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16 February 2021

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1. Mrs Cathy & Mr Crag Henderson
2. Mr Michael Arceri (for Ross Featherston, on behalf of Brighton Grammar)
3. Mr Greg & Mrs Dawn Marks
4. Mr Kent Fuller
5. Ms Stavroula Psonis
6. Ms Dianne Anderson
7. Mrs Atha Emmanouikides
8. Ms Dianne Anderson
9. Mr Basil Tambanis
10. Ms Kirsten Frederiksen
11. Miss Elan Hunter
12. Mr Kevin Howard
13. Ms Jane Gronow
14. Ms Lynda Lawton
15. Mr Bernard Mutimer (on behalf of Brighton Cricket Club)
16. Ms Anne-Marie Thompson
17. Mrs Kim Shepherd
18. Ms Emily Costello

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1. Mr Tony Batt (on behalf of Hampton Neighbourhood Association)

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Bayside Netball Centre
- Holloway Road proposal

1. Ms Kellie Tighe

As a local resident, I am writing to express my concern about the proposal to merge the Sandringham College redevelopment with the Bayside Netball Centre. Local residents remain very disenchanted with the Bayside City Council's community engagement with its constituents to the proposed netball centre in Holloway Road. As a resident who will be greatly impacted I do not believe all the responses have been adequately addressed from the "Have your say" page of the council.

Bayside City Council state these courts will be for netball only, meaning the painted lines on the courts will be single use. Other high-growth sports such as basketball will be therefore unable to use the facility! Should the courts become 'multi-purpose', the netball association will not be able to use the courts for State and National championships as only single use courts can be used. This is a lose-lose situation. "Sporting facilities" imply everyone can use the venue for all kinds of sport.

The traffic report was conducted in the peak of COVID lockdown so was flawed and misrepresented the true state of affairs. I implore you to visit Holloway Road now, as our representatives, on a Saturday morning when the Japanese school is arriving and departing, 9am and 2pm. It is chaos trying to exit onto Bluff Road as Holloway Road is a dead end street. I also implore you to visit the Secondary school site every weekday to view how many cars remain on site after 4pm, teachers do not leave work before 5pm. They do not leave when the last bell goes.

As pointed out in my "Have your say" there is clearly not enough car parks to house the amount of traffic that a minimum of 12 courts will attract – 9 players per team plus, coaches, staff, parents and grandparents/friends that each player has following them amounts to approx. 12 courts * minimum 10 cars per team = 12*20 cars = 240 cars every 30 minutes not including grandparents/friends. There is an extremely false assumption that people will walk or catch transport.

As a parent of a netballer most weeks I would go to the courts for warm up with my husband arriving 30 minutes later for the start of the game, that's double the cars that you are not accounting for.

I would still like some clarity on parking restrictions. There is no suggestion that these parking restrictions should be game days only. Netball doesn't run 365 days a year and nor should the parking restrictions. What are you allowing for school functions and school buses that park in the street to pick up students or drop off? What about the scout hall and the parent parking for them? What happens to trade people that we may have at the house?

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I still strongly believe that the proposed location of the netball courts should remain at the Wangara site. This site is based in an industrial area with minimal residents to impact. The flow through of traffic from either Talinga or Wangara out to Reserve and George would

mean minimal traffic congestion with multiple exit points available to drivers. Pedestrians would not be in danger of being hit by a car in these wide streets especially with the level of offsite parking that can be provided. Suggesting that pedestrians will be safe walking from Wangara to the courts is a disaster waiting to happen.

Have the council looked at improving the lighting lux at Thomas Street to accommodate night matches? This would be substantially cheaper than the \$17m rate payer funds proposed to develop Holloway Road and starting from scratch.

There are now over 1000 signatures on the original petition, why is BCC not listening to the majority.

Stop the Netball Centre in Holloway Road - Change.org

2. Mr Paul Richards

I wish to object most strongly to the proposal to develop a new netball centre at the Holloway Road, Sandringham College campus for the following reasons:

(1) Projected traffic increase on Holloway Road and surrounding streets is not in any way reasonable. Saturday traffic will impact an area of approximately 300 meters radius from the netball centre. Bayside City Council must expect an ongoing adverse reaction from local residents to this.

(2) With respect to elevated noise levels, there will be excessive noise during netball matches from referees, players and spectators which will severely impact local residents. Bayside City Council must expect an ongoing adverse reaction from local residents to this. This together with light spillage will have a negative impact on local flora and fauna particularly at the Heathland Sanctuary.

(3) Exterior light spill will have an adverse impact on dwellings on Holloway Rd opposite the site and also on rear apartments at 224 and 226 Bay Rd.

(4) Bayside City Council failed to consult with local residents prior to passing a decision at their Council meeting 15/9/2020 to proceed with the development. Council is circumventing the normal planning process by merging the Netball Center into the School upgrade as part of Victorian Schools Building Authority works. I consider this to be a deliberate abuse of the Victorian town planning process.

The development of the netball center at the College is not consistent with the treatment of other Bayside City Council project decisions with regard to traffic, noise and light spillage impact on surrounding residents and as such does not address the Bayside City Council stated requirement to "have a balanced approach to minimise environmental impact on the environment and the human health risk." Under the Bayside City Council Best Practice Principles the 1st principle is "priority to prevent offsite impact in the first place." This development is an immediate rejection of this principle.

The affected residents are legally entitled to "the quiet enjoyment of our residence" under common law. This development is not in accord with this principle.

Frankly, this proposed development is a gross abuse of the democratic process.

Paul Richards

3. Ms Julie Graham

I believe that the proposed site for the Bayside Netball centre will be most detrimental to the area, Dangerous amount of extra traffic, people and noise is NOT what this area is about. Let's keep it clean and quiet for all the fauna living at the Reserve Sanctuary and Marindah Park and beyond . This area is unique...please let's keep it this way. Thank you

4. Mr Steven Jones

We have concerns that the data used for the traffic reports creation was noted to be taken from between 2014 and 2018, however in that time there has been considerable growth in apartment dwellings in the surrounding areas, thus traffic particularly on the Bay and Bluff Roads have increased substantially. Due to this increase we believe the traffic report did not take into consideration the inherent risks associated with these increased traffic volumes, in particular at the intersections of George Street and Bay Road, and Wangara Road and George Street. These intersections have, over the last month, had at least 2 serious accidents, which must now deem it a black spot. Currently parked cars along these roads seriously block visibility making any turn from Wangara into George very tricky and dangerous at any time of the day. The traffic plan recommends the use of this area for additional parking which will only exacerbate the issue and potential lead to an increase in accidents and incidents. Even driving around Balmoral Avenue during the day is hazardous due to the number of residents cars parked in the street and that is before we introduce an estimated 570 cars per hour into the area.

Holloway Road will exceed the recommended capacity for the residential road by some 20% and Wangara Road will be close to the recommended capacity for its classification. This all makes for some serious concerns that the traffic management proposal for this project does not take into consideration all the necessary factors to make an informed decision.

The concept of traffic calming is interesting. Instead of slowing traffic down, it seems to create an environment that encourages people to squeeze out of parks and cut across you to enter driveways or business parks, their assumption is because you are slowing down for a speed hump, you will also slow down to allow them to complete their manoeuvres regardless. I experience this regularly on Tulip Street and will be concerned if this bad driving habit is repeated in George Street should traffic calming be introduced.

The traffic report, whilst providing lots of pretty diagrams, basically says that there will be a significant increase in traffic around the area, so how can they say "there are no reasons why the development should not proceed". Whichever way it is painted, our quiet streets will be no more!

We still have concerns about the recommendation of making residential streets overflow parking and inviting people to park there for even an hour. Currently we have cars parking on verges, if they don't then through traffic can be blocked due to the narrow and winding nature of the streets. There is already not enough parking for residents today, adding more cars through these streets will be dangerous and cause even greater congestion.

In spite of the recommended planting (which will take time to come into effect) the Council has accepted that this development will generate noise that will affect the surrounding residents. Essentially the Council's position is that the local residents will just have to put up with this inconvenience. We find this stance totally unacceptable and irresponsible of the Council.

In summary, ultimately the residents will suffer from the additional traffic, light and noise from this project which has the potential to impact the value of their properties and their enjoyment of the area. We therefore continue to strongly object to this proposal proceeding.

5. Mrs Lesley Seabrook

We need to be heard - BCC are not listening to residents affected by this inappropriate site - I have lived and paid my rated in bayside for 56 years - now retired we only downsized to this pocket two years ago, prior to purchasing we did our researched checking out the traffic and noise levels in relation to the two schools on Holloway Rd and the sporting grounds on Spring St, we purchased and have been very happy living here up until now - the decision by the BCC to place the Netball ctr into this already busy and noisy pocket has affected my sleep and mental health - I have spoken with all my neighbors who are also very upset and stressed - we have not had any direct contact or information from the council on this matter - councilors need to put themselves in our shoes and think long and hard about this already busy pocket of Sandringham - I didn't purchase my home with the knowledge of what the council was about to do us - if this goes ahead we will be seeking advise on the loss of value to our property and the mental stress caused.

6. Mr Greg Seabrook

How can the councillors our rates pay for make inappropriate decisions without proper consultation with residents that will be highly affected by the the proposed netball centre placed in an already noisy contested area
Give us a break - you know it's the wrong spot for this large complex
Someone needs to stand up and put a stop to this stupidity

7. Dr Caroline Baker

The BCC response to previous questions regarding existing traffic congestion and poor car parking for primary and secondary school activities was inadequate and unclear. The response stated that the netball centre operating hours are on afternoons, evenings and weekends at times when the schools are closed. This response does not consider the primary and secondary school activities that occur during netball operating hours. These include the Japanese school of up to 180 students on a Saturday morning; Sandringham Bullits basketball training on weekday afternoons; use of secondary college performing arts centre for rehearsals and concerts (e.g., private dance schools have used this in the past plus the SSC students and families). The BCC response suggested that Japanese students could use Holloway Rd for parking - how is this possible when Holloway Rd will have parking restrictions and limited access? Please clarify plans for parking and traffic congestion when out of school hours activities coincide with netball operating hours. How will pedestrian safety be optimised? Where will school staff park? Is there provision at both schools for parking to accomodate the out of school hours activities?

8. Mrs Rubee Carter

Netball Courts - Car Park/Traffic/Safety

Holloway Rd and Wangara Rd is not an open thoroughfare, I assume to prevent people using it as a short cut, keeping the Primary and High School kids safer.

Once the courts are built the carpark will allow cars in Holloway Rd and out of Wangara Rd. I understand the plan is to make it a one way system. This will still mean it can be used as a short cut from Bluff Rd to George St.

Increased traffic is increased risk to the kids, especially the ones that walk home on their own. As well as increased traffic to the houses in those streets.

The traffic is already horrendous and yr 7 and yr 8 of Sandringham College haven't even moved over yet. Adding netballers rushing in for 4pm training is only going to add to the chaos.

Why is it now deemed safe to allow cars to use it as a short cut? And has the council taken into account the increase in traffic once the other students move to the Holloway Rd campus?

9. Mr Matt Milenkovic

Monetary concerns are completely understandable when it comes to selection for an appropriate development. But why are the council putting a price tag on the completely inappropriate development that will ruin an area of bayside? Financially, naturally and health wise especially pertaining to mental wellbeing.

10. Mr David Wassell

Matters for Consideration at next BCC Meeting

TRAFFIC IMPACT ASSESMENT:

Concerns regarding traffic implications of a development at the College was anticipated with a consultant engaged to prepare a report for the consultation process (Attachment 1). The proposal makes a series of recommendations to address the traffic impact of the proposed development and has been made available via the Have Your Say page.

Critical messages from this report DO NOT include any reference to the streets north of Bay Road.

Multiple entry options exist along Bay Road from the Heathland Reserve down to the pedestrian crossing at Lansell Avenue.

The streets bound by Highland Avenue in the North and Lansell Avenue in the West, Marchant Street in the North and Bay Road in the South with Lawson Parade in the middle will be completely overloaded with netball families on and off over the time netball is played.

This area will prove the most attractive to attendees to the netball as it avoids going into the "Traffic/Parking Hellhole" that BCC will create if they proceed with this ill-advised location.

PROJECT COSTING:

To enable a fair comparison, officers also engaged a consultant to provide an updated QS cost estimate for the Wangara Road project. A QS completed in early February 2021 has updated the estimated costs of the proposed Wangara Road project to be \$26.9 million. These updated figures indicate that Council will save approximately \$9.85 million by delivering the netball project at the school site rather than at Wangara Road, or \$8.85 million with the covered outdoor area included.

All the money will be wasted if the project does not meet both the immediate and long term needs of the SDNA. The Wangara Road site provide for a 20 year plan at a minimum and the extra cost now would seem to be cheap insurance.

CONDITIONS OF USE:

The usage Chart provides SDNA and its members a total of 528 hours of court access each week. While this is less than the SDNA have requested, this proposed usage strikes the necessary balance between netball use and local residential

amenity. The revised hours see a reduction of 141 hours in total hours of use as advertised during the consultation period.

BELOW SDNA NEEDS!!

STAGGERED START TIMES:

Staggering the starting times of games on Saturday and Sunday will assist in easing traffic and parking pressures. In discussions with SDNA it has been agreed that games will be staggered into three groups of start times over the 12 courts as follows: Group 1 – 8am Group 2 – 8.15am Group 3 – 8.30am Carrying this through the day will result in a ‘cleaner’ changeover period, providing more empty car park spaces as another group arrives for their upcoming game.

STAGGERED START TIMES WILL BE A ‘COMPLETE FAIL’ AS MANY PEOPLE ARRIVE EARLY AND STAY LATE AFTER PLAY TO SOCIALISE (Personal Experience)

11. Mr Brett Dyer

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The other option of course is to upgrade the current facilities at Thomas Street. It makes commercial sense to upgrade the lighting (increase lux) to allow night games to be played at Thomas St, and a better design of the indoor court there could see a new one added. I am disappointed that BCC dismiss the upgrade of the current facility as a solution - this would alleviate a lot of community hearth-ache and save many millions of dollars!

12. Mr Kieren Dyer

I am a resident living in close proximity to the proposed netball complex.
I am disgusted & disappointed at Bayside City Council's hastiness in pushing this through with no "real" consultation at all with local rate payers.

To think Sandy College don't even have 1 netball team. This school is heavily focused on Music/Art/Drama/Theatre, not sport or netball! Sandy Sec needs new classrooms & facilities- not netball courts!

We live in what can only be described as a beautiful quiet location with narrow streets & no through roads (& surrounded by nature reserves) - this proposal will ruin all that with traffic congestion + noise + light spill driving local residents mad. Not to mention how unsafe the streets will become with frustrated drivers trying to get to & from netball at this location!!

This site was ruled out as NOT SUITABLE FOR NETBALL to begin with so why has it changed & why are BCC trying to railroad it through??

I ask you "The BCC Councillors" to do what is right here and change your mindset as this proposal is simply not right for Holloway Rd. The ground-swell of stress and resentment of this netball complex surely sends a clear message to you all. I ask you to stand by the values listed on your website - focus on the local community around the proposed site and listen to us, respect us and work together to find a better way.

13. Ms Sonja Johnson

In regards to the updated recommendation to council for the proposed Bayside Netball Centre I want to express my grave concerns about this location due primarily to the anticipated traffic impacts. I live in Balmoral Ave and as recently as two weekends ago, I suffered a near miss at the intersection of Balmoral Ave and Wangara Rd due to the cricket traffic blocking visibility looking north on Wangara Rd. We have had two major car collisions (and possibly more that I am unaware of) at the corner of Bay Rd and George St since December including a fatality. The area is already under considerable load and yet your traffic report suggests that Holloway Rd and subsequently Wangara Rd can handle up to 3000 cars per hour. I am not a traffic expert but I can see that with residential traffic and parking requirements in addition to school traffic from both schools, traffic associated with the international school on Saturday, cricket traffic and scout hall traffic that this residential street network with strain under the netball traffic load. I understand the proposed site “ticks the boxes” for netball (who are worn down by the lengthy delays and are accepting this site albeit with no growth capacity), SSC (who can put shiny facilities on otherwise under utilised land, even though they are a school with a pedigree in the arts) and the council (they can “save” money after previously wasting money on the futile attempts to develop Wangara Rd site) but there is a residential community who will be highly disadvantaged as a result. To hear your councillors suggest at the December meeting that they acknowledge the local community’s genuine concerns but that we should suffer regardless because kids will be playing sport is so disappointing. The majority of adjacent property owners and residents reject this development due to very real concerns and I implore the council to find another way. Golfers have three public golf courses available to them in the municipality alongside numerous private courses. Surely council could re-purpose part of existing council land dedicated to golf to serve the needs of netball? All three council owned golf courses are located on major roads that could handle the traffic load identified in the traffic report. Please reconsider.

14. Ms Alma Laaksonen

The increase in light spill, noise and traffic in the area due to the indoor and outdoor netball location and hours of use are not safe to the community, including primary and secondary school children.

Currently we hear noise from the theatre on an adhoc basis. It is not reasonable to expect the noise occur every day of the year until late evening (9.30pm weekdays and 8pm from indoor courts on weekends).

Today the traffic congestion at times results in unsafe situations. It would be irresponsible to increase the risk to the community.

Bayside councillors should consider the Health, Well-being and Safety of their community as the highest priority. There are alternative netball sites to consider which will not result in placing the Bayside community at risk.

15. Mrs Karin Milenkovic

My husband and I were ecstatic to purchase our dream home in Holloway Close. A beautiful, peaceful, environmentally rich location in Bayside close to where we both grew up. We were thrilled to be able to raise our children and give them the opportunity to have similar experiences in the same location.

If the inappropriate development of a regional sporting facility goes ahead in the Holloway Rd location, how is the BCC going to compensate the hundreds of residents who's lives are going to be completely destroyed by light, noise and traffic pollution 7 days per week.?

How is the BCC going to manage the negative mental health impact on the local residents from continuous light, noise and traffic pollution from this proposed development?

How is the BCC going to reconcile the negative financial impact on its residents?

The same residents which you have been entrusted to support and represent.

Is this development not going to destroy the beauty and amenity of Bayside and loose it for generations to come?

16. Mrs Emma Colin

Dear Councillors

I am seeking Council's full endorsement of the recommendation as published.

We have worked hard and waited too long for netball facilities that meet the needs of the bayside community.

Clearly netball court numbers, access times, facilities, storage and parking as proposed in the report will meet community need.

Please ensure the commitments previously made to so many are fulfilled with support for the permit .

17. Mr Igor Janicijevic

I strongly object to the Council's proposal to build the Bayside Netball Centre on the Sandringham College oval in Holloway Road, because of the following reasons.

The Council has already spent a considerable amount of ratepayer's money on preparation and due diligence on the originally proposed site at Wangara Road and all of that money is now going to be wasted.

If the project is moved to the new location the remediation of the Wangara Road site will be delayed for a long time.

Instead of remediating the unusable Wangara Road site and converting it to a usable space the council is destroying the open space and residential amenity at Holloway road.

The Wangara Road site has much better road access, existing parking space and it is generally much better suited to build the sporting complex on than the Holloway road site.

The Sandringham College is going to lose access to their land and they don't even have a netball team, therefore this does not represent a good use of ratepayer's money or school facilities.

The Council has rushed the decision about the change of site without proper consultation and due diligence.

The Holloway road is already experiencing traffic congestion during school drop-off and pick-up times so adding more cars and pedestrians to it is going to be an unmitigated disaster. The proposed traffic management plan is making recommendations that, if implemented, are going to make life miserable for all residents in the surrounding areas south of Holloway road up to 500 meters from the proposed site, by introducing parking permits and time restrictions, one way traffic, speed bumps, zebra crossings, etc. The proposed on-site parking can accommodate less than one third of the needed car spaces so the "recommendation" is for the rest to spill over to the adjacent residential area. The numbers are pretty easy to calculate: 12 courts x 20 players = 240 cars per game or 360 cars per hour, not counting referees and visitors. In addition to that there will be school staff and student pick-ups and drop-offs which are even today enough to cause congestion in peak times.

The proposed netball centre site is located next to two nursing homes, a wildlife reserve and a high-density apartment complex with more than 400 apartments. The proposed hours of operation are 7 days a week up until 8:30pm. The noise pollution from the players yelling and screaming and from the whistles that go off every few seconds will be unbearable, in particular for the residents in the apartment complex. With 9 outdoor courts there will be a whistle going off approximately every 2 seconds on average. To mitigate the noise pollution the Council is proposing a 15 meters buffer between the courts and the apartment complex. This is not going to work. Imagine having your bedroom 15 meters away from the courts.

In summary, for local residents this proposed development means loss of amenity of the green open space, traffic chaos, light and noise pollution, but this is not all. The inevitable impact on property prices will be devastating, especially for those that are already retired or close to retirement.

18. Miss Brooke Phillips

With an even higher demand for street parking I argue that Cooke street will become over run with cars. these new restrictions raise the concern that by forcing all the residence of cooke street to park there cars on one side on the road would most definitely fill up that side of the road with parked cars on a weeknight and weekend. As someone who works in the bayside area getting home from work on a week night I would struggle to find parking outside of my own home, not only on my street but I wouldn't even be able to park in the streets adjacent (Holloway Road). there is already limited street parking with the continuous development of Town homes adding additional driveways to Cooke Street. to witch I ask the question, did Quantum Traffic or Bayside city council count or survey local residents to see how many current residents of cooke street currently reside there cars on the street to see if one sided permit zoned should be a large enough allocation? by doing a quick head count myself it would be an easy suggestion to say no.

in this area of bayside we already have limited parking spaces, and what parking we do have after no standing signs and parking restriction is often taken up by Hospital visitors/staff, cricket, baseball and soccer players/family, teachers and students who work or attend either Sandringham east primary school or Sandringham secondary college VCE campus and extended education programs that are run out of these schools over the weekend. not to mention the most recently overflow of parking from residents who live in the sandy hill apartments on bay road. The proposed parking restrictions for the netball courts has had no consideration for residents. Where are we supposed to park our cars on weekends? What if we would like to have guest over? These tiny street filled will 300-400 cars per hour. No way!

I would also like to request the council give a public explanation as to why they believe it is acceptable to spend \$10-\$15m of ratepayer money on a project that is on state government land. Ratepayers will have no access to the proposed facility yet we are the ones expected to pay for it and deal with the noise and light pollution, busy and congested streets that come with it?

The proposed netball courts would heavily impacted noise and light pollution in the area, we already have light pollution coming from Tjilatjirrin Reserve (Tulip Street Reserve) and heavy noise pollution throughout the sporting seasons. this light and noise pollution would also affect the birds and other wildlife who have taken refuge in the bay road heathland sanctuary due to increased infrastructure in the area. We already have major and well known issue with possums in the bayside area and increased light and noise pollution next to the sanctuary would only make this issue worse.

I also raise the concern of, where should my family and friends park when visiting over the weekend. With limited 1 hour parking, a one sided permit zone and constant flow of traffic through a narrow street where do you suggest they park.

19. Mr Malcolm Bursell

I am a local resident to the above mentioned netball courts and strongly object to this project going ahead.

My wife and I went through the same type of project, for a total of 10 courts, some 40 years ago within the then Shire of Lillydale. These courts were built behind our home.

The noise and light spill from these courts was so bad we were forced to sell up and purchase else where, at great expense to us at the time.

As an Engineer I don't see anyway you can reduce this noise level at your proposed site that you are bulldozing through. How will you stop the constant whistling, PA system, competitors shouting to each other and the crowds cheering etc. all of this on 9 outdoor courts immediately behind and within 15 metres of our apartment. Plus the noise at night of cars leaving, people shouting to each other as they leave and litter left behind.

As my wife and I retired to our current location early last year and now being pensioners, we can not afford to move as the reduced price we would get for our apartment and costs involved would make it way to expensive. This will result in great stress and worry to us both and on a summers afternoon or evening will not be able to sit outside without constant noise.

I was under the impression that our council was to look after their constituents, especially the elderly. This is obviously not on your agenda. People from outside of the Bayside Council area seem to be more important to you!

20. Mrs Louise Phillips

I have major concerns with the parking and I am deeply distressed that I can no longer have my family and friends come over to visit due to parking restrictions,

Where do they park?

Where do my children park?

Where do their partners park?

Where so my mother Inlaw and father park they are in their 90's?

No more birthdays , no more weekend bbq's no more pre Christmas gatherings , this weighs heavily on my mind.

Will I have to pay \$88 on top of my rates for my children to park outside their own home?

Do I have to ask my family to park in spring street in the sporting car park or even Tulip street and get them to walk across the park because the car park has been utilized by other residents and sports events ?

How do I enter my street Via Holloway road into Cooke st with all the traffic ?

Our family have been residents for over 30 years and are proud of where we live until now.

Bayside City Council are forcing me to leave my home where my children were born and grew up because our social life will be impacted, and our property value will be massively effected if this venue goes ahead.

Please reconsider the location of the netball courts, my family's future and the future of our neighborhood is in your hands .

Mrs Louise Phillips

21. Mr Tim Green

Reiterating my statements of 15th September and 22nd December 2020, I continue to vehemently oppose the proposed Netball Centre Development on the Sandringham Secondary College Oval on Holloway Road.

As stated previously, I am not opposed to the redevelopment of the School and the Schools sporting facilities. I am not opposed to Netball or the idea of a Bayside Netball Centre.

But I am opposed to the idea to site the Netball Centre on Holloway Road.

Councils latest recommendations based on limited community consultation, don't even get close to making the Netball component of proposed development acceptable to the local community.

Reclassifying Holloway Rd as a Feeder Rd to allow it to accommodate more than 3000 vehicles per day (based on the TMR) is utterly outrageous. Having nearly 600 vehicles an hour travelling up Holloway Rd and trying to find woefully inadequate parking facilities is going to make local residents lives utterly hell (and I suspect won't be much fun for the netball community either).

