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Hagley Park North floodlights lease submissions

Q2 Name of organisation/business

Short Text ICON-Inner City West Neighbourhood Association

Q3 Your role

Short Text Chair

Q4 Full name

Short Text Derek Wallace

Q10 Do you support the floodlight lease proposal in Hagley Park North?

Multi Choice Somewhat

Q11 What would you change about the plan?

Long Text We are opposed to the increased height of the new poles. We wish the poles to remain at the existing height of 14 metres, noting that the Sydenham Rugby Club have just replaced their new poles without adding to the previous height of 13 metres. We further note that, while the light spill of the proposed poles may be within the limits of the District Plan, Hagley Park has additional -- and we would argue superordinate -- factors to be considered, subject as it is both to the Reserves Act and a Management Plan. The goals of the Plan are to protect and enhance the parkland character of the amenity, and the significant increase in the lighting poles is a clear contravention of these goals.

Q12 Is there anything else the decision-makers needs to consider?

Long Text The addition of two new poles will itself significantly increase the overall amount of light spill. However, in the spirit of cooperation, we are willing to condone the extension of illumination to a third field. We note that this third field is parallel to Deans Avenue, rather than extending deeper into the Park as it alternatively could. While this is good in respect of retaining the Park's character, we believe that residents on Deans Avenue could be subject to more light spill than they are currently aware of. Although those residents are not within our neighbourhood jurisdiction, we ask that steps be taken to ensure they are fully consulted. To our knowledge, this depth of consultation has not yet been achieved.

Response No:
2

Contribution ID: 44362

Q2 Name of organisation/business

Short Text Deans Avenue Precinct Society

Q3 Your role

Short Text Acting Chair

Q4 Full name

Short Text Edmund Grant Read

Q10 Do you support the floodlight lease proposal in Hagley Park North?

Multi Choice Somewhat

Q11 What would you change about the plan?

Long Text See detailed discussion in attached PDF
We believe that the lease conditions will be critical
Those should include a requirement to paint any new poles to blend in with their surroundings. like the old ones.
We are hopeful that modern lighting design, and the elimination of west facing lights on the Western boundary, can reduce direct spill and glare towards Deans Ave.
But our biggest concern would be the potential for drivers to be distracted by light reflected horizontally off the fields, if this area is to be lit as brightly as the area where new lights have been installed in South Hagley Park. So, we have made a suggestion about using removable screens to mitigate that effect.

Q12 Is there anything else the decision-makers needs to consider?

Long Text

Submission on North Hagley Lighting Proposal

E Grant Read for Deans Avenue Precinct Society (DAPS)

15 June 2026

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on this proposal. I am submitting on behalf of the Deans Avenue Precinct Society (DAPS), representing residents along the whole length of Deans Avenue, and streets off it, in the area between Hagley Park and the railway.

Broadly, our society believes that, in principle:

- a. Outdoor sports should be treated as legitimate, if not core, activities in the Park; and
- b. Particular areas should be marked out for the pursuit of particular activities, in accordance with the conventions normally adopted for those activities; but
- c. Areas should not be designated for the exclusive use of any party;
- d. Hedges, fences or other structures should not be designed or placed in such a way as to hinder public access at times when sport activities are not occurring;
- e. Any structures or ancillary equipment that must be left in place while events are not occurring should be designed and placed with a view to minimising the impact on the general public's appreciation, use, and enjoyment of the relevant areas for general recreation and other purpose; and
- f. Visual, noise or other disturbance to nearby residents and passers-by should be minimised.

We recognise that existing arrangements with some sports clubs have violated some of those principles for many years, but that is not our concern here.

1. We understand that there may be issues raised with respect to the legality of the proposal, and its compatibility with legislation enacted to protect the Park.
 - Such issues are obviously important. Such legislation is obviously enacted for good reasons, and there would be no point doing that, if the legislation was then to be ignored.
 - Thus, we would urge the council to take heed of whatever issues may be raised by those who may be expert in such matters.
 - We are not experts ourselves, and expect that our community will be more pragmatically concerned about the impact on their own day to day experience of the Park, and that of other users and passers-by.
 - From that perspective, although the lease arrangement is apparently novel, the activities proposed may be seen as a moderate extension of those traditionally allowed on this site, and we do not oppose the continuation of those activities.
2. Accordingly, we are not concerned that this particular proposal would violate any of the first four principles, if it is seen as merely formalising existing arrangements for non-exclusive use:
 - We would be very concerned, though, if the Council were considering a lease arrangement with a new party, or in a new area, or for a new activity, because that might be seen as setting a precedent for a series of such developments, with no clear stopping point.

