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Submission Opposing Proposed Lease for Third Hockey Turf Nunweek Park

My Submission is in opposition to allow a Third Hockey Turf in Nunweek Park.

Reasons Include:

Inappropriate use of Land.

The General Public's enjoyment of a wonderful asset called Nunweek Park has already been downgraded by the construction of the 2nd turf.

As the result of some quick decisions following recent earthquakes we have a proposal to further downgrade the parks spatial and aesthetic value by constructing a Third Turf.

My suggestion is to put the Turf somewhere else.

Why remove prime recreational open public land, and make it available exclusively to a minority sport.

There are areas better suited to achieve Hockey New Zealand, Canterbury Hockey and Canterbury Artificial Surfaces Trust's goals. As with the St Beds turf secondary schools situated in the greater Christchurch area it would be a better proposition for the spread of the sport to the youth of our city during school time and to the general public at other times. Their aim and ambitions without the need to want to rip the guts out of our local park.

Traffic

Viastrada's report on Transportation is out of date as figures are calculated on pre earthquake data. The parking calculations do not allow for the fact that 50 local workers park their cars, on Woolridge road and in the Nunweek Park Public Car Park. Further more parking is severely affected when the car park floods (which is often)

Traffic flow and parking in Woolridge Road reaches a level of pandemonium when multiple simultaneous park events occur. And I would certainly fear riding a bicycle along Woolridge Road on such occasions.

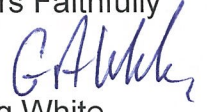
A third turf will only make the situation worse

Drainage

The Creek and the Car park regularly flood. Where would the increased water drain off go?

I wish to be heard.

Yours Faithfully



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