

Attachment 4

Summary of Written Submissions received: Proposed Netball Courts Richard Murden Reserve.

Date of Submission Received	Submitter	Issues / Comments
1/2/2018	Park User / Resident	<p>I understand you are the manager of recreational facilities in the Inner West Council, and as such are responsible for the proposal to replace the only public basketball court in the area with even more netball courts.</p> <p>I wish to point out how misleading the plans accompanying the online survey are: they fail to show in plan (or describe in the text) the existing 6 netball courts at the other end of the reserve. Has this been done to stop the perception that netball has taken over the reserve? I would request that the plans online are updated to show the full reserve and the existing 6 netball courts.</p> <p>We are so shocked that Council is planning to replace the one (substandard) basketball court with 3 new netball courts and a half-size basketball hoop area. This will bring the total number of netball courts to 10! I'm not sure how the plans have progressed to this stage with so little understanding of the needs of the local Haberfield and Leichhardt youth.</p> <p>A huge number of local boys and girls (and adults) use this <u>one</u> basketball court - many times a week in the case of the children and young adults we know. Our boys and girls often have to wait for it to become available. They have been playing there for many, many years. It is the ONLY court in our community.</p> <p>We wish to strongly protest against these plans - the netball community is well served with the existing 6 courts in the reserve. This proposed design is the exact opposite of what our youth have been requesting - that the reserve court next to the basketball court should be relocated to the other end of the reserve, and replaced with another basketball court.</p> <p>Netball is primarily a girls' sport, and the local boys have only this one poor court to play basketball on: by taking this court away Council is alienating the children in our local community. Clearly the competitive netball community is well organised and vocal, unlike the local boys and girls who use the basketball courts for recreation and exercise, rather than competition and have no official organisation to represent them. Please listen to their needs as well.</p>

		<p>Any afternoon of the week, or during the weekend - and particularly on holidays - a casual observer can see how well-used this basketball court is. We would ask that Council reconsider this plan which will severely disadvantage the youth of the Haberfield and Leichhardt community, and provide at least 2 dedicated basketball courts in the Reserve.</p>
2/2/2018	Park User / Resident	<p>I am writing to express my concerns around the proposed construction of netball courts in Richard Murden Reserve, Haberfield.</p> <p>I am the resident/owner of <i>(Name and Address Deleted by Council officer on the grounds of privacy)</i> Hawthorne Parade Haberfield, and my property is directly across the road from the site of the proposal, currently a shared basketball/netball facility.</p> <p>Current noise situation</p> <p>I have lived in my home for almost 20 years, and throughout that time, myself and my neighbours have had to endure a significant amount of noise in the early hours of the morning and throughout the night, from various sources.</p> <p>One source of ongoing and particularly distressing disturbance comes from basketball players. It may be surprising to realise that the sound of a ball being bounced on the asphalt, and then the bang and rattle of the back board, echoes directly across the road and into the homes of every resident in the immediate vicinity. This may reasonably be accepted throughout the day and early evening, but it is far too common to have people arrive at all hours; 1am or 2am, 5am, 11.30pm, both throughout the week and on weekends.</p> <p>Many years ago, Council kindly erected a sign at the site, stating that no ball games are to be played after 9pm. This has helped somewhat, if for no other reason than as a backup for those countless times when I have had to go out to ask people to move on, because it's 2am or 6am on a Sunday morning. There has been occasions when I have been met with aggressive opposition, and have felt threatened. During these times, the Police are not always available, and Council Rangers are not on duty. What can be done to enforce the sign's message?</p> <p>To add insult to injury, these basketball players will often have their portable sound systems and also be playing music loudly, with no regard whatsoever for local residents trying to sleep.</p> <p>As I've said, this is by far the most common, and so disturbing, part of living across the road from the current courts. I would like to request that a new sign be erected as a matter of priority, limiting the playing of ballgames say, between the hours of 9am to</p>