Holloway Rd is a narrow residential cul-de-sac, never designed to handle this volume of traffic and apart from the huge impact and continual inconvenience and disruption for local residents, the risk of serious accidents will inevitably increase in line with the chaotic traffic conditions.

Councils response to the feedback they have received is to move the whole development closer to Holloway Rd, including having 2 outdoor courts (one with spectator seating) close to properties on Holloway Close, Holloway Rd and Wangara Rd. Yet in their latest plan, council have made zero provision for mitigating noise emanating from these courts to the residents on the Holloway Rd side. There has also been zero consultation about the new proposal with local/affected residents.

The idea of having the indoor courts at the Sandy College Oval and the outdoor courts at the Wangara Rd site, which would address the most significant of most local residents concerns and would likely be acceptable to the local community (and SDNA?) has been suggested and discussed with project officers and councillors on several recent occasions, yet does not get a single mention in the latest officers' report.

Why is council not considering this a compromise solution that could be acceptable to all???

22. Mrs Doris Bursell

I am a local resident to the above mentioned netball courts and strongly object to this project going ahead.

My husband and I went through the same type of project, for a total of ten courts, some 40 years ago within the then Shire of Lillydale. These courts were built behind our home.

The noise and light spill from these courts was so bad we were forced to sell up and purchase else where, at great expense to us at the time.

Our children were very young when this happened and the shadows on the blinds and noise from the games scared them. They were constantly up, crying and this nuisance disrupted their sleep. They were only three and four years old at the time.

Within Sandy Hill Apartment complex there are many young children and babies, with more I am sure to come. These children will suffer greatly should this complex go ahead.

Unless our complex closes the access gate to where the courts are proposed to being built, I have no doubt non resident traffic will use our parking and there will be constant pedestrian traffic past our apartments. Noise again will be a problem.

They will undoubtedly want to use the local cafe in our grounds. This will result in yet again more noise and litter strewn around. Even with with bins provided, I am sure council will agree people just throw litter down where they stand.

In conclusion, why is it that the Netball Association require so many courts? Is this complex going to be used as a hub or HQ? This has been my experience back in the 80's as mentioned above.

23. Mr Michael Phillips

Dear all

For all the reasons that have been stated time and time again the proposed site is not suitable for a netball complex

It seems the traffic management brief was to totally disregard the needs of local residents and simply come up with something to solely suit the needs of netball

In addition

1. Can the councillors please explain how residents in the impacted area are to accommodate visitors to their houses during the times allocated for netball when the proposed parking restrictions are in place? Please NOTE asking elderly people to walk some distance is not an acceptable solution, both by parents are in their nineties can cannot walk any great distance
2. Can the council's please advise if parking permits will be provided free of charge to households that have multiple cars registered at the same address and NOT be forced to pay for a permit to park outside their own homes
3. Why not ban netball parking in all residential streets altogether and create a large carpark on the Wangara road site and then give the complex a Wangara road address so as to direct traffic to what is primarily an industrial location. Traffic lights would have to be installed to provide a safe crossing of George St for pedestrians

Michael Phillips

24. Ms Tayla Dyer

I remain very disenchanted with the council's community engagement with its constituents to the proposed netball centre in Holloway Road. As a resident who will be greatly impacted I do not believe all the responses have been adequately addressed from the "Have your say" page.

The traffic report was conducted in the peak of COVID lockdown so was flawed and misrepresented the true state of affairs. I implore you to visit Holloway Road now, as our representatives, on a Saturday morning when the Japanese school is arriving and departing, 9am and 2pm. It is chaos trying to exit onto Bluff Road as Holloway Road is a dead end street. I also implore you to visit the Secondary school site every weekday to view how many cars remain on site after 4pm, teachers do not leave work before 5pm. They do not leave when the last bell goes.

As a netballer most weeks my mum takes me to the courts for warm up and dad arrives 30 minutes later in a 2nd car for the start of the game, that's double the cars that you are not accounting for. I also have my Nanna come and watch me most weeks.

I would still like some clarity on parking restrictions. There is no suggestion that these parking restrictions should be game days only for Holloway Close. Netball doesn't run 365 days a year and nor should the parking restrictions. To have my elderly grandparents have to park so far from our house seems ludicrous. What about the social gatherings that our household has, do we know have to get all our visitors to park the distance and walk due to the no standing at anytime in Holloway Close.

I strongly believe that the proposed location of the netball courts should remain at the Wangara site. This site is based in an industrial area with minimal residents to impact. The flow through of traffic from either Talinga or Wangara out to Reserve and George would mean minimal traffic congestion with multiple exit points available to drivers. Pedestrians would not be in danger of being hit by a car in these wide streets especially with the level of offsite parking that can be provided. Suggesting that pedestrians will be safe walking from Wangara to the courts is a disaster waiting to happen.

The other option of course is to upgrade the current facilities at Thomas Street. It makes commercial sense to upgrade the lighting (increase lux) to allow night games to be played at Thomas St, and a better design of the indoor court there could see a new one added. I am disappointed that BCC dismiss the upgrade of the current facility as a solution - this would alleviate a lot of community hearth-ache and save many millions of dollars!

Having walked my dogs today on these grounds I have bumped into many neighbours and the anxiety and stress that this has placed on them is overwhelming. People are not sleeping and it is clear that they all believe that they are not being heard. Shattering!

25. Mrs Sarah Murray

My home is on Holloway Road so I know first hand how the traffic flows on a daily basis. My greatest concern with the proposed netball centre is not being heard about the safety issue that will coincide with up to 432 cars entering per hour all day on weekends and holidays and all evening on weeknights. Currently, the peak period for this road is between 8am and 9am on weekdays (traffic report) with an average of 293 cars using Holloway Road at this time. The road is chaotic and bumper to bumper. There is already a recognized safety issue as seen by Bree Sanders from Bayside Council, who sent a letter last week to the Principal of Sandringham East Primary School to pass on to all parents. She highlighted a real concern for safety of students and parents who do not use the school crossing and or are not paying attention to the two whistles that need to be blown before crossing. It was also noted in this letter that a lot of the parents are speeding and not paying attention on the roads to anyone not utilising the school crossing. How then do you expect 432 parents to drive calmly down Holloway Road when they are late for a netball game and frustrated with the traffic?

How are the 150+ school age children that live between Holloway Road and Spring Street able to cross Holloway Road after school to go to Basketball Training at the school, to ride to Highett to play with friends, to go to Seven Eleven to buy their treat slurpee? These are all daily activities that our children, as residents, should be entitled to participate in within a safe environment. If 293 cars are causing a safety concern for Bree Sanders, imagine increasing this to 462 cars, plus the extra 160+ cars from the Japanese School that use Holloway Road on a Saturday. There is no traffic controller to assist them across the road and adding extra Zebra crossings, while definitely safer than none, is not a guarantee that drivers will see pedestrians on such a busy road and will also slow the flow of traffic even further.

One accident, one injury, one fatality- Bayside Council will be liable with so many residents warning through written documentation about the dangers of introducing such traffic volume in a residential area with a narrow dead end street. No amount of parking restrictions is going to reduce the actual driver volume down Holloway Road and surrounding streets. The safety of the residents must be number one priority, not rushing through a project hoping a solution will be found eventually. For the reassurance of all residents, a solution needs to be found first before proceeding with any further plans. It is immoral to do anything other than this.

26. Mr George Reynolds

Councillors,

This must be the most comprehensive attempt to avoid the provisions of the Local Government Act 1989 that we have seen for a very long time.

The recommendations put forward for approval by Councillors are substantially WITHOUT POWER.

Items 1,2 and 3, in the recommendations to endorse the design (not yet published), approve a revised budget of \$17.050 million and add in a further \$1million contribution, fails to comply with the requirements of s128, s129 and s130 of the Local Government Act 1989. (LGA89).

Additionally, as the newly proposed investment is one where Council invests in another entity's venture, it can only be classed as a Municipal Enterprise. An investment of this magnitude must first be approved by the Minister for Local Government, after consultation with the Treasurer, as set out in s143(f) of LGA89.

Items 4 and 5 are relevant to an adjoining venture and have no place in the evaluation of the investment.

Items 6, 7, and 9 relate to setting the rental requirements that Council is to obtain from the contracted investment. Council must comply with s190 of LGA19 and the outcome must form the risk assessment for the Municipal Enterprise, before being sent to the Minister for approval. Giving authority to the CEO to sign an agreement is beyond power in this case.

Item 8 is another delegation that is ultra vires. It is not authorized under the June 2020 approved Procurement Policy as there is no allocation of funds, for the purpose of (third party) investment, shown in the approved 2020-21 Source of Funds statement.

Councillors, this venture, in all its many forms has tested the concept of fair and honest conduct in a multitude of ways. It now needs to be blocked or moved to the courts.

27. Mr Murray Collins (on behalf of East Brighton Vampires Netball Club)

Dear Councillors,

- Regarding the Ordinary Meeting of Council
- Tuesday 16th Feb 2021
- Agenda item no *10.1
- Item name *10.1 BAYSIDE NETBALL CENTRE - HOLLOWAY ROAD PROPOSAL

On behalf of the East Brighton Vampires Netball Club (EBVNC) we request to be heard at the above meeting and are pleased this meeting is to confirm support and commitment for the creation of a netball hub at Sandringham Secondary College. We all know it has been a long journey in reaching this point and we thank BCC for listening to the netball community, committing time and resources to overcome a number of challenges and for your resilience during these disruptive COVID times.

The East Brighton Vampires Netball Club was formed in 2010, initially with one team. Today, we run approximate 25 teams in total for some 250+ players. We are 100 per cent run by volunteers and rely on the support of local parents to remain viable. We are a community club. We are inclusive, diverse and provide a safe environment. Our club could be many times larger if not for the cap on players in the Sandy (SDNA) association and as such we have denied young girls and increasingly boys, the opportunity to play netball, keep fit and form community-based friendships.

Our club provides a pathway for youngsters (we run a NetSetGo program for Year 3&4 kids) to senior players, ensuring sport, friendships and networks grow and develop as our players move up through the ranks. Our club prides itself on providing our players with learning and development opportunities through hands on coaching and courses, umpiring, leadership and personal development. Netball is at our core, but sport provides much more than hand-eye coordination skills. It provides confidence, positive role models and career insights and opportunities.

We don't need another recap on how inadequate the Thomas Street courts have become or how this electorate prides itself on the facilities it provides. What we need now is a resolution that mitigates the concerns of the people living near the Holloway Road Campus, and which supports the future of netball in this area.

EBVNC supports the development of courts at Sandringham Secondary College, and we implore the council to pursue this option.

In particular, we request:

- Access to indoor courts on this site during school hours which is imperative to our programming, in particular our community and social programs.
- No further compromises to access, either indoor or outdoor courts are tenable.

- Parking and traffic require further consideration for not just residents but also the netball community.

TOPICS TO DISCUSS: ACCESS, TENURE, CAPACITY AND AFFORDABILITY

ACCESS – we need netball to have access to both indoor AND outdoor courts across the week during the day and evenings

TENURE – we need netball to have a secure home for the foreseeable future

CAPACITY – we need enough indoor and outdoor courts to rebuild and expand our sport after having to introduce boundaries and cope with the global pandemic

AFFORDABLE – we need netball to remain an affordable community grassroots sport.

EBVNC has provided many years of support for this project, and we have reiterated our position on numerous occasions. We continue to stand steadfastly with Sandringham District Netball Association in calling on BCC to approve this plan and ensure we can move forward together in our goal of providing community sports facilities for our netball players.

It might feel like we are all a bit fatigued by this conversation and that what is being said, has been said before. But we must not lose sight that this is a significant moment for thousands of community members. Therefore, I urge you to reflect on where we are and to focus on what can be achieved by making the right decision and committing to the new netball facilities at Sandringham Secondary College.

Kind Regards,

Murray Collins

President, East Brighton Vampires Netball Club

28. Mr Mark Murray

Traffic Management Plan & Traffic Impact Assessment Queries

Extract per agenda item 10.1, response provided on page 25 of 711 of the Bayside Council Meeting scheduled on 16 February 2021.

“Modelling indicates that the road network will tolerate this use although there will be impacts on amenity, with Holloway Road exceeding the notional environmental capacity of the road of 3,000 vehicular movements. A reduction of hours, primarily on weekend usage, will lower this estimate”.

Responses, noting and feedback is requested for the following related queries linked to the Traffic Management Plan and Traffic Impact Assessment.

1. Why on one hand are Bayside Council recommending to proceed with this netball centre development which will increase traffic volume and create further risk to pedestrian safety, when at the same time per below, Bayside Council have written to the Sandringham East Primary School community about the following and current road safety issues which will only increase if the development proceeds?

Dear SEPS families,

We wish to bring your attention a few school crossing concerns at Holloway Road, in particular students and parents not using the school crossing to cross the road.

We have identified over the first few weeks a lot of parents with students crossing the road before the crossing, and wish to request a reminder be sent to all students and parents about using the school crossing provided to maximise safety.

It has been alerted to myself (as per the start of most terms) that a lot of parents are speeding and not paying attention on the roads therefore causing a large amount of danger to anyone not utilising the school crossing.

We know that at the start of term, there is a lot of excitement by all, especially new students and parents, and a simple reminder of road rules and safety can make a large difference.

We also ask a reminder please be sent to the parents and students who do use the crossing about the school crossing rules, in particular –

Wait for two blasts of the whistle before you begin crossing.

We thank you for your cooperation in making students travel to and from school safer.

Should you have any questions / concerns, please contact me.

Kind regards,

Bree Sanders

Local Laws (School Crossings) Amenity Protection



2. Has there been any community engagement or involvement in the selection of the consultant who has performed the recent Traffic Impact Assessment? I am not aware that the community has been involved in this consultation selection process therefore, how can

the community rely on the impartiality and integrity of a report that has been commissioned directly by Bayside Council?

3. Included below is a photograph of three cars abreast on Holloway Road to illustrate one parked car (per current proposed parking recommendations) and two other cars passing each other at the same time.



Even if all the cars abreast are small or medium sized the following traffic and pedestrian management issues are encountered.

- occupants including passengers and children of a parked car will be unable to open road facing doors without impeding two way traffic flow. Two way traffic flow will be interrupted resulting in the bottlenecking in both an east and west direction on Holloway Road. Please advise why Bayside Council believe this will not be the case and how can this be mitigated?
 - parked car occupants including passengers and children will be faced with a health, safety and wellbeing issue each time they attempt to access their vehicles via the road facing doors as a result of the inappropriate width of Holloway Road to accommodate additional traffic as a result of the Netball Centre. Please advise why Bayside Council believe this will not be the case and how will this be mitigated?
 - How does Bayside Council propose that traffic will still continue to be able to safely flow on Holloway Road when larger sized road users such as netball team buses, food trucks for netball tournaments, tradespersons, refuse lorries and other larger delivery trucks also utilise Holloway Road at the same time as netball related traffic
4. Holloway Road junctions onto a high traffic volume road (Bluff Road), is resident to Sandringham East Primary School (including the Japanese School and Bullits Basketball training), hosts 5 arterial side streets, is approximately 600 meters in length, is approximately 7m wide and direct dwelling access totals approximately 36 residences. Wangara Road junctions onto a lower traffic volume road in a semi industrial area (George

Road), is resident to, (but not directly accessed by) an aged care facility, hosts only 1 arterial side streets, is approximately 100 meters in length, is approximately 10m wide and direct dwelling access totals approximately 9 residences. Why have Bayside Council not considered or assessed traffic management plans and traffic impact assessments accessing the new proposed Netball Centre via Wangara Road ONLY in conjunction with the building of new parking facilities at the Wangara Road golf driving range?

29. Mrs Stephanie Green

Further to my objections submitted for the meetings on 15/09/2020 and 22/12/2020, I continue to vehemently object to the proposal to site the Bayside Netball Centre on Holloway Road for the following reason:

- Holloway Road and surrounding roads are wholly unsuitable for the projected volume of traffic increase which would result from this proposal.
- The junction at Bay Road and George Street is one of the most dangerous in Bayside and cannot support the increase in traffic which would result from this proposal.
- The amenity and value of the homes of local residents would be severely damaged by this proposal, due to traffic congestion, exhaust pollution, noise pollution and light pollution and the restrictions in visitor parking.
- Several local roads would be “bookended” by very busy sports ovals which would impede access and egress to their homes, impacting on their quality of life.
- The amenity of the local reserve would be damaged by the increased volume of traffic which would result from the proposal.
- Local wildlife would potentially be damaged by the increased pollution, light and noise from this proposal.
- Rate payers’ money has been committed to an educational facility (school gym) which will not be accessible by the general community.
- Sandringham Secondary College has no need for 12 netball courts, having no netball team.

In addition to the above, this project proposal is having a very serious detrimental effect on the mental health of local residents. Surely the Council has a duty of care to its constituents and their wellbeing.

Finally, let me remove my resident hat for a moment and speak to you as a mother of 3 girls who played netball and now a grandmother of boys and girls who will, hopefully, play sport locally: as I have communicated to all of you before, in my career as a School Business Manager, I have been on the other side of a project similar to this - albeit on a smaller scale. In my experience, when the project was completed without community support, what resulted was continual and protracted hostility from neighbouring residents and endless official complaints that disrupted match after match after match. This is not what any right-minded person wants for our young people, who deserve to look forward to using their facility and deserve to enjoy their sport without conflict; this is not an example we should be setting for them in how to resolve a contentious issue and it is certainly not what I want for my grandchildren. This is a very important consideration for the young sports people going forward: getting the facility built for them is one thing, but PLEASE think of the longer term and how this facility will be used going forward, when it is flanked, on three sides, by residents for whom it is a lifestyle destroyer. We are NOT against the development of the school – we are NOT against netball, but this is the wrong site for the project as it currently stands. There are solutions that could re-unite our whole community and allow us all to get behind the netball community and enjoy supporting them in their sport – PLEASE, PLEASE LISTEN TO THE SUGGESTIONS THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE MADE IN GOOD FAITH.

30. Miss Eliza Scull

Netball has been in my life for so many years, as a player, coach and daughter of a club president. Therefore I cannot stress enough the importance of netball on an individual, family and community level.

Women's sport has never been seen as a priority, and teaching young girls skills and confidence developed through community lead sport is so important to create an equal and cohesive society. When councils and communities decided that there are too many roadblocks or loud voices raising concern to investment in women's sport they are telling young women they are not an important enough priority.

It might be simple to argue that another area or plan for courts is an acceptable solution but I strongly believe it isn't. This is an issue that needs to be immediately addressed.

The current netball facilities within this community are severely lacking and have been for some time. I remember years ago my friends couldn't play because all the allocated teams were filled. I remember as a player having three teams a week in my division not able to play because there were no courts left. I remember as a coach telling girls who were begging to learn new skills that we couldn't have training because of bad weather and no indoor facilities.

I understand that investment in netball courts may have some opposition, but I strongly urge you to support the growth of female sport and ensure it has a secure home for the foreseeable future.

31. Ms Karen Ross

ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION TO THE CURRENT PROPOSED SINGLE SITE AT HOLLOWAY ROAD

All Councillors have now been to visit some of our homes at the Reserve Apartments on Bay Road, you have all seen first hand the devastation this will bring to our lives and homes, not to mention the distress and destruction it will do to our Protected Heathland, being only 15m from the proposed courts.

We have also all discussed an alternative proposal as follows:

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This will provide a solution for all parties. It will meet the requirements for SSC and will provide SDNA the number of courts they require with room for future growth. It will also dilute and share the enormous burden of noise and light pollution, traffic and parking across both sites and areas of the community. Further, it will provide the necessary continued protection for the Heathland Sanctuary.

We support of the redevelopment of the College and also Netball/girls sport, however Holloway Road is not an appropriate single site for this regional sporting facility.

We want to work together to find some compromise and a solution that will work for all parties whilst ensuring that residents can still enjoy the peace and tranquillity of their own homes.

32. Mr Franks Banyai

We are a retired couple in our late 70's. I wish to convey our feelings of anger, worry and frustration regarding this insane proposal to build a huge netball centre right in front of our apartment in The Reserve building. Several of the courts would be 17 - 22 meters from our windows and our very private and quiet balcony. Can you imagine if this were to happen to any of you? We moved into this apartment from another one in the adjacent Sandy Hill building. We did this purely to escape the noises and light emanating from the many other neighbouring apartments. Our entire life savings are in this, our blissfully peaceful home facing the nature reserve to the east, and the grassed oval to our south facing windows. The very professionally described horrible effects this would have on hundreds of families surrounding it has been very well presented to the Council by many of our fellow rate paying neighbours. This has been ongoing from the very first day that we got the bad news of this proposal. It is unbelievable that after four months of our relentless and well documented objections, we are still having to fight a handful of our elected council members who seem hell bent on ruining our lives here. In our beloved Sandringham, not somewhere in a dictatorship. Is it even legal that the Council could rob us of our peaceful end of life years? If this goes ahead and we are forced to sell our home in order to escape this Hell, WOULD THE COUNCIL COMPENSATE US ALL, who surely would lose hundreds of thousands of dollars, having to sell well below our costs? Due to our deep concerns we now suffer from continuous health problems including high blood pressure, insomnia and anxiety. So please Bayside Council, stop this madness and stop pursuing this terrible development.

33. Mr Dan Headon

I am writing to give my strong support for the resolution to construct a new netball facility at Sandringham Secondary College. As a parent with two daughters that played at the Thomas street facility over a number of netball seasons and was also an assistant coach for several years, I am very familiar with the importance of good facilities and the inadequacies of the old site. Insufficient number of courts, limited indoor or wet weather facilities, and poor parking were just a few of the issues we all experienced. The popularity of netball, the obvious enthusiasm of the huge number of players, and the critical role sport plays in the personal development of our young (mostly) girls are just a few reasons why the council should strongly support this proposal. If you have never attended a netball facility anywhere in Bayside or indeed anywhere else in the country, I suggest you do it sometime to witness the excitement, competitiveness, camaraderie and sense of fun that is palpable when you look in any direction, at any time. I urge all of our councillors to please approve this important submission.

34. Ms Carolyn Dea

Dear council

I would like to express my support for the netball Centre plans. Thankyou for your work and for supporting what will be an amazing opportunity for the young people of bayside but particularly the girls who absolutely need this facility and have needed this for so many years. It has been so disappointing to see girls sport receive such a low priority. Thankyou again for considering the interests of all residents and having belief in the fantastic community benefit of girls sport
Thankyou Carolyn Dea

35. Kylie Charlton

I, Kylie Charlton
Of 9 Green Parade Sandringham

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The proposed on site parking allowance is not sufficient to support the additional visitors to this area. Currently the 6 courts at Thomas Street have over 200 car spaces. This project with 12 courts provides far less than that;

The proposed hours of use at the site including; noise from whistles, spectators, lighting, announcements and participants calling to each other, would drastically interfere with our quite enjoyment as residents;

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39. Mr Paul Langley

I object to the Bayside City Council proceeding to invest in the development of the Netball Centre and cricket ground at Sandringham Secondary College, as Council does not have the right to enter into an agreement with the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) in order to receive a benefit granted by the School Council, acting on behalf of the Minister for Education.

My grounds for this are that the Council is not empowered to enter the agreement as adequate funds have not been allocated for the purpose from an approved source of funds, as required in the Council Budget.

The Local Government Act 2020 s.11 Delegation (5) in operation since 1 July 2020, requires that any expenditure by Council must specify a maximum monetary limit that cannot be exceeded. No monetary expenditure was specified, therefore Council did not have the authority to spend or invest \$750,000 with the VSBA. Neither does it have the authority to spend or invest a further \$2,250,000 with the VSBA. Any investment made must now be recouped by the Council from the VSBA.

The Council Procurement Policy 22 June 2020 states -The principle of responsible financial management must be applied to procurement activities. The Procurement Policy includes ensuring that a source of funds is established prior to commencement of any procurement action.

It is beyond the power of Councillors and Council staff to provide any monetary consideration as they have not met the basic procurement requirement of ensuring that sufficient funds are available from either government grants or special rates or voluntary contributions or borrowings prior to entering into and to enable the transaction to commence.

In addition, the Council Strategic Resources Plan, 2020/1-2023/4 does not, as required, make provision for funds for this investment.

Council is a corporate entity and as such is subject to the Corporations Act 2011, which requires compliance with Australian Accounting Standards and adherence to the principles of sound financial management which as stated above have not been met.

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41. Mr Graham Scull

Dear Mayor and Councilors.

I am in favor of the proposed new Netball Facility at Sandringham Secondary College.

The priority of Sandringham Netball Association (SDNA) has been focused on the need for a home for netball in Bayside that will meet the community sport needs of Access, Tenure, Capacity and Affordability. The current resolution before council will deliver a facility that will meet these needs.

For approximately ten years SDNA has focused its energy on securing a new facility. Hundreds and hundreds of volunteer hours have gone into getting us to this point; a genuinely workable solution.

The shortcomings of the current facility are well documented; essentially every aspect of SDNA's capacity to deliver netball is compromised at the current facility. Who suffers? The players Every player over the last 10 years has had to deal with these short comings while the search for a solution has gone on year after year. The new facility will finally deliver Bayside's community netballers a netball experience as it is intended to be played - safe, with sufficient training time and normal length games.

We can't fail our children again, we must take advantage of this unique situation and make this new Netball Facility happen now.

Best Regards

Graham Scull.

42. Mrs Evelyn Nixon

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45. Ms Jacinta Eldridge

I strongly object to this proposal on this site. The reasons why have been stated over and over. Traffic/parking concerns, light and noise pollution, the preservation of our flora and fauna and the stripping away of our peace and tranquility. The surrounding community are being totally ignored. Health welfare and safety are obviously not a priority to BCC.