3. We are also strongly of the view that the lease should not give the lessee a free hand with respect to what they erect on the small leased parcels of park land, or on how they use whatever is erected there.
 - Basically, we believe that the lessee should be restricted to implementing the plan presented to the public, during the consultation process, and that no significant variations should be permitted without further consultation.
 - In particular, we believe the lease should specify strict limits on:
 - The height of the poles;
 - The design and colour of the poles;
 - The total luminosity of the lights;
 - The direction in which they are to shine;
 - The areas over which the light is to be projected;
 - The extent of any spill beyond that area; and
 - The total hours and timeslots within which the lights may be operated.
 - However, since we have been assured that the Council does intend to impose such restrictions via the lease, our submission may be taken as broad endorsement of the proposed policy, in that regard.
 - We will detail four specific issues that we believe should be addressed, though.
4. Firstly, we are concerned about this proposal's potential impact on the daytime ambience of the Park:
 - We have seen a recent proliferation, particularly in South Hagley, of tall shiny poles that many consider to create a radical alteration of the traditional park landscape, and/or an offensive intrusion upon their enjoyment of thep, during daylight hours.
 - Arguably, it now feels more like a sports facility through which others may also walk, at particular times and places time, than it does like a park for the general public, within which sport may also be played, at particular times and places.
 - It will be interesting to see how public perceptions develop over the coming months, though.
 - Leaving aside the height of the towers, we realise that galvanised steel is probably the cheapest finish available, and the easiest to maintain, and that the shine will gradually reduce, over the decades.
 - We can also see an argument for retaining that finish on the very tall poles erected for the international cricket oval, on the grounds that they arguably contribute to the high-profile ambience of that particular facility.
 - Beyond that, though, we believe that all tall structures, no matter who erects them, or has erected them, should be painted/coated n colours that are in keeping with the character of the Park, and blend in with in surrounding grass, trees, landscapes and skylscapes.
 - In this case, we note that the existing poles are painted green, and submit that the lease should require any new poles to be painted in a similar way.
5. Secondly, the impact on night-time ambience in the Park is also important.
 - Judging from initial experience with the recent South Hagley Park development, we are now aware that these new lights may be VERY bright.

- So, despite reduced “spill” as such, overall light levels may be raised across quite a wide area.
 - Some might describe their experience of walking in areas around the new South Hagley lights as “surreal”, or even “exciting”, but possibly also “disturbing”.
 - We have not yet had time to establish a clear consensus on this, though, except that the nighttime experience is definitely “different” from what it has been in the past.
 - We are actually hopeful that the lights proposed in this case may be more directional than the current lights, and shine less light into the eyes of those walking through the Park than they do.
 - We thus submit that the lease should specify a requirement that the impact on night time park-walkers be no more than under the status quo, and/or set parameters designed to achieve that goal, and hopefully to exceed it by some margin.
6. Thirdly, the extreme brightness of modern lighting systems makes us somewhat concerned about potential impacts on residents along Deans Avenue:
- At this time of year, the existing lights are clearly visible through the branches of the trees, and shine quite brightly through gaps between the trees. And that may become more of an issue in future years, because:
 - Dwellings in this High-Density development zone are to be built to higher levels, with new standards requiring main windows to face the street (rather than north as was common in the past), and hence directly into the Park; and
 - Progressive tree renewals are expected to create more high-level gaps between trees.
 - On the other hand, much of the light reaching Deans Avenue must come from lights affixed to the existing poles, but facing west, presumably to light approach/warmup/facility areas.
 - By way of contrast, the plan provided for this consultation shows no west-facing lights.
 - At face value, that suggests that there may actually be less light shining towards residents on Deans Avenue, and those using it.
 - It does beg the question, though, of how those approach/warmup/facility areas will be lit, in future.
 - Presumably the Council will need to consider how they will light the area around the proposed new toilet facility, that seems intended to sit in the area illuminated by the existing west-facing lights.
 - So, we would urge them to consider the impact on nearby residents when designing that lighting.
 - More generally, we would again stress the point made earlier with respect to night-time park walkers:
 - The development should be acceptable to residents, provided the level of light reaching Deans Avenue from the new lights is no higher than at present.
 - The lease conditions should be set so as to ensure that that will be the case; and
 - Reasonable conditions should also be set on the frequency and duration for which those lighting conditions may be experienced.
 - As noted above, though, we have been assured that the Council does intend to impose such restrictions via the lease, so our submission may be taken as broad endorsement of the Council’s proposed policy.

