



We know Bath and North East Somerset Council is committed to reducing health inequalities, and since 2003, when Bath Rugby Foundation was born, it has been a central part of its mission statement too.

However, if we want to lead the way and improve the mental and physical health of everyone in our city, we believe exploring ways to retain this vital green space for the benefit of the whole community is the best solution.

By using the assets of this great city, and by keeping this green space open, we think this gives us the best chance possible of improving the health of everyone – regardless of their income.

At Bath Rugby Foundation we support vulnerable children and young people, because we know this strengthens communities, and stronger communities are better for everyone in them.

Rugby is where we started, but today we use walking, running, golf, cycling and many other sports to change the lives of children and young people who have had the toughest start in life.

Every year we use sport and education to improve the mental and physical wellbeing of thousands of vulnerable youngsters, and the pandemic has strengthened our belief that in any economic downturn it is the vulnerable in our communities who suffer the most, and a lack of physical fitness and poor nutrition is at the heart of this.





We know, as we come out of the pandemic, we, and charities like us, are going to be needed more than ever.

Bath Approach Golf Course sits between some of the most affluent and some of the most disadvantaged sections of our city – a city that is already one of the most unequal in the UK. We understand keeping it as a golf course may be unsustainable, but losing the site as a space for everyone would create wider health divisions.

Availability of affordable grass-roots sport is a necessity, not a luxury, and by retaining this space we can ensure the health gap between the rich and poor in Bath does not become even wider than it already is.

Bath Rugby Foundation has been using this site for many years and our disabled students have received the greatest benefit from this affordable space. It would be a huge blow to lose it.

For almost two decades Bath Rugby Foundation has demonstrated a successful track record of partnering with other charities, businesses and the local authority to make things happen, and were you to vote against this proposal tonight Bath Rugby Foundation stands ready to be part of a strong and diverse consortium to breathe life back into this incredible space.

Thank you for your time this evening.

