

# KIRKBY CRICKET CLUB

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ESTABLISHED 1923

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## NORTH WEST COASTAL CONNECTIONS

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Kirkby Cricket Club has provided enjoyment both to young and older people of Kirkby since the 1920's. Its first ground was on the Mosses adjacent to Marshside where the tide played an important part in the arranging of fixtures. When the Community Centre opened in 1948 the Club transferred as a matter of course and has played there ever since.

The Club runs a number of teams in the local leagues and includes Junior teams of mixed age. Both boys and girls play in these teams.

One of the attractions of playing at the Community Centre for visiting teams and spectators is the view from the ground down the estuary towards Askam-in-Furness. Many of our visitors bring their families to enjoy that view. They also enjoy the other recreational facilities provided such as the Children's Playground, Exercise Area and Football Pitch. Some families spend time by the stream in Beckfields. Some go for walks. Some just enjoy the game.

Unfortunately it is the Club's view that all of this will be destroyed if National Grid goes ahead with the construction of giant pylons. The views from the Community Centre will become industrial and not at all welcoming for our many guests. The sight of them, the noise from them, the worry of them will all destroy something that is special for our club.

We have enough parking at the Community Centre during our matches but if the Bowls Club and the Tennis Club are at home as well it can be difficult. If the construction of the pylons were to go ahead there would be extra pressure upon these parking spaces due to workers' cars and their support vehicles. In fact the local lanes would soon clog up. Our visitors would think twice about coming and something unique would be lost.

The Club is certain that there are alternatives to pylons round the Duddon Estuary and would urge National Grid to think very carefully about what they are proposing to destroy.

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