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## **Letter of Recommendation**

**From: Beth Cunliffe – British Gymnastics England**

**Re: Sport England Inspired Facilities**

As a National Governing Body officer I visit many of the gymnastics clubs in the North West Region and I cannot recommend highly enough the work that AcroNova Gymnastics Club have undertaken to build their club.

The club has been registered with British Gymnastics since 2006 and achieved Gym Mark accreditation in 2008. The club offers a wide cross section of the local community a chance to engage with sport and take part in gymnastics.

The club has been very proactive in raising funds to support its own development, achieving sponsorship and grants from a wide variety of partners who all realise the potential and passion within the club. Through difficult times the club has pulled together as a community and managed to secure their own facility.

This club is vital to the growth of Disability Gymnastics within the Region, as they currently provide opportunities for a large number of children and their families to participate in the sport. The club also successful in offering competitive opportunities on a Regional level for their elite gymnasts. Acrobatic Gymnastics clubs are in high demand since the huge publicity that followed Spellbound after winning the TV show 'Britain's Got Talent'. This specific discipline of gymnastics lends itself to a more mature performer and the club caters extremely well for the 16+ age group; this membership will be able to increase significantly because hours in the new premises will not be limited. In addition if the project were to be successful the venue to be used as a Competition arena, which would serve the Region as a whole.

In the past 12 months the club have undergone massive changes and progressed with renovating their new facilities. In order to continue to provide quality provision they need assistance to complete the final part of their renovations. This is a Key area in delivering the Regional Facilities Strategy. The Region as a whole would greatly benefit from their continued development and sustaining the work they have undertaken already.

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