THERE ARE OTHER ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS that should be given the appropriate time and consideration i.e., all outdoor courts to be allocated to the original Wangara Rd site with approx 300 car parks to support this. The indoor courts being on the Holloway Rd site with car parks to support and a pedestrian precinct to link these two sites. This will benefit SDNA and SSC. This will also distribute the enormous impact of noise/light pollution, traffic and parking across both sites and areas of the community. The heathland sanctuary will be better protected. Holloway Rd is not an appropriate single site for this regional netball sporting facility.

It is beyond disappointing that such insensitive and consequential proceedings have been rushed through consideration in such a highly esteemed Bayside suburb. It is incomprehensible that the surrounding residents will not have peace and tranquility in their own homes if this proposal goes ahead in its current form.

46. Mr Adam Stewart

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48. Mrs Jadmira Prosenica

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49. Ms Felicity Frederico OAM

I urge the Mayor and Councillors to reflect on the tumultuous journey of netball.

The latest incarnation of this journey commenced in 2013 with the formation of the Netball Needs Analysis Working Group.

This was in response to the inadequate and unsafe facilities at Thomas St. Nearly 10 years later, there is an opportunity for BCC to address all issues including - capacity, affordability, tenure and access through the development of the Sandringham Secondary College site.

I applaud the Council in working with both the affected residents and netball community in developing compromises to ensure amenity impact is minimized and the needs of netball are met. I have full faith in the BCC in continuing to work with residents to mitigate any potential negative amenity impacts - including traffic, parking and noise.

50. Mr Connor Malcolm

An update on 11-Feb-2021 states... 5. as is reasonably practicable, implements the recommendations of the pending Acoustic Report...

This statement is effectively meaningless as we have no idea who determines what is "reasonably practicable" and what that means. Please advise what it means in terms of dollars you are willing to spend to resolve any issues created via the report.

To each councillor... would you vote for this project if it was within 10 meters of your back yard? If yes, please provide rationale.

51. Mrs Edwina Jenkins

Cooke St Sandringham, as an example, has been subject to parking restrictions for many years on the basis that parking on both sides during peak periods creates a significant safety risk to local residents and cannot support the traffic flow during peak periods.

Despite requests to council by some residents in recent years to have this restriction lifted, BCC has remained adamant that the restriction should remain on the basis of resident safety and traffic flow.

As the proposed development at Holloway Road cannot support the number of car parks required, the proposal from BCC is to remove the restriction and allow parking again on both sides of the street during peak periods; including the additional and significant traffic associated with the netball centre.

On what basis is council removing these restrictions and allowing parking on both sides; thus re-introducing the safety and traffic flow issues previously removed.

How does council possibly endorse moving forward with this project based on a Traffic Management Plan conducted during "peak covid" period when the report itself clearly states... It is recommended that Council undertakes additional modelling post COVID-19

52. Mrs Alison Brown

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Please understand this is not the appropriate site for this project.

54. Mr Steve Malcolm

Can each councillor please explicitly confirm on an individual basis that they are comfortable moving forward with this program and allocating \$18 million dollar of ratepayer funds without an acoustic report that could easily increase the budget by several million dollars in order to meet recommendations and EPA regulations?

The Traffic Management Plan supports that the 98 car parks plus parking on George Street will be suitable for the project. While noting that, an additional approach to resolving the issues would be to plan for added parking at the Wangara Road site. It is proposed that this be planned for and implemented as part of Councils capital works program.

If it is the case that the above parking proposal satisfies the needs of the netball centre then why are permit zones and 1P restrictions being introduced in the surrounding residential streets (e.g. Cooke St) and, with particular reference to Cooke st, why did you introduce NO PARKING restrictions during peak periods on that street in the first place, reject requests to remove that restriction but, now that it suits you, you are going to allow parking on both sides during peak periods?

55. Mr Colin Carter

As we are limited in the number of questions we can ask, one of the main concerns is parking. The Thomas Street Netball courts already have parking problems, yet the council plans to build more courts than at Thomas Street, yet will provide a smaller car park? How does this make any sense? And why did the council not wait until lockdown ended for the traffic survey. Doing it during covid lockdown was surely a waste of money, why not do a proper traffic study when schools are open and sports are being played? Wouldn't it make sense to get an accurate overview of actual traffics conditions? Is a proper traffic survey planned?

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57. Dr Jessica Ryan

I am writing to support the progress of the Bayside netball centre at Sandringham Secondary College.

As a mother to three daughters, it is vital that girls have access to appropriate sporting facilities (which do not exist currently). I urge the council to support the following resolutions:

1. endorses the Design for community sporting facilities at Sandringham Secondary College
2. allocates a revised budget of \$17,050,000 for the netball project
3. subject to successfully negotiating reasonable school hours access to the two indoor courts, allocates \$1,000,000 for the covered outdoor court facility
4. endorses the Traffic Management Plan – including Stage 2 of additional car parking at Wangara Road (previous Driving Range) subject to EPA Audit outcomes
5. as is reasonably practicable, implements the recommendations of the pending Acoustic Report previously commissioned by Council
6. seeks to finalise as soon as practicably possible, the proposed Community Joint Usage Agreement for community access to sporting facilities at Sandringham College, Holloway Road Campus
7. authorises the CEO to sign a Community Joint Use Agreement for community access to sporting facilities at Sandringham College, Holloway Road Campus
8. authorises the payment of subsequent contributions towards the netball project as required of Council
9. provides the Sandringham District Netball Association with a License for community use of the indoor and outdoor netball courts subject to the terms of the final CJUA and within the following hours (noting lighting of outdoor courts will be left on for up to 30 minutes after prescribed finish times to allow for pack-up, cleaning, etc):

DAYS TIMES

OUTDOOR COURTS Monday – Friday

School Holidays (Mon-Fri)

Saturday

Sunday

Additional Use Day

5 days per calendar year Sunday 4pm – 8.30pm

9am – 8.30pm

8am – 6pm

9am – 4pm

8am – 6pm

INDOOR COURTS Monday – Friday

School Holidays (Mon-Fri)

Saturday

Sunday 4pm – 9.30pm

9am – 9.30pm

8am – 8pm

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10. subject to the outcomes of the current EPA Audit, commences a master planning process for a new open space at the Wangara Road (Driving Range) site

11. upon commencement of construction of the community sporting facilities at Sandringham College, commences a planning process for the repurposing of the current Thomas Street netball site.

It is vital that girls in bayside have

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58. Mrs Tatyana Dankevych

Dear Councillors,

Could you please justify your decision to use the government funds - allocated to upgrade and modernise Sandringham Secondary College - to strip this very same College off its land and build something of little to no use for the College itself? Sandringham Secondary College does not have a netball team, there's absolutely NO NEED for a major netball complex to be built on its land. Instead, there is quite an URGENT need to upgrade the learning spaces, built modern labs to support its strong science program, upgrade the facilities to support their art and drama programs as well as urgent need to upgrade their sport spaces. A covered outdoor court with no walls will absolutely NOT be sufficient to cover the school's needs.

As a parent of Sandringham East Primary students, we have witnessed and are blessed to enjoy the modern facilities built with a MUCH SMALLER budget as you are well aware.

Your proposal has been causing tremendous distress to the nearby community, who's been tirelessly pointing out at the facts of the site being completely inappropriate for a development of this scale and the government money used on something they are not meant to be spent on.

So, my question is – please justify why are you using school upgrade funds to build a project irrelevant to this school? Why can these funds not be used to actually upgrade and modernise the College?

Thank you and regards,
Tatyana Dankevych

59. Mr Kris Pierce

I followed in the footsteps of previous presidents at SDNA and are now supporting the current Board in order to find a well overdue answer for netball. This has been an ongoing process for many years, over 10 years in fact. In my time, I have spoken at more council meetings than I care to remember, advocated to all levels of government through 4 elections and had commitment of over 21 million dollars for a netball specific facility. I had the prime minister come to the Thomas St to announce \$4.7 million dollars to build indoor courts FOR netball. I have seen young girls come to the chambers in their dresses time and time again and plead with councillors to be brave and find a home for netball. How many times do we have to rally the troops to get a result because as of today we do not have one. The netball community is fatigued due to this long and unnecessarily drawn out process - Let them play netball! Let them play the sport they love & allow Bayside children to thrive in their chosen sport.

60. Mrs Cathy Helder

TOPICS TO DISCUSS: ACCESS, TENURE, CAPACITY AND AFFORDABILITY

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62. Mrs Anita Reynolds

The weather has been wonderful, with a slight breeze most enjoyable. Love sitting out the front of my home watching people play and use the oval opposite. Everyone is respectful of the surrounding neighbours sometimes you hear mighty roar when someone is bowled or caught out or great goal!!

Love doing my gardening talking to neighbours, passerbys and sounds of nature especially when the wattle trees are out the birds just flock to get the nectar. Listening to the birds on awaking each morning or the breeze swaying through my garden that has been doted on by me for 30 years. Sounds of nature are very relaxing and one of the simple pleasures of life.

You know exactly how beautiful nature is to see, to smell and to hear. What would you do if that was taken away from you? How would you cope, how would you relax and prepare for the next day of work, how would you recharge your batteries you would not be able to? Your peaceful protective home environment is gone so what happens your health, mental health would be severely affected you long for peace and quiet but all you get is netball!!! Forgot to mention financial stress as your biggest investment your home is greatly devalued through no fault of your own but by Councillors made poor decisions that they would not live with in their streets??

It really breaks my heart that all this will be gone and replaced with constant traffic, constant whistles, constant sirens, constant shouting, constant pollution not just 1 day a week but every day of the week and weekend all throughout the year.

It will be daily torture for my family we will no longer be able to come home to a quiet environment after a day at work. Every single day we will be subjected to aggressive netball noise and pollution. No more peaceful natural environment like you will have at your home every time you go home, will you have sirens, whistles, traffic chaos everyday where you are living??

I am already on medication caused by the emotional, mental and financial stress that has been dumped on myself and family because our peaceful home environment is being destroyed by Bayside Council in a deliberate move that only slightly benefits SDNA but destroys the living quality of 1000's residents. People pay millions to live in the Bayside area and now they will be the biggest losers because of putting a netball complex right in the middle of residential area.

Enjoy your peace and quiet evenings in the future and freedom of movement on the weekends when you can get your car out of the driveway. Enjoy having a beer in your garden that wont be poisoned by excessive car and bus fumes especially when there is a north wind!

Please come and visit my beautiful home of over 30 years and enjoy the peaceful ambience before it will become lost and extinct !

Reynolds Family

Maybe the Councillors that vote could open their homes so all us residents can get some peace and quiet that we have had for decades until SDNA ruins it!!

63. Miss Stephanie Batten

I am writing to object to any proposal to relocate the Bayside Netball Centre project to Holloway Road site.

I am a ratepayer of Bayside and also managing my incurable chronic disease, Multiple Sclerosis, and working full time from home.

The impact from traffic, light spill, parking, noise, court reflection and shadows will be huge.

There is no way that the Holloway site can accommodate what is proposed. The existing traffic is enough. You clearly thought the original site was good enough until someone realised the budget was going to be challenging due to EPA requirements and the fact that a planning permit would be subject to responses by the ratepayers.

The Council continually met and kept proceeding with Wangara Road. According to the council site: 'The test results confirm the site is suitable for the construction of the new netball centre and the project can proceed to the next stage.'

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It would make much more sense to build this project in the industrial area, not a residential area. Most projects of this size are built away from residential. The original project had a proposal for 300 car spaces, now it's 114 (shared with the school) and suddenly you don't need that many carparks.

You also seem to believe that you'll be able to restrict the amount of whistles to game day, I have no idea how you would police that, when 202.5 hours of outdoor netball every week is proposed. This project is proposing a total of 373.5 hours of outdoor netball court time at a whistle every 3 seconds.....

We know that once this is built, it would be of no concern to council. The current area is used extensively by all walks of life day and evening. It is a link from Bay Road to the Merindah Park trail and dog park. Of which it is proposed to close this link off. The Tjilatjirin Reserve will be overcrowded and what happens when Baseball returns. Where will the football clubs train, where will weekend cricket be moved to due to one whole cricket pitch/area being removed. All you're doing is moving one sport in so other sports have to move out. It doesn't make sense. More sport will have to be relocated somewhere else.

The school are giving up any space they may have to grow. They are bringing extra year levels over to this area, which means more teachers, more students to pick up and drop off, more foot traffic. The council are hiding behind the VSBA's powers to build without consultation. Which in itself is ridiculous.

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It would be a huge impact on the Bay Road heathland sanctuary, birdlife and all the beautiful flora and fauna. There is already plenty of rubbish littered along the walkway beside the reserve. Why haven't SDNA been asked to comprise? The netballers come and go - they don't have to try live and function with this outside their bedroom window. How do you plan to mitigate the number of calls you'll get from residents if this goes ahead with noise complaints. What is reasonable for residents to have to deal with every day? 528 hours of netball, school traffic (foot, bike, car), cricket traffic, unauthorised soccer traffic. When do we get respite from hustle and bustle? When do the residents in the aged care centre get respite?

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64. Miss Tara Reynolds

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66. Ms Emma Hamilton

I know its a great idea to have sporting facilities available for local communities but it is also important for all parties to feel that the solution is suitable. I'm writing both as a parent of an 11yo netball player and a local resident.

As you know there are a number of concerns for both Netball Victoria, the parents of kids playing netball and the residents, with one of these aspects being traffic management. It is no good having sporting facilities that aren't equipped from a traffic perspective and cause safety concerns and frustration due to the lack of appropriate parking options. The most recent report (added 10/02/2021) talks about up to 264 visitors and 432 vehicles per hour in peak periods, I will repeat per hour. These volumes are volumes you would expect to be in industrial areas and not residential. They are massive volumes and whilst I appreciate there has been suggestions on how to manage these volumes, my biggest concern is that a kid on her/his way to netball is accidentally struck and killed.

This report confirms that there will be queues to enter the Netball stadium, which in turn means that by the time the parents have frantically gone through the one way thoroughfare to progress to the overflow carpark which is up to 1km away - they will be rushed and we all know that we don't think clearly when rushed. Pair on top of this that we are asking excited kids that are running late to their game due to the insufficient onsite carparking, to cross one/several streets. I want the kids to be safe and having a stadium that doesn't have enough parking for all attendees is a recipe for disaster. In addition, you have the local kids who ride their bikes or walk to parks that are used to a fairly quiet atmosphere, also now potentially being in a dangerous situation. Someone will get seriously hurt one day, if not killed, as this type of traffic chaos leads to distractions. I'm hoping you pause and remember that you are responsible for this decision and under the Governance Charter are responsible for delivering compliance and performance, as well as a strong reminder that you are ultimately accountable of the council and community and their services.

In addition to the above, I appreciate that the cost is currently estimated at \$8m less than the Wangara site. However, the Traffic management report was completed during times of Covid lockdown and or practices different to day to day life. The report highlights that they could not comment accurately on scenarios and there is a need for Council to monitor several of the traffic suggestions, as well as there being a recommendation to consider parking at the former golf range - which would incur significant costs to build this. The likelihood is high that this parking will be required at the former golf range and should have been included in the initial cost estimate. My thoughts are that the current cost estimate is not accurate and that it will be more than the \$18.050m. You then have to ask yourself why wouldn't Council build this facility at Wangara site where it can be contained in one location reducing the traffic management issues, noise and lighting issues also.

This site would better ensure safety for our kids and have less impact on residents. As I have mentioned, I have a daughter that plays netball and I would feel safer if it was all at one location and she was not expected to cross streets and deal with 400+ cars in between riding her bike or getting out of a car and getting to her court. She gets excited about her games and can see there are times she just runs to the current game/court and doesn't see people walking let alone cars. The Wangara Road site might be slightly more cost (once the correct estimate for Holloway proposal included the additional monitoring and parking that gap will be less), however it is a much more suitable location. Sandringham should be a place that people boast about, want to live in, support sporting locations that are safe and are consider the patronage and the residents.

Under the Governance Charter it states that good governance is the awareness of internal and external influence. Please see that having some of the cost funded by parties outside of the Council/local government shouldn't be the basis of these decisions. This stadium will be around for over 100 years and the fact that there is a location it could be on one site and deal with a number of local concerns in addition to safety of our children, it seems a no brainer to me. Again, I'm also a parent of an 11yo girl that plays netball as well as a resident, I honestly think that by allowing this development at Holloway, you are making a massive mistake that will result in a fatality at some point. The Council Committee members have the ability to make the right decision for the kids and the people, and I appreciate its a tough job and you have lots to consider, but you do all the due diligence and planning, but when you have excited kids trying to get to their game and running late due to traffic, someone is going to get seriously hurt. Please don't let this happen and be willing to spend a little more to ensure the courts, parking and related facilities are all contained in one location.

67. Ms Sue Forster (on behalf of Friends of Bay Road Heathland Sanctuary)

I have been informed that, with the development of the Bayside Netball Centre at Sandringham Secondary College, new fencing will be installed at the southern boundary of the Bay Road Heathland Sanctuary public track to prevent unauthorised access into the College. Whilst appreciating that this will provide benefits for the safety of students and possibly Bay Road Heathland Sanctuary, my fear is that the Sanctuary will, in the long term, come under increased pressure from Bay Road walkers and dog owners losing direct (out-of-school-hours) access to Merindah Park. The only alternative route to Merindah Park via George Street may add an extra kilometer or more each way to their trip.

Given that a new building permit application for 248-250 Bay Road indicates that an additional 119 apartments are now being planned along the eastern boundary of the Sanctuary, how will Council address this issue into the future? Further consideration must surely be given to providing Bay Road residents with an alternative pedestrian route to the southern parkland corridor. This new proposed residential development would make the Sanctuary even more vulnerable and isolated. It seems sensible that this proposal and the Bayside Netball Centre proposal, both crucial to the well-being of the Heathland, be considered together, at least as far as access is concerned.

Sue Forster, Convenor, Friends of Bay Road Heathland Sanctuary

68. Mrs Tracey Walsh

This proposal will have an adverse impact on the quality of life of all the residents of this quiet little pocket of Sandringham. Homeowners will be facing financial ruin as their largest asset suffers a decline in value. This in turn will lead to adverse mental health consequences.

Our civil rights to peace and quiet (inevitable light & noise spill from the courts) in our homes and the ability to entertain will be severely impacted by the courts per your advertised operating hours. Each household has at minimum 2 cars with some households already parking on the streets as they do not have driveways with garages. Throw into the mix young adults who are still living at home - they need to park somewhere. And then you have visitors. Why should we be required to pay for parking permits - YOU are taking away our rights to visitors and then expect us to pay for the inconvenience you cause. How does that work? We already pay council tax.

69. Mr Mike Walsh

To whom it may concern,

Our street is heavily impacted on weekends with traffic and parking issues arising from:

- * the 3 sports ovals in Spring Street
- * the 2 sports ovals in Holloway Road
- * The Japanese School at Sandy East Primary and
- * Basket Ball Training that will commence at the Sandy East Primary basketball stadium.

The proposed netball courts will bring further traffic and by default parking issues to our already congested streets particularly on weekends. The revised Traffic Management Plan allows for 114 car parks (16 more than the initial plan) and in comparison to the Thomas Street car park where there are 200 car parks. The number of netball courts at Thomas Street is less than the new proposed courts. This is wholly inadequate for your proposed new site. The nuts and bolts of the traffic management plan make it patently clear that parking will be needed on our streets, hindering residents ability to make full use of their properties. The proposals outlined in the Traffic Management Plan fall short of addressing residents concerns.

These streets are narrow. Anyone driving around this little pocket can see this. Creating the cut through also presents a major risk to the primary school crossing and will bring truck traffic from the neighbouring semi-industrial sites.

In addition to this, residents also contend with noise issues. How will this be mitigated and at what cost? Has this costs been provided for in the budget adequately?

The mental well being of residents in this pocket is at risk due to the above in addition to the financial ruin they face when their largest asset suffers a decline in value due to this project.

This site is not suitable for the Netball Courts.

70. Miss Sarah Collett

On behalf of Eastside Netball Club, I wish to express my support for the development of the Bayside Netball Centre. Netball continues to be one of the highest participated sports for women in Australia. However, we continue to have a lack of training and playing facilities in Bayside. I have grown up playing at the Thomas Street Courts and it is overwhelmingly evident that netball in Bayside has outgrown this facility.

I am currently employed by Netball Victoria working in the Pathway Athlete area. Bayside does not have a compliant venue to hold Victorian Netball League games or Talent Academy trainings. The Wilson Storage Southern Saints are the VNL club based in Bayside. They are forced to train outside the Bayside council region due to this lack of compliant facility.

Netball has serviced women in sport for almost 100 years, and we want to continue to provide the opportunity for Bayside girls to achieve success.

71. Miss Alaina Reynolds

I cannot believe that Council is going to destroy the peaceful environment of my family home. What is wrong with you? After the stressful 2020 with covid, loss of jobs, people forced out of their dwellings because they could pay the rent Bayside Council just keeps adding further financial hardship on families that are already suffering by putting a large noisy netball centre right in a residential area where 1000's live. Further emotional and mental stress and then allow it to operate 7 days a week NOT 1 day without netball noise and pollution! Council have cheated ratepayers/residents by avoiding the Planning Scheme NO WAY this would have been approved and you know it! eg Firbank rejection of netball courts ! You are spending over \$20 million on school land and they can easily break the lease and then there is no netball courts. School land is for education use not re location of Thomas St courts for SDNA. Council has wasted so much money on Wangara site and now ignoring all concerns from the public and paid traffic mgt advice. Council will be held liable for all damages because you have approved a project in hurry careless manner and continuing to approve things when all the relevant information and tests are not received. SSC needs the land for their students and their students dont even have a netball team!! VSBA funding should be for school buildings not netball courts and facilities for private clubs. Netball is not even a social distance sport (covid). Would you like to live opposite outdoor netball centre and smelly car park and stinking diesel bus fumes? My family doesn't either this is total abuse of residents and abuse of your power as Council. Netball needs new courts build them by King Club, Dendy St golf course, Trey Bit reserve where the girls can scream their lungs out and sirens/whistles can be used. Stop abusing the residents/ratepayers in this area it is totally unsuitable. People pay high prices to live in Bayside you have no right to destroy the openspace and the ambience of this area. Keep the grass and not add further to climate change with a concrete jungle!!

How can the council justify a \$18M spend (plus the payout to Sandringham Driving Range that they won't disclose) for a net increase of only 4 netball courts (when compared to Thomas St) which does not meet netball's future growth projections as published in 2017 is this good value for ratepayers money? How can you justify such cost and at the same time destroy the value of residents property by putting a netball centre in a high residential area that will destroy the peace and quiet of 1000's ? School land is for educational purposes not netball club SDNA who want exclusive use. Green grass is alot healthier than a concrete jungle that increases the damage to our environment

72. Mrs Sarah Sime

OBJECTION

Further to my already submitted objections for meetings on 15 September 2020 and 22 December 2020, I continue to be in a state of despair regarding this proposed Netball Centre. I am seriously concerned about the negative impact this is having on residents, and my elderly parents, who have moved into The Reserve as their retirement accommodation. They are continue to be extremely distressed, and it is impacting their mental health. The dismissive comments made by one councilor in the last meeting (22 Dec), stating that she hoped residents could learn to be more resilient, resulted in my mother in tears. The comment demonstrates a total lack of compassion for the residents in the community. My parents are worried about losing their quiet enjoyment of their home, continual stressful noise from whistles and sirens, and intrusive floodlights. They feel they will have no choice but to move out of their home. I have raised this directly with Sara Townsend and Adam McSwain. Sara did not reply and Adam arranged a call with me and then did not attend.

This location is closely bounded on three sides by residential property and local residents are understandably greatly concerned by the potential impacts on their local environment and the resultant effects on their quality of life. The Holloway Rd location is entirely unsuitable for a Netball Centre for the following reasons:

IMPACT ON RESIDENTS

- The site is in densely populated residential area and is closely bounded on three sides by residential properties
- Huge number of local residents, who are rate payers, will be severely impacted with reduced values of their homes, excessive noise and light pollution
- Residents are severely anxious about the impact of the development on the value of their homes. I have spoken to a number of estate agents and they believe the losses will be quite significant
- Noise and light disturbance for residents in the apartments in the closest proximity to the courts will be a major issue. Some of their windows will be only metres from the courts. This noise and light pollution will be ongoing until late at night and reducing it to 9pm is ineffective.
- The lighting plan provided of one page, is not comprehensive like the 15+ page detailed plan for the previous site at Wangara Rd, and there are far fewer residents in the vicinity of that previous site.
- I attend Tomas St games regularly and the noise is quite unbelievable - the whistles are more than one per minute or so, particularly in junior games, and the nature of the game itself calls for constant shouting between members in the teams.
- The above points are causing mental anguish to residents. My parents are forgoing their relaxing retirement activities such as yoga and painting and spending all their time worrying about this development.
- Don't people have a right to quiet enjoyment of their homes?
- Where will people park- residents in Holloway Rd will no longer be able to have visitors or family park in front of their homes.

TRAFFIC DANGER

- Holloway Road is unsuitable for the traffic volumes that will result from this proposal. We attend Soccer at Spring St and already Spring st and the surrounding streets re jammed with cars trying to park. Imagine adding 3000 netballers!!

- It is a very narrow street and will not be able to cope with parking and drop offs
- The numbers of parking spaces provided in not enough – have you ever actually attend a game day at Tomas St?? It is chaos and there are far more parks provided at that location.
- The school has already this year put out an email to parents regarding the traffic dangers, and the development will then add more traffic impact
- If you are planning on having the road from Holloway extend through into Wangara Rd, and the traffic will flow onto George and out to Bay Rd, how do you plan on dealing with the traffic trying to turn into Bay Rd. There have been two serious accidents at that intersection on the last couple of months,

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

- Loss of green space amenity - why remove more green space?
- Impacts on flora and fauna
- Loss of sporting fields for local children - Bayside has a shortage of soccer, AFL and cricket spaces so why remove another green space that can currently allow for three sports ovals and a cricket pitch?

