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Support for Levelling Up Fund (LUF) Application: Dundonald Ice Bowl

Many areas across the country have experienced a significant fall in tourist and visitor numbers in the past year due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the restrictions placed upon them.

Funding is vital to keep our local attractions open and operating and what is just as important is the need for development of new facilities that meet the needs of a growing population of people in the post-pandemic era who recognise more than ever before the importance of physical activity, sport and recreation.

The plan for a new Dundonald Ice Bowl is an exciting vision and one that is eagerly awaited by many after the previous Ice Bowl provided so much enjoyment to so many people.

By being successful, this funding would allow the commencement of a new state-of the art facility providing a new Olympic-sized ice rink with spectator seating, a ten-pin bowling facility, a gymnasium, party rooms, a healthcare centre and pharmacy and children's soft play area, as well as additional car-parking.

Lisburn and Castlereagh Council is applying for funding from the Levelling Up Fund to further enhance the development which will create employment and thriving economic activity in the local area through keeping its work going as a major centre of sport and recreation.

I would like to state that I am in full support of this application and ask that it be looked upon favourably.

Thanks you for your attention and consideration of this letter.

Yours sincerely

Jim Shannon