		<p>9pm? This would go a very long way to discouraging people with a conscious. As for the rest, I see no other option, but to continue to approach people and ask them to adhere to the signs. If the sign could also make mention of portable sounds systems/music, etc also being banned between these times, I would be extremely grateful.</p> <p>The list of noise problems continues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal trainers using the current basketball/netball space with large numbers of people, again, loud music, shouting etc, at early hours of the morning including weekends. • Personal trainers using the laneway beside my house and that of my neighbour as a running course; shouting in the early hours of the morning, including weekends. • Parties in the club house at Blackmore Oval – loud music well into the night. • Youths parking their cars across the canal in front of Blackmore Oval – loud music at all hours of the night • Regular ‘false’ activation of alarms at all hours coming from Blackmore Oval and the film studio beside it • Regular noise from rubbish trucks, etc in the late evening and early hours of the morning – reverse beeping, emptying of commercial sized bins at the film studio site on Canal road. • Youths riding illegal motorised scooters and trail bikes with excessively loud engines, along the current path and through Richard Murden Reserve, again, at all hours. <p>Questions around the proposed netball Courts</p> <p><u>Parking</u> How does Council propose to create sufficient parking spaces for the proposed netball courts? Parking is already congested at various times in Winter during football season, when people park along this part of the street and make their way to Leichhardt Oval. As an example, the light rail at the other end of the street has a number of parking bays, but this is clearly insufficient. Over the months, I have noted the spillover of parked vehicles into the surrounding streets, in particular, Tressider Avenue, and increasingly further down Hawthorne Parade. What are residents without driveways to do when they get home on a weekday evening, to find that they can’t park anywhere, because netball training is on? How can Council ensure this doesn’t happen around our end of the street?</p> <p><u>Usage restrictions</u> I would like more specific information around what times during the afternoons/evenings the courts would be available for use? How early and late? What measures will Council</p>
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14/2/2018	Park User / Resident	<p>Good afternoon Aaron</p> <p>I hope you are well.</p> <p>My name is <i>(Name and Address Deleted by Council officer on the grounds of privacy)</i> I live some 100 metres from the proposed Netball Court redevelopment.</p> <p>In short my wife, 2 children and I strongly object to the proposal.</p>

		<p>The main issue we have with the current proposal is the issue of parking and traffic. The street does not have the capacity to handle 3 courts of training 5 nights a week. The first issue is that these trainings will coincide with Leichardt Wanderers Junior Football Club trainings which currently occur in the winter months 5 nights a week. With the bridge across the canal giving easy access to Blackmore Oval from Hawthorne Parade, the local residents here already deal with chronic parking and traffic issues as a result of this. If you were to add several sessions of netball training to this it would make the situation completely and utterly unbearable and unliveable 5 NIGHTS A WEEK!!</p> <p>Aaron this end of Hawthorne Parade is not designed nor does it have the capacity to deal with this level of traffic and parking. I find it hard to imagine what it will be like, particularly at “changeover” time for netball sessions. Let’s say there are 15 kids per court and there are 3 courts. That would mean that at changeover time the combined total of vehicles looking for spots and those leaving would be somewhere around 90. If this happens to coincide with a football training time we would be looking at something like 100 car movements at one time in what is an ordinary suburban street with standard parking. I will also add that our experience tells us that people who park here casually do not care about blocking driveways, all they care about is getting their kid to training.</p> <p>The cynic in me also tells me that the old Ashfield council is fixing a Leichhardt council problem and the traffic and parking issues are being transferred to us in the old Ashfield council.</p> <p>We have chosen to live at this part of Hawthorn Parade as there is generally small amounts of through traffic and it is safe for children and pets. Aaron believe me we pay a premium for this also. I do not object to having good sporting facilities, but they must be put where there is sufficient infrastructure and where they do not disturb the peace and good living of the surrounding residents. May I suggest you look to industrial areas where there is capacity to park and capacity to expand. Also may I suggest that you look to upgrade and improve the existing netball courts at the Southern end of Hawthorne Parade where existing infrastructure exists and there is better parking. Also no crossover with other team trainings.</p> <p>I strongly believe that this proposal will significantly negatively affect the wellbeing and quality of life of the residents of the Northern part of Hawthorne Parade and lodge with you our STRONGEST POSSIBLE OBJECTION TO IT.</p>
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19/2/2018	Park User / Resident	<p>By way of introduction (<i>Name and Address Deleted by Council officer on the grounds of privacy</i>) I live some 100 metres from the proposed Netball Court redevelopment. I believe that my husband (<i>Name deleted by Council officer on the grounds of privacy</i>) has already sent an objection to you, but I feel that it is important that I also send one.</p> <p>We strongly object to the proposal.</p> <p>We have seen a significant increase in traffic at this end of Hawthorne Pde over the last number of years. The bridge across the canal now gives easy access to Blackmore Oval and the light rail (Leichardt North) from Hawthorne Parade. We find people now park here each day to catch the light rail to work as there are no parking restrictions. You would be aware that training now occurs at Blackmore Oval 5 afternoon / nights a week and games are played one or both weekend days 90% of the year. We also experience significant traffic and increase in parking on the days that the West Sydney Tigers play at Leichardt Oval again because of the no parking restrictions on Hawthorne Pde. If you were to add several sessions of netball training to this it would make the situation completely and utterly unbearable and unliveable 5 NIGHTS A WEEK!!</p> <p>This end of Hawthorne Parade is not designed nor does it have the capacity to deal with this level of traffic and parking. If netball changeover happens to coincide with training time at Blackmore we would be looking at something like 100 car movements at one time in what is an ordinary suburban street with standard parking. Our experience unfortunately we have seen people who park here casually do not care about blocking driveways, all they care about is getting their kid to training. We have chosen to live at this part of Hawthorne Parade as there is generally small amounts of through traffic and it is safe for children and pets. Aaron believe me we pay a premium for this also. We do not object to having good sporting facilities, but they must be put where there is sufficient infrastructure and where they do not disturb the peace and good living of the surrounding residents. Upgrading and improving the existing netball courts at the Southern end of Hawthorne Parade where existing infrastructure exists to me would be a more sensible place to start and utilise our council \$\$ funds.</p> <p>My husband believes this is the old Ashfield council is fixing a Leichhardt council problem with the traffic and parking issues are being transferred to us in the old Ashfield council. I cannot think there is some merit to this line of thought.</p> <p>I strongly believe that this proposal will significantly negatively affect the wellbeing and quality of life of the residents of the Northern part of Hawthorne Parade and lodge with you our STRONGEST POSSIBLE OBJECTION TO IT.</p>
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12/3/2018	Park User / Resident	<p>As a resident of <i>(Address deleted by Council officer for privacy)</i>, Haberfield, directly opposite the netball and basketball courts that are proposed for redevelopment, there are several issues that deeply concern us.</p> <p>This development will have a dire impact on our day-to-day living due to what will be an exponential increase in traffic, parking, noise and light pollution.</p> <p>Parking We have two cars with no off-street parking.</p> <p>When West Tigers home game football events are taking place at Leichhardt Oval, 1 km away, this northern end of Hawthorne Parade starting at Waratah Street is completely parked out. We have to park our cars in Tillock Street and walk to our house in Hawthorne Pde. These visiting cars, show little respect for the residents' driveways and even park in the right of way beside our house because parking is so tight in the street.</p> <p>I am not sure if you aware of this, but whenever there is a high tide Hawthorne Parade floods. At the highest tides, Hawthorne Parade is cut by salt water flooding (pictures attached). Players would not be able to access the proposed courts or park anywhere along this section of the road at these times.</p> <p>We are deeply concerned that if these courts were to be redeveloped, bringing a dramatic increase in vehicles to this end of Hawthorne Pde, we would find ourselves unable to park anywhere near our house most days of the week. This would make our lives in this street on the greenway untenable.</p> <p>It is easy to see why a similar proposal was rejected on Darley Road due to 'extensive community opposition'.</p> <p>Haberfield is suffering enough with Westconnex. Why should our open community spaces now be redeveloped into busy, commercial spaces, that will further deeply impact on the lives of the residents.</p> <p>Lights Our house faces the current courts, and one of our children's bedrooms is on the street front. The light pollution from powerful sports lighting will shine directly into the front and side windows of our house.</p> <p>Noise</p>
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22/2/2018	Park User / Resident	<p>I live at (Name and Address Deleted by Council officer on the grounds of privacy), directly opposite the netball and basketball courts that are proposed for redevelopment, there are several issues that worry me deeply about this proposal.</p> <p>I do not have internet so am submitting my response in writing. Responses to online questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do you support the location of the three new netball courts at Richard Murden Reserve? No 2. Do you support the design of the proposed plan? No 3. Do you support the location of a proposed new public toilet at Richard Murden Reserve? No <p>This redevelopment must not proceed as it will have a terrible impact on our lives and our house value because of the large increase in traffic - people and cars, the lack of parking spaces, noise until late at night and the lights which will shine directly into our bedroom at the front of our house.</p> <p>Parking</p>