IMPACT ON SCHOOL STUDENTS

- Why remove ovals and grass space for Students of SSC when they don't even play netball?
- Do the school students know that the main users will be PRIVATE SCHOOL students? They field by far the most number of teams. In fact Firbank has a representative on the SDNA committee.
- You will be aware that they are increasing the numbers of students at the school – they will then only have one oval?
- The school, of a vast size, will only be left with one oval for all year levels to play on.

It should be emphasized that the local residents are not opposed to the upgrade of the school buildings nor to the building of a netball facility, but are opposed to having the quality of life and local environment destroyed by the building of the Netball Centre in an entirely unsuitable location. The courts should remain at Thomas Street, and be renovated at far less cost. At Thomas St the courts are primarily (other than a few houses) surrounded by parkland and other sporting facilities and will not cause a disturbance to 1000's of residents.

Regards
Sarah

73. Mr Paul Lauritz

My submission is plagiarised, but I see no reason to modify what clearly sets out my concerns. I would add, however, that the plans to turn our current homes into part of a 7 day a week, noise and traffic generating precinct is causing far more grief and stress than you clearly understand. But you should understand! Holloway Road hosts a fair share of the communities shared infrastructure already, and to encumber the local residents with the weight of such a development is completely unreasonable. Expediency is being put in front of your duty to serve the community. I think I could be assured your charter does not include 'let some residents bear the impact of developments just because it is expedient to do so'!

And so :

We remain very disenchanted with the council's community engagement with its constituents to the proposed netball centre in Holloway Road. As a resident who will be greatly impacted, I do not believe all the responses have been adequately addressed from the "Have your say" page.

The traffic report was conducted in the peak of COVID lockdown so was flawed and misrepresented the true state of affairs. I implore you to visit Holloway Road now, as our representatives, on a Saturday morning when the Japanese school is arriving and departing, 9am and 2pm. It is chaos trying to exit onto Bluff Road as Holloway Road is a dead end street. I also implore you to visit the Secondary school site every weekday to view how many cars remain on site after 4pm, teachers do not leave work before 5pm. They do not leave when the last bell goes.

As pointed out in my "Have your say" there is clearly not enough car parks to house the amount of traffic that a minimum of 12 courts will attract – 9 players per team plus, coaches, staff, parents and grandparents/friends that each player has following them amounts to approx. 12 courts * minimum 10 cars per team = 12*20 cars = 240 cars every 30 minutes not including grandparents/friends. There is an extremely false assumption that people will walk or catch transport.

As a father of a netballer most weeks my wife takes our daughter to the courts for warm-up and I arrive 30 minutes later in a 2nd car for the start of the game, that's double the cars that you are not accounting for.

I would still like some clarity on parking restrictions. There is no suggestion that these parking restrictions should be game days only. Netball doesn't run 365 days a year and nor should the parking restrictions. What are you allowing for school functions and school buses that park in the street to pick up students or drop off? What about the scout hall and the parent parking for them? What happens to trade people that we may have at the house?

I am still flawed by the suggestion that this centre will be operating over 13 hours on a weekend, extraordinary, these are not the current operating hours at Thomas Street. You are suggesting here that 12 courts with new games starting every 30 minutes that there will be 12 * 26 timeslots = 312 games per day on the weekend. With a minimum of 10 cars per team per game that would account for over 6000 vehicles each day on a Saturday and Sunday.

I still strongly believe that the proposed location of the netball courts should remain at the Wangara site. This site is based in an industrial area with minimal residents to impact. The flow through of traffic from either Talinga or Wangara out to Reserve and George would mean

minimal traffic congestion with multiple exit points available to drivers. Pedestrians would not be in danger of being hit by a car in these wide streets especially with the level of offsite parking that can be provided. Suggesting that pedestrians will be safe walking from Wangara to the courts is a disaster waiting to happen.

The other option of course is to upgrade the current facilities at Thomas Street. It makes commercial sense to upgrade the lighting (increase lux) to allow night games to be played at Thomas St, and a better design of the indoor court there could see a new one added. I am disappointed that BCC dismiss the upgrade of the current facility as a solution - this would alleviate a lot of community hearth-ache and save many millions of dollars!

74. Mr Andrew Sime

OBJECTION

Further to my already submitted objections for meetings on 15 September 2020 and 22 December 2020, I continue to be extremely concerned regarding this proposed Netball Centre. The negative impact this is having on residents, my family and friends who live in the apartments, and Holloway Rd and surrounding streets.

You only need to drive around the streets to see the vast volume of residents who have put up objection signs on the front of the homes and fences. Have you actually seen these? Are you prepared to upset that many locals and rate payers?

Do you know how narrow the streets are?

The traffic report does not take into account pre COVID conditions.

Residents will lose any form of peace and quiet with the netball center operating seven days a week. Why should they have to tolerate floodlights and sirens? This type of noise is very stressful - have Bayside Council made plans to deal with the mental health impact of this? Have you made plans if there is a class action law suit for destroying the value of peoples homes?

The Holloway Rd location is entirely unsuitable for a Netball Centre for the following reasons:

- The site is in densely populated residential area and is closely bounded on three sides by residential properties
- Huge number of local residents, who are rate payers, will be severely impacted with reduced values of their homes, excessive noise and light pollution
- Residents will have the value of their homes decimated.
- Noise and light disturbance for residents in the apartments in the closest proximity to the courts will be a major issue.
- If you plan on pushing traffic out to Wangara Rd, and the traffic will flow onto George and out to Bay Rd, how do you plan on dealing with the traffic trying to turn into Bay Rd. There have been two serious accidents at that intersection on the last couple of months,

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

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IMPACT ON SCHOOL STUDENTS

- Why remove ovals and grass space for Students of SSC when they don't even play netball?
- You will be aware that they are increasing the numbers of students at the school – they will then only have one oval?

As a manager at Sandringham Soccer club, I am very aware of the impact on sport clubs and traffic. Kids need to be driven to games, and car pooling does not happen with families having so many conflicting commitments. On game days the traffic in the Spring St / Holloway Rd area is so bad people park on the nature strips and on corners. Adding 1000's of netballers will be a disaster. You have not done a true and realistic traffic report as it was done during COVID when we all know there rare very few cars on the road, and activities such as Japanese school, and

the SCC are closed.
I am requesting that you reconsider this location.

75. Ms Pauline Reynolds

Thank you Mr Mayor and Councillors

Regarding Item 10.1 Ordinary Council Meeting agenda Feb 16. Bayside Netball Centre.

Much has been spoken about this matter already although sadly of course there was no initial consultation from either Council or the VSBA. The conclusion is that there will be a large netball complex constructed at Sandringham College. Hopefully, because Council is contributing a large sum of money to enable community use, there will be a little more consideration of local residents than there could or would have been under only VSBA planning. I do note that the Council budget is already at least \$3,000,000+ more than first mooted.

I hope Council, the college, net ballers and State Government fully appreciate the great change that this development will make to our, the neighbours, lives and I'm on the edge if you like of the affected area. Is that NIMBYism? I hope not. Costs prevent Council from purchasing land in say a semi industrial area, apparently, where developments such as this would be more appropriate.
A great shame.

There is nothing more to say about traffic, noise, width of roads, coping when the soccer is on at Spring Street oval in the winter etc.

The protection of the Bay Road Heathland Sanctuary with its unique environment is still a big concern particularly now that there is a planning application for 119 apartments on the block immediately abutting the heathland to the east. This development will mean that in effect the heathland will become a tiny island in a sea of concrete. An Environment Impact Study of the Reserve has been promised. Has that firm consulted with Friends of Native Wildlife and the Friends of Bay Road Heathland Sanctuary? What conclusion has been reached? It is so much more important environmentally to protect the BRHS and its existing biodiversity than to create a new park at Wangara Road. I understand and appreciate how important that is too but Bayside's Heathlands are almost unique in Melbourne, are different from parks and must be preserved.

Of interest too is access from Bay Road to the netball courts but most importantly for residents to the Merindah Park and the promised open space in Wangara Road.

Finally, there is no mention of Bay Road Heathland Sanctuary in this recommendation. Can I ask that its conservation status at least be remembered and recognised in the Council resolution and that it be a requirement that the plants used for landscaping be obtained from Bayside's Community Nursery because we are then at least sure of their provenance in being planted so close to a vulnerable Bushland Reserve.

Thank you

76. Mrs Sue Langley

I strongly object to the Council's ill conceived and proposal to fund and construct a netball centre at Sandringham College. A netball centre which will be for the exclusive use of one section of the municipal community and which will be of no benefit whatsoever to the students at said college. I draw your attention to the following comparison between the original plans for siting the centre at the Wangara Road site and those for the proposed site in Holloway Road:

WANGARA site map, extremely detailed. HOLLOWAY, what one could only call an amateurish site context plan with only a couple of details, one of which is extremely misleading and inaccurate - buffer zone on the northern boundary increased by 5 metres to 15 metres. In actual fact that applies to a very small portion of said buffer zone. The majority of the buffer zone has only been increased by 3.5 metres to 13.5 metres.

WANGARA, Acoustic Report, 23 pages one of its recommendations, to limit noise to the nearest sensitive receivers which were 65/70 metres away, the construction of a 3 metre acoustic wall. HOLLOWAY, no Acoustic Report as yet. Although one is being prepared by Stantec who prepared the Wangara report. Given that the nearest sensitive receivers at the Holloway Road site are 20.5 and 22 metres from the courts, it should make interesting reading. Of course we mustn't forget the "draft" flyer from Netball Victoria regarding reducing whistle use and details of the impact this might have on games in "regional" areas.

WANGARA, Specialist Lighting Concept, 13 pages report. HOLLOWAY, a depiction of what netball courts might look like at night.

WANGARA, Waste management report, 12 pages by Leigh Design, HOLLOWAY, no report. Does that mean no waste is expected?

WANGARA, Flood Assessment and WSUD Report 3 pages, by Storm Consulting. They were engaged to prepare a flood assessment and ensure an adequate detention system was implemented to manage run off from netball courts, car parks and roofs. The detention system being a 1350 KL detention tank located under the netball courts.

HOLLOWAY, no report, only an assurance that, although there is already a high water table at the proposed site, it wouldn't be a problem as it's not necessary to dig down very far to install netball courts!!

WANGARA, Arborist Report, 57 pages by Ryder Arboriculture and Environment - Construction Impact Assessment. HOLLOWAY, no report and when questioned about damage to existing trees, the reply was that it was VSBA's responsibility

WANGARA, Native Vegetation Impact Report 75 pages by Liza James of Practical Ecology. HOLLOWAY, no report.

WANGARA, Waste Sensitive Urban Design Assessment, 3 pages again by Storm Consulting. HOLLOWAY, no report.

WANGARA, detailed landscape plan. HOLLOWAY, no plan.

I now refer you various extracts from the Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Act 2020: Under section 30 and 31, Oath or Affirmation:

I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.

Note, it does not say the netball community

Updated Standards of Conduct

Schedule 1, Standards of Conduct, Regulation 12

Clause 1 Treatment of Others

(c) does not engage in abusive, on scene or threatening behaviour in their dealings with members of the public, Council staff and Councillors

I choose to not comment on that clause but leave Councillors to ponder on it.

2. Performing the Role of Councillor

A Councillor must, in performing the role of a Councillor, do everything reasonably necessary to ensure that the Councillor performs the role of a Councillor effectively and responsibly

including by ensuring that the Councillor..

(b) diligently uses processes to become informed about matters which are subject to Council decisions and

(d) represents the interests of the municipal community in performing the role of a Councillor by considering and being responsive to the diversity of interest and needs of the municipal community.

Given recent instances of ignorance of various aspects of this proposal by some Councillors have not diligently informed themselves about this matter. Having said that, there appears to be an unacceptable lack of information available to said Councillors. As to being responsive to the needs and interests of the municipal community, that is obviously being ignored. Only the needs and interest of the netball community are being responded to to the detriment of the rest of the municipal community and, for that matter, the Sandringham College student community.

Given all of the above, it is a obvious that Councillors cannot exercise due diligence in this matter as they do not have the information required to do so. This being the case, they are not able to meet the terms set out in the Code of Conduct required of Councillors and I believe therefor that they are not legally able to vote the motion, that will be proposed in the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held Tuesday, 16 February 2021, to continue with the proposed CJUA.

Sue Langley

77. Ms Gail Bergmann

Council has repeatedly ignored the fundamental question as to why it is reasonable to spend \$18 million on a single sport facility which will be utilised by a disproportionately lower number of residents than those encumbered with paying for it. At the December meeting Cr Samuel King acknowledged the unreasonable burden on the residents in close proximity however went on to vote for the proposal. Council now intend to progress without the final acoustic report. Reasonable concerns about traffic and parking and refuted by meaningless references to independent reports. Residents will be unable to have visitors attend their homes for more than one hour or they will be in breach of parking limits. One suggestion is that residents park in the street and let visitors use their driveway. These issues are the tip of the iceberg. This facility is completely out of place and out of step with the amenity of the locale and the will of residents yet council are hell bent on building this facility. Why

78. Ms Linda Collinson

I formally object to the building of the Netball centre in Holloway road for the following reasons:

1. The increase in traffic will cause congestion on Holloway road and the narrow streets nearby which will increase the chances of serious accidents especially with the Primary school on the same road
 2. The increase in traffic will cause a significant increase in pollution with car fumes
 3. The number of car parks proposed is not sufficient for your estimate of players which means there will be a huge number of extra cars parking in narrow streets
 4. With point 3 in mind residents and their visitors will not be able to park in front of their homes due to netball participants parking in their streets which will increase residents anxiety when they have to park away from their homes and at night have to walk home at times with personal safety a concern
 5. There had been no consideration of residents concern about the noise that whistles, sirens and people yelling will have on our well being ie mental health from hearing this noise 7 days a week
 6. The cost to rate payers is exorbitant. The netball centre is a single sport venue therefore it will only be of benefit to a very small percentage of bayside rate payers
- Please re consider your decision to build the Netball centre It is causing myself and my family anxiety and will ruin our peace and quiet, what we really love about where we live will be gone if it goes ahead

79. Ms Ella Quinlan

Dear Councillors

Below are letters from 2011. At that point I was a student at Hampton PS, and I spoke at the Council mtg 14 December, 2011.

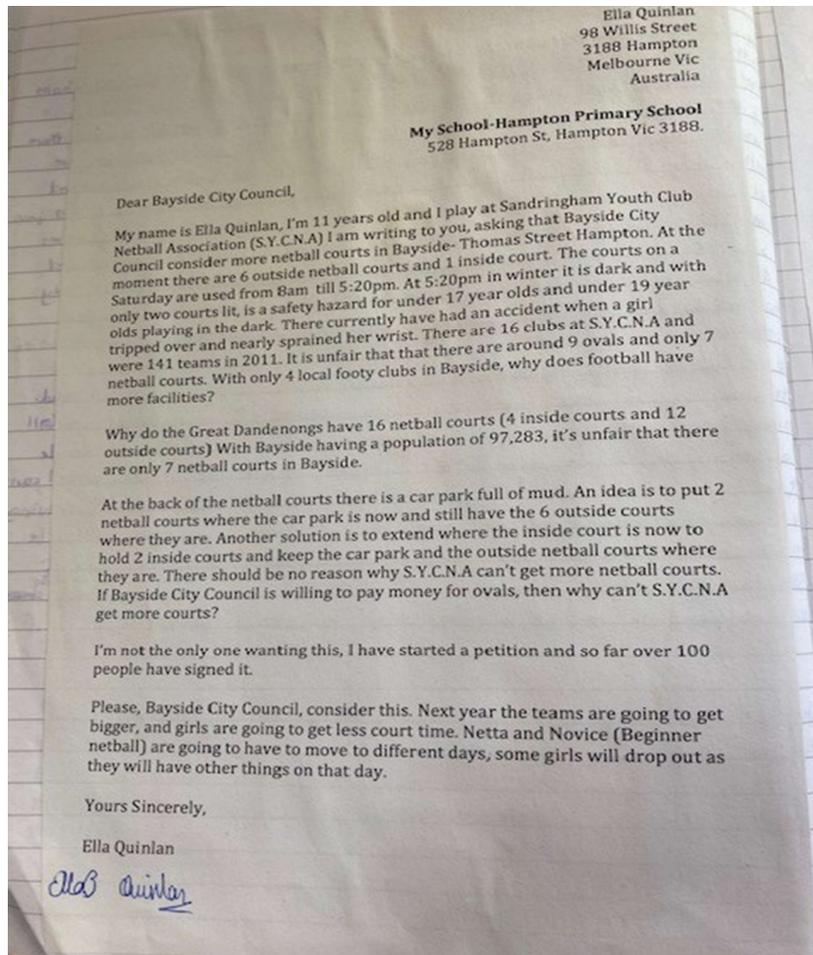
Ten years later, the problem is still that the condition of the facility is substandard, and the number of courts insufficient. I am still a user of the Thomas St Courts as a casual player and coach of junior teams.

I am also a State VNL player and cannot reinforce more the importance of having courts accessible at a young age. I have played at many locations and the Bayside court offering is an embarrassment.

This needs your immediate attention, netball is not at fault here

Regards

Ella Quinlan



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13 December 2011

Ms Ella Quinlan
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Dear Miss Quinlan

Council Response to the Petition for More Netball Courts In Bayside

I am writing to inform you that at its meeting on the 14 December 2011 Council will consider a report in response to your Petition for Netball Courts in Bayside.

You may review this report at
[http://www.bayside.vic.gov.au/14 December 2011 Ordinary Meeting Agenda with out confidential.pdf](http://www.bayside.vic.gov.au/14_December_2011_Ordinary_Meeting_Agenda_with_out_confidential.pdf).

Bayside City Council enables residents and interested parties to speak at Council meetings. Should you wish to speak in support of your Petition please refer to <http://www.bayside.vic.gov.au/councilmeetings.htm>. Please note that 'Requests to be Heard' must be made by 11am of the day of the Council meeting.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact me on telephone on 9599 4699.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M Stockton".

Mark Stockton
Manager Recreation, Events and Social Development

80. Mrs Lorraine Collett

On behalf of Eastside Netball & as President of Eastside Netball Club I strongly support the construction of courts in Holloway Road.

There is only the Thomas St courts in the whole of Bayside & one indoor to cater for all our players. We have a VNL club (Southern Saints) in our area but we have to train in the City of Kingston as the indoor court at Thomas St is not compliant with Netball Victoria. Netball is the most affordable sport for young women & needs to be given up to date facilities instead of second rate facilities which lead to needless injuries.

Once again I strongly support the Holloway Road courts.

81. Mr Glen Tonkes

Dear Councillors,

The purpose of this email is to express our grave concern as to the hasty and unreasonable manner the decision with respect to the construction of the above matter is being considered by Bayside City Council (the proposed decision).

As Councillors of the Bayside City Council (the Council) would be aware, the common law rules of natural justice or procedural fairness require councillors to approach their administrative decision making with an open mind to ensure that they act fairly and impartially, in good faith, listening to both sides of any argument that is put to them for consideration.

As a party directly impacted by the proposed decision that is to be made by the council on Tuesday 16 February, 2021 we are gravely concerned that the Bayside City Council has failed to uphold the fundamental principle of natural justice in making the proposed decision.

We formally express this concern to you based on the following:

1. As residents, we were personally provided the Update on Bayside Netball Centre on Saturday 13 February at 11.50 am. As you would appreciate, this is not a reasonable time for any person to properly review and consider the document and its relevant supporting materials, particularly given the potentially significant consequences of the proposed decision.

2. We also note that the Reports by the Organisation – BAYSIDE NETBALL CENTRE – HOLLOWAY ROAD PROPOSAL File No: PSF/21/19-Doc No DOC/21/4341 was added to the website on Monday 16 February and we don't believe it was readily accessible prior to this date.

3. Further to the above, impacted parties have not been allocated an adequate time to formulate an appropriate response that is required to be put forward in a meeting at Tuesday 16 February at 6.30pm.

4. The hard copy letter circulated to the residents states the online meeting is to be held at 5pm whereas the website states the meeting will take place at 6.30pm, with a note stating that the hard copy time is incorrect. If you did not receive the Have Your Say email you would not know the correct time of the meeting. If you only received the hard copy you would not be aware of the time change and may not be available at the later time slot.

5. Impacted parties have not been afforded an appropriate nor a sufficient means to express their concerns or to ask questions to the council. Prior interactions have been via streamed Q & A with no opportunity for immediate resident interaction. Online council meetings have held a limited 15 minute window to address resident concerns, with Council choosing which to read out and respond to. The balance of the questions not able to be addressed in this forum only appear in the Council Meeting minutes and are not addressed by Council. The Councillors have not addressed any residents concerns in a live forum and continue to be unavailable to do so. Councillors are also unresponsive to my numerous emails and I am yet to receive any response from individual Councillors in writing.

6. Residents have not had access to the amended modelling in the Traffic Management Plan – as referred to in the Agenda. The date of the original report was 9/11/20. This report refers to traffic count information for Holloway Road in March 2017. Two of the apartment blocks on Bay

Road were not built at this point. Does the amended modelling evaluate more recent traffic count information and estimates addressing the traffic needs of the two further apartments yet to be constructed.

We also note that the Council's conduct to date may be considered to be in breach of:

1. Section 2(d) of the Standards of Conduct under the Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020; and
2. Sections 2 (e) and (f) of the Local Government Act 2020.

In an effort to swiftly resolve the issues outlined above, we propose the following steps be promptly taken by the Council:

1. Halt all decisions until there has due and proper consultation with residents affected by the proposal – enabling any decision to be fair, impartial and in good faith having listened to both sides of the argument.
2. Conduct a proper consultative process where residents concerns can be heard and properly addressed.

We understand that the proposed decision is currently scheduled to be made on Tuesday 16 February 2021. With this in mind, we, therefore, request that we are provided with a response as a matter of urgency and in any event no later than Close of Business on Tuesday 16 February 2021.

Regards,

Glen Tonkes

82. Mr Will Pierce

I have been part of SDNA's all abilities program since it started. I am now at Bayley House. Bayley House runs a joint program with SDNA to provide a netball program for people at Bayley house. If we do not have access to the courts during the day how and where will this program be run?

Bayside supports our program with funding however it would be hypocritical if they did not provide the facilities to run those programs.

83. Miss Ella Pierce

When will Bayside provide equal opportunities to girls in terms of sports facilities? To be told that netball will not have access to indoor courts but can go down the road to the EIGHT indoor basketball courts is hypocritical and not right. Netball is not asking for 8 indoor courts we are asking for fair access and the ability to play the sport we love.

84. Mrs Miranda Scales

I would like to confirm that I am supporting the Bayside Council in being able to provide a suitable and sustainable venue for the young girls and boys of Bayside to play netball. I support the proposed location of Sandringham Secondary College in providing a Netball Facility with outdoor and indoor courts that not only will provide upgraded facilities for our players but players into the future.

My daughter is now starting her 9th year of Netball at the Thomas St Courts, over that time, we have seen very little maintenance, the courts are slippery and dangerous and in very poor condition, the indoor court has leaks and plumbing issues. It is not a venue the Bayside Council should be proud to have when you consider the other sporting facilities provided throughout the council area, many are spectacular.

In the close vicinity to my home, I have seen Dendy Park re-surfaced and a brilliant pavilion built for soccer & cricket, Castlefield reserve re-surfaced and a pavilion built for Cricket and Football, Boss James reserve re-surfaced for cricket and football, Sillitoe reserve re-surfaced for soccer and cricket, a pavilion built on Duncan St Oval for Football. These are some amazing investments by the BCC in my direct area, and yet, nothing has been spent on the Netball Courts in Thomas St Hampton in the 9 years I have been involved with Netball.

Netball is one of the highest participation sports for girls and women in Australia and we need to ensure they have access to decent facilities where they can train, learn new skills, develop a sense of self and the motivation and drive to excel in a sport they love. I have seen friendships develop over the years that are strong, they come together each week to train and play, it is their safe place, a place where they come together with friends who enjoy a sport, a love of netball. Our club has girls playing from all different schools across Bayside and the wider community, they still want to play with friends they made at primary school, with their 'Netball Friends'.

I have been the President of Hampton Hammers for the past 3 years and secretary prior to that, we are providing opportunities to our players like junior coaching and many of our players are loving the opportunity to give back to their club, learn new skills and providing support to their lead coach, players and families. They deserve better facilities to practise these new opportunities.

The shared use of the facilities in the community is important but whilst SDNA will be using the facility predominantly, it also needs to consider the time we have to play games, train and provide real community atmosphere for Netball.

I look forward to hearing your support in the council meeting this week so that we can get this proposal signed off and underway.

Thank you for your time,

Regards

Miranda Scales

85. Mr Marcus Morley

Further to my previous 'Have Your Say' commentary please see my comments surrounding the Netball Centres proposed move to Holloway Road.

