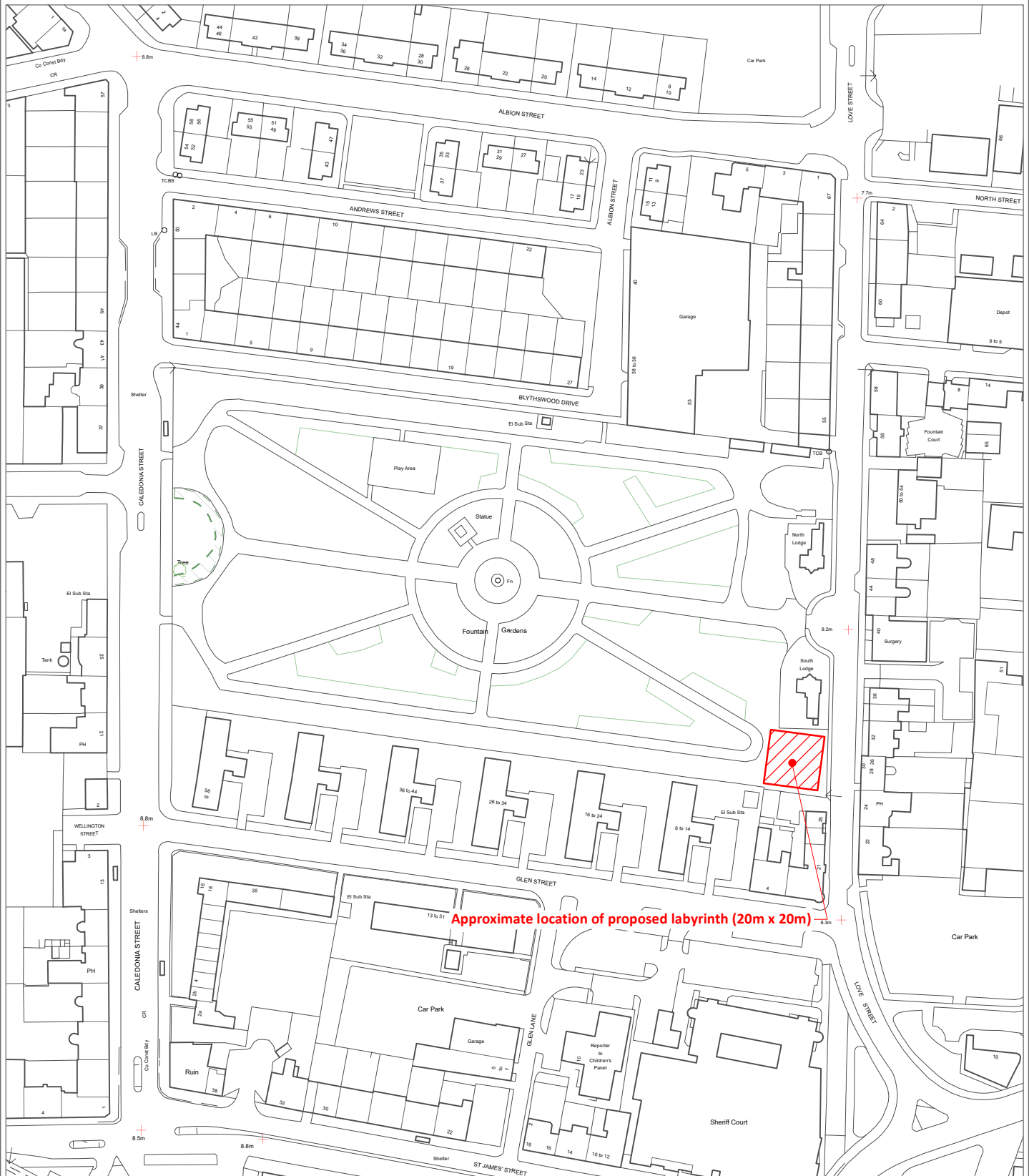
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Approximate location of proposed labyrinth (20m x 20m)

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# Land at Brediland Road, Linwood

