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Dear Lorraine,

Re: Playground Festival

I write on behalf of several constituents, who have recently contacted me with their concerns about the state of Rouken Glen Park following the Playground Festival. I understand ERC are aware of the concerns; however, I would like to make further representations on behalf of the community.

While the surrounding area is happy with the festival as a whole, there are growing concerns about the current state of Rouken Glen Park.

Currently, there is still debris littered across the festival area, with stands, metalwork, and cardboard still visible. Moreover, there are still deep tyre marks from the heavy machinery used to dismantle the area, which has now filled with water, making a large part of the park unavailable for East Renfrewshire residents.

Furthermore, a bollard on Davieland Rd was broken during the festival, which has subsequently been thrown into the amenity gates. The residents are adamant that this has to be repaired.

The area where the toilets were located now smells of sewage, which is incredibly concerning as this may indicate an environmental health issue. There are also wooden pallets stacked high, posing a risk to the users of Rouken Glen Park. There are also several bottles containing liquid, which parents are concerned about.

While I understand the recent poor weather has played a significant part in the clear-up operation, the residents are disappointed that this problem has still not been resolved, with large parts of the park now unusable.

With suggestions that the festival has already been agreed for next year, the community would like the following questions answered:

1. What was the cost of putting on the festival, and how much did ERC receive?
2. What value of funds were allocated for the clean-up operation?
3. Who is responsible for the clean-up?
4. When can residents expect Rouken Glen Park to be returned to its original state?

Finally, with the plans already underway for next year, the residents believe that an allocated ERC employee should be available as a link between the organisers and the community as they have often found it difficult to receive the necessary answers. I would also appreciate if this request can be considered.

In light of the foregoing, I would be grateful if you were to comment on the issues highlighted, which would allow me to respond to the constituents.

Thank you for your time on this matter, and I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely



Paul Masterton MP
Member of Parliament for East Renfrewshire