7. Finally, though, initial experience with the extremely bright South Hagley lights suggests another problem, about which we might not previously have been concerned:
- While the lights may not shine directly into the eyes of drivers, the reflected light of the brilliantly lit field may be bright enough to become a significant distraction.
 - The lit field area is at eye level, and there is no intervening fence, mound, or shrubbery down there. The tree trunks, if anything, increase the distraction by seeming to move against the brightly lit background.
 - We have not measured actual light levels but, subjectively, the lit area seems much bigger, brighter, and potentially more distracting than any of the electronic billboards about which road safety experts have previously expressed concern. (Albeit with less apparent movement, apart from the tree trunks.)
 - We realise that the area covered by this proposal would be significantly less, and that:
 - It may be challenging to give practical effect to any lease condition requiring no increase to light levels reaching the eyes of motorists.
 - We could imagine the lease limiting the power of the lights, or requiring them to be operated in such a way that the contrast between lit and unlit areas is no greater than at present. If that is unacceptable, though:
 - We definitely do not favour inserting any permanent fence between the playing fields and the road.
 - And we are cautious about the prospect of a mound that would alter the historical appearance of the Park, or a shrubbery that might be considered a safety hazard.
 - But there is one pragmatic option that could be considered.
 - It should not be hard, or expensive, to install a line, or perhaps overlapping lines, of relatively lightweight posts, somewhere between the western boundary of the fields and the road:
 - They should not need to be very high, because drivers are seated, and it is the actual field surface that glows so brightly; and
 - They should not be too intrusive if aligned with tree trunks; but
 - They would need to be solid enough to stay firmly vertical, and fitted with suitable hooks.
 - Then, it should be easily possible for a group of rugby players to roll out some heavy-duty wind cloth, or suchlike, and attach it to the hooks at times when the light/dark contrast is high enough to create a distraction:
 - It would typically not even need to be done on arrival, because the lights will not be a problem to anyone, until it gets properly dark; and
 - Some degree of screening may actually improve the player/spectator experience.
 - Accordingly, we submit that:
 - The council should get feedback from motorists on the South Hagley situation and/or advice from road safety experts on this issue; and
 - If those investigations confirm our concerns about driver distraction, the Council and lessee should investigate the temporary screening option outlined above; and
 - Make its implementation and operation a lease condition, if it is agreed to be viable, and acceptable from other perspectives.

Response No:
3

Contribution ID: 43734

Q2 Name of organisation/business

Short Text Christchurch Petanque Club (Inc)

Q3 Your role

Short Text Secretary

Q4 Full name

Short Text Patricia O'Shea

Q10 Do you support the floodlight lease proposal in Hagley Park North?

Multi Choice Yes

Q11 What would you change about the plan?

Long Text

Q12 Is there anything else the decision-makers needs to consider?

Long Text No. All information in the application has been verified by CPC.

Response No:
4

Contribution ID: 44381

Q2 Name of organisation/business

Short Text Christchurch Civic Trust

Q3 Your role

Short Text Chair

Q4 Full name

Short Text Hamish Gilchrist

Q10 Do you support the floodlight lease proposal in Hagley Park North?

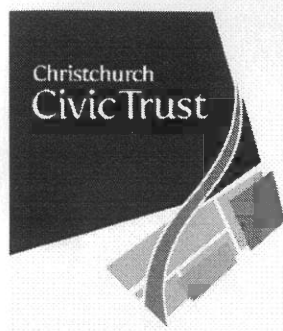
Multi Choice Somewhat

Q11 What would you change about the plan?

Long Text See attachment

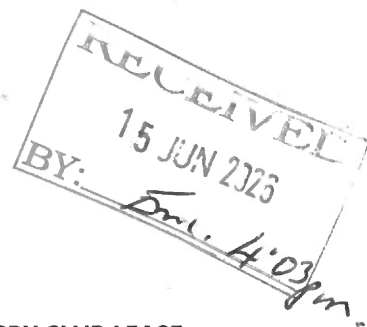
Q12 Is there anything else the decision-makers needs to consider?