In short we remain wholeheartedly against this proposal and remain continually disappointed and frustrated by our lack of support from council. Enough commentary has been published outlining the concerns of lack of process by council, transparency, communication, and clear arguments why Holloway was ever selected. However my additional concerns / points / questions are:

Traffic:

- There is still no clear visibility of a true traffic report outside of covid to illustrate the real issue we face of traffic congestion etc in the area. Your modelling only accounts for netball traffic but not as well as the Japanese school and the local basket ball team. The local scout hut will also be heavily impacted with lack of parking close at hand
- If the Wangara parking happens, why can it not be mandatory that all buses / coaches do drop off / pick up there. Having a constant procession on large vehicles travelling up Holloway can only cause huge issues given a narrow residential street.
- Holloway Close will be a red area for no parking, where we are now expected to pay for permits to park on the street where we live. Shouldn't council provide these given the disruption?
- Its also hugely concerning the noise we will have at the end of every session with cars finally leaving at up to 9.30 given how late this is with two small children in my home.
- There continue to be regular car accidents especially on corner of Bay and George. Isn't bringing more traffic simply making it inevitable we will see more accidents.
- Bluff road already has significant tail backs in 'rush hour' and Saturdays. This coupled with over 3000 cars accessing Holloway daily is only going to create grid lock. The right hand turn from bluff into Holloway will simply be unmanageable. I am actually concerned how easy it will be for me to exit Holloway on weekends and evenings?? (and please don't respond that I can go through the car park to Wangara)
- I understand access will now be provided all day during the week now, and not solely after school, creating more traffic disturbance. This may be under the guise of shared access, however given Sandringham have no netball team, and the courts will only have netball lineage where is the needed access to local school / residents

Noise and Lights

- As I understand we await the Acoustics and Environmental reports, however regardless of the recommendations of either, there is no path for these reports to overturn the decision to progress this project. How can this be so given it impact to the area?
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Environment and well being.

- This decision has been made more upsetting by seeing a summer (mostly) played out with regular cricket and soccer games on the site. Two different family sports sharing common

land with sports less impactful due to less numbers, less noise, less traffic. Half of this will be cut up of which I don't recall any commentary about where these facilities are being lost to.

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- As a husband and father, two children 9 and 11, I implore you to collectively reconsider your positions on this. Any common sense will confirm this is a bad decision swayed by funding. There must be another option. My children cycle up and down Holloway in a family community, where this simply won't be a safe option once all the traffic you have created takes the road over.
- The wildlife, especially birds we see around here, including recent kookaburra will be lost to the noise

Other points

- Given cost, and VSBA finance, was always the original advertised reason Holloway was expedited why would this not change if clear recommendations have a huge cost impact on the proposed budget of this site. The acoustic requirements could run into millions and blow out the project considerably. Again why is the council not waiting for these factors to be clear before steam rolling ahead?
- The Netball association are getting a bad deal as well with the reduced number of courts and no potential for future proofing. The issue you tried to resolve moving from Thomas Street will remain and simply worsen.

Legalities

- I am unclear with this, however if the nightmare we have communicated becomes the reality where the council have not listened to the facts, and rejected this project, will there be legal accountability and recourse against the council? I don't believe a council should be able to rush through a decision of this magnitude and not be accountable should it fail. It already feels like there was zero accountability for the Wangara debacle and associated costs. Equally I'm sure council will take the applause when projects are deemed a huge success to the community they serve

In conclusion I do sadly feel we are going round in circles with a council where the perception is a complete lack of interest for our voices as you've already decided. I'm hoping that this isn't the case and the continued voices, often repeating themselves, will finally be listened to.

As we have all said this is not about rejecting netball, it's ensuring it finds a right home for itself and those surrounding it. Forcing at times over 3000 cars a day into a small residential enclave is simply not the answer for either.

86. Dr David Cunningham

Establishing a new netball centre is a high priority that has been recognised by council. However, the process has been poorly managed by council with poor communication with stakeholders such as the community. This has left the netball community and volunteers of the Sandringham District Netball Association (SDNA) unsupported and subject to personal attacks from disgruntled community members.

This is not new. I expressed exactly the same concerns 4 years ago at a council meeting. Nothing has changed. Poorly handled communication and engagement by council has again left SDNA and the netball community targets of community backlash with no support from council.

The prolonged nature of attacks on SDNA representatives over years as a consequence of poor communication by council is unacceptable. This is also a significant risk management issue for council. Having been forewarned (4 years ago) of the impacts that mismanagement of this process was having on members of the netball community yet not acting, the council is exposed to significant liability.

I challenge the council to show leadership and appropriate stewardship of this project with the end result being an appropriate netball facility for the Bayside community. The process and communication need to be properly managed to protect those who give their time for the netball community, rather than council 'throwing them under the bus' repeatedly and leaving them personally exposed to the vitriol of local residents.

87. Mr Sam Higgins

February 15th 2021

Dear Mr Mayor, Councillors and other Bayside members of public,

My name is Sam Higgins, and you recently awarded me the Young Bayside Citizen of the Year. Below is the speech that I gave to the Mayor and Councillors in May 2019, asking for an improvement to the Netball Courts in Bayside, for myself and the other All Abilities netball players that play with me.

At that meeting, nearly 2 years ago, many of you praised me for my speaking, and you all agreed that we would move forward with the proposal for new courts. Yet, I am still writing to you, wondering why this has not happened.

Our All Abilities Coaches, Kris Pierce, has worked very hard with you, with our netball community, and with us, to ensure people with disabilities have access to better courts, but in the last two years, in not making this happen, you have failed us.

Please can you agree to endorse the proposal that you have tonight, so that we can finally move forward. It is not that hard.

Sincerely,

Sam Higgins.

Good evening Mayor, Councillors, and everyone in the Council Chambers,

My name is Sam Higgins.

I have 2 facts for you:

1. I am deaf and have cerebral palsy.
2. There are hardly any places that I can play sport in Bayside. For me to play any sport, I need extra support and coaching, in the right facility.

I have been participating in the Sandringham All Abilities netball program since it started a year ago. I play every Monday night, with a great group of friends.

At the moment, we play outdoors, and now that it is daylight savings, it is dark half way through our training.

Last night, one of my friends got freaked out by the headlights shining on us from the cars.

Another one of my friends got really cold when outside for too long.

The current indoor court is too slippery for us to play safely.

I have 2 more facts for you:

1. The new indoor courts mean that the All Abilities players can play in a safe environment, instead of having to “make do” with what we have got. We haven’t had an accident yet, but my Mum said it is a matter of time.
2. If we receive funding immediately for the 2 new indoor courts, Bayside Council will be a leader in providing facilities for disabled sport in Melbourne. I think that is very impressive and a great opportunity for you.

Thank you for listening.

Have a nice evening.

88. Mrs Eve Walsh

I am disheartened that once again the netball community is fighting for a facility in Bayside. We have emailed, collected signatures, lobbied and worked with BCC over many years and yet do not have a secure home for the Bayside Netball community. A community that is made up of Bayside families. A community that has had to be capped due to the current facilities. Over this time there are thousands of players who either have not had the opportunity to play or have had to play reduced matches or in teams that are too big to allow adequate court time. Netball in our community needs enough courts to rebuild and expand our sport. We need access to both indoor and outdoor courts across the week during the day and evenings on one site. This is the only solution that will ensure that Netball remains an affordable community grassroots sport.

89. Dr Helen Farrell

Written Statement for Council 16th Feb

Reiterating my statements of 15th September 2020, I continue to vehemently oppose the proposed Netball Centre Development on the Sandringham Secondary College Oval on Holloway Road.

As a new mother, I have grave concerns surrounding the safety of children in the streets surrounding the proposed Netball Centre as I already feel children on Holloway Rd are at risk from the extensive traffic already present at peak times of the day. I have witnessed near-miss incidents multiple times since moving to the area in May 2020 and feel such incidents are only likely to increase, or worse, if this proposed development goes ahead.

As residents we feel the Council has not adequately consulted the community about recent changes to the proposed development which will significantly impact those in the surrounding streets. The response I have received to the concerns I raised in a previous meeting has been inadequate and dismissive.

We believe the proposal for indoor courts at the Sandringham College Oval and the outdoor courts at the Wangara Rd site would address the most significant concerns shared by most local residents as well as being an acceptable compromise to the local community- we would like to understand why the council is not considering this option, particularly given the obvious risk the current proposal will cause for local children.

Sincerely,

Dr Helen E Farrell

90. Mr Shaun Farrell

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like my fervent objection to the proposed Netball Centre on Holloway Road to be noted by those at Bayside Council who support it to go ahead.

I have been a resident of Bayside for the past 3 year, and recently purchased my first home in Sandringham. I have been a Police Officer, covering the Bayside Police Service Area for the last 2 years and feel I have an accurate gauge on the (lack of) support this Centre has within the community.

For the record, I am in support of both building a Netball Centre for the community to enjoy as well as for the improvement of facilities of Sandringham Secondary College. However, these initiatives should always come second to safety.

The amount of traffic on Holloway Road, especially during school drop off/pick-up times, is already a significant risk to children and drivers in the area. It is simply unfathomable how such a narrow, already dangerous route could handle any additional traffic.

This objection is not steeped in superficial opposition to progress, or fears of being mildly inconvenienced. This safety concern is real and justified, and if Bayside Council ignores these pleas from the community, the consequences when something inevitably happens will be as a result of their negligence.

Further to this, the entire way Bayside Council appears to have gone about this development appears to be underhanded and deeply unsettling.

The Centre's move from the failed original location of Wangara Road (where the Council was bound by due process/consultation with the community) to a location owned by a State funded school (where the Council can now attempt to side-step these obligations to the community) is utterly disgusting.

One wonders why, with so much opposition from the community Bayside Council would even proceed with this development? After all, it is Bayside Council's role to represent the interests of Bayside residents. This is another action that already reeks of underhanded, unethical actions taken by those who are pushing for it. To put it bluntly, the people of Bayside are already suspicious of why Bayside Council would push this through in the first place and by continuing down this path are losing the support of its residents.

Who is benefiting from this development? And how would those same people not benefit from just building it somewhere more appropriate?

Regards,

Shaun Farrell

91. Mr David Reinhard

Submission to Bayside Council regarding the Sandringham Netball Centre

I wish to state my opposition to the proposed netball centre at Sandringham College. I list below some of the many reasons as to why the project is inappropriate for this site.

- It is self-evident to anyone who is familiar with Holloway Rd that it does not have the capacity to have the large volume of traffic associated with a netball centre. The current traffic report is clearly flawed and needs to be totally redone taking into account the volume of traffic at peak times (including school pickup times, and Saturday mornings when the Japanese school is operating). It is totally unacceptable to do a study during COVID restrictions and try to extrapolate from that data.
- The large traffic volume will not only create issues with congestion but also pose a significant risk to the safety of all pedestrians using the area, primarily children, but also adults. A general increase in traffic in the area poses a risk on other roads. Most notably are those with a high risk of accidents, such as the corner of Wangara Rd and George St, George St and Bay Rd, and Holloway Rd and Bluff Rd.
- The construction phase of this project would create traffic chaos with access and parking required for large trucks, concrete trucks, cranes and numerous tradies vehicles. Residents have had enough construction related disruption to cope with during construction of the apartments on Bay Rd but the level of noise and disruption from construction of the netball centre would be extreme in comparison.
- There is inadequate parking being provided in the current plans to meet the needs of netball centre users. The local streets are not appropriate parking areas for the large volume of cars that will require parking. The council is planning on introducing onerous parking restrictions that will adversely affect residents.
- Council have proposed that residents could pay for permits for their visitors. It seems incredibly inappropriate (in fact quite rude) that council create a parking problem for residents and then expect them to pay for the privilege of a very poor partial solution. This permit proposal does not address the fact that there may not be any parking spaces available as they have all been taken by netballers, nor does it provide for the fact that at times some people will want to have a large number of visitors and need parking for 5 or more cars.
- Is it appropriate use of Bayside residents money for the council to be building a facility on State Government land? Will Council have any actual ownership of any asset associated with this project? Surely it is a State Government responsibility to provide sporting facilities on State owned land, not that of a local council. Presumably once this facility is built the school and State Government will have control over any future developments and could choose to convert any part of the project into classrooms or other structures as they may deem fit, in which case Bayside ratepayer's money would have been wasted.
- The noise from this project will be considerable and could potentially occur over long periods of time. The adverse effect on nearby residents will be considerable. Council appear to pay little regard to the loss of lifestyle that will inevitably flow on from this project. I have no confidence in noise amelioration measures making any significant difference to this problem.
- Noise, traffic, and increased numbers of people in the area is likely to cause disruption to wildlife in the area. Both the Bay Rd Heathland and the bottom end of Merindah Park provide habitat to sensitive species. As an example tawny frogmouths inhabit this area and

can be seen in the evenings on power lines in Holloway Rd, adjacent to the area of the development. It is hard to imagine that these nocturnal birds would remain in the area with the large degree of disruption to their habitat.

- If this project were to proceed it is inevitable that there will be ongoing action from residents to limit hours of operation, restrict noise generating behaviour, reduce traffic access into the area etc. Ongoing battles between residents and the SDNA, Sandringham College and the Bayside Council will not be beneficial to anyone. I am sure the SDNA would prefer not to be the meat in the sandwich in legal battles and court cases.
- Residents will not only suffer from loss of amenity but also financial loss due to devaluation of their properties. It is only reasonable that they be compensated for such loss. Have council factored compensation claims into their budget for the project? Would council voluntarily reach a financial agreement with residents or would residents have to pursue legal avenues to force such compensation from council?
- This project seems to have been rushed and ill-considered following the failure of the council's attempts to build at the Wangara site. The council failed to show due diligence in relation to the Wangara project and are again failing to properly consider the many issues that make the Holloway option an obviously inappropriate choice.
- Once commenced this project presumably is unlikely to be stopped during construction. Therefore council need to carefully consider this issue before commencement and thereby committing any money to a potential failure. The functionality of the centre may be severely curtailed by many of the issues stated above. Should the project fail to meet expectations council will have spent a very large sum of ratepayers money on what may well turn out to be a white elephant. All Bayside residents, not just those in close proximity, should be irate at council's failure to apply due diligence with regard to this project.

David Reinhard

92. Mrs Elizabeth Reinhard

1: I'm concerned about the way you have gone about this netball centre project with minimal community consultation. You have gone behind the community's back yet again like you did with the Wangara site, giving us only a couple of days' notice about the first council meeting. It seems that Council had the intention of concealing their plans for as long as possible and minimising the number of residents that they informed.

2: I'm concerned about the traffic conditions. The streets are narrow, and we all know the cars are going to park in side streets, not just where the council sees fit. Some will park anywhere and potentially block our streets, and we not be able to get out of our streets. There are some with only parking on one side of the road. In December and again last week there have been 2 accidents on the corner of Bay Road and George St. And the traffic was a nightmare In December traffic was backed back in George St and Tulip St for ages which makes you wonder what the traffic will be like when there will be approximately 400 cars an hour.

3: I'm concerned about the noise and how it's going to affect families with young children trying to sleep, and young adults trying to study. With shift work being increasingly common sleep can be difficult during the day, but no doubt impossible when whistles are blowing for hours on end. Consideration needs to be given to the two nearby aged care homes, and with the Palliative care at the bottom of the building facing the oval The elderly seem to have been forgotten at a time when they need peace and quiet. We moved here many years ago because of the peace and quiet, and the green spaces including the oval. We are going from the sounds of birds, dogs, children playing etc. to whistles blowing, yelling, umpires, sirens, cheering, constant cars, plus the car horns from impatient drivers. This could affect us virtually seven days a week for lengthy periods of time. Our peace will be gone.

4: I am also concerned about the lighting. Strong lighting will be required during evening training and match times. This will impact residential houses, the apartments, and the aged care homes. Presumably the intention will be to have lighting on all night as was proposed at the Wangara site and so this adverse effect will be ongoing through the night.

93. Ms Jalpa Dattani

Response to Petition: Request that Council puts a hold on plans for the redevelopment of the Bayside Netball Centre in Holloway Road, Sandringham

I continue to vehemently object to the proposal to site the Bayside Netball Centre on Holloway Road for the following reason:

- Holloway Road and surrounding roads are wholly unsuitable for the projected volume of traffic increase which would result from this proposal.
- The junction at Bay Road and George Street is one of the most dangerous in Bayside and cannot support the increase in traffic which would result from this proposal.
- The amenity and value of the homes of local residents would be severely damaged by this proposal, due to traffic congestion, exhaust pollution, noise pollution, light pollution and the restrictions in visitor parking.
- Several local roads would be “bookended” by very busy sports ovals, which would impede access to their homes, impacting on their quality of life.
- The amenity of the local reserve would be damaged by the increased volume of traffic which would result from the proposal.
- Local wildlife would potentially be damaged by the increased pollution, light and noise from this proposal.
- Rate payers’ money has been committed to an educational facility (school gym) which will not be accessible by the general community.
- Sandringham Secondary College has no need for 12 netball courts, having no netball team. Number of parking spots available on school site for Netball are not proportional to the requirement. Also, it does not cater to the needs of users of Cricket facilities for the proposed sporting oval, nor Japanese school users nor the Scout facilities.

Extend the permit only parking spots and provide visitor cards for friends and family to visit on Cooke Street, Green Parade and surrounding streets to 10 pm on weekends.

In addition to the above, this project proposal is having a very serious detrimental effect on the mental health of local residents. Surely the Council has a duty of care to its constituents and their wellbeing.

94. Mr Adam Touzell

Council is wasting money on a project that they will not be able to use in the future. After reviewing the updated traffic report, along with obtaining independent traffic advice, I can not see how the proposed netball centre can accommodate the future traffic requirements proposed by this facility. The report is filled with dangerous assumptions that will have disastrous financial and social consequences if incorrect.

The most obvious error is the dramatic underestimation of traffic movement. Quantum is claiming each court is likely to generate 13.5 cars up to a 100% sensitive count of 18 cars per court. This does not include cars coming to drop and pick up players, only the cars that will stay and park in nearby streets, thus underestimating the proposed car movements along Holloway Road.

Other dangerous assumptions include:

25% of players would walk, ride or take public transport.

Buses are few and far between

It mentions buses on Bay Rd but there is talk about closing the access from Bay Rd next to the Heathlands.

Did they take a survey from SDNA on how many people currently drive/walk/cycle to Thomas St?

Only 1 substitute per team.

Did they contact SDNA for numbers? Discussion with the SDNA has confirmed there are usually at least two substitutes per team, and often more for higher level competition.

Spectators will arrive with players

There is no allowance for separate car usage for spectators not arriving in the same car as the player. This would include grandparents, parents/step-parents from blended families or spectators from other teams.

There is no allowance for different parents to drop off and pick up their children, who may be participating in other sports.

20% of cars won't use Holloway Rd

What is the basis for this? Is it because Holloway Rd will be too congested to use? It is unrealistic to expect that players will park as far away as George St when ready access and closer parking is available via the Holloway Road entrance.

Why is this report using the COVID-19 pandemic as an excuse for these assumptions? There are many traffic reports out there that have already done this type of analysis. One local report that did an actual survey on car parking at Oakleigh South found for 4 courts the peak demand was 107 car parks! This equates to 26 cars per court - much higher than Quantum's guesses. Even with Quantum's dramatic underestimation of numbers (generated by assuming people will walk or ride, assuming only one substitute per team, the whole family only using one car and 20% of people accessing the facility via Wangara Rd, the post volume numbers clearly exceed the environmental capacity of the road, which is only of 2,000-3,000 cars per day. If we use an evidence-based, previously proven number of 26 (107 / 4 courts) cars per court it will be well over 4,000 cars per day. This is dangerous and unacceptable.

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Quantum has tried to say that because parking may be restricted to one side of the road, the environmental capacity of the road can be increased to 3000-7000 cars. However, this has clearly been done AFTER already assessing the environmental capacity of the road as only being 2000-3000 cars. This has clearly been done so Holloway Road can be seen to accommodate more cars than is actually safe - how is this modification a representation of an independent report?

Here is a list of the specific road levels for Victoria.

vpp - Victoria Planning Provisions (delwp.vic.gov.au)

Holloway Road is classed as an Access Street - Level 2 and is 7.1m wide with a speed of 40 for the section of the road between Bluff Road and Park Street (at all times, not just during peak school use). To accommodate the enormous increase in the number of cars that will occur as a result of this inappropriate development, Quantum wants Holloway Road re-classified as a Connector Street - Level 2, having previously defined it as an Access Street - Level 2. It is very obvious that Holloway Road simply does not meet the definition of 'Connector Street - Level 2' and Quantum, combined with Bayside City Council, are trying to manipulate these figures to meet the demands of the sporting facility at the expense of the safety of those using the courts, school children and local residents. How can this possibly be an independent report when even simple definitions of the road changes between drafts to suit this council?

Holloway Road is clearly an Access Street - Level 2 because:

It is not 4m minimum lane width in each direction around T intersections

There is not a 3.5m minimum lane in each direction with dedicated parking

There is no space for an additional 0.7m each way to allow people to cycle (as the report states 25% of people will cycle, walk, or catch public transport to the venue)

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In addition, there are ongoing Quality Assurance issues with this report, such as stating there are movements between Balmoral Avenue and Green Parade, where there is a traffic island blocking all car movements between the two roads!

How can you call this project the future of netball where there is no room for expansion? Games will have to be cut and can't be shortened as that will bring more cars. It will be worse than Thomas Street. You are putting the lives of those using the courts at risk by ignoring and manipulating data that clearly demonstrates this proposal is NOT SAFE.

Regards,

Adam Touzell

95. Ms Leanne Tonkes

INITIAL RESPONSE TO AGENDA OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 16 February 2021

The purpose of this document is to express grave concern as to the hasty and unreasonable manner the decision with respect to the construction of the above matter is being considered by Bayside City Council (the proposed decision).

As Councillors of the Bayside City Council (the Council) would be aware, the common law rules of natural justice or procedural fairness require councillors to approach their administrative decision making with an open mind to ensure that they act fairly and impartially, in good faith, listening to both sides of any argument that is put to them for consideration.

As a party directly impacted by the proposed decision that is to be made by the council on Tuesday 16 February, 2021 I am gravely concerned that the Bayside City Council has failed to uphold the fundamental principle of natural justice in making the proposed decision.

As the agenda and some of the supporting materials have only been made available to residents on Saturday 13 February – with many online reports only being accessible on Monday 15 February – I suggest insufficient time has been provided for residents to respond to what the Council is suggesting. I am writing this at 2.30am on Tuesday 16 February in order to meet the 9am deadline To Be Heard. I have not had sufficient time to read the report and have only glanced over some of it.

This is not acceptable.

Already I have discovered matters that concern me and others within my family and community. A brief summary of some of these issues follows, but due to the limited time provided, it is by no means complete or my final evaluation or that of my lawyer.

Pg 20 - Community Consultation.

The report states:

"hard copy surveys were distributed to residents and made available on request to other stakeholders" of both Aged Care Facilities in proximity of the College. It also states there was no complaint or statement from either facility. Could I enquire when these were distributed and how much time was given to allow for a response?

Remember, we're talking about health facilities who were dealing with a pandemic and who were likely busy with other more life-threatening concerns. Has anyone offered to meet with the CEO's or Chairpersons of the boards of these facilities or the residents or their family representatives?

Page 20 also mentions in-person meetings. When did these take place? Were all residents invited to these meetings? Can you provide evidence of these invitations?

The responses to the Question and Answer Session mentioned on Page 20 was inadequate, with most responses suggesting Council looked into a matter and felt what was proposed was adequate or appropriate, or that further info was being sought. This cursory, rushed one way online announcement - did not allow for live engagement as it should have, if it is to be a true Question and Answer session.

Pg 25 - Traffic Management Plan

Residents have not had access to the amended modelling suggested in the Traffic Management

Plan. The date of the original report was 9/11/20. This report refers to traffic count information for Holloway Road in March 2017. Does the amended modelling evaluate more recent traffic count information and estimates addressing the traffic needs of the two further apartments yet to be constructed on Bay Rd.

When was the modelling done? Can it be provided to residents – it doesn't appear to be available on the site? Does it take into account the increased traffic due to the apartment buildings that have been recently completed and continue to be constructed on Bay Rd?

Pg 25 - Permit Zones

The responses are a minor improvement to what was originally suggested.

The current parking plan suggests Balmoral Avenue would have permit on one side and 1hr on the other. It is not physically possible to have parking on both sides of the street and allow cars to travel through near Wangara Rd as it was designed to be narrow with occasional bays. It is not the width of Wangara Rd, Holloway Rd or other surrounding streets and should be exempt of allowing ANY non-resident or non-permit parking. Already all visitors and contractors park their cars on the nature strip to avoid being sideswiped.

With the proposed increase to parking in the surrounding streets – has anyone reviewed the effect of the congestion on possible access for emergency vehicles. A recent fire and visit by two fire engines to Green Parade demonstrated it was challenging for both vehicles to gain access due to cars being parked on both sides of the street. This is significantly concerning for local residents, in particular those Aged Care residents given the regular need for access by those vehicles.

Vistor parking permits should be free for residents.

Pg 25-EPA Restrictions

When will the environmental impact study be available for review by residents?

When will Ambient Light Spill report be available for review by residents?

Whilst LEDs may be a partial solution, presumably consideration will be given to some of the characteristics of LEDs that may influence the effect of artificial light on wildlife. White LEDs generally contain short wavelength blue light. Short wavelength light scatters more readily than long wavelength light, contributing more to sky glow. Also, most wildlife is sensitive to blue light.

Pg 26-Acoustic consultant report

The section focusses primarily on PA noise and doesn't address constant whistles. Is the annoyance factor of this being evaluated?

Pg 27 - Traffic Impact Assessment

NOTE - the word document that included a table demonstrating my concerns was unable to be uploaded due to an error on the website. As a result the information below has not been displayed in a readable fashion via this alternative method.

The current presentations are confusing when it comes to comparing existing traffic volumes.

The initial Traffic report suggested:

Road Existing volume Post Development Volume New figure in Traffic Impact Assessment % increase

Holloway Road (Sat) 1,297 vpd 2,667 vpd 2505-3,615 vpd 278%

Wangara Road (Sat) 350 vpd 1,916 vpd 2,089-2,668 vpd 762%

Holloway Road (Weekday) 1,651 vpd 2,254 vpd 1,682-2,407 vpd 145%
Wangara Road (Weekday) 450 vpd 1,139 vpd 1,017-1,206 vpd 268%

The estimated increase to Wangara Road residents on a Saturday is a 762% increase. Frankly, the residents of Wangara and Balmoral Avenue did not purchase their properties with the expectation this volume of traffic would be impacting their streets. The original housing development - created over 20 years ago now - did not provide for this kind of traffic/visitor volume.

