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Re: Submission on proposed Third Hockey Ground at Nunweek Park

The purpose of this letter is to lodge my submission on the above proposal.

My submission is against the Construction of a third Hockey Turf at Nunweek Park.

Reasons for this include the following:

- 1) Loss of open Space
- 2) Traffic Flow, Safety and Parking
- 3) Drainage.

1 Loss of open space.

There can be no denying that Nunweek Park is not only a wonderful asset to the local area, but also to the entire City of Christchurch. I consider Nunweek Park to be a Jewel in the Crown for the local area and worth protecting for what it is.

The proposed site, if built on will deny access to the general public to a major area of Nunweek Park.

Attendants at the meeting held at the park in Dec were asked by Christchurch City Council staff "what exactly the proposed area was currently being used for and by who?", it would seem clear to me that CCC have let the proposal progress as far as it has without an understanding of its affect on the parks existing use.

Recent property development, both commercial and residential, in the immediate area has placed increased pressure on Nunweek Park's open areas. Logic suggests this increase in pressure would result in increasing the availability of open space within the park rather than reducing it.

2 Traffic Flow, Safety, and Parking.

The Transportation Assessment Report prepared by Viastrada is based on traffic flows prior to earthquakes and as such does not acknowledge the increased traffic flow in the area. On this basis the Assessment is seriously out of date.

The assessment of parking availability makes no allowance for the all day Monday to Friday parking of approx 25 cars per day on Woolridge Road in the immediate area of the Nunweek Park car park entrance.

It does not allow for the 20 to 25 cars parked in the Nunweek Park Car park each work day, It does not allow for the 12- 15 Car parks that are regularly rendered unusable due to the lack of drainage that causes the front area of the Car park to flood.

This parking pressure is just another example of the recent increase in pressure on the existing local amenities.

I note there is now an intention to provide additional car parking  
I would be interested to know the location of these proposed additional parks and to know if they would further degrade the appearance and utilization of the park area.

It appears obvious to me that those involved with Traffic assessments have not actually viewed for themselves the situation that occurs when a Hockey event coincides with another park event. Under these conditions the situation can only be described as congested, and dangerous.

I note that the Transport Assessment does not allow for the increased flows resulting from NZTA's planned changes to Russley Road and closure of Wairakei Road

I am advised that there are current plans/proposals for development of Woolridge Road Property in close proximity to Nunweek Park into Commercial Property Titles. When this occurs it will place even further pressure on traffic, parking, and Nunweek Park.

I am concerned that the proposed 5 meter setback off Woolridge Road would create a potentially dangerous area/alleyway. A High Security Fence on the park side and a planting of trees designed to mitigate the visual impact the proposed turf, light towers, and fencing from the road on the other. has enormous potential to provide an unsafe area, particularly during hours of darkness.

I also note there are no cycle lanes on Woolridge Road.

### 3 Drainage

As previously mentioned parts of the existing car park regularly flood, the level of water flow in the creek has increased significantly since the construction of the second pitch. The current drainage situation is clearly inadequate. I have not seen any proposal to improve the current situation,

Neither have I seen a proposal for upgrades to deal with increased flow from a proposed third Pitch.

### Conclusion.

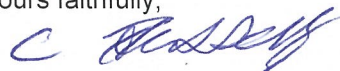
There are multiple options for Hockey to develop facilities in areas more suitable than Nunweek Park.

Hockey has stated they require additional space in other locations to construct additional turfs. My suggestion is that Hockey should be focusing on this objective and that the proposed Nunweek third turf be located with the other additional turfs and facilities in an area that is more suited, under less pressure, more in keeping with CCC sport and recreation philosophy and in an area that would have the approval of its neighbours.

The proposed area within the park to be used for a third turf is far too valuable to the local community to allow it to be removed from free public access.

Yes I wish to be heard on my submission.

Yours faithfully,



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