Long Text See attachment



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HAGLEY PARK NORTH FLOODLIGHTS LEASE

CHRISTCHURCH CIVIC TRUST SUBMISSION ON HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' (HSOB) RUGBY CLUB LEASE APPLICATION TO CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

The Christchurch Civic Trust wishes to book a time to speak to the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board about the Trust's submission.

Hamish Gilchrist
Chair
Christchurch Civic Trust

The Christchurch Civic Trust (Trust) supports the High School Old Boys' (HSOB) Rugby Club's proposal to install eight new floodlights to support community sport in Hagley Park North, i.e. the replacement of six floodlights and poles and the addition of two new floodlights and poles (for an additional training ground), a ground lease for all of which is sought to be granted by the Christchurch City Council (CCC).

However, the Trust objects to the floodlight poles height of 18 metres from ground level, proposed by HSOB Rugby, in particular relating to:

- CCC's obligations under s54 Reserves Act 1977 when considering granting a lease in Hagley Park; and
- inconsistency of the height of the eight floodlight poles proposed by HSOB Rugby with the height of the seven flood light poles approved by the Waihoru Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board when granting a lease in 2025 to the Sydenham Rugby Club in Waltham Park; and
- inconsistency with the International Standards Specification for Rugby Union club fields
- Regarding the days and hours of operation, prospective submitters are informed: 'There is potential for additional night games with the new lights.' Does the lease application include further information in respect of the 'potential for additional night games'?
The Trust requests specification regarding the unspecified 'additional' lighting periods, to enable assessment of the effects and determine conditions of this use.

Lack of Relevant Information for Prospective Submitters

The CCC's omission of relevant information for prospective submitters is concerning for the Trust. The Trust sets out its concerns below:

Relying on the CCC's website: <https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/hagleylights> for information regarding the lease application and the CCC's decision-making process, submitters would have been unaware that:

- they were engaging in a statutory process under the Reserves Act; and
- the lease application was being publicly notified by the CCC, as required under s54 Reserves Act, because the application was neither 'in conformity with' nor 'contemplated by' the *Hagley Park Management Plan 2007* (HPMP), 'the approved management plan for the reserve'; and
- the Reserves Act specifies obligations for the CCC when considering granting a lease.

The website information omits reference to the Reserves Act, not to mention reference to the statutory HPMP, *a legally binding agreement between a local authority and the citizens of a local authority area*. (Refer *Hagley Park Management Plan 2007* Page 102)

Furthermore, the website omits to include:

- the height of the six existing floodlight poles; this information is required to enable prospective submitters to understand the scale of the increase in height of the HSOB Rugby-proposed eight new floodlight poles and the effect of the increased height and increased number of floodlights on the environment of Hagley Park.

Thus, the Trust contends that insufficient relevant information was provided by the CCC to enable submitters to make informed submissions to the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board on the lease application by HSOB Rugby.



Hamish Gilchrist
Chair
Christchurch Civic Trust

Response No:
5

Contribution ID: 44104

Q2 Name of organisation/business

Short Text

Q3 Your role

Short Text

Q4 Full name

Short Text

kelly casey

Q10 Do you support the floodlight lease proposal in Hagley Park North?

Multi Choice

Somewhat

Q11 What would you change about the plan?

Long Text

Q12 Is there anything else the decision-makers needs to consider?

Long Text

The "Park" is one of the most significant icons in Christchurch and used by people locally and internationally, renowned for it's beauty, versatility, multi-use purpose for sports etc. with the natural elements (flora and fauna) being most important, artificial lighting does have a significant effect on this and I would suggest that night use of lights is limited. I note that the club has stated they would pay the cost of installation, who pays for the electricity that is used in these types of situations? Is it the private user/Council or ratepayer?

Response No:
6

Contribution ID: 44433

Q2 **Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

Q3 **Your role**

Short Text

Q4 **Full name**

Short Text

Christopher Kissling

Q10 **Do you support the floodlight lease proposal in Hagley Park North?**

Multi Choice

Don't know / Not sure

Q11 **What would you change about the plan?**

Long Text

Q12 **Is there anything else the decision-makers needs to consider?**

Long Text

See attachment

In the Matter of Nth Hagley Park Lighting for Night Time Training – Lease Application by High School Old Boys’ Rugby Club

Perspectives and Decision-making

Lateral Thinking

Decisions made for one issue, seldom have no impact whatsoever on other issues and future decision-making. The vision of the-decision maker(s) is limited by the quantum and quality of the information supplied and brought to their attention.

