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Dear Mr Hulme

As a parent of a child who is a member of Folkestone Junior Athletics, I feel that I would like you to know how having the running track at the 3 Hills will make a huge difference to my son personally and all the athletes at the club, but not only them the community as a whole. My son has represented Folkestone at competition level for the last 4 years competing all over the county and has been selected to represent Kent several times. My son personally would like to proceed to try to become a professional athlete and the progression to competition stage is so important for all the athletes who attend. At competition levels it is quite apparent that our children lack having the consistent training on a track and the other resources i.e. long jump pits etc. As the children are getting older the gap seems to widen, other clubs that have athletes training consistently on tracks are heads and shoulders above. Whilst our children have done a fantastic job through sheer determination and hard work to keep Folkestone promoted in its current league, they are one of the only athletic clubs who do not have a track.

At present we have to take our son to Ashford to train once a week on the track but ideally he needs to train at least three times a week on the track which unfortunately we are unable to keep taking him to Ashford and back. Training once a week on the track has made a huge impact on him with regards to his running times and the ability to compete against some of Kent's top athletes and having the confidence to do this , track training gives nothing but improvement and positivity to an athlete.

Athletics is immensely popular with children of all ages and there is many more waiting to join not only local children but children now coming from outside the area, these children are so excited at the possibility of having there own track to train on. Surely this is a win win situation all round, all of our athletes will benefit tremendously from being trained on a track, local schools will benefit, schools from outside of the area too, it can be used for hosting competitions and events. This track would be so welcomed and much needed and I can honestly say I could not think of one negative reason as to why people would be against this.

Please think of the children and there futures as to what this track will mean and the opportunities it will give to them.

Kind regards

Tiffany Collingwood