		<p>When West Tigers home football games are taking place at Leichhardt Oval, this end of Hawthorne Parade starting at Waratah Street is completely parked out with visiting cars.</p> <p>These visitors, show little respect for our driveway, often parking so close it is often difficult for us to get in and out.</p> <p>If more parking was added somehow, as suggested, then this would no doubt be used first by commuters using the light rail stop at Leichhardt North - attracting more traffic on top of any additional traffic If these courts were redeveloped. Exactly this situation has played out at the netball courts down the other end of Hawthorne Pde.</p> <p>Flooding Whenever there is a high tide Hawthorne Parade floods. At the highest tides, Hawthorne Parade is cut by salt water. Players would not be able to access the proposed courts or park anywhere along this section of the road during these high tides.</p> <p>If these courts were redeveloped there would be a dramatic increase in vehicles to this end of Hawthorne Pde - much like the traffic at the courts at the other end of Hawthorne Pde. There would be cars avoiding the flood waters. People jumping over them to get to their cars. All leading to huge safety issues on the road.</p> <p>Lights Our house faces the current courts, and our bedroom is at the front. We would be directly affected by floodlights on courts after sunset as they would be shining right outside the front of our house.</p> <p>Noise The current courts are noisy consistently from the early hours of the morning until late at night, as they are used by a mix of basketballers and boot camps being run by fitness trainers.</p> <p>The noise often begins before sunrise with yelling and playing loud music and often finishes after the 9pm curfew noted on the courts. If these courts were redeveloped the area would attract a large number of additional people and there would be more noise early in the morning and into the night.</p> <p>Many members of the community that use the current courts show little respect for the residents when engaging in outdoor sports. Three new, busy netball courts will,</p>
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