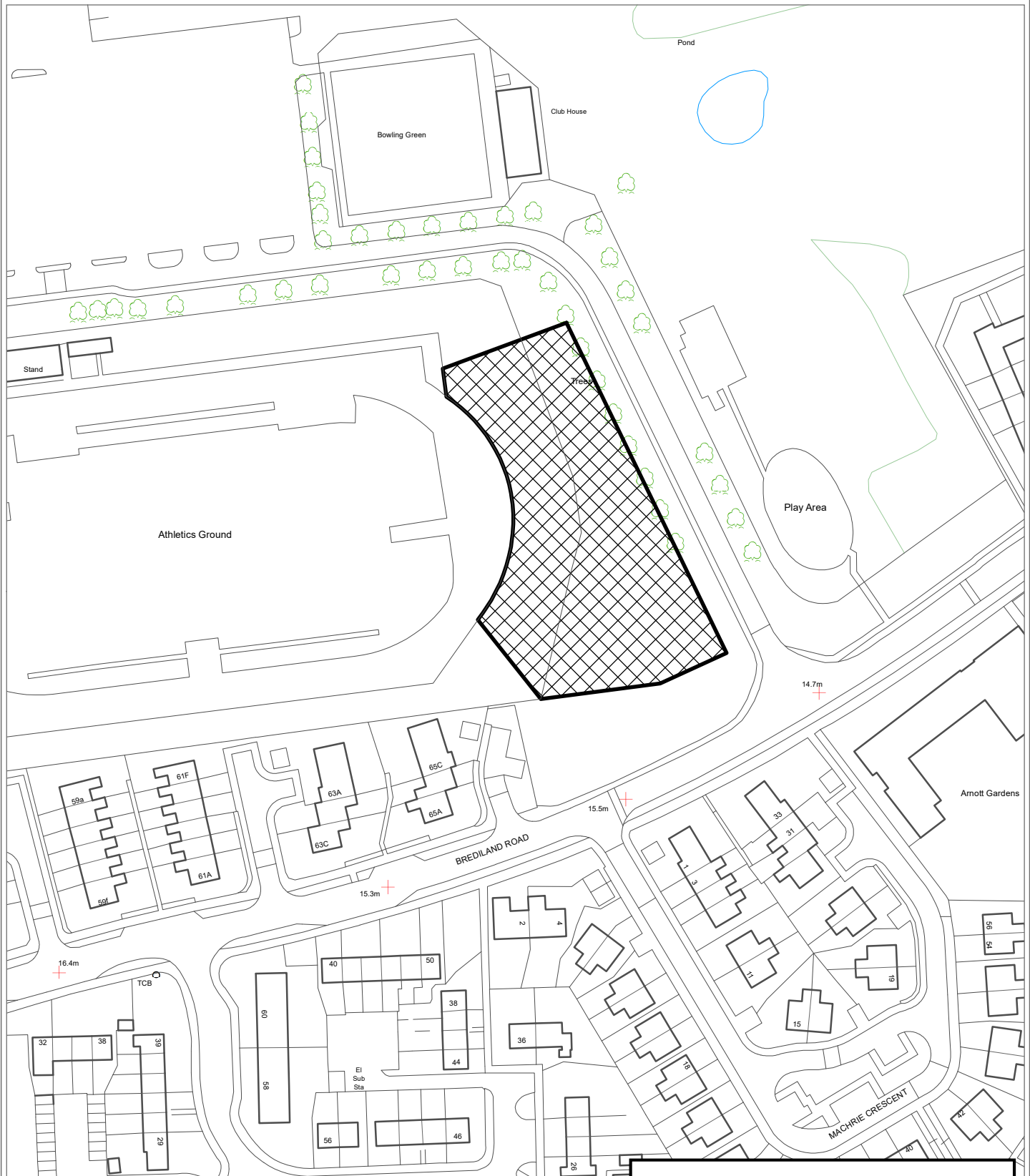
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