

North Lanarkshire Council

Observations on Draft Glasgow Commonwealth Games Bill

These observations are made from the standpoint that if the bid is successful, Strathclyde Country Park in Motherwell, operated by North Lanarkshire Council (NLC), will be the venue for the Triathlon Events at the Games.

Observations are made in seriatim with the section numbering in the draft bill.

Sections 2 to 8 – Trading

There are a number of commercial businesses currently trading within Strathclyde Country Park on sites leased to them by NLC. One of the businesses on site and close to the Triathlon Course is the Express by Holiday Inn, an international brand.

Another, namely M&D's Theme Park, lies immediately adjacent to the Triathlon Course, operates extensively outdoors and is highly visible, with permanent signs in place.

In view of their location and proximity to the proposed Triathlon Course it is likely to prove undesirable and probably impractical to prevent continued trading and some exemption/authorisation will be required.

Consideration will also need to be taken of this Council's in-house trading operations which take place as an integral part of the operation of the Country Park.

Given the scale and nature of the Park, and the event course within it, clear guidance and definition of what is to be understood by the term "in the vicinity of a Games Event" will be necessary.

Sections 9 to 14 - Advertising

Similar to the points made above, the commercial businesses that operate in Strathclyde Country Park have permanent and internationally recognised signage in place, some of which relate to concessions that operate within the sites, eg soft drinks, alcohol, and coffee branding – all household names and instantly recognisable.

In view of their location and proximity to the proposed Triathlon Course, it is again likely to prove undesirable and probably impractical to prevent continued advertising and some exemption/authorisation will be required.

NLC's own logos and branding are highly prominent within the site, and consideration of these will be needed in the context of "advertising"

Sections 15 to 19 – Ticket touting

No Comment

Sections 20 to 34 – Enforcement, Trial & Punishment and Transport

The Act and Regulations made will have to be mindful of the need for regulations and enforcement officers to operate in more than one local authority area.

Sections 35 to 45

No Comment