
Sent: 11/11/2019 4:34:28 PM
Subject: Traffic Concerns in Stirgess Avenue (DA2019/1119)

Dear Sir/Madam

I'm a resident of Stirgess Avenue Curl Curl writing to express my concerns about the impact of the weekly market/fair proposal at Harbord Bowling Club

I've recently been away and seem to have missed the relevant submission date for the DA

Regardless, I'd like to raise an ongoing issue of regular parking and traffic congestion in Stirgess and nearby streets due to sporting and bowling club activities

Of course, as residents of Stirgess Avenue our family enjoys the wonderful amenities of the adjacent parkland and sports grounds

And given our proximity we understand the need to accommodate some level of inconvenience on sports days

Because we live next to what is essentially a 'sports hub' (rugby, cricket, soccer, AFL, netball, futsal among others) these sporting activities are taking place most weekends and some weeknights throughout the year

Increased traffic in the area is an expected consequence but it seems to have gotten to the point (some time ago) that some form of policing needs to be undertaken during the busiest periods

With so many people coming into the area, particularly during the netball season, there is clearly a significant percentage of visitors who have little regard for the locals

It's not uncommon for cars to be parked partially across our driveway and others in the street

Also, every weekend cars are parked illegally on every corner making an already congested roadway even more dangerous

Something of even greater concern are patrons of Harbour Bowling Club sometimes speeding on Stirgess Avenue as they enter and leave the club

There is no reason for most of these drivers to travel along Stirgess Avenue yet they race down our street before turning right into Cross Street

Perhaps not be the shortest route but obviously these drivers consider it the quickest...when taken at high speeds

Completely inappropriate behaviour on an otherwise quite suburban street which is inhabited with many young families whose young children and teenagers are regularly crosses the street to play in the parkland

I want to mention one occasion when a young driver passed me at a crazy speed as I was driving out of my home...I saw him drive into the club so I confronted him in the club carpark and discovered he was actually an employee

So from my point of view I believe both the club and the sporting associations, in concert with council, need to ensure the impact they're having on a regular basis is not illegal, unnecessary or unsafe

respectfully

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