It is not mandatory that the briefing supplied as background to specific Community Board and Council agenda items includes detailed analysis of an item and its possible/probable interaction with other development matters.

Councils are not clairvoyant. They have limited ability to foresee whether an application has potential to constrain or expand other opportunities within the framework of existing statutory plans. That is why public consultation is relevant because it broadens the knowledge base and the depth of experience that can be called upon. It is critical to long-term planning.

Consideration of alternatives

My submission here seeks to encourage consideration of alternatives and the merits of broader thinking brought to mind by the current request to replace the lighting in North Hagley Park for night time training for the High School Old Boys rugby club (HSOB) that has enjoyed using that segment of Hagley Park for many years.

Due Process

There are legal obstacles to the proposal stemming from its location in a Reserve with its attendant statutory management plan. Other submitters will doubtless bring these obstacles to the Council’s attention given the need for due process to be followed.

The application triggers in my mind an alternative that needs to be considered because it is a timely window of opportunity to resolve, positively, more than one known issue simultaneously.

Addington Temporary Stadium (ATS)

The decision on the future use of the ATS is exercising the minds of many people. There are numerous suggestions related to that piece of land. What seems agreed is that the removal of the grandstand structures will happen no matter what scenario is chosen. As a temporary measure constructed in haste, those stands served Christchurch well. What is not yet decided is the future use of that vacated space.

I note that the ATS space has floodlighting that is superior to what is being sought for North Hagley Park in the HSOB proposal. I also note that these two locations are central in the Christchurch context and not far apart in the city. I also note that one has ample parking in its vicinity including provision for bus

parking, whilst the other does not. Furthermore, the ATS is well served by public transport, but not so for the HSOB area of Nth Hagley Park.

Funding

HSOB is offering to pay for the replacement lighting in Nth Hagley Park. As generous as this may appear, there is a potential downside to this offer if it eventuates. The saying of “he who pays the piper calls the tune” is apposite. There is the example of Hagley Oval nearby. Use of that oval is focused on professional cricket, with the light towers a necessary factor for international televised night games, which provide income for professional NZ Cricket.

The oval itself is maintained by the CCC. Access for other possible users for Hagley Oval space is constricted by cricket schedules and continuous ground maintenance. The enclosure discourages free public access, even if, technically, citizens could walk on the grounds in periods between cricket games.

Sabotage of test cricket wickets has occurred elsewhere, which means the cricket fraternity is understandably not encouraging of uncontrolled free access.

Nevertheless, restrictions on public access are to be avoided where possible to maintain the original objectives for the park’s creation.

My comments so far, are intended therefore as an alert. Consideration of this HSOB application should not be considered in isolation. There may be a better alternative solution involving the ATS space, leaving the Nth Hagley Park landscape without high standing visually intrusive light towers.

The Future of the ATS Space

The ATS has perimeter structures that will be dismantled. It is bordered on the East side by a retirement village that lacks sufficient vehicle parking space for its residents and visitors. A strip of the ATS could accommodate that need, paid for by the village owners. That would be a capital gain for the city.

The grassed ground would meet the needs for night training of several amateur sports code, and for daytime use by school sports, supplementing the area elsewhere in South Hagley Park that is used for that purpose.

On the western flank, it would be appropriate for a mixture of residential units aimed at social housing demand, and club rooms and changing rooms at ground floor level for use by organized sports.

At both ends of the ground other commercial developments could be accommodated, perhaps including hotel accommodation aimed at visiting sports teams from out of town.

The existing flood lights would be retained and available for any night time activities. The city would continue to be the property owner, receiving ground rent from the social housing, and hotel sites.

The training field would be bookable by day and hours by any sport. The concept is feasible, with long term benefits as a city-owned asset.

Legacy Issues

Solutions that **minimize structures** in Hagley Park should be favored, especially when an attractive alternative in the same vicinity could meet the needs of several sports for night-time training, with little

need for noise abatement, as noisy crowds will not gather. It is not possible to shield perimeter roads and housing from glare even with the best of intentions with respect to light spill.

Honouring those who had the foresight to create Hagley Park in central Christchurch requires that Hagley Park **remain as free of man-made structures as possible**. Treating Hagley Park on the same basis as any other city park not similarly protected by specific law, is to ignore Hagley Park's **special status**. It is therefore distressing to see more and more of Hagley Park's open spaces floodlit for night sports. One wonders how the city reconciled their obligations to manage Hagley Park according to the existing statutory management plan, with its decisions to keep adding high standing lights as allowed in the District Plan? That Plan and the (HPMP), when read together, should see the HPMP prevail at least until the statute is amended.

