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Subject: Losing a vital facility for Cheltenham disabled people - Planning meeting 18/4/24

Importance: High

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Dear Councillors

Our daughter, [REDACTED] goes to the Goals beyond Grass (GBG) cycle session at Belmont school, Cheltenham, on a Sunday afternoon. This is run by a physiotherapist and several volunteers. There are specialist bikes and trikes available. Because of [REDACTED] many [REDACTED] she can only ride a specialist bike. It always takes her a long time to get used to an activity, but she has improved immensely over the time she has been attending and because of the weekly cycling she is no longer wearing a huge metal hip brace, because her hips are now much stronger. This is due to the hard work of everybody involved both during, after and prior to the session. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] are very pleased with the improvement in her physical health and say that she must keep up the cycling. As well as the physical benefits, [REDACTED] loves the session and it is easy to see how much she enjoys it.

There is nowhere else in Cheltenham to ride these very specialist bikes and [REDACTED] will never be able to ride a normal bike or ride on a road. The bikes are very expensive, and it has taken GBG a long time to build up the fleet of bikes and maintain them. [REDACTED]

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have seen volunteers help to get people out of the car, and then the person is pushed in their wheelchair to a bike and then they thoroughly enjoy the session. [REDACTED]
rehabilitation after [REDACTED]

Unfortunately, many disabled people are excluded from general society. [REDACTED]

The lady who runs the session has been nominated as a changemaker at Active Gloucestershire, for recognition of her work to support the health and happiness of local residents through physical activity. These residents of Cheltenham need her Sunday sessions at Belmont School to continue.

It is so important to keep this group going on a Sunday afternoon for 2 hours. It is a very quiet group, the only noise I heard today was from a local football group, they were playing at Bournside School which is separate from Belmont .

I am writing to ask for your support to keep this precious activity going on a Sunday afternoon. There is a planning application 23/00117/FUL Belmont School Cheltenham. The planning officer is recommending cessation of any sporting activity on Sundays.

With the awful state of the NHS at present, where it's almost impossible to get physiotherapy etc., it is even more important that this session continues. The disabled are often a silent group and very vulnerable and it is unfair to stop their activity. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] cycling today with her support worker - Sunday 14th April 2024



Kind regards

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