Bulleen Templestowe District Junior Football Club

North East Link Project

Inquiry and Advisory Committee (IAC) Hearing
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OUTLINE OF PRESENTATION

- Club Structure and Operation
- Bulleen Park Usage
- Bulleen Park Options
- Alternate Venues
- Financial Considerations
- Traffic and Amenity
- Summary of Issues and Recommendations
THE BULLANTS - Structure

- Grass Roots Community junior football Club
- 300 junior players – Under 8’s to Under 18
- Awarded Auskick Program (80+ boys and girls)
- Long & Rich History built on the contributions of volunteers for over 50 years
- Participation, Diversity, AFL Pathways
- Deep connections throughout the community
- Measures of success – fun, development, player retention,
THE BULLANTS - Operation

• Club is run by Committee of volunteers (18, passionate, parents)

• Coaches, Asst Coaches, Team Managers, game day roles (umpires, trainers, runners, water carriers etc etc)

• Teams in all age groups – must maintain minimum player numbers. Recruitment, promotion, player retention
THE BULLANTS - Operation

• The Challenge:
Some families have already indicated they will leave the Club if forced to continue to operate as is from Bulleen Park.

• Why?
  • Access difficulties, traffic disruption, amenity,
Bulleen Park Usage

• Ovals No. 2 & No. 3 – plus outdated pavilion
• Lack of investment due to uncertainty of NELP – Club already disadvantaged
• April - September tenancy.
• 14 or 15 round season plus 3 weeks of finals
• 6 - 8 games each Sunday
• Heavy usage over season – poor playing surface
• Carnival Days (3 per season, Under 8, 9 & 10) Up to 600 players plus parents & supporters – traffic & parking issues
Bulleen Park Options

• The Bullants support ultimate reconfiguration of Bulleen Park No 2 & No 3 Ovals proposed by both NELA and Manningham Council.

• Pavilion required to Current Standards

• Design must consider Parking demand and vehicle movements. Emergency vehicle access at Peak Periods

• However Tech Note 37 fails to recognise need for Interim relocation options
Table 2: Relocation options - Bulleen Park Area (Manningham City Council and Boroondara City Council)

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NORTH EAST LINK PROJECT ENVIRONMENT EFFECTS STATEMENT
INQUIRY AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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NORTH EAST LINK PROJECT
Sports and Recreation - Bulleen Park area
DRAFT Relocation Plan Options

LEGEND
- Impacted site
- Relocation site
- Project Boundary
- Overlay Boundary

CURRENT VENUE | USERS TO BE RELOCATED | TEAM VENUE | FINAL VENUE
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Existing Oval 1 | Yarra Junior Football League | Ford Park and Montmorency Park | Ford Park
Existing Oval 2 | Bulleen Lions | Glenroy Club | Existing Oval 3
Existing Oval 3 | Bulleen Templestowe District Junior Football Club
| Yarralumla Cricket Club | VP Oval 2, 3 & 4 Oval 3 - NEW (Existing Field 4/F)
Existing Field 4/F | Templestowe United Football Club | VP Oval 2, 3 & 4 Oval 3 - NEW (Existing Field 4/F)
Army Field | Yarra Eisteddfods | Shared Aerodromes | Shared Aerodromes
Boronia Tennis Centre | Boronia Tennis Centre | Kooyong Creek & Park | Kooyong Creek & Park
Fireway Golf Course | | Expansion into existing Archery Field
Alternate Venues

• Alternate venues required for training and match days whilst Bulleen Park re-configured

• Option for Alternate training venues during Construction

• Ted Ajani Reserve – Current winter tenant Bulleen Templestowe AFC (Senior Men & Women)

• Koonung Reserve – Manningham Cobras AFC & YJFL

• Some upgrades required at these venues – playing surface, lighting, amenities
Financial Considerations

- Aim to keep player registrations affordable (currently $270)
- Fundraising with raffles, social nights etc (No income from gaming or pokies)
- After Rego fees, Bulleen Park Canteen is biggest source of income (>25k p.a.). **At risk**
- Sponsorships (~ $10k p.a). Impact of loss of local business at Bulleen Industrial Park – many of which are, or have been financial supporters of Club. **At risk**
- Ground Rental & Utilities cost (~ $12k p.a)
- Introduce Enhanced Football Development Program to attract / retain players – Cost ~$10k p.a.
- **ISSUES** – Loss of Revenue streams. - Compensation required
- Additional Costs to remain attractive option. – Assistance Required
BULLEEN PARK – SURROUNDED BY CONSTRUCTION AREA

incl. EASTERN FREEWAY & MANNINGHAM INTERCHANGE
Traffic & Amenity

• “increase real and perceived community barriers to movement” (Tech Report A)

• Some players, including boys from Marcellin currently attend training at BP after school by foot or bike. - Major safety issue during construction.

• Increasing vehicle movements on Bulleen Road.

• Hazards to users accessing Bulleen Park from construction vehicles.

• Interim intersection to Bulleen Road must be signalised

• Parking and vehicle access issues, including Emergency Vehicle during peak facility usage
The issues for the Bullants

• Reconfiguration of Bulleen Park – Support ultimate outcome for two replacement ovals and new pavilion

• Loss of Income – availability of compensation

• Financial assistance to remain attractive sporting destination during construction

• Relocation options for Bullants - to be considered in MOU between NELP and MCC (Ref Tech Note 37, Item 24). Bullants must be consulted.

• Access to the Bulleen Park – Traffic / Interruption / minimise delays / Safety / Connectivity

• Whilst outside the Project Area, the Bullants facilities should be considered as Directly Impacted. (Reference SC4 and SC2New)
Summary

• This presentation seeks to inform the IAC of some of the “hidden” social impacts of the project so that they can be managed and mitigated.

• The reconfiguration of Bulleen Park will provide modern facilities suitable for future generations, however if impacts are not appropriately managed during construction the Bullants won’t survive to enjoy them.

• The Bullants must remain as a strong – vibrant – destination club for local community.