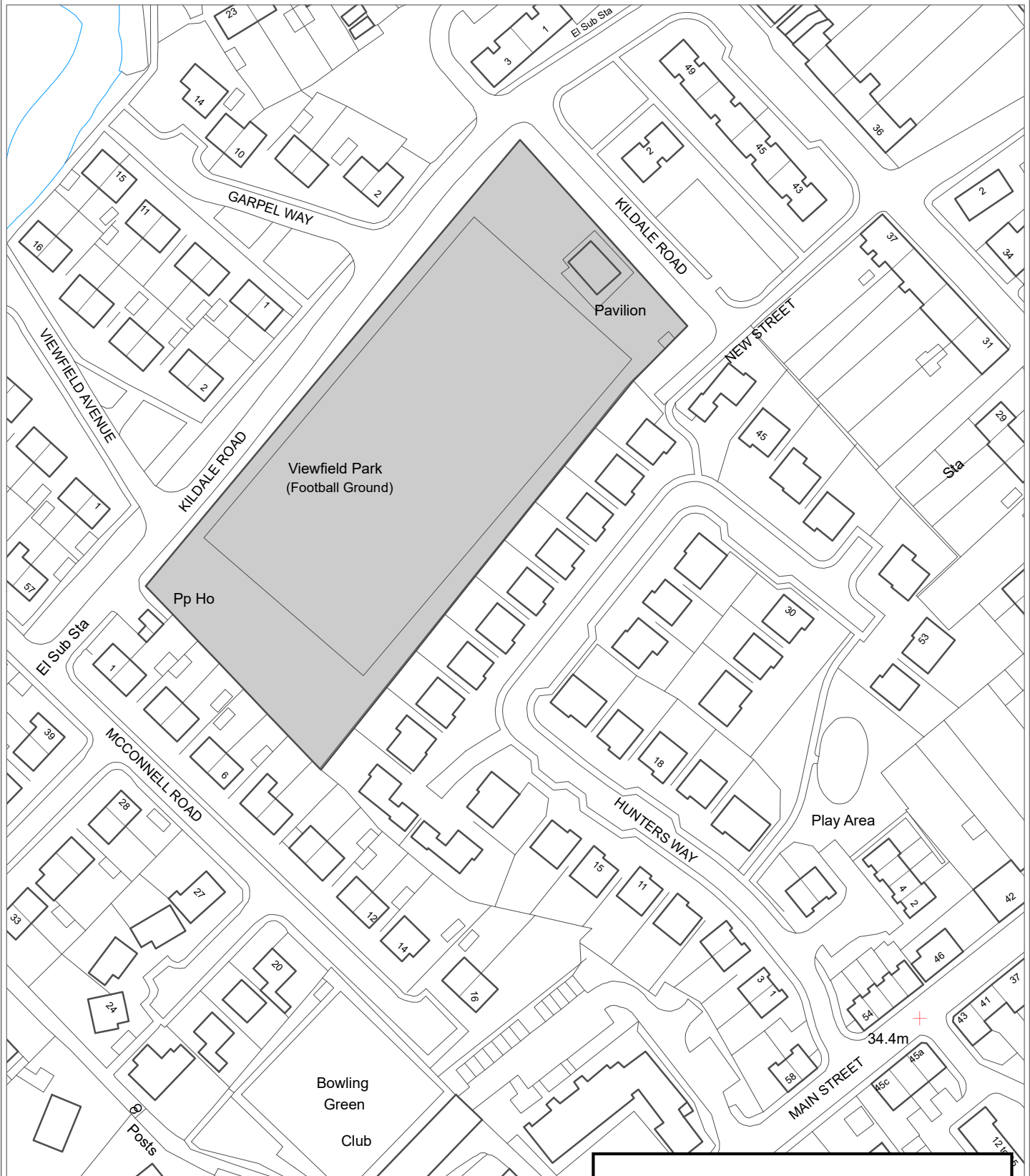


