

Submission regarding Proposed Lease of Nunweek Park land for a third Hockey Field.

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I have lived in the Harewood area for the past 4 years and near Nunweek Park. I have five children and am concerned about the safety of traffic around the perimeter of Nunweek Park. I successfully changed the speed limit along Harewood Road bordering Nunweek Park from 70kph to 50kph given the volume of traffic and the high numbers of children using the park.

I support the application for the third hockey turf however I have strongly object to the traffic plan submitted to the council 'Via Strada Report' for the following reasons and ask that the council consider traffic flows and the safety of Wooldridge Road and the affect of parking on the road near the hockey turf.

1. The 2008 traffic count is out of date (4900 per day). I strongly suggest that a new traffic count be conducted with the change in traffic flows in the North West following the earthquake and altered traffic flows towards the Northwest as a consequence of the CBD shutting down. Inland revenue are moving out this way with a staff of 500 and they won't be the last.
2. The Via Strada report has not taken into account the new traffic plan and development for Johns Road/Russley Road 4 lane alteration. What will the affect of access from Harewood Road and Wairakei Road onto Johns Road have on Wooldridge Road traffic flow and numbers?
3. Whilst 15 extra car parks have been added to the parking area beside the turfs, there are no other close available car parks are available on Wooldridge Road. The angle parking in more than 500 metres from the turf and can not seriously be considered as extra parking. There is no safe pavement along Wooldridge road for pedestrians to use and inadequate lighting at night for pedestrians along Wooldridge Road.
4. There is no provision for cycle lanes despite increased traffic flow since the quakes and a regular bus route
5. The application states that there has been car accidents in the area but this in incorrect

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6. I submit that there will be cars parked on Wooldridge near to the turfs, and this has not been adequately considered or planned for and requires extra parking near the turf, pedestrian pavements and extra lighting
7. Lastly I asked the Hockey people at the public meeting at Nunweek park in December how many people used the two turfs over the year. I am still awaiting their answer. Given this they have no idea what the number will be when the facilities are extended by another 50%? I am still seeking this information as I believe the numbers are such that the parking

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will be stretched causing chaos at times on Wooldridge Road and must be allowed for. If not then it could put the lives of parents and children at risk.

I wish to attend and have my submission heard in person

Kind regards

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