



Assets of Community Value

Nomination Form

Please complete this form fully. The details you place in this form will be the basis for which the Council will come to an informed decision on whether the asset can and should be placed on the List of Assets of Community Value, or not.

HOW WE USE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

What personal information do we need?

In order to process a nomination we require the name, address, telephone number and email address of the nominating body and the owner/occupier of the nominated asset. In cases of applications made by unincorporated bodies with at least 21 individual members, all the 21+ members' names and addresses should also be provided.

Who is collecting it?

The data controller is Torbay Council, Town Hall, Castle Circus, Torquay, TQ1 3DR.

Why is it being collected?

Under the Localism Act 2011: Assets of Community Value (England) Regulations 2012, we have a statutory duty to receive, process and make a decision on nominations for Assets of Community Value.

How will it be used?

Personal information is used to process the nomination, to make a decision on the nomination, and inform the owner(s) and other interested parties of the nomination, its progress and the eventual decision.

Who will it be shared with?

We will share the personal contact details used to process the nomination with internal departments within the Council e.g. Local Land Charges, Legal Department, Governance Support and Elected Representatives Information will also be shared with the Torbay Development Agency as the Council's Asset Management body.

How long will the information be kept for?

Nomination forms and information relating to the nomination will be kept for 6 years.

Your rights

If you feel that the information the Council holds about you is incorrect, you have the right to request it is rectified. You are also able to request a copy of the personal data the Council holds about you. To see more information about your rights, please see our [Information Rights Policy](#).

If you wish to raise a complaint about how the Council has processed your information please contact the Council's Data Protection Officer via infocompliance@torbay.gov.uk

IMPORTANT NOTES:

The assessment period will commence once the Council is in receipt of a fully valid application. **Incomplete application forms and forms missing required documentation will not be accepted as valid and will be returned to the applicant to provide the missing information.**

A landowner/occupier is entitled to see this form during the 8 week consultation period (once the nomination is validated) or following any decision to list the asset concerned as an Asset of Community Value.

Please complete this form electronically, or if completing by hand, only use **BLOCK CAPITALS and black or blue ink.**

Section 1. About your Organisation

1a. Nominating Organisation's Name and Address:

Organisation Name*: Torquay United Supporters' Society Limited (commonly known as Torquay United Supporters' Trust)

Address: [REDACTED]

**full name as written in your constitution or rules (if appropriate)*

1b. Please provide a named contact for us to get in touch with, should we need to discuss your nomination:

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone / Mobile Number: [REDACTED]

Email Address: tustsecretary@gmail.com

1c. Please specify which of the following categories your organisation relates to

Category of Organisation		
Description:	Please tick only one box:	Registration / Charity number (if applicable)
Town or Parish Council	☐	
Body designated as a neighbourhood forum under the Town and Country Planning Act	☐	
Unincorporated bodies with at least 21 individual members and which does not distribute any surplus it makes to its members	☐	
Charity	☐	
Company limited by guarantee which does not distribute any surplus it makes to its members	☐	
Industrial and provident society which does not distribute any surplus it makes to its members	☒	Now termed a Registered Society under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014
Community interest company	☐	

1d. Evidence Organisation

Please provide a copy of the following as relevant to your organisation (tick all documents provided):

Memorandum of Association	☐
Articles of Association	☐
Companies House return	☐
Trust Deed	☐
Constitution / Terms of reference	☒
Standing Orders	☐
Interest Statement for Community Interest Company	☐

1e. Evidence of a local connection

All nominating organisations must have a local connection, please tick all the relevant statements that apply, or provide a description of how your organisation is connected to Torbay, or a neighbouring authority's area (South Hams or Teignbridge):

The body's activities are wholly or partly within Torbay, South Hams and/or Teignbridge	☒
At least 21 of the members of the body are local (see point 1f. below)	☒
Any profits made by the body are wholly or partly applied for the benefit of Torbay, South Hams or Teignbridge	☐
It is a parish council within Torbay's boundary or it shares a boundary with Torbay	☐

Description / additional information:

