

Blackburn's Political representatives have been made aware of the regeneration proposals contained in this leaflet and believe them to be "a tremendous opportunity for the local community" that "would lend itself well to addressing many of the behaviour issues in the village". Each can be contacted as below should you wish to offer your support;



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[blackburnunited.homestead.com/Redevelopment.html](http://blackburnunited.homestead.com/Redevelopment.html)



If you have any questions you might like to ask then you can contact us at the following email address.....



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Finally, if you are interested in what is happening at the football club on a day to day basis then please feel free to visit our website at [www.blackburnunited.co.uk](http://www.blackburnunited.co.uk) where we will also be looking to add further under age features very shortly. If you have anything you wish added to the Youth Football section then please contact us, also at the above email address.



*Uniting Blackburn*

*Regenerating the  
Football Facilities in  
your Community*

# The Proposal....



Homes ([www.m-mqualityhomes.co.uk](http://www.m-mqualityhomes.co.uk)), the Blackburn United Community Football Club supports a proposal that would see the regeneration of these unfit for purpose football facilities in the village.

Our objective is to replace the current facilities with a facility that provides children and adults alike with an opportunity to develop their potential and encourage them to participate in a healthy activity that will divert them from involvement in anti social behaviour within the local community and to get the whole community involved in football, placing an emphasis upon the social benefits of participation in Scotland's most popular sport.

Scottish football is progressing towards a time when the Scottish FA Cup will be opened up to wider participation. As it currently stands, for any club outwith Senior football to participate in the Scottish FA Cup, that club must either be a Full or an Associate member of the SFA, or win their respective League Championship or the Scottish Junior Cup. To become an Associate member of the Scottish Football Association, and benefit financially from being SFA members, clubs must meet certain ground regulations in order to qualify for membership. These regulations have been incorporated into our proposal.

If these regulations are met we can apply for SFA Associate membership and consequent guaranteed entry to the first round of the Scottish FA Cup which, along with the financial benefits, will help increase the profile of the Blackburn United Community Football Club. The Club's continued membership of the Scottish Junior Football Association, or any of the Youth FA's, would remain unaffected.

The village of Blackburn currently has a population of 4800 and is represented by a semi-professional football team, a children's soccer school and ten youth football teams ranging in age from under 9's to under 21's and who play in the West Lothian Soccer Development Association, the West Lothian Youth Football Association and the Lanarkshire Football Association. The semi-professional team, playing in the East Region of the Scottish Junior Football Association, has played it's football on the current ground at Murrayfield Park since 1930 and the current layout with running track was established in the early 1960's when the pavilion and other facilities were constructed. Sadly, the facility is now unfit for purpose in the modern football climate. Similarly, the under age sides currently use playing pitches hired from West Lothian Council in both Blackburn and Seafeld but this, too, is an unsatisfactory situation as changing facilities for these pitches are poorly maintained and considered equally unfit for purpose.

Consequently, in conjunction with M & M Quality

*Our proposal envisages a full-size, floodlit 3<sup>rd</sup> generation synthetic playing pitch with spectator facilities alongside two, full-size grass pitches. These three pitches would be complimented by a 7-a-side, floodlit synthetic pitch (see the proposed location & layouts in Figure's 1 & 2).*

*Servicing these four playing pitches would be a Pavilion building consisting of up to 6 large and 2 smaller changing rooms with showering facilities alongside appropriate referee changing areas. Also within the proposed Pavilion building would be toilets, storage areas, committee/entertaining rooms, kitchen facilities and offices. The Pavilion building and the main playing pitch would be enclosed by an 8 foot high (non-mesh) boundary fence with turnstiles and large exit gates at the north east and north west corners. An outside garage area for pitch maintenance equipment is also provided for in the proposal alongside car parking space for up to 40 vehicles.*