The inevitable delays to residents in leaving the area and arriving home will be substantial.

However your new modelling suggests:

- Saturday/Sunday (Competition):
 - i. 'Likely' Peak Hour Traffic Volume – 432 vehicles per hour
 - ii. Sensitivity Test' Peak Hour Traffic Volume – 576 vehicles per hour
- Weekday PM Peak (Competition / Training):
 - i. 'Likely' Peak Hour Traffic Volume – 324 vehicles per hour
 - ii. Sensitivity Test' Peak Hour Traffic Volume – 432 vehicles per hour

It is unclear how the modelling has arrived at the per day figures presented above when the new summary presents figures based on a per hour basis.

Your report states: "The intersection of Bay Road/Reserve Road operates overcapacity in the existing conditions, with current deficiencies. The traffic volumes generated by the netball centre through this intersection are considered minor."

Who made this evaluation? On what have they based this assessment? An additional 4,636 (the total of Holloway Road and Wangara Rd predicted additional volumes on a Saturday) will add substantial stress on an already overburdened road system. By joining Holloway and Wangara up you will effectively be pumping all of that traffic into George St and the residents will be unable to come and go without substantial delays.

Bay Road/Reserve Road and Bluff Roads are massive arterials and are already congested beyond acceptable levels.

With the proposed increase to traffic in the surrounding streets – has anyone reviewed the effect of the congestion on possible access for emergency vehicles. A recent fire and visit by two fire engines to Green Parade demonstrated it was challenging for both vehicles to gain access due to cars being parked on both sides of the street. This is significantly concerning for local residents, in particular those Aged Care residents given the regular need for access by those vehicles.

Your report states: "If the recommendation to reduce operational hours on weekends is implemented, there is no reason why the proposal should not progress." Who made this judgement? What was this assessment based on. Simply stating something does not make it so.

Pg 28 - Site design

We have been advised Sandringham Secondary College doesn't play competition netball and the majority of the courts (two indoor and nine outdoor) will be linemarked for netball only??

It is disappointing to learn the area will no longer accommodate Australian Rules football or soccer and the suggestion it may not even be large enough to accommodate cricket. Are we

meant to understand from this that these sports are now not of value? How can this approach justify true community sport objectives?

My correspondence with Michael Condon Acting Chief Operating Officer of VSBA suggests he's under the impression the courts are sporting courts with benefits to the local community accommodating varied sports. How is it that a government official has misunderstood the limited benefit to a range of sports. As the majority of the courts are line marked for netball only, why is netball valued more highly than that of the other sports currently utilising the area?

Your report states: "all outdoor court lighting will be in line with relevant Australian Standards for glare and spill and subject to confirmation of suitability for competition netball, wildlife friendly LED lighting will be installed with low output at blue, violet and ultraviolet wavelengths ('warm-white' or filtered LEDs with minimal emission below 500nm, based on the spectral power distribution curve). How does it address the concerns raised in The Department of the Environment and Energy's National Light Pollution Guidelines for Wildlife (January 2020) : "Whilst LEDs are part of the solution, consideration should be given to some of the characteristics of LEDs that may influence the effect of artificial light on wildlife. White LEDs generally contain short wavelength blue light. Short wavelength light scatters more readily than long wavelength light, contributing more to sky glow. Also, most wildlife is sensitive to blue light."

Pg 29- Project costs

Significant ratepayer funding is being proposed to be contributed to a project which has little or no benefit to Bayside residents. The suggestion that \$9.85 million will be saved by choosing to proceed with Holloway Road instead of the Wangara Road site. Whilst I acknowledge this sounds like a substantial difference, it is little when compared with the loss of property values apportioned across the residents likely to be impacted.

Substantial expenditure has already been spent on evaluating and beginning the process on the Holloway Road site.

Pg 29- Deliverability and project timelines

It is suggested here that a final decision could be made at the meeting on 16 February 2021.

Your report states:

"The Environmental Protection Authority audit of the Wangara Road site continues, and outcomes will not be known until at least September 2021."

Pg 30 - Geotech and soil sampling

The Geotech and soil sampling is mentioned in the report but not provided to residents in spite of the fact that there is an admission of "contaminant concentrations in the soil". Details are not provided – but need to be so an informed decision can be made about risks to residents during the construction phase and after completion.

Pg 30 -Acoustic assessment and report

The Acoustic assessment and report is not available for residents or council to consider.

Pg 30 - Community Joint Use Agreement

How is it that a ratepayer funded facility will not be available to the community and residents? How can this project have such a glaring contradiction in how it will benefit a wider community across a number of sporting codes, when it is not intended to be accessible by the wider community? How is it considered a good use of ratepayer and taxpayer funding when it benefits

such a limited group of people and bars access to the wider community. Currently the green space provides both an aesthetically pleasing outlook for thousands of residents and a space regularly used by residents for exercise and dog walking.

How can this decision be made without the additional reports which have been committed to being shared with residents?

Pg 31 -Impact on Heathland

Council will provide the Friends of group with a copy of an Environmental Impact Report and Acoustic Report once completed by the relevant consultants. This report should be provided to ALL residents – not just the Friends of Bay Road Heathland Sanctuary.

Will this be made available?

Pg 32 - New open space at Wangara Road

How will the concerns relating to soil contamination enable further development of the driving range be addressed? If they can be addressed to enable public access to this space, how are they unable to be addressed in the case of Bayside Netball Court development?

There is mention of Attachment 3 – Holloway Road – Traffic Management Plan – Separately enclosed. It does not appear to be attached to the Agenda document and must be provided to residents before any decision can be made.

Your councillors mostly agree this is not a development that most residents are comfortable with and that they'd 'better get to like the sound of whistles!" At the two prior Council meetings there were numerous admissions that much of what is proposed will be unacceptable to residents and that Councillors themselves felt uncomfortable about supporting many of these elements.

We also note that the Council's conduct to date may be considered to be in breach of:

1. Section 2(d) of the Standards of Conduct under the Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020; and
2. Sections 2 (e) and (f) of the Local Government Act 2020.

In an effort to swiftly resolve the issues outlined above, we propose the following steps be promptly taken by the Council:

1. Halt all decisions until there has due and proper consultation with residents affected by the proposal – enabling any decision to be fair, impartial and in good faith having listened to both sides of the argument.
2. Conduct a proper consultative process where residents concerns can be heard and properly addressed.
3. All original and new reports be made public and easily accessible via a database on the website.

We understand that the proposed decision is currently scheduled to be made on Tuesday 16 February 2021. With this in mind, we therefore request that we are provided with a response as a matter of urgency and in any event no later than Close of Business on Tuesday 16 February 2021.

96. Ms Jane Green

I oppose the proposal to site the Bayside Netball Centre on Holloway Road on the grounds of unreasonable and dangerous increase in traffic and proposed parking restrictions. I access the surrounding streets several days per week for the purposes of childcare. I also visit my parents and parents in law in the local area. The traffic on Holloway Road is already at a dangerous level and parking in any of the adjacent streets is almost impossible at any time of day. In addition, the volume of traffic on Bay Road is already unmanageable and the junction of Bay Road and George Street is dangerous. If councillors vote to support a netball facility of the proposed size being situated in Holloway Road, increasing the the volume of traffic using Bay Road, Holloway Road and surrounding residential streets by almost 600 vehicles an hour, it would be a reckless decision and the blame for any catastrophic consequences would lie firmly with the Councillors.

97. Miss Emma Green

I object to the current proposal to site the Bayside Netball Centre on the Sandringham Secondary College Oval.

I attended SSC and until recently lived on Holloway Close. My parents still live on Holloway Close and my partners parents also live in the local vicinity. Traffic and parking is already a significant issue in the Holloway Rd area. Having read in detail the agenda, council reports and officers recommendation, I am extremely concerned of the risk the increased traffic will pose to the safety of local residents, visitors, school students and the netball community. Having lived on Holloway Close and attended the College, I have witnessed many near misses between cars and students at drop off and pick up times. The hugely increased traffic associated with the netball centre use, coupled with inadequate local parking, will lead to constant chaos on the local roads and accidents waiting to happen.

i am expecting our first baby and will want to access my parents house regularly for them to see their grandchild - and on occasion, for them to provide childcare. Yet the Traffic management report is proposing no stopping at any time on Holloway Close? How am I supposed to visit my parents without it being a major issue trying to find somewhere to park with a new baby? Also, as a former student of SSC I would have been hugely aggrieved to see so much of the oval that we enjoyed for our recreation breaks lost to a sport that no-one in the School was ever interested in.

Please reconsider this proposal. The SSC Oval is not the right site for this development. The School itself is urgently in need for a redevelopment and the sports facilities the school needs are not in line with a Netball Centre that will take up most of the Oval and restrict the School from having the access to new facilities that they do need.

98. Mr Jacob Green

I object to the proposal to site the Bayside Netball Centre on the Sandringham Secondary College Oval.

My parents in law live on Holloway Close and my partner and I visit them regularly. We are expecting our first baby and are extremely concerned about the increased traffic that will be travelling down Holloway Rd associated with this proposal. With HR being a cul-de-sac, It is already a very dangerous road environment at school drop off and pick up times, or when there are events on at the School (it is an Arts focussed arts School, so there often events on at night). With all the extra traffic associated with the Netball Centre and people constantly looking for a park, it is going to make the road very dangerous for prolonged times in the day and into the evening. Also the traffic report proposed no stopping at anytime at Holloway Close. How are we supposed to visit my parents in law with their new grandchild, it will be so hard to find a car park and then get to their house with the baby.

SSC and Holloway Rd is the wrong site for this proposall. Please think again

99. Mr Ross Payne (on behalf of Southern Saints Netball Club)

From: Southern Saints Netball Club

To: Bayside City Council

Re: Proposed Netball Court Development at Holloway Rd

Date: 16/2/21

To Whom It May Concern

Southern Saints Netball Club is one of the 10 licensees that form the Victorian Netball League. This is the premier competition that has existed since 2009 in Victoria. Prior to this competition, it was known as State League. During that time Bayside Netball Club was a club within the State League. Bayside Netball Club trained at Thomas St Hampton in a non compliant single court stadium.

When VNL was established in 2008, Bayside Netball Club along with Eastside Netball Club, formed a partnership and created Southern Saints Netball Club. SSNC is still a club playing in the VNL. Our club consists of 5 teams, ranging in age from 14 year olds through to open age adult players.

As part of being a club within the VNL competition, we are required to train and play on sprung wooden floors. This is part of the standards that Netball Victoria have stipulated to increase the professionalism of the sport.

SSNC see the development of the proposed stadium and courts at Holloway Rd, as an essential development to provide training venues and opportunities for women and men, to participate in a sport that is hugely popular and has been growing in numbers.

SSNC endorse the development of netball facilities in Holloway Rd and it is a great opportunity for Bayside City Council to provide state of the art netball facilities, that will be compliant with the sports regulations and support netball from grass roots through to the elite level.

Regards

Ross Payne

Southern Saints Netball Club

Treasurer

100. Mrs Alison Horton

How many times does a girls only sport have to fight to play? The size of one AFL football ground would fulfil all the players needs. 8 years is a long time to wait to play, while we watch and see all the male dominated sports continue to be upgraded with better facilities. Please stop moving our facilities around, the simplest course would have been to make Dendy street the athletics area and Thomas street the netball zone.

I want to see Councillors support girls and netball by

endorsing the Design for community sporting facilities at Sandringham Secondary College

allocating a revised budget of \$17,050,000 for the netball project

subject to successfully negotiating reasonable school hours access to the two indoor courts, allocates \$1,000,000 for the covered outdoor court facility

endorses the Traffic Management Plan – including Stage 2 of additional car parking at Wangara Road (previous Driving Range) subject to EPA Audit outcomes

as is reasonably practicable, implements the recommendations of the pending Acoustic Report previously commissioned by Council

seeks to finalise as soon as practicably possible, the proposed Community Joint Usage Agreement for community access to sporting facilities at Sandringham College, Holloway Road Campus

authorises the CEO to sign a Community Joint Use Agreement for community access to sporting facilities at Sandringham College, Holloway Road Campus

authorises the payment of subsequent contributions towards the netball project as required of Council

provides the Sandringham District Netball Association with a License for community use of the indoor and outdoor netball courts subject to the terms of the final CJUA and within the following hours (noting lighting of outdoor courts will be left on for up to 30 minutes after prescribed finish times to allow for pack-up, cleaning, etc):

DAYS TIMES

OUTDOOR COURTS Monday – Friday

School Holidays (Mon-Fri)

Saturday

Sunday

Additional Use Day

5 days per calendar year Sunday 4pm – 8.30pm

9am – 8.30pm

8am – 6pm

9am – 4pm

8am – 6pm

INDOOR COURTS Monday – Friday

School Holidays (Mon-Fri)

Saturday

Sunday 4pm –9.30pm

9am –9.30pm

8am – 8pm

9am – 8pm

10. subject to the outcomes of the current EPA Audit, commences a master planning process for a new open space at the Wangara Road (Driving Range) site

11. upon commencement of construction of the community sporting facilities at Sandringham College, commences a planning process for the repurposing of the current Thomas Street netball site.

101. Mr Brock Morgan

I object to the proposal to site the Bayside Netball Centre on the SSC Oval on Holloway Road. Both sets of parents in law live in the local vicinity and traffic and parking is already a huge issue on Holloway Rd and the surrounding streets. The increased traffic associated with this proposal will make visiting and parking even more difficult - and dangerous. Holloway Rd is not the right site for a development of this nature

102. Mrs Paula Appelhans

I object to the expenditure of any further ratepayer monies until a proper due diligence has been completed.

I object to the Council tying the timeline to the VSBA timeline on this projects as it violated the Council's fiduciary duty of transparency as it is voting on this item WITHOUT all reports completed nor does it allow the ratepayers to review these reports and make recommendations without seeing these reports. Failure to follow due diligence protocol in favor of another entity such as VSBA is directly at odds with the due diligence and contrary to the Council's duty to its ratepayers.

I object to the vote to grant the CEO of the Bayside any authority to continue expending money on this project as it is outside of his duty to do so without proper due diligence.

I strongly object to this item even being on the Agenda at this time

103. Letter (signed separately) by (424) individuals:

Hereby formally declare my opposition to the netball project at Sandringham College on the following basis:

1. The safety of all children (and adults) from the schools and the netball centre will be compromised. The streets are narrow and congested with two schools including parents who drop off and park, students with their driver's license who park all day, school events and concerts, parent-teacher interviews, concert practice, Japanese school on Saturdays and weekday after school Bullits Basketball training;
2. Council are proposing to now add parking in Cooke Street where only 12 months ago Council declared the same designated parking on the roadway as dangerous;
3. The proposed on site parking allowance is not sufficient to support the additional visitors to this area. Currently the 6 courts at Thomas Street have over 200 car spaces. This project with 12 courts provides far less than that;
4. The proposed hours of use at the site including; noise from whistles, spectators, lighting, announcements and participants calling to each other, would drastically interfere with our quiet enjoyment as residents;
5. The nature reserve holds protected species that will be affected by proposed use at the site including noise from whistles, spectators, lighting, announcements and participants calling to each other;
6. Residents will not be able to have visitors for more than one hour, at a time between the hours of operation without paying for a permit @ \$88 each;
7. Bayside City Council opposed and upheld in VCAT the construction of 3 netball courts in Brighton at Fairbank College, therefore it feels unfathomable that Bayside City Council would approve 12 courts as appropriate in this location;
8. Sandringham Secondary College does not have a netball team and does not require any single lined netball courts;
9. This decision has been rushed and as shown with the Wangara Road site, this project has not undertaken sufficient due diligence required of such a large project
10. The use of ratepayer funds to finance a Netball Centre on State Government land is not a useful purpose of ratepayer funds. The community will not be afforded the ability to use these facilities, nor will the community benefit financially by way of lease/use of the facility. There is no return on investment for the ratepayer community.

The following (424) individuals each signed a copy of the above letter:

Emma Green, David Green, Jane Green, James Atkinson, Victoria Atkinson, Rubee Carter, Colin Carter, Barry Purcell, Matthew Wood, Lauren Wood, Pam Burns, Ian Burns, Tim Green, Mitzi Mann, Craig Horobin, Tracey Horobin, Robyn Wilson, Janna Simmons, Tayla Dyer, Stephanie Green, Nick Simmons, Kieren Dyer, Ellie Wilson, Kellie Tighe Brett Dyer, Karin Milenkovic, Matthew Milenkovic, William Milenkovic Marcus Morley, Elizabeth Morley, Julie Grant, Paul Lauritz, Shaun Farrell, Jill Lauritz, Abbey Lauritz, Helen Farrell, Rory Farrell, John Connell, Frank Banyai & Karen Banyai, Anthony Truscott, Pamela Kerr, Chris and Alison Munnery, Susan Parke, Susan McCombe, Duncan Thomson, Paulee Suttie, Alan McCombe, Rickey Bryent, Trevor Bryant, Jocelyn Wood, Curtis Spiers, Melissa Soosing, Hans Joss, Elisabeth Joss, Mark Murray, Amelia Murray, Polly Winterton, Jay Knowles, Anita Reynolds, Tara Reynolds, Katrina Roach, Matt Roach, Benjamin O'Brien, Jane Watts-Witney, George Samuel Baker, Caroline Baker, Warwick Dean, Catherine Dean, Leight Witney, Mark Doyle, Marja Markovic, Arriane Kemp-Bishop, Kyle Vazzuer, Naomi Greenard, Rodney Austin, Robyn Coombs, Dragos

Luchian, Roxana Luchian, Rosita Sahib, Francis Brown, Dana Liladis, Solon Lliadis, Sue Cashen, Peter Psaltiras, Livio Corsaro, Neville, Helen and Tim Duckett, John and Ann Morgan, Richard and Marie Thomas, Charles Yannis, Smith Family, Ann and Ian Lucas, Joanna Fletcher, Susan and Avalon Woolley, Annie, York, and Rita Sean, Sue Anderson, Patricia and John Fisher, Kelly and John Knowles, Stephanie Bond & Jack Naughton, Julie Simpson, Rob Simpson, Patrick Baker, Anneliese Baker, John Douglas, Pathik Mehta, Jalpa Daltani, Timothy O'Connor, Judith O'Vonnor, Finn Meadows, Peter Meadows, Dana Meadows, Sarah Meadows, Oscar Meadows, Ian Celantano, Sandy Celantano, Lachlan Celantano, Ryan Celantano, Benjamin Celantano, Ell Malcolm, Edwina Jenkins, Connor Malcolm, Steve Malcolm, Gene Malcolm, Ida Davies, Allie Worrell, Scott Worrell, Chloe Worrell, Nick Lambrinos, Cassie Lambrinos, Peter Lambrinos, Danny Lambrinos, Nellie Lambrinos, Lena Wallish, Alexander Gibb, Xavier Gibb, Steve Gibb, Richard Laing, Prue Graham, Lucy Graham, Sam Pilcher, Sue Pilcher, Judy Dixon, Lloyd Brady, Geoffrey Milburn, Ghislaine Milburn, Geoff Adamson, Tetyana Dankevych, Sebastian Maass, Kara Maass, Uiggo Maass, Rocco Maass, Louise Phillips, Brooke Phillips, Michael Phillips, Brooke Robson, Dean Robson, Susan Lary, Mary Tattersall, Rod Tattersall, Andrew Holden, Shari Holden, Ethan Holden, Carmel Holden, Lynne Manro, Graham Trevellyan, Dominica Grasso, Giuseppe Grasso, Holly Stewart, Kai Stewart, Jason Stewart, Jane Stewart, Andrew Pemberton, Stephen Pemberton, Catherine Pemberton, Alma Pemberton, Peter Sweeney, Dale Simpson, Glenn Simpson, Todd Simpson, Marcus Abbott, Rebecca Symons, Christine Abbott, Justin Geissel, Paul Davies, Beverley Worrell, Danny Andersen, Leah Bunny, Louise Lewis, Pih Wright, Helen Wright, David Armstrong, Clare Vearing, Tracey Armstrong, Robert Davidson, Linda Collinson, Jeanette Palmer, Gail Bergmann, Maria Leske, Anahi Andrew, Ray Merkus, Anne-Maree Merkus, Trevor Timms, Francesca Willey, Nigel Willey, Alistair Miller, Brooke Brock, Chris Brock, Robin McKenzie, Margaret Mote, Daniel Jones, Lachlan Fraser, Andrew Fraser, Anita Fraser, Kay Kurth, Timothy Kurth, Ian Watkins, Jane Austin, David Austin, Timothy Stickland, Bridget Stickland, Eric Lew, Hannah Bahn, Catrin Watkins, Morgan Watkins, John Andrews, Julie Andrews, Lesley Seabrook, Greg Seabrook, Martin Ormond, Connor Riley, Dranne Teary, Patricia Wraith, Jennifer Keely, Richard Keely, Carol Wallis, Gilfs Wallis, Roberta Boyce, Richard Boyce, F K Edmunds, Sharon Anderson, Paula Kelly, S Edmunds, Justher Deissing, Monique Smith, Travis Pausing, Ben Solly, Katherine Solly, Lucie Jerabek, Lukas Jerabek, Angel RUIPEREZ, Bella Jerabek, Edie Haddon, Helena Olle, Angus Graham, Oliver Latter, Isabelle Latter, Jemma Latter, Louise Adams, Kerry Evitts, Paul Hughes, Mary McCauley, Andrew Scott McCauley, Stewart Vickery, Jennifer Vickery, David Wassell, Peta Wassell, Adrian Adams, Kathleen Maree Savage, Michelle Brown, Adam Brown, Jennifer Hine, John Hine, Joyce Taylor, George P, Anna Eriksson, Ben Mauria, Katherine Goosey, Peter Harmsworth, Matt Pylyp, Marianna Harmsworth, Adam Touzell, Amy Touzell, Tracey Walsh, Michael Wish, Fabian Sassa, Sally Apitz, Sebastian Sassa, Mr Noe Bomdane, Mrs Aurora Bompane, Debra Brayshaw, Mark Andrew Brayshaw, Michelle Davutovic, Steve Davutovic, Isabelle Davutovic, Haley Richards, Dennis Mahaven, Helen Mahaven, Allda Williams, Roshni Babu, Sathish Babu, John Pozzobon, Nadia Pozzobon, Tim John Kend-Bishop, Katrina Roach, Karen Riley, Mark Riley, Stefan Baumann, Kathrin Baumann, David Brown, Alison Brown, Andrew Kerr, Kerri Leanne Kerr, Matt Kerr, Emily Kerr, Robert Davies, Julie Davies, John W Bishop, Linda Best, Dean Caul, Dianne Taggart, Tony Taggart, Nick Howell, Terry Coll, Kerrie Coll, Panos Iakonidis, Laura Iakonidis, Roland Williams, Jackie Geri, Philip John Best, Claire Heaven, Mark Herman, Steven Brook, Clive Harrop, Robbie McGregor, Eloise McGregor, Peter Psaltiras, Cheryl L Renouf, Terry Mulder, Evelyn Nixon, Karen Ross, Sonia Appl, Ben Ross, Kerry Sweeney, Chris Ross, Malcolm Bursell, Doris Bursell, Michele Craigie, Ian Craigie, Giovanna Marla Orotto Meira, Steven Campbell, Malcolm Campbell, Marilyn Campbell, Lana Prosenica, Milan Prosenica, Jasmina Prosenica,

Samantha Kudronko, Jacinta Eldridge, Paula Appelhans, Lindsey Browne, Julia Charmaine Cookson, Ivana Janicijevic, Igor Janicijevic, Elena Zelikova, Michael Krauser, Andrew Batten, Stephanie Batten, Hayin John Williams, Gail Williams, Robyn Pell, Salman Smith, Graeme W Bott, Jonathan Wikzek, David Khuu, Sandra Yale, Alison Richardson, Rae Batiste, Danielle Whiteman, Janice Terese Johnson, John Humphrey, Sarah Lachal, Sophia Sime, Coleen Simpson, Susan Langley, Ross Whittle, Elizabeth Whittle, Andrew Sime, Paul Langley, Annabelle Sime, John Lyons, Julie Lyons, Andrew Weight, Jan Weight, Vivienne Siadis, Twain Drewett, Jenny Drewett, Graeme Tolliday, Paul Hendrick, Ronald Linton, Maggie Linton, Maureen Kelly, Lois Henderson, John Burggraaff, Jeanette Burggraaf, Dianne Round, Alison Thomas, Ken Sandars, Sarah Elizabeth Sime, Warwick Kurth, Kirsty Watkins, Ciara Geheran, Adam Bunny, Wayne Leske, William Blanchard, Suzanne Cochren-Blanchard, Cheryl Ann d'Andrea, S Nolan, Peter Patten, Kay Patten, Colin Smythe, Gerard Fennessy, Beth Fennessy, Morag Van Den Dungen, Sophie Brown, Peter Marshall, and Greg Turner.

Item 10.3
Wilson Recreation Reserve
- Brighton Grammar School Proposal
Update

1. Mrs Cathy Henderson & Mr Craig Henderson

We seek to make the following submission in relation to the above proposal.

WILSON RESERVE

Wilson Reserve is one of the few remaining public open spaces in Bayside. It is much more than a sportsground to Bayside residents. It is a beautiful green open space and a haven where people can walk, sit, play, picnic, read and generally relax. We hope that councillors have taken the time to visit Wilson Reserve to properly appreciate its unique and intimate setting.