1f. Membership of unincorporated bodies

For unincorporated bodies please confirm that at least 21* members are included on Torbay's register of electors and provide their names, addresses and signatures below:

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** if you have more than 21 members, please provide additional details on a separate page annexed to this application.*

Section 2. About the Asset you are nominating:

2a. Please provide the name of the asset (if relevant), and the location/address of the asset:

Name: Plainmoor Stadium

Address: Plainmoor, Torquay

Postcode: TQ1 3PS

Is the asset defined as operational land under section 263 of the Town and Country planning Act 1990, or owned by statutory undertakers such as utility companies? Please provide details:

2b. Please provide details of the boundary of the asset. Please submit a boundary map/plan at the end of this application which helps to clarify the exact location and extent of the asset being nominated. Where possible this should be a Land Registry Title and Title Plan for the asset (less than one month old). You can get electronic copies of the Land Registry Title and Title Plan from the Land Registry at <https://www.gov.uk/search-property-information-land-registry> (there is a fee for this service).

If the asset is unregistered, alternatives include a Site Location Plan, or OS map with boundaries clearly marked in red, with a North point, and a scale.

Please note that you are required to provide correct boundary and ownership information for the asset you wish to nominate. Incorrect or ambiguous information will be considered an incomplete application form and not be accepted as valid.

See Title Plan from Land Registry attached.

2c. Owner and occupier details (Please provide all information available to you, and copies of the Land Registry Titles and Plans. Note: where there is leasehold(s) and freehold, please provide copies of the Land Registry Titles and Plans for both the leasehold(s) and freehold):

	Name	Address	Delete as appropriate
Owner/s	Torquay United Association Football Club	Plainmoor Torquay TQ1 3PS	Current
Lawful occupiers	Torquay United Association Football Club	Plainmoor Torquay TQ1 3PS	Current
Holder/s of freehold estate (if not the Owner)	Torbay Council	Town Hall, Castle Circus, Torquay, TQ1 3DR	Current
Holder/s of any leasehold estate	Torquay United Association Football Club	Plainmoor Torquay TQ1 3PS	Current
Further detail / other:			

2d. Current use of asset

What is the asset / What is the <u>current</u> main use of the asset? e.g. shop, pub, community facility, playing field	The stadium consists of a football pitch, 4 spectator stands, attached restaurant, bar, offices, club shop, training facilities, changing and treatment rooms, Boots & Laces public house, indoor bowling rink and car park.
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Describe fully how you consider that the current and main use of the asset furthers the social wellbeing or cultural, recreational or sporting interests of the local community?

Torquay United delivers both social value and community benefit to Torquay and Devon more broadly as an integral part of the local area. The Club's history in Torquay goes back to its founding in 1899. Torquay United moved to its current location in 1910. Its principal activity is the furtherance of local sporting interest, listed by the Localism Act as a social interest that a Community Asset should further.

Please note that there is a formal lease agreement in place between the Club, Torbay Council and Spires College (adjacent to the site), who have a computer suite and fitness suite in the Bristows Bench stand.

The Club:

- Promotes the enjoyment of sport and exercise to local people throughout the community, particularly young people, both through its own matches (a range of concessions are offered) and through activities the Club undertakes through its Community Sports Trust (see below).
- Serves as a focus for community pride, providing Torquay with a shared history and heritage through the achievements of the Club and the many celebrated players from its history, and regularly celebrating the contribution that the Club's non-player employees, volunteers, and supporters make to the Club's success.
- Helps build a sense of community identity, bringing together diverse elements of Devon, across a range of ages and social and economic backgrounds, on a regular basis for a shared purpose.
- Provides local people with an inclusive social environment open to all members of the community which the Club works to foster, for example through its regular support of such initiatives as the 'Kick it Out' campaign (an equality and inclusion campaign for football and the wider community).
- Engages fans in the support of local charitable causes, raising money for specific charitable causes as well as regular 'bucket' collections for local and national charities at home games.
- Provides economic benefits to local businesses such as increasing trade for nearby and associated pubs and restaurants on matchdays, as well as working to bring together a network of local businesses for mutual benefit.
- Hosts a number of entertainment events including Business Breakfast Club, Quiz Nights, .
- Represents Torquay and Devon nationally, routinely promoting the town's name whenever the club is mentioned)
- The average home attendance in season 2024/25 was 3,865
- The club promotes the increasingly popular women's game and runs Torquay United Women's FC, currently at the 5th tier of the female leagues.

