

Officer responsible Community Advocate	Author Barbara Ford
Corporate Plan Output: 3.1.text.10	

The purpose of this report is to remind the Board that submissions on the re-development plan for English Park close the end of March. The Board may wish to make a submission.

ISSUES

The following issues have been discussed previously by the Board and with the local community and could be included in a submission:

- As highlighted in previous research, there is a need to provide a facility in the St Albans area which could provide activities for youth. For example:
 - Second highest perceived need was for activities for young people.
 - Often suggested that a gymnasium space for indoor sports be included in facilities.
 - Support for further extension of community developments from schools (eg. Playcentres, Toy Library and OSCAR).
 - Consistent message about the need for a financially accessible gym which came most persistently from youth and youth workers.

There is an opportunity to either extend the stand building to include other community uses, or to provide on the site such a facility.

- Skateboard area.
- Cycleway from Cranford Street through to the school and Sheppard Place.
- Resolve the property boundary issues at 78-80 Trafalgar Street. This matter is currently being discussed with the property owners, Council staff and Councillor Fahey.
- St Albans Toy Library approached the Community Board in September 1998 requesting assistance with finding appropriate accommodation. The Toy Library is in need of bigger accommodation because of the amount of equipment needing to be stored and displayed.

At a public meeting called by SARA, residents and community groups were also encouraged to make submissions on the draft plan.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the Board make a submission to the redevelopment plan; that included in this submission be the Board's support for the disposal of the land containing the right of way between 78 and 80 Trafalgar Street.