It is not as if there is no other alternative location outside the park but in close proximity for night training sessions. If that option is taken, the existing light poles and lights that are near end of life could be removed. My plea is that the requested replacement lights in a new lease to HSOB Rugby Club be not approved and the existing lights removed as soon as the ATS is redeveloped.

Response No:
7

Contribution ID: 44298

Q2 **Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

Q3 **Your role**

Short Text

Q4 **Full name**

Short Text Daniel Strong

Q10 **Do you support the floodlight lease proposal in Hagley Park North?**

Multi Choice Yes

Q11 **What would you change about the plan?**

Long Text

Q12 **Is there anything else the decision-makers needs to consider?**

Long Text

Response No:
8

Contribution ID: 44168

Q2 **Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

Q3 **Your role**

Short Text

Q4 **Full name**

Short Text

James Lobb

Q10 **Do you support the floodlight lease proposal in Hagley Park North?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q11 **What would you change about the plan?**

Long Text

Q12 **Is there anything else the decision-makers needs to consider?**

Long Text

This is great for kids sport in Christchurch.

Response No:
9

Contribution ID: 44155

Q2 **Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

Q3 **Your role**

Short Text

Q4 **Full name**

Short Text

Frances Anne Buckley

Q10 **Do you support the floodlight lease proposal in Hagley Park North?**

Multi Choice

No

Q11 **What would you change about the plan?**

Long Text

Height of the light should not be increased.

The proposed height would see the lights being above the tree line. This would ruin the appearance of North Hagley Park.

The light spill will impact housing on adjacent Deans Avenue and surrounds.

North Hagley Park should not be developed in this way.

Q12 **Is there anything else the decision-makers needs to consider?**

Long Text

See response to previous question.

Response No:
10

Contribution ID: 44121

Q2 **Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

Q3 **Your role**

Short Text

Q4 **Full name**

Short Text

Karus Robinson

Q10 **Do you support the floodlight lease proposal in Hagley Park North?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q11 **What would you change about the plan?**

Long Text

Q12 **Is there anything else the decision-makers needs to consider?**

Long Text

Great for sport in this city

Response No:
11

Contribution ID: 44117

Q2 **Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

Q3 **Your role**

Short Text

Q4 **Full name**

Short Text

Michael Anthony Hurrell

Q10 **Do you support the floodlight lease proposal in Hagley Park North?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q11 **What would you change about the plan?**

Long Text

Q12 **Is there anything else the decision-makers needs to consider?**

Long Text

Lights should also be compliant with Dark Sky guidelines, even though lights would be expected to be off after 8pm. This is for the preservation of satisfactory sky viewing conditions in early evenings throughout Winter, and also for future-proofing should the hours need to be extended.

Response No:
12

Contribution ID: 43559

Q2 **Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

Q3 **Your role**

Short Text

Q4 **Full name**

Short Text

Sonia Terry Bell

Q10 **Do you support the floodlight lease proposal in Hagley Park North?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q11 **What would you change about the plan?**

Long Text

Q12 **Is there anything else the decision-makers needs to consider?**

Long Text

Originally a recreation area so keep it primarily for that use. Housing that might be impacted but they new about the playing fields.

Q2 Name of organisation/business

Short Text

Q3 Your role

Short Text

Q4 Full name

Short Text

Joanna Mackle

Q10 Do you support the floodlight lease proposal in Hagley Park North?

Multi Choice

No

Q11 What would you change about the plan?

Long Text

The fields closest to Deans Ave should have no change. I live as do an increasing amount of people
On the Westside of Deans Ave, one row back. I see the lights at present on our east side study. They are bright
enough and unpleasant as it is. I think
The current system supports activity across different groups.

As an Earth and Space science teacher increased lighting later than sunset, which does not adjust to existing light
compromises night sky viewing and has negative effects disturbing light patterns for the ecosystem. Trees, plants,
animals and particularly birds do not need further disruption
To their diurnal rhythm.

Q12 Is there anything else the decision-makers needs to consider?

Long Text

More houses are being built on Deans Ave/ Ayr street. We have a right to enjoyment of our homes after business
hours and not glaring lights. This is the rule for our complex with outside lighting. The proximity to residents and
and lack of proposal to move or reorient fields is a concern.

