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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

We are emailing to raise our concerns over DA 2020/1063.

We find there are several issues that would cause significant negative impact on the local community and surrounding parkland should this DA be adopted in its current form.

First and foremost is the issue of child safety as a consequence of increased nighttime traffic. We live in Holloway Place adjoining Frank Gray Oval. On most weekends there is a significant amount of traffic in this small cul-de-sac. Young children run to and from the ovals and on several occasions we have seen instances where young, unaware kids got themselves into danger with moving traffic. The placement and increased usage of these ovals at night will further expound this situation and we believe it will be a matter of time before a child is seriously injured.

Secondly, there is the issue with traffic itself. We purchased our property over 20 years and fully appreciate that we live next to active sporting fields and rather enjoy watching the sport on the weekends. The downside for us is that if we leave in our cars, we often cannot find parking on the street when we return but we fully accept that situation. By placing floodlights on Frank Gray and Mike Pawley fields, the amount of traffic will of course increase at night time. Our street is full of young families (with older teenagers and young adults) and even when there is no sport the street is full with cars just from the residents. If this DA is approved there will simply be nowhere for the sporting clubs participants to park. This will result in an overflow onto Bennett Street and subsequent traffic blockages and further danger to young children.

Our understanding is that there has been discussions with the Freshwater High School principal who supports the upgrading of the oval adjacent to the school. Given that the school car park is generally empty after 4.30pm, surely this is a far more common sense option and negates the danger and traffic impacts.

In summary we would DA 2020/1063 to be withdrawn.

Should you wish to contact us for further discussion please do not hesitate to call on 0403 578 280.

Kind regards,
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