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Subject: FW: Floodlights/activation of Frank Grey & Mike Pawley ovals at night.

Re: DA 2020/1063 - Floodlights/activation of Frank Grey & Mike Pawley ovals at night.

Please include this letter as a Submission on file.

Thanks!

Best regards,

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Hi All,

Apologies for e-mailing you all but I am not sure who is the correct direct contact regarding this matter and would appreciate a response for any one of you.

I am contacting you in regard to the proposal to install floodlights on Frank Gray & Mike Pawley ovals.

I am a massive supporter of community sport and healthy living and understand the political problem the council face with public playing spaces.

However this proposal needs serious questioning and much more detail is required on why it is necessary and also why the many 'throwaway' signatures/voices of people who don't live near the area and therefore face no adverse impact of the development matters far more than the few (but still substantial) people who have to live with the consequence forever more to the detriment of their day to day lives. There is no way anyone could say this change will not degrade living on Bennett Road, Manuela Place, Holloway Place and Stirgess Avenue and I find it unbelievable that a council can be prepared to do this to local residents.

Sporting teams have heaps of members of many ages and will obviously vote yes to the broad question of wanting more fields more accessible. But the genuine need really needs testing and I would like to see the training and playing requirements in terms number of sessions per week per club by time of year. And how these needs are currently being met (or not) and what the size of the gap is and exactly how this current DA specifically meets the gap. We have many hours of daylight and I see so many empty floodlit pitches around the NB's and I wonder if the shortage of playing field space is more unsubstantiated theory/opinion than data validated fact.

Has a deep level of demand/supply assessment been done by/with every sporting club? If so could you please direct me to it? We should all be able to see exactly when these fields will be used and by who and how many by every hour of darkness throughout the year to truly determine the need and impact properly. This data is an absolute minimum requirement if you are going to make the decision to adversely impact the lives of so many local residents.

If the need isn't actually there it is simple – reject your own DA and don't make the area a significantly worse

place to live and spend \$250k of tax payer money on something else.

If the need is proven by data then you have to expect high usage to justify the spend and ignorance of local resident voices. Which then runs in to the light and noise pollution and traffic issues that would play out and has to be fully understood and acceptable mitigating plans made to have the DA proceed:

- Light surveys have been done and are said to comply with regulation but that doesn't mean the regulation is right nor that the light pollution will not have a negative impact on local residents lives. Look at the lights on Reub Hudson now at the other side of the creek, especially from the houses of people that back on to the fields (which my property doesn't).
- There has been no assessment on noise pollution impact from the players. Again, come and stand on any of the streets off Bennett Street on a Monday night and listen to the shouts coming from kickoff next the bowling club and footballers on Reub Hudson (of which my voice is one of them!). Both much further away from the proposed fields but loud.
- There has been no assessment on parking impact – the freshwater campus parking solution will not be enough if all fields are activated – if you need proof just drive down the local streets on days this is the case at the weekends. It is a nightmare and incredibly dangerous.

I would hugely appreciate a response to these questions, especially on the point in yellow at your earliest convenience.

Regards

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