As well as acting as a focus for the people of Torquay, Torquay United Football Club also works within the Torbay community, operating a range of sporting, social, and educational activities and programmes under the aegis of its Torquay United Community Sports Trust. This Community Sports Trust reaches tens of thousands of young people in the Devon area every year, with a particular focus on local schools and sports clubs. The Community Sports Trust runs specific programs for disabled young people and other minority groups.

The Stadium is crucial in enabling Torquay United Football Club to deliver this social value and community benefit through sporting and community activities, in that the Club needs a suitable home to host its football matches. Listing The Stadium as a Community Asset would mean that in any circumstance where The Stadium's current owner were to look to dispose of it, the community would have the opportunity to secure the Football Club's future. This step would:

- Protect the Stadium's viable use as venue for Torquay United Football Club for current and future generations,
- Ensure it continues as a site for delivering social benefit and community value, both through the continued hosting of Torquay United's games, and through the associated community activities Torquay United undertakes.
- Help ensure a sustainable future for Torquay United within the community, with the community owning a stake in The Stadium.
- Provide the opportunity to use the non-football revenues generated by The Stadium to support Torquay United and its sporting and community activities.

If there was the potential of losing the Stadium without a suitable alternative being available, Torquay United Supporters' Trust would wish to preserve the use of the ground as the home of Torquay United FC.

Community interest group acquisition could happen in a number of different ways, either by raising the capital funds directly from supporters, by seeking out other sources of investment that would guarantee the club's continued tenure at the ground, or by a combination of these two routes. If funds were to be raised directly from supporters, this would be planned through a Community Share issue, which the Society is empowered to conduct under its Rules (see especially Rule 20 'Capital Funding Share Provisions'). In such an eventuality, the Society would be able to rely on the professional advice and support of the Football Supporters Association, which is the national body for Supporters' Trusts.

Over what period is this main use of the asset anticipated to continue?	The football club's lease runs until 2081
Does the local community have legal and authorised use of the land or property?	Yes. Part of the stadium is used by the adjoining college for example.
If the main use of the asset does not <u>currently</u> further the social wellbeing or cultural, recreational or sporting interests of the local community, did it do so at some stage in the recent past? <i>(Please provide details of how the asset was used in the past and dates of this usage)</i>	Not applicable – it currently does as described above.

Can you demonstrate / how do you anticipate that the asset would return to furthering the social wellbeing or cultural, recreational or sporting interests of the local community?	Not applicable
When do you consider that the asset could realistically return to furthering the social wellbeing or cultural, recreational or sporting interests of the local community?	Not applicable

Section 3. Supporting Information for your Nomination

3a. Please provide any further information to support your nomination

Torquay United Supporters' Trust

The Trust is a Registered Society under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 (formerly an Industrial and Provident Society), with membership open to all supporters of Torquay United. It promotes good governance and seeks to ensure the long-term sustainability of the club for the benefit of current and future supporters and the wider community.

Declaration I confirm that I am authorised to submit this nomination form on behalf of the applicant organisation and that all of the information given or referred to in this form is true, accurate, and complete and that all relevant information has been submitted.

Name: [REDACTED], Secretary of Torquay United Supporters' Trust

Signature: [REDACTED]

Date: 15/9/25

**Please return to Land Charges, Torbay Council, Town Hall, Castle Circus, Torquay, TQ1 3DR or landcharges@torbay.gov.uk
Tel: 01803 207107**

*We will acknowledge receipt of your nomination and will check through your form and let you know if any information is missing or if any further information is required.
If all the requested information is provided, we will accept the form. We have 8 weeks from formally accepting the form to determine whether the asset you have nominated should be placed on the List of Assets of Community Value.*