PUBLIC USAGE OF WILSON RESERVE

Wilson Reserve is utilised heavily by a wide variety of people and age groups. It has a wonderful open community space atmosphere akin to a village green. As such, it is much loved and worthy of protection as a reserve which is freely available to everyone. Whilst we do not object to the current level of use of Wilson Reserve for rugby and cricket matches, it needs to be acknowledged that other passive recreational uses of the reserve are equally important for everyone's health and wellbeing.

In addition to local residents, many people drive to Wilson Reserve to spend time in the playground and/or relax on the adjoining grass oval. Wilson Reserve is also used regularly by the students of Bayley House as a safe place to play and learn. Another group who often use the reserve are the residents of the Crescent Retirement Village in Outer Crescent which is located beside the Brighton Recreational Centre. These residents live in a high density development and welcome the ability to walk and sit in Wilson Reserve with its green lawn and well established trees filled with birdlife.

COMMUNITY ACCESS TO GREEN OPEN SPACES

We are sure that Council is aware that the need for freely available green public open space has become one of the most significant issues in Melbourne and Bayside. It is an issue which is often discussed in the general media (and the proposed arrangement with a very well-endowed private school would be of particular interest to the general media). The need to protect current levels of community access to public green open spaces has become even more critical given the increase in higher density developments in Bayside. Peoples' health and wellbeing relies upon having the freedom to enjoy their local parks and reserves.

WILSON RESERVE IS PUBLIC PROPERTY

Wilson Reserve is public property and an important community asset. Council should not enter into contractual agreements with a private school which will ultimately blur the lines of ownership and lead to community access to the public reserve being diminished. Wilson Reserve belongs to all Bayside residents. Formal legal rights over it should not be conferred on a private school for the purposes of becoming a Brighton Grammar School (BGS) minor oval.

BRIGHTON GRAMMAR PROPOSALS

From the outset, it is of great concern that this whole matter is premised upon BGS' proposals for Wilson Reserve. The previous Council report on the matter referred to "the School's proposal to redevelop Wilson Recreation Reserve". The updated report refers to BGS' proposal to reconstruct the sportsground and maintain the reconstructed sports ground to BGS standards.

Given that Wilson Reserve is public property, any proposals for its improvement should be Council proposals whereby Council is able to retain control and management of the reserve. The proposal that the reserve should be brought up to BGS standards and that other current users of the reserve such as Bayley House will need BGS cooperative agreement regarding shared passive use clearly reflects an intention by BGS to increase both its control over and usage of Wilson Reserve.

The granting of a formal legal right (by way of a nine year licence) enabling BGS "to reconstruct and maintain the sportsground to BGS standards" contains all the hallmarks of quasi-ownership by the school. It is very naive to think that BGS would contractually agree to expend significant ongoing amounts of money without the expectation that their levels of usage and control of Wilson Reserve would increase. The question also arises as to whether to "BGS standards" would involve the construction of a fence, as has been previously suggested.

It is also important to remember that BGS is a private school which already has numerous large playing fields at its disposal. In this regard, it is inappropriate to extend BGS use of Wilson Reserve to include lunch break overflow and an unspecified amount of physical education lessons. Others in the community should be able to enjoy Wilson Reserve at lunchtime which is impossible if the oval is full of BGS students. Similarly, residents of Bayley House and the Crescent Retirement Village should not have to enter into arrangements with BGS for the right to passively use a public reserve.

CONCLUSION

Public green open spaces are increasingly rare. They are not solely sports grounds but are also vital nature reserves. They are essential for everyone's health and wellbeing. Current levels of community access to Wilson Reserve should be steadfastly and properly protected by Council.

The proposal to grant formal legal rights to a private school over such an important community asset is entirely inappropriate. Inevitably, the school would seek to maximise the 'return' on its investment and the community's access to the public reserve would be compromised.

Bayside residents would not be well served by a proposal which forsakes vital green open community space and trades public reserve land with a private school. The current proposal driven by BGS would set a dangerous and disappointing precedent.

We submit that the status quo of the current annual seasonal allocation of rights to use Wilson Reserve should remain in place. The current condition and standard of this small Reserve is entirely suited and appropriate to the range of current community uses. Retaining the status quo would mean that the Council would be able to protect current levels of public access to Wilson Reserve and control this precious public space into the future.

PROCEDURAL COMMENTS

Finally, two notes relating to due process.

First, we ask that any councillor with a connection to Brighton Grammar refrain from voting on this proposal on conflict of interest grounds.

Second, it is disappointing to note that the Council website "Have Your Say" page devoted to the Wilson Reserve proposal has not been updated between 30 April 2020 and 11 February 2021 (at 5pm). It is doubtful that interested/affected residents will have had a reasonable and sufficient amount of time to prepare a submission for this Council meeting between 11 February and 16 February. Such practices do not allow for a meaningful level of community consultation and engagement.

Yours sincerely,

Cathy and Craig Henderson
(Bayside residents for the past 26 years)

2. Mr Michael Arceri (for Ross Featherston, on behalf of Brighton Grammar)

Dear Bayside City Councillors,

I write to clarify and further articulate the position of Brighton Grammar School (BGS) in relation to its proposal to assist with the upgrade and upkeep of Wilson Recreation Reserve.

The School has revised its proposal, in line with Council and community wishes, which is based on a number of key tenets that highlight the School's commitment to:

- **Provide a safe training space for our students and the community**

The School values the opportunity to use the space for Rugby as it is one of only a few available School Rugby training and playing venues in Bayside. The upgrade and ongoing maintenance of the playing surface provides a safe and fit for purpose Rugby ground with reduced risk of serious injury to students. It also provides the junior cricketers with a reliable outfield and a new synthetic pitch.

The upgrade to the playing surface will include new drainage, automated watering systems, boundary fencing and indigenous planting, with the objective of creating a safe, high standard recreation surface for multi-sport and community users.

- **Work with other community users of the space**

BGS appreciates, understands and seeks to co-use the recreation space with other community users who enjoy the oval and intends to maintain these tenants in its proposal to assist Council with the improvement of this space.

Current usage arrangements for all stakeholders remain unchanged. Community uses for junior cricket with Brighton Cricket Club, personal training sessions, Bayley House members, local residents, dog walkers and BGS do not change from the status quo.

- **Consult with community and respond to feedback**

All existing community user groups (in particular Bayley House and Brighton Cricket Club) have been contacted by BGS and provided with assurances that the School's proposal in no way impacts on any of their usage needs. These community groups have responded favourably to our communications.

BGS has worked closely with the local residents who formed a *Save Wilson Recreation Reserve* objection group following submission of the initial proposal. The group was opposed to the construction of the pavilion, but supportive of an upgrade to the oval playing surface for reasons aligned to those noted earlier. BGS agreed to re-submit the proposal on the basis of no pavilion which was positively received by the local resident group. They do not object to this updated proposal.

- **Fund the upkeep of the reserve**

BGS proposes to manage the ongoing maintenance needs associated with the upkeep of the reserve, thereby ensuring a significantly improved and much safer playing surface which will be maintained by BGS at no cost to Council or the community.

- **Continue our long and valued association with Wilson Reserve**

Brighton Grammar's use of Wilson Reserve for School Rugby training and games dates back many decades to early the 1980s and the venue holds a special place for our School and particularly our Rugby community, past and present.

In summary, I submit that the School's proposal offers an opportunity for a much needed upgrade to an important and well utilised open space, with the view to position Wilson Recreation Reserve as a highly valued community asset for the benefit of all Bayside residents with no change to current usage arrangements for all stakeholders.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Featherston', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ross Featherston
Headmaster

3. Mr Greg & Mrs Dawn Marks

SUBMISSION IN SUPPORT OF MAINTAINING A VALUABLE COMMUNITY ASSET

SUMMARY

- **Wilson Reserve is an essential public asset that should not become controlled by a private school simply to shift the cost of maintenance from the Bayside Council**
- **As apartments expand through Brighton open public spaces become more valuable to the local community**
- **Public space like Wilson Reserve has become even more important as we seek to manage health and wellbeing in a COVID world**
- **Any long-term lease with Brighton Grammar will see a take over of public space for private use. The group paying the rent will demand not just priority but inevitably greater control. This cannot be allowed**
- **The proposal before Council does not look at the cost to the community only the benefits to Brighton Grammar and the economic savings to Council. Council must recognise the significant cost to the community of the proposal and reject it**

WILSON RESERVE

Wilson Reserve is one of the few remaining public open spaces in Bayside. It is much more than a sportsground to Bayside residents. It is a beautiful green open space and a haven where people can walk, sit, play, picnic, read and generally relax. Such spaces are an increasingly valuable community asset as medium and high-density apartment developments continue to expand throughout Bayside.

PUBLIC USAGE OF WILSON RESERVE

Wilson Reserve is utilised heavily by a wide variety of people and age groups. It has a wonderful open community space atmosphere akin to a village green. As such, it is much loved and worthy of protection as a reserve which is freely available to everyone. Whilst we do not object to the current level of use of Wilson Reserve for rugby and cricket matches, it needs to be acknowledged that other passive recreational uses of the reserve are equally important for everyone's health and wellbeing. This has been born-out even more in the COVID lock downs of 2020-21.

In addition to local residents, many people drive to Wilson Reserve to spend time in the playground and/or relax on the adjoining grass oval. Wilson Reserve is also used regularly by the students of Bayley House as a safe place to play and learn. Another group who often use the reserve are the residents of the Crescent Retirement Village in Outer Crescent which is located beside the Brighton Recreational Centre. These residents live in a high-density development and welcome the ability to walk and sit in Wilson Reserve with its green lawn and well-established trees filled with birdlife.

COMMUNITY ACCESS TO GREEN OPEN SPACES

We are sure that Council is aware that the need for freely available green public open space has become one of the most significant issues in Melbourne and Bayside. It is an issue which is often discussed in the general media (and the proposed arrangement with a very well-endowed private school would be of particular interest to the general media). The need to protect current levels of community access to public green open spaces has become even more critical given the increase in higher density developments in Bayside. Peoples' health and wellbeing relies upon having the freedom to enjoy their local parks and reserves.

WILSON RESERVE IS PUBLIC PROPERTY

Wilson Reserve is public property and an important community asset. Council should not enter into contractual agreements with a private school which will ultimately blur the lines of ownership and lead to community access to the public reserve being diminished. Wilson Reserve belongs to all Bayside residents. Formal legal rights over it should not be conferred on a private school for the purposes of becoming a Brighton Grammar School (BGS) minor oval.

BRIGHTON GRAMMAR PROPOSALS

From the outset, it is of great concern that this whole matter is premised upon BGS' proposals for Wilson Reserve. The previous Council report on the matter referred to "the School's proposal to redevelop Wilson Recreation Reserve". The updated report refers to BGS' proposal to reconstruct the sportsground and maintain the reconstructed sports ground to BGS standards.

Given that Wilson Reserve is public property, any proposals for its improvement should be Council proposals whereby Council is able to retain control and management of the reserve. The proposal that the reserve should be brought up to BGS standards and that other current users of the reserve such as Bayley House will need BGS cooperative agreement regarding shared passive use clearly reflects an intention by BGS to increase both its control over and usage of Wilson Reserve.

The granting of a formal legal right (by way of a nine-year licence) enabling BGS "to reconstruct and maintain the sportsground to BGS standards" contains all the hallmarks of quasi-ownership by the school. It is very naive to think that BGS would contractually agree to expend significant ongoing amounts of money without the expectation that their levels of usage and control of Wilson Reserve would increase. The question also arises as to whether to "BGS standards" would involve the construction of a fence, as has been previously suggested.

It is also important to remember that BGS is a private school which already has numerous large playing fields at its disposal. In this regard, it is inappropriate to extend BGS use of Wilson Reserve to include lunch break overflow and an unspecified amount of physical education lessons. Others in the community should be able to enjoy Wilson Reserve at lunchtime which is impossible if the oval is full of BGS students. Similarly, residents of Bayley House and the Crescent Retirement Village should not have to enter into arrangements with BGS for the right to passively use a public reserve.

NO COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS & POOR COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The papers provided to the Council make no attempt to compare the benefits to the community to those for BGS. There is no analysis of who benefits beside BGS. It is assumed that the upgrades proposed by BGS bring benefits to the whole community. This is not the case as the changes to Wilson Reserve and increased use must take away access for others. What does the proposed upgrade mean for those who take their children to Wilson Reserve to run, jump and occasionally dig or those that walk their pets and occasionally have a roll and scratch on the ground? Upgrading is simply viewed through the eyes of risk averse BGS management that want a flat surface to play rugby on, a game that has the majority of incidents through its inherent physicality, not playing surfaces. Where is the discussion of community versus BGS costs and benefits?

It is disappointing to note that the Council website "Have Your Say" page devoted to the Wilson Reserve proposal has not been updated between 30 April 2020 and 11 February 2021 (at 5pm). It is doubtful that interested/affected residents will have had a reasonable and sufficient amount of time to prepare a submission for this Council meeting between 11 February and 16 February. Such practices do not allow for a meaningful level of community consultation and engagement

PROCEDURAL COMMENTS

We ask that any councillor with a connection to Brighton Grammar refrain from voting on this proposal on conflict-of-interest grounds.

CONCLUSION

Public green open spaces are increasingly rare. They are not solely sports grounds but are also vital nature reserves. They are essential for everyone's health and wellbeing. Current levels of community access to Wilson Reserve should be steadfastly and properly protected by Council.

The proposal to grant formal legal rights to a private school over such an important community asset is entirely inappropriate. Inevitably, the school would seek to maximise the 'return' on its investment and the community's access to the public reserve would be compromised.

Bayside residents would not be well served by a proposal which forsakes vital green open community space and trades public reserve land with a private school. The current proposal driven by BGS would set a dangerous and disappointing precedent.

We submit that the status quo of the current annual seasonal allocation of rights to use Wilson Reserve should remain in place. The current condition and standard of this small Reserve is entirely suited and appropriate to the range of current community uses. Retaining the status quo would mean that the Council would be able to protect current levels of public access to Wilson Reserve and control into the future this precious public space.

Yours sincerely,

Greg & Dawn Marks

4. Mr Kent Fuller

Dear Councillors,

The following is a brief and respectful submission for your consideration.

Summary

This submission is to request Bayside City Council, at its scheduled February 16, 2021 meeting, to defer any decision that would grant Brighton Grammar School (BGS) increased access or management rights over Wilson Reserve, until such time that a wider number of residents who live close to the school can have input to this example of the school's continuing expansionary plans.

Discussion

I have just this weekend become aware of the material concerning Wilson Reserve that is listed for Council discussion this week and I am sure that it will be news to other residents close to my home. A residents' group living in proximity to the junior school has recently formed to address neighbourhood concerns. These concerns include the impact of continuing acquisition of properties and expansion by BGS, and the apparent inability of the school management to fulfil past commitments.

This leads me to question whether BGS would fulfil commitments it may make to neighbours concerning Wilson Reserve.

To that point and without delving into detail at this time, here are two BGS examples that currently impinge upon our property where commitments made have not been met:

Water Runoff and Flooding. The school seems to be totally incapable of managing and controlling water runoff from its junior school. Its large area of impervious hardstand has created stormwater runoff flooding problems in Young Street that have persisted for years and have been the subject of a number of complaints, requests for amelioration and promises to do so. As I write this submission a flooding problem that appears to arise from the junior school is impinging on at least two neighbouring properties and possibly more, as well as our property. Free water is pooling. In addition, despite there having been no appreciable rain for ten days or so, a substantial stream of water has been running continuously 24/7 since then, from the junior school into stormwater drains in Young Street. I estimate this to be around 6 litres per minute or roughly 9 tonnes of water per day.

This matter is the subject of a separate submission and complaint to Council by us. We have raised it with school management but the problem persists.

Lighting. During a recent major development at the junior school a commitment was made that security lighting would not impinge upon neighbours. In our case and in our opinion that commitment has not been fulfilled. In addition, we believe we have looked at all the advertised developments proposed by the school but question whether the massive lighting towers that were installed on the new Street playing field were ever a specific proposal item and approval?

Conclusion

Brighton Grammar School operates as a wealth generating business and has followed a policy of continuous expansion and property acquisition during almost 40 years that we have been near neighbours. There has been a physical pushing of physical boundaries and this BGS proposal appears to be an attempt to gain ongoing rights over public land. We suspect that given the recent BGS acquisition of three houses in Young street the attempt will not be the last. Where it

was once very attentive to neighbours' concerns, today BGS is less so.

We request that Council defers any decision about Wilson Reserve and BGS until other interested parties who live close to this expanding business can be consulted.

Sincerely,

K. D. Fuller and D. M. Plummer

5. Ms Stavroula Psonis

Objection to Item 10.3 Wilson Recreation Reserve – Brighton Grammar School

Dear Councillors, Mayor and Bayside City Council CEO

I object to the recommendation by Council officers for Bayside City Council to enter into discussions with Brighton Grammar School (BGS) over a 9-year licence for the use of upgraded sportsground and pavilion facilities at Wilson Recreation Reserve. Council offers have not demonstrated this proposal is in the best interests of Bayside residents and ratepayers. My objections are noted in further detail below.

1. The proposal is contrary to Council's Open Space Strategy

Wilson Recreation Reserve is a much-loved street park for the enjoyment of local residents. Brighton ratepayers have few open spaces left to enjoy and in recent Council elections, voters elected three new Councillors standing on environmental and open space platforms. Indeed, I was runner up in the Bleazby Ward to Cr Alex Del Porto, and I campaigned to save our open spaces in Bayside, which resonated strongly with community.

The proposal is counter to Council's 20-year Bayside Open Space Strategy: Suburb Analysis and Action Plan 2012 which has reached the following conclusions:

- The levels of open space in Brighton are not sufficient for the needs of our current or future population. An analysis of the distribution of open space indicates a deficiency and making improvements to linkages could improve the connectivity to other open space throughout Bayside.
- The household survey outcomes demonstrated clearly that more spaces to walk dogs are required. The dog off leash table shows that currently there are only six areas available for this activity. This number is significantly low compared to other parts of the municipality and in relation to the size of suburb. The Victorian government has recently acknowledged this issue, and is investing in many new dog parks, although unfortunately none are proposed for Brighton.
- Brighton has a higher number of townhouses or flats / apartments which will increase with the development of the multi-apartment complexes. It is important that adequate open space is provided to meet the demands of the growing community.

These findings are now more pertinent than ever, because Brighton's population density has increased far more than the plan predicted, while the availability of open space in central Brighton has not increased (nor is it ever likely to).

2. The proposal is not in the best interests of ratepayers and residents

BGS plays an important contribution to the Brighton community and has a proud history as a leading independent boys' school, having been founded since 1882. I support the need for private independent schools alongside local public schools

in Bayside, and my daughter attends a private school. This objection should not be seen as an objection against the school, but rather the objection is against the Council officers' recommendation and proposal.

BGS currently use Wilson Recreation Reserve on an as needs basis, sharing it together with residents and members of the public. School students play rugby in winter, and students are able to use the space during school recess and lunchtimes. There is no reason to think the current need for more access by BGS will change in the foreseeable future. Indeed, the Officers' report states "*staff have been unable to identify any alternative winter use*". There is no competition for this space as a winter sportsground, and Council manages allocation of the sportsground, so Council can make sure this doesn't change for the foreseeable future.

If BGS does need additional space for lunch break overflow and physical education/sports lessons, the school can buy or rent private land, as many private schools currently do, rather than look to acquire a licence from the Council over public open space, to the potential detriment of local Brighton residents. I appreciate that BGS would like the park's playing surface to be in better condition. The better solution is for Council to comply with its responsibilities and maintain the reserve to a fit-for-purpose standard, which ratepayers already pay for in their annual levies.

From a fiscal perspective, Wilson Reserve costs no more to maintain than any other public reserve,

and the maintenance costs of \$100k per annum represents just 0.73% of Council's total annual budget of \$138 million. Therefore, this justification is not a valid reason to licence public land to a private entity.

If capital works are needed to improve the oval surface and irrigation, Council can readily afford this expenditure, and maintaining this asset to an appropriate standard should be for the benefit of the wider community. Only recently, Councillors voted 6-1 to cancel capital expenditure works of \$1.65 million

on the Elsternwick Park South project, noting the community's need for this precious open space to be shared by all groups. The capital expenditure saved from this project could instead be allocated to the maintenance and upgrade costs for Wilson Reserve.

3. Invalid reasons to justify the proposal

The Officers' desire to "recognise the compromises made by BGS and in particular the way they have

listened and responded to local residents' concerns" while very welcome, is not a relevant consideration. Council has no obligation to lease or licence public open space to BGS or other private bodies, so this is not a valid justification to green light the proposal. Council has an obligation to act in the best interests of the local community, so granting this licence over a valuable public asset should be reconsidered.

Regards,
Stavroula Psonis
2020 Runner-up candidate Bleazby Ward

6. Ms Dianne Anderson

I would like to object to the proposed leasing of Wilson Recreation Reserve to BGS. Open space is a precious and finite resource much needed by the Bayside community.

I fear BGS may have "shown their hand" with their original proposal of a 21 year lease and permission to build a pavilion which was objected to by Bayside ratepayers/residents. The current proposed "compromise" may well be simply a way of BGS getting their foot in the door and strengthening their position for a future tilt.

BGS already uses the reserve for all the purposes it wishes to without the need for a formal lease. It is the council's responsibility to maintain our open spaces, although an argument could be made for BGS to contribute to this maintenance as a very significant user of the facility (and no doubt significant contributor to its disrepair) regardless of a lease agreement.

1.4 million over 9 years seems very little to pay for the loss of public land and certainly is not a saving worth sacrificing ratepayers'/residents' open space for.

7. Mrs Atha Emmanouikides

I strongly object to this

Once again council is letting down its constituents taking away their freedom of local open space Instead of looking how they can utilize this oval. Perhaps providing a secure oval that is much needed in the area for dog owners and the community to use this oval securely with no incidents of accidents of running into roads that can be used safely for ALL ages whether playing with young children. Elderly feeling safe while exercising alone or with their dogs. And dog owners knowing how heir dogs are safe in the enclosed area to play supervised
Council members must realize this has now been requested for years and years council Closed there eyes to thus request

Slowly slowly you are once again very openly discriminating against locals and their needs favoring the \$\$\$\$ instead Not a good look councilors

Brighton Grammer has more than sufficient grounds - greed is not a favorable look

Time to consider the local community

I strongly object to the proposal for Brighton Grammer be given this rare open space for use by the local community at large

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9. Mr Basil Tambanis

URGENT SUBMISSION RE: WILSON STREET RESERVE - BRIGHTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL PROPOSAL – OBJECTION TO ITEM 10.3

Dear Councillors,

My family and I utilise the Wilson Street Reserve (Reserve) almost daily. My four and eight-year-old children have formed many wonderful friendships from the branches of the magical trees that lead up to the playground from the oval. This slope between the playground and the oval is a place of many firsts for our kids. First hideout, first tree climbed, first slope where dad let go of his kids bike as they rode independently to the safety of the grassy oval below. The reserve is one of the few safe open areas for toddlers to explore and play. Parents can oversee their kids from all aspects and thus allow their children a little more freedom to venture further off from the play area while under full supervision of mum or dad. This is a recurring story and a right of path for all children in Bayside and should be allowed to continue for future generations. This may appear as preamble, however to the mums, dads and importantly children of Bayside, the Reserve is so much more than a playground and oval. The mental and physical health benefits to stressed parents, caregivers and kids should not be diminished because a third party entity wants privileged access to a Reserve where it should have no greater rights than the rest of us.

It has always been impossible to put a price on this freedom kids and families enjoy until Bayside Council (Council) endorsed a submission from Brighton Grammar School (BGS). The way in which this process has been managed by Council is very concerning for the following reasons:

1. Failure to Follow Proper Process and Provide Residents with Adequate Information and Reasonable Time to Respond to Item 10.3

Council last provided an update on this proposal on 30 April 2020 and is now attempting to rush this submission through on 11 February, giving residents less than seven days to lodge submissions. There is no consultative approach by Council. There is no information posted at the Reserve for local families to even be aware of the proposals being considered, let alone reasonable time for them to support or reject this plan. This is especially difficult for residents and ratepayers due to Covid-19 restrictions.

There has been very little intent and effort to survey the ratepayers to obtain their consensus on this submission. In fact, earlier pushback from residents has fallen on deaf ears and clearly Council is pushing this submission through even though it is aware of significant community backlash to BGS being granted a licence. This matter should be put on hold or dismissed due to failure to provide proper process and adequate information and time to respond.

2. Failure to Represent all Ratepayers – Preferential Treatment of a Minority Group

Council appear to be preferentially treating a private and elite minority group of the community and providing them a material benefit which comes at the cost of all other families currently enjoying the Reserve.

I would like Council to explain why it feels compelled to take an asset that currently belongs to the broader community and licence it to a private entity when this will ultimately reduce the current level of access and the enjoyment experienced by local residents? This is not acting in the best interests of the majority of ratepayers.

It may seem that not much will change in the immediate term, but it's clear from earlier submissions by BGS that it wants to utilise the Reserve more intensity in the future. BGS's original plans for a pavilion and fencing demonstrates its desired use for the Reserve. Given the audible pushback from our community it has watered down the original proposal, however once BGS has a licence there is no guarantee they will not progress to constructing a pavilion or other buildings in the future. Once a licence is granted, we have lost control of our rights to future access. In addition, when the Reserve is overrun by school kids at any one time it has a very different feel, in particular for young kids, toddlers and parents. Many times, I have had to ask teenage kids to get off playground equipment designed for toddlers as they overwhelm the structural integrity of swings and frighten young kids. We do not want the Reserve to be swamped with bigger kids when the rest of the community has the right to enjoy family time in a relaxed environment.