We purchased with the status quo in 2022.

It is unfair to residents to change something light just for a club. The spillover to the West is too high.

It should remain the status quo.

And ensure that lights are used that consider residents and flora and fauna.

I cannot see consideration for the environment around it. Or options for more suitable lighting for species around it
.

It may affect the living things around it, who currently are evolved with the current amount of light.

The trade off for one code of club sport is not worth it. There are other field options they should not be expanding in
a public park maintained by rate-payers.

Response No:
14

Contribution ID: 44082

Q2 Name of organisation/business

Short Text

Q3 Your role

Short Text

Q4 Full name

Short Text

Sandra Shaw

Q10 Do you support the floodlight lease proposal in Hagley Park North?

Multi Choice

Somewhat

Q11 What would you change about the plan?

Long Text

I feel it is a shame that the rugby people weren't encouraged to consider moving their sports ground to the ex Orange Theory grounds where the Crusaders have been playing. There's already lights and changing rooms which could have readily been adapted to the rugby club's needs. Did anyone approach them to think whether this would be a viable option.

Q12 Is there anything else the decision-makers needs to consider?

Long Text

As above

Q2 Name of organisation/business

Short Text

Q3 Your role

Short Text

Q4 Full name

Short Text

Shirleyann Goodman-Young

Q10 Do you support the floodlight lease proposal in Hagley Park North?

Multi Choice

Somewhat

Q11 What would you change about the plan?

Long Text

Height of the highest lights.
The most important point for me, would be avoiding over spill of light beaming towards Residential homes. This really needs to be avoided at all costs.
Otherwise I'm happy with the lights as I like to see people getting outside and exercising. This is because most people working have to do their sport after work after dark in the winter months.

Q12 Is there anything else the decision-makers needs to consider?

Long Text

No, not at present.

Q2 Name of organisation/business

Short Text

Q3 Your role

Short Text

Q4 Full name

Short Text

martin meehan

Q10 Do you support the floodlight lease proposal in Hagley Park North?

Multi Choice

Somewhat

Q11 What would you change about the plan?

Long Text

The information provided fails to show the details one would expect in plans going before council. The new lighting poles are 18m. Are these the same height as the existing poles. No elevations are shown on the plans. The updated information shows the light spill from the existing lights. The number of new lights is to increase, but no light spill is shown for them

Q12 Is there anything else the decision-makers need to consider?

Long Text

The light poles are permanent structures in the park and care must be taken to ensure they don't restrict future users of that area of the park. I would suggest having only one rugby field fully floodlit with the reverse of the poles used to light the training area on the other rugby field. This is already done with the other floodlit training area next to the two rugby grounds. A balance has to be achieved between preserving public open space and catering for sports groups. These sports use Hagley Park on a recurring basis during their seasons, but any infrastructure they install is in place permanently

Q2 **Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

Q3 **Your role**

Short Text

Q4 **Full name**

Short Text

Roy Ah Kuoi

Q10 **Do you support the floodlight lease proposal in Hagley Park North?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q11 **What would you change about the plan?**

Long Text

Q12 **Is there anything else the decision-makers needs to consider?**

Long Text

They have been a feature and a useful tool for some time and should continue to do so for all parties that use it

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To Whom it may concern

The Canterbury Football Union endorse support for the lighting project the High School Old Boys Rugby Football Club (HSOB) is undertaking to improve the lights and lighting quality at the Bob Deans fields in Hagley Park.

The HSBO Rugby Football Club is a progressive club in the centre of Christchurch and the advancement of the lighting project is consistent to the support that Canterbury Rugby has shown for the other connected projects in recent years. The upgrade of changing facilities funded by the club, the fields being identified by Canterbury Rugby and accepted by Council as high priority in the Sports Network Plan and now the upgrading of lights to make the area a premier fully functioning space for club, community and Canterbury Rugby are all projects we endorse.

The Club will have teams entered in all grades of rugby, men and women, boys and girls and not all clubs achieve that, coupled with an active Tri Rugby team for those with disabilities or vulnerabilities. The complete package is offered in an inclusive environment.

The lighting upgrade will provide a large club to meet the needs of its participants but equally to showcase the value that community sport can provide to anyone passing by in the city centre at Hagley Park.

Please if you are able to help support this initiative for the good of the whole community we would very much appreciate it.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tony Smail'.

Tony Smail

Chief Executive