Area to be relinquished from Renfrewshire Leisure lease


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 Area to be transferred extends to 1.1 hectares or thereby

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# Kirklandneuk Playing Fields & Pavilion, Renfrew

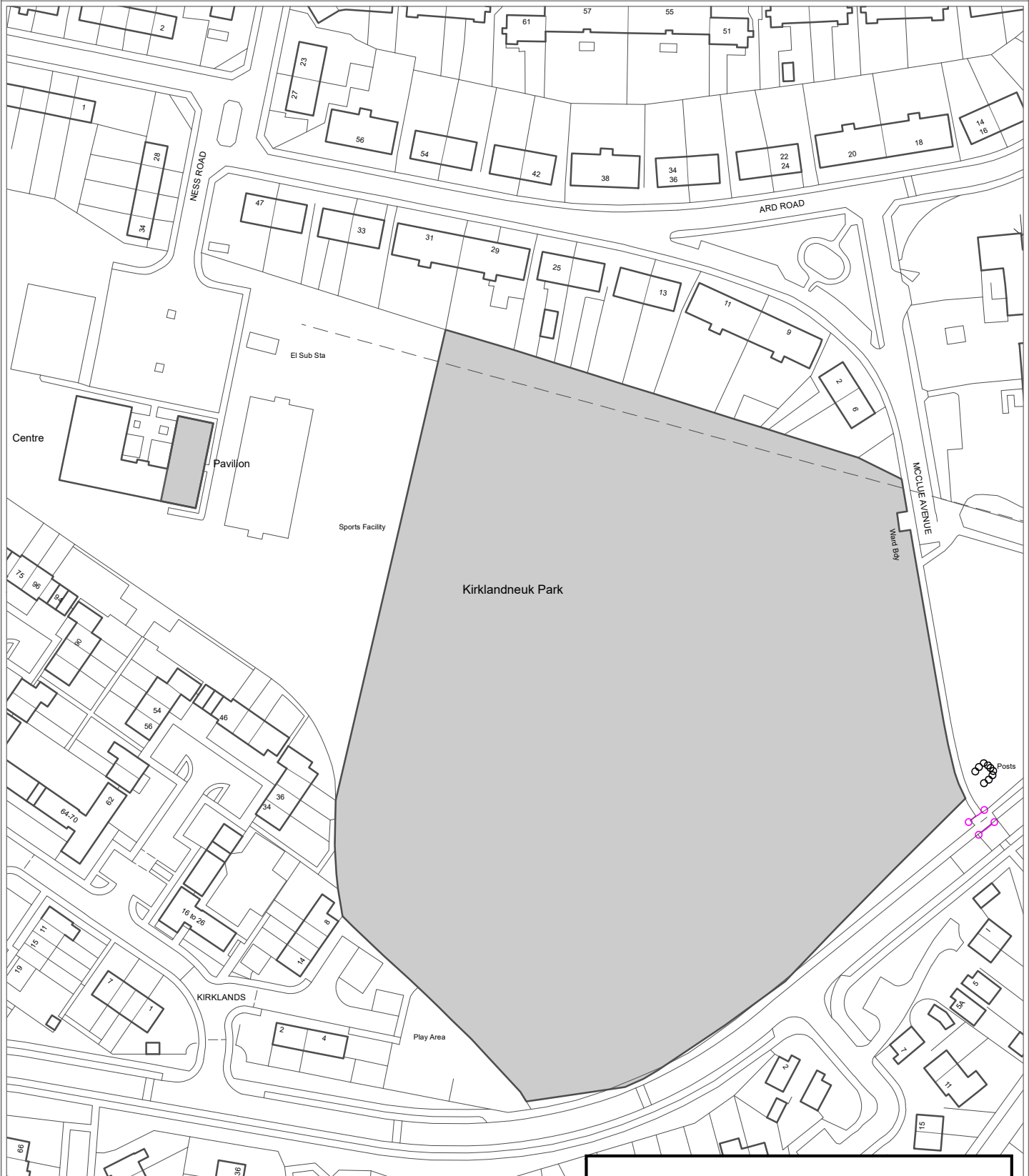
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 Area to be transferred extends to 2.62 hectares or thereby

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