The construction of a pavilion and fencing in the future would materially diminish the current experience for families and ultimately compromise access to the Reserve. Any future construction will hinder safe viewing of kids enjoying various areas of the reserve. Parents with one or juggling several kids will lose sight of their kids. This will significantly adversely affect the experience for parents and the safety of children.

Council is elected by ratepayers and we expect to be fairly represented. Is Council representing BGS or the broader ratepaying community? One could argue that Council's agenda prioritises:

1. Its desire to offload its obligation to provide nominal maintenance funding for a key asset of Bayside residents and ratepayers.
2. BGS's desires and ever expanding want to occupy additional areas surrounding Wilson Street Reserve. It should be remembered BGS is a private school and private entity.
3. Items 1 and 2 appear to be greater priorities than Council's obligations to its ratepayers who will have their access to the Reserve diminished as a consequence.

3. Inadequate Reasoning to Support Brighton Grammars Proposal

The Reserve is in the heart of Brighton and our most utilised green open space between Bay and Church Streets. Local kindergartens including Wilson Street Kindergarten and others, utilise this when taking 3 and 4-year-old groups on walking excursions and picnics. This is a high priority asset of the community and as such Council has no right to abdicate its responsibility to a third party. It is the responsibility of Council to ensure this Reserve is maintained through its own profit and loss. There is no need to handover the maintenance of the reserve to BGS.

Brighton residents are the highest rate payers in Bayside and have one of the highest expected growth rates over the next 15 years. Bayside Council can easily fund this maintenance through current and future profits. Current profits are approximately \$20m.

4. Unnecessary Reduction in Green Open Spaces

This submission by BGS is at direct odds with Bayside Councils own Open Space Strategy which states the following:

- "The opens space in Brighton is not currently meeting the needs of the community. As Brighton experiences a significant increase in population density, particularly around the Major Activity Centres, there will be a higher demand for open space."
- "As Brighton experiences an increase in population growth and housing density, there will be significant pressure on the open space network."
- "Priority actions include plan for the creation of additional open space in the Martin Street, Bay Street and Church Street Activity Centres."
- "There is opportunity for Council to increase the amount of open public space"

These statements come directly from Councils Open Space Strategy document. Council is acutely aware of the need to preserve access to open green spaces, however, is proposing to grant a licence to BGS that in fact reduces access to the greater community and benefits a very small group. Council's actions appear to be contradictory to its own strategy and plans.

To expedite the Submission by BGS without giving residents an opportunity to understand what is being traded does not serve our community well at all. My family and friends expect our elected Councillors to provide a proper and transparent process which informs the community of all events which have a material impact on them and allows residents reasonable time to respond. This has not occurred in this circumstance. I hope that all Bayside Council residents have an opportunity to have their say in this matter.

In the meantime, I would be grateful if you could please provide detailed answers to my questions outlined in this letter.

It would be regrettable to lose more of our green areas.

Kind regards,

Basil Tambanis

10. Ms Kirsten Frederiksen

I write to request to be heard in relation to the proposal to licence Wilson Reserve to Brighton Grammar School (BGS) for a period of 9 years. I am a Bayside ratepayer, mother of a small child and Wilson Reserve is our closest greenspace and playground. Our family visits it once or twice a day. It is the only large open space field that is not a dog off-leash park in the area bordered by North and South Roads and Nepean Highway.

Bayside Council should not licence public land to a private company for priority access for 9 years. Particularly not in exchange for the small proposed value of estimated savings for the Council (in comparison to Council's forecasted budget over 9 years).

Council staff have not demonstrated that the proposal is in the community interests, that the impact of the 9 year licence on the community as it changes over the coming decade has been adequately assessed and that in granting the licence it has taken into proper consideration the use of Wilson Reserve by non-sporting groups.

In determining that there is presently no alternative winter use of the Reserve, Council staff have overlooked the vast recreational activities undertaken by members of the community not in formal sporting groups such as casual ball-games, frisbee, picnicking, walking, running, boot camps and outside group classes, socialising, bird watching, enjoying nature, and providing a safe nature free-play space for children. There are no alternative green spaces of this size in the area where dogs are on leash.

A rugby field is not a local community priority. Rugby is not in the top 12 participation sports in Victoria (VicHealth 2018 Participation in Organised Sport report). In the proposal, Council staff have not identified any local community groups that would use the Reserve for rugby.

If any licence is to be granted, it should be on a short term trial basis to allow for review of the arrangements prior to any longer term commitment.

Prior to granting a licence over Wilson Reserve, Council should take the following steps to demonstrate public accountability and fairness and independence in the decision making process: thorough public consultation, applying for State and Federal funding to upgrade the sports field as an alternative to a licence model, consideration of funding the works through Council's own budget, and, finally, if a licence is deemed the most appropriate funding approach, an open tender to ensure that Council is getting the best value for the land and the licence is awarded on merit after the consideration of a range of proposals.

Kirsten Frederiksen

11. Miss Elan Hunter

Dear Councillors,

I write to you in relation to Item 10.3 in your Ordinary Council Meeting tomorrow February 16th, titled "WILSON RECREATION RESERVE - BRIGHTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL PROPOSAL UPDATE".

I would like to start by saying that I was deeply distressed to have only heard of this agenda as late as yesterday by another concerned resident and very disappointed that there seemed to be little to no effort on the part of our ELECTED council representatives, to actively ensure the residents and RATE PAYERS of Bayside were adequately informed in due time.

One might expect signage posted in the area or mail outs to residents to advise people of this seemingly, rushed through agenda, giving them adequate time to voice their rightful opinions and objections.

Secondly, I would also like to point out that this basically seems like a watered down version of what was proposed in April 2020 and vehemently rejected by residents.

Wilson Reserve is and has always been a refuge, a rare and amazing, open green space for my children to safely explore and create adventures in the natural settings of the beautiful trees and open spaces. Specifically speaking of 'the tree' situated on the bank between the play ground and oval.

It is a glorious and magical tree in which our kids explore, test their limits of bravery and adventure and meet 'my new best friend'.

There is barely a mother I've encountered there, that hasn't told me that, they too, recall being the same age as our children and climbing that very same tree. It is a right of passage for local Brighton and Bayside kids to enjoy and create life long memories.

Although the 'current' agenda doesn't overtly mention future building of pavilions and other sports facilities, we all know this to be a Pandora's box of what will be allowed in the future, given the formally rejected proposal clearly states that very intent.

Teamed with the fact that 1. this land does not belong to the council to lease or sell to anyone else and is for the use of all residents and rate payers and 2. The fact that BBG is affiliated with Firbank, just doubles the likelihood that the general public will not be prioritised, when it comes to what is essentially the discretionary use of these grounds by BBG.

I have two young children and currently have an unobstructed views of both, whether they both be on the oval or one in the playground and one on the oval, allowing parents to congregate in between and converse whilst allowing our children to explore uninhibited therefor growing and reinforcing their independence under the watchful eye of their parents.

If that unobstructed view or access were to be removed, this would greatly change the overall benefits and experience of Wilson Reserve enjoyed by all involved.

I have found that I and all other residents frequenting that park have been very courteous, obliging and use common sense when sports groups, including BBG are clearly using that area and advise my kids that, "we can't play on the oval, because they are playing a game today" but that is exactly what it is, a courtesy, extended to said sport's groups and BBG.

Were this proposal to go through, it would no longer be a courtesy but a condition agreed upon by no one but yourselves and BBG, not the people that pay their rates and are legally entitled to unfettered access , to which you are looking to restrict.

The current unspoken arrangement seems to work seamlessly with the community , sport's group and school , working harmoniously together , as they should. I feel no need solidify or change that arrangement. We land in very murky waters indeed, that can only cause discontent between residents and the school , should we start being dictated to when and how we can utilise a space that we currently and legally are entitled to use at any time we please.

And what of the legalities of using this park for 'lunchtime' overflow? Does that not then technically become school grounds therefor public access could be denied due to the 'safety' of the students. For if I were a parent and my child was using the oval for lunch breaks I would certainly not be comfortable with strangers being able to access and walk through and around these areas with full access to my child. Are we all to require to hold a 'Working with Children's' check before walking our kids around the oval?

We are one of the highest rate payers in Bayside and should and DO have enough money to maintain our own spaces without requiring the funds of a privately owned minority group , for what I essentially see as a monetary exchange for the soul of Brighton. I am not willing to sell our soul.

I have been a resident of Brighton for over 20 years and a home owner and rate payer for over 12 of those years and I have witnessed what is beginning to seem like a monopoly hold on the surrounding areas of Wilson Reserve by BBG.

I feel very strongly that you have an obligation to listen to those of us that voted for you to represent us, the residents of Bayside. It is OUR needs and views that you in turn should be advocating for. Not a small minority group, wishing to essentially hold power over a piece of green space meant for all.

I hope the wishes and concerns of the people of Bayside are heard in your meeting tomorrow evening.

Kind regards
Elan Hunter

12. Mr Kevin Howard

I object to Council officers' recommendation to grant a "licence" to Brighton Grammar School (BGS) over Wilson Recreation Reserve (referred to as "Wilson Rec" by BGS), **because it is unnecessary and not in the best interests of Bayside ratepayers**, especially the residents of Brighton.

Wilson Recreation Reserve is much loved and **much needed public open space**. Council's own twenty year *Bayside Open Space Strategy: Suburb Analysis and Action Plan 2012* (which oddly is not mentioned in the Officers' report) reached the following conclusions;

- *It would appear from research to date that the levels of open space in Brighton are not appropriate to serve the current or future population. An analysis of the distribution of open space indicates a deficiency and improvements to linkages could improve connectivity to other open space throughout Bayside.*
- *The household survey outcomes demonstrated clearly that more spaces to walk dogs are required. The dog off leash table shows that currently there are only six areas currently available for this activity. This number is significantly low compared to other parts of the municipality and in relation to the size of suburb.*
- *Brighton has a higher number of townhouses or flats / apartments which will increase with the development of the MACs. It is important that adequate open space is provided for to meet the demands of the growing community.*

This was a twenty year strategy and plan created in 2012 which lists Wilson Recreation Reserve in the Open Space Inventory as a sportsground AND Social Family Recreation . The findings of the analysis are now more pertinent than ever, because Brighton's population density has increased far more than the plan predicted and the availability of open space in central Brighton has not increased (nor is it ever likely to). **Therefore licencing or leasing precious public open space to a private enterprise is completely the wrong thing to do.**

BGS currently use Wilson Reserve as they need to. They are able to play rugby there in winter and the students are able to use the space during school recess and lunchtimes, just like other members of the public. There is no reason to think the access for BGS will change in the foreseeable future. Indeed, the Officers' report states "*staff have been unable to identify any alternative winter use*". There is no competition for this space as a winter sportsground, and Council manages allocation of the sportsground, so Council can make sure this doesn't change in the foreseeable future. **No licence is necessary.**

If BGS needs additional space for lunch break overflow and physical education/sports lessons, they should acquire or rent additional private land for this purpose. Perhaps this should have been considered when BGS embarked on a substantial building program on Outer Crescent in recent years, however it is not a valid reason to licence public open space to BGS, to the potential detriment of local Brighton residents.

I appreciate that BGS would like the playing surface to be better, but if the playing surface is in poor and dangerous condition, this is a failing of Council in their responsibilities to adequately maintain open space assets. It is not a valid reason for Council to licence public land to a private entity and abrogate Council's responsibility for maintenance. The solution is for Council to comply with its responsibilities and maintain the reserve to a fit-for-purpose standard.

From a fiscal perspective, Wilson Reserve costs no more to maintain than any other public reserve, and a cost of \$100k per annum it is just 0.073% of Council's last annual budget of \$138 million. The maintenance cost saving is not a valid reason to licence public land to a private entity. We already pay rates for Council to maintain our parks and reserves.

If capital works are needed to improve the oval surface and irrigation, Council can easily afford this and it should be done to benefit the wider community and maintain the asset to an appropriate standard. Let's not forget Council has just cancelled immediate capital expenditure of \$1.65 million on the Elsternwick Park South (EPS) oval 4. In fact Council could possibly avoid or reduce contract cancellation fees for the EPS works by changing the contracted scope of works to reconstruct Wilson Reserve instead of EPS oval 4. But even if Council Officers have missed this opportunity, the capital expenditure saved from EPS would easily cover the cost of works on Wilson Reserve.

The "Officers' Opinion" and reasoning is particularly concerning.

Officers' desire to "*recognise the compromises made by BGS and in particular the way they have listened and responded to local residents' concerns*" is irrelevant and completely inappropriate.

It is difficult to understand why Council Officers talk about "*compromises made by BGS*". Unless there is an agreement that the public are unaware of, Council has no obligation whatsoever to lease or licence public open space to BGS, so how are BGS making compromises?

As for *listening and responding to local residents' concerns*, given BGS' location in the heart of a residential area, BGS has a moral responsibility to listen and respond to local residents' concerns. This is not a valid reason to *reward* BGS with a licence over a valuable public asset. In fact if BGS were truly listening to local residents' concerns they would withdraw all proposals to licence Wilson Reserve.

The recommendation by Council Officers calls into question what they see as their highest priorities (tip: it should be residents).

It seems BGS are not the only ones who are not truly listening to local residents' concerns!

I note that Officers also refer to the length of time that BGS has already been playing rugby on Wilson Reserve. Again, this is not a valid reason to give BGS a licence over this open space. In fact it could be considered a reason *not* to grant such a licence. I'm sure you are aware of the expression "possession is nine tenths of the law", which is related to the Latin expression *uti possidetis, ita possideatis*, meaning "may you continue to possess such as you do possess".

Finally, I note that in the same meeting agenda, (item 10.1) Council Officers propose spending up to \$18 million on netball facilities at Sandringham Secondary College, which is not even Council land, yet Officers propose to save \$1.4 million over nine years by licencing scarce public green open space to a wealthy private school. This is completely illogical.

Sincerely,

Kevin Howard
Brighton resident and ratepayer.

13. Ms Jane Gronow

I am deeply concerned that this space maybe licensed to a private entity for private use in preference to the community. This is particularly at a time when green spaces are at a premium. Given the development policies of the Bayside Council we have seen an increase in population through high density residences.

This is leading to an increasing squeeze on green spaces being felt at many different levels and I feel it is very concerning that a well used and well loved space such as this is been given over for private use to a school. It is the only accessible green space in the area between Bay and Church St and well used for recreational purposes by a wide group of users such as young families, children, dog walkers and sport clubs. It's location to the Rylands Aged Care means residents have access to a green space nearby and it is also used by the Brighton Recreation Centre

Also of concern is the lack of transparency and communication that has taken place around process It appears to have occurred without little community consultation or awareness I have never seen a notice there to outline the intention to licence it a private entity!! Still today it is unclear what the terms of use are and what this means for community access and use of this very important green space
I would like to object to this agreement without full disclosure of the terms of the contract and if the community is denied access on a full and regular basis.

Thank you for your attention to my comment and objection

14. Ms Lynda Lawton

I wish to voice my objection to the proposed "Wilson Recreation Reserve" being taken over by Brighton Grammar.

I am a local resident living in Grosvenor Street Brighton who uses the Wilson Street Reserve.

→ There have already been many vocal objections to "Handing the Wilson Street Recreation Reserve" over to the school.

→ It appears to me that Bayside Council has become a low-cost property leasing company to parties who don't consider the residents interests. (The funders of this property).

→ The argument of "Lacking funds" to maintain the park doesn't wash considering the income stream the council enjoys and the money that can be found for other projects (Over \$20M for stadiums) when the maintenance of Wilson park would be \$1-\$2M.

→ A lease for 9 years will end up in perpetuity. It always happens that way

→ Bailey House residents will be significantly disadvantaged (Our firm does work with the mentally impaired)

o I have been advised that Brighton Secondary College wanted to use the taxpayer funded grounds of Brighton Grammar as asked by the State Government, but Brighton Grammar often stated that it was unavailable.

o The same will happen to the disadvantaged residents of Bailey House, the words 'best endeavors" will be just that, best endeavors with no firm agreed timing meaning that it will never happen. What legal guarantees are in place?

o The residents of Bailey house are far more in need of open spaces than the students of Brighton Grammar that already have many open areas at their disposal within the school grounds.

→ Many of the student at Brighton Grammar don't live in Bayside, is the Bayside council now supporting non-residents in preference to residents?

→ Rates in Brighton are massive, there is no shortage of cash, deployment of the funds may be an issue however (Value for money to the ratepayers)

→ If agreeing to the Wilson Recreation Reserve lease this group of counsellors may go down in history as those that have supported the advantaged residents and non-residents over the disadvantaged and removing more parkland with no benefit to those who pay rates.

15. Mr Bernard Mutimer (on behalf of Brighton Cricket Club)

We submit this submission on behalf of the Brighton Cricket Club

In relation to the Brighton Grammar Schools proposal for a 9 year guaranteed tenure of Wilson Reserve our Clubs position is neither for or against the proposal until we have a complete understanding of the impact this license may have on the usage of the reserve. As the license agreement is not in the public domain it is difficult to make an informed decision .

We have been the traditional summer tenant (October 1 until March 30) at Wilson Reserve for over 35 years .

We intend to continue 'applying ' for tenancy during the Summer Sports Season for usage . Whilst hard to forecast training usage we would expect and written into license (if granted) to have first right of refusal to the ground / reserve after 3.30 pm (Monday thru Friday) and Saturday morning .

A question raised by our Members is why don't community sporting clubs or User groups of Council / Community owned assets get a guaranteed tenure or long lease back / license that is proposed for Brighton Grammar School. Whilst the Clubs aren't able to invest the large sums of money , groups have invested monies in facilities that have also provided community benefits (we have invested over \$150,000 in a training facility / wicket maintenance and equipment at Brighton Beach Oval with ongoing maintenance at a cost of 30k per year to provide a Community Service)

Not to mention volunteer hours and the benefit to the Community by services provided by Clubs surely outweigh a monetary contribution. Is it unreasonable that Council offer the same tenure / license to all users of Community assets if it is intended / proposed for others .

We as the Summer Tenant have not been involved in any Community Consultation or consulted by Council Officers in regards to this Proposal - one which beggars belief as the main community user of the reserve.

Whilst we have met with BGS , our position has been that we need review the Council and BGS reports to form a view. These reports have since been released but a lot of questions remain unanswered they include but are not limited to

- 1, who manages reserve
2. Usage by Brighton Grammar
- 3.Usage by Firbank Grammar
3. Management of Usage
4. License Agreement Terms
5. Impact on Community groups if license granted in regards to upgrade
6. How are costings/ monetary investment by BGS calculated.

We ask for Councillors to defer the issuing of a license to Brighton Grammar and until full community consultation is undertaken by Council in relation to the reserve.

Brighton Grammar Schools commitment to upgrading of the playing surface and general reserve (if license is granted) how does that affect our summer usage and oval availability.

We have also noted in the BGS proposal, that Firbank Grammar School may also require usage of the oval. Along with the BGS using Wilson Reserve for recess / lunchtime activities (which we don't believe has been a long term agreement - maybe 1-2 years) what is the combined usage

of the reserve .

Whilst BGS are proposing to update and maintain the reserve , how does Council ensure that the Reserve Isn't publicly perceived as being a part of BGS .

As stated previously we are neither for or against the said proposal but if we are consulted and given all reports we as a Club could make an informed decision that's benefits all the Community and protects the usage of Community Assets / Open Space for the foreseeable future.

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If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on 041218606.

Bernard Mutimer
President
Brighton Cricket Club

16. Ms Anne-Marie Thompson

Dear Bayside Council Mayor, Councillors and CEO

I object to the recommendation of Council Officers outlined in the agenda item 10.3 Wilson Recreation Reserve – Brighton Grammar School, on the grounds that it does not pass the fairness test and is not in Bayside residents' (or the broader community's) best interests.

The basis for my objection include the following reasons:

- **Ratepayers pay rates that fund maintenance of Bayside's open space network**, and this should be utilised to appropriately maintain Wilson Reserve. Licensing public open space to a private entity to the exclusion of ratepayers, in order to absolve Council of its responsibility for maintenance (which is miniscule in the overall scheme of BCC's budget) is highly inappropriate and detrimental to ratepayers.
- **BGS is currently using this space for the existing reasons** outlined – for lunchtime and recess overflow, physical education classes and rugby from March to mid October. Given they currently use the space when and how they wish, **why does BGS need a lease agreement? Presumably to enable sole use and exclude members of the public from the grounds. This is not a good outcome for the Bayside community.**
- “An improved sportsground will provide a significant improvement in local resident amenity.” (Council Officer Report, Agenda pg 199). This statement ignores that residents do not use the grounds for organised sport and **therefore any turf improvements will be completely immaterial to the general public.** It also ignores **the significance and importance of this public open space for pre-school aged children who use this space during the day.** Research has shown that children benefit more developmentally from unstructured play which Wilson Reserve offers, and will be denied this significant opportunity in addition to being able to socialise with other children, if Council goes ahead with this agreement. It's vital that parents can walk with the pram and/or with their children to their local park to play, especially during the day when pre-school children are active. Additionally, it will deprive the elderly, shift workers, uni students and the like of access to green open space when they are able to access it, during the day.
- **This proposal ignores the increasingly pressing needs of Brighton residents for accessible public open space as identified in the Bayside Council Open Space Strategy – and in fact will deny them of such.**
 - Bayside's population is ageing and the increasing number of senior citizen residents will require greater access to Wilson Reserve
 - Housing density is increasing, especially in Brighton, meaning a loss of private open space that is putting more pressure on public open space for access to nature and green space.
 - Bayside's increasing population is putting more pressure on public open space
 - Having walkable access from a dwelling to open space has been acknowledged by Bayside Council as important for residents' social interaction and physical wellbeing.
 - The survey found that residents valued open space most as **a place for health and physical activity, for children to play, a place to just be outside in the open air, a place for quiet reflection and relaxation – as a place to play sport ranked quite low.**

- Most frequent daily activities using open space **were enjoying the natural environment, walking by myself or with others for recreation and walking a dog.** And yet this proposal will deny park users of just that.

Should BGS, a private, for-profit organisation, wish to provide their students with exclusive, priority access to high-quality green open space, then they should purchase such privately and not lean on ratepayers to provide this.

Yours sincerely

Anne-Marie Thompson

17. Mrs Kim Shepherd

My family and I are against the proposed changes to Wilson Reserve. We think this is a very serious community issue. There are a number of reasons for this as follows:

- no benefit for community
- Wilson Reserve is public property and should remain open and accessible to the public without restriction, and should be managed by council and not a private school
- loss of open, freely available green space
- control of public green space by a private school, that will undoubtedly lead to reduced accessibility for the community, and several community groups (elderly and disabled groups nearby)
- minimal engagement by Council with community
- any fencing or pavilion is totally unnecessary (pavilion/toilets have previously been removed as they were used for smoking/drinking/drug taking/graffiti etc so why replace? And BGS has 2 pavilions/change rooms/ toilets directly across the road within 50 m of the oval already.)
- building another pavilion uses up yet more precious green space.
- fencing is unnecessary, gives the perception that the oval belongs to BGS and is therefore less welcoming to the community
- the oval is used from dawn until dusk by all ages and for many different uses and should be preserved as it is, as a village green
- public green space is becoming more vital as population density increases and green space decreases
- retain the reserve without change

The Council has failed to consult with the community in a timely, adequate and meaningful manner.

That the Council is considering this Proposal is disappointing and a dereliction of duty by Council to control and manage public reserves.

I hope you will consider the entire Bayside community when you make a decision about this proposal which has such vast and negative consequences for the community.

18. Ms Emily Costello

We are lodging an objection to the current recommendations for the Wilson St Reserve. We believe that Bayside Council should keep full control of the reserve and as such all maintenance and upgrading should remain the full responsibility of the Council. It is entirely inappropriate for a private school to have priority of use, considering this is one of the very few remaining green spaces in the Middle Brighton area available for all local ratepayers to enjoy. With a projected increase of approximately 3,500 new residents to this area over the next few years in high density apartment accommodation, it is essential that Bayside Council maintain sole control of our precious green spaces.

Emily Costello (Apartment 203) & Sandra Kay (Apartment 107)

Item 10.4
Hampton Community Infrastructure
Feasibility and Masterplan

1. Mr Tony Batt (on behalf of Hampton Neighbourhood Association)

The Hampton Neighbourhood Association (HNA) Committee have reviewed the submission for the Hampton Community Infrastructure Feasibility and Masterplan and fully support the six recommendations put forward in the Executive Summary.

We note that if Councillors endorse these recommendations, an outcome should be for the presentation of a revised Masterplan to the June 2021 or an even earlier Council meeting and for budget to be included in the 2022 year for proceeding with these works.

We also note that Councillors at the December 2020 meeting on this subject deferred this project requesting further consideration of open space and consultation but were fully supportive of the project being accelerated to catch up some of this lost time. By endorsing the current recommendations, this should allow Council Officers to work to catch this time up and set some budget for further works in 2022 and allow the project to progress through the further feasibility and concept designs stages.

The Masterplan is an important opportunity to create for the Hampton and Bayside Community, modern fit for purpose community facilities, including the important open and green space that will provide a vital meeting and play space for our community in the centre of the Hampton MAC.

We certainly do not want to see any further delays in moving this project forward noting the many previous Consultant reports reviewing the required minimum size and type of facilities required and the incorporation of more open space and the important Library function.

We also repeat our comments to previous Council meetings that the project should be accelerated so that our outdated and poor servicing facilities can be replaced in perhaps 6 or 8 years and not 10+ years. We note that the report is based on meeting the Community demands only up to the year 2036 and this means that the residents will only have 5 years of full use when they are completed before they may be lacking in capacity and suitability again.

We therefore look to all Councillors now for supporting and moving this project forward without further delay by endorsing these recommendations as Hampton continues to be a rapidly growing major activity centre in the heart of Bayside and it deserves adequate Community Facilities now.

Tony Batt

President HNA