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Organisations / Business

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28260	On behalf of Christchurch Metro Cricket, we wish to support this project. We have already spoken to the CCC management team about how we can use the facilities for junior cricket on a Saturday morning during the cricket season for soft ball grades (5-8 years boys and girls), which are currently played on mown outfield strips. This particular location would support the Halswell and Sydenham Junior cricket clubs, between them they have 60 junior teams and we are short of fields in this part of town.	Mike Harvey, Christchurch Metro Cricket
28612	Yes, I would like Waipuna Halswell-Riccarton Community Board to consider the limited parking infrastructure, consent constraints, of Ngā Puna Wai Sports Hub and how that is impacting current winter and event use. Ngā Puna Wai Sports Hub in its current state is not fit for purpose for an artificial turf development. Please see my attached letter. Kind regards, Jacinda Valentine - Mainland Netball, Regional Sports Organisation, Relationship Manager <i>*see attachment</i>	Jacinda Valentine, Mainland Netball
28828	The South West Sports & Recreation Hub Inc. (SWISH) would appreciate the opportunity to speak at the community board about the Ngā Puna Wai artificial turf fields. Some questions/feedback around the current plan: An exciting step forward with the Sports Field Network plan. Will there be sufficient changing space in the pavilion to allow back to back bookings & maximise usage. In addition will there be warm up spaces to allow back to back usage. Is there space in the pavilion for referees facilities? A mound can be useful in the summer for game watching, what provision is there for winter sports & game watching aside from the concrete wall. In particular with 4-8 year olds, is the sufficient space for those parents to be present if those children are using the facility. Will the fencing be sufficient to prevent lost balls into adjacent areas of land over the low 1m fences. Is there bicycle access from the shared little river link path, what safe storage options are there for bicycles/e-bikes. With regard to transport is there enough space for bus access to the parking areas, or will there be a drop-off, pickup area nearby? Will there be expected future provision of bus routes to service the area. The orientation of the fields could be problematic with the setting sun, could the fields be orientated the other way? With the trees & planting is there any thought around the potential for frost on the shaded areas in winter. many thanks Ian Ebbs On behalf of SWISH www.swish.org.nz	Ian Ebbs, South West Sports & Recreation Hub Inc (SWISH)
28850	Dear Community Board members, Christchurch Netball Centre Pūtahi Poitarawhiti ki Ōtautahi is an organisation committed to growing a love of sport across Ōtautahi, given the positive social, economic and health outcomes for our communities.	Angela Pryor, Christchurch Netball Centre Pūtahi

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	Netball remains the number one sport for participation, connection and wellbeing for women and girls across Aotearoa. We deliver netball across four city venues, and the home of netball is at the heart of Ngā Puna Wai. Our 10 indoor courts provide a base for not only netball, but also futsal, volleyball, korfbal and gymnastics, as well as programmes and events delivered by boccia, handball, ultimate frisbee, fencing and the Muslim community. Our new community sport centre, which opened its doors in November 2023, has had over one million visitors from across Ōtautahi, Aotearoa and the world. It is our responsibility to ensure that we address significant barriers to sporting participation. At present, like all sporting partners who call Ngā Puna Wai home, we are required to work within resource consent conditions. This means ensuring all visitor parking is contained on site, to mitigate the impact of traffic on the neighbourhood. Across the city, Saturday is the highest traffic day for all winter sports, since working families rely on the weekend offering to ensure their tamariki and rangatahi can participate. Throughout 2024, and in preparation for 2025, Christchurch Netball Centre has been asked by Christchurch City Council to overhaul our winter sport scheduling to minimise the impact of traffic on the neighbourhood. Within our Activity Management Plan, there are also numerous occasions throughout the year when ALL Ngā Puna Wai sporting partners are required to “quieten” the site to enable significant tournaments or events to occur eg Christchurch A&P Show, Colgate Games. Although, we had planned for this to occur on a few occasions throughout the year, the number of times we have been asked to “quieten” the site is increasing. This includes for new events that represent sporting codes outside of Ngā Puna Wai hub partners, for example touch rugby and women’s rugby. We are supportive of participation across all codes and spaces, however we have significant concerns that adding more sporting infrastructure is happening at a time when we are already unable to activate the hub to its potential. We therefore implore Council to consider winter overflow carparking (on site or surrounding area) prior to the development of the artificial turfs, to ensure that hub sporting partners are not adversely affected. The impact of introducing new infrastructure without resolving current challenges will further compound the pressures and limitations on Ngā Puna Wai sporting partners. This includes: 1. Ongoing disruption to community sport and scheduling 2. Loss of participants and volunteers 3. Loss of revenue Council can help ensure community sport’s financial viability and sustainability by pausing, reflecting and resolving current access management issues prior to any further development. Warren Poh Board Chair Christchurch Netball Centre Angela Pryor General Manager Christchurch Netball Centre <i>*See attachment</i>	Poitarawhiti ki Ōtautahi
28864	Feedback from Halswell Utd is included in the attached document. We also request to present to the Community Board on December 12.	Craig Bowen,

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	<i>*See attachment</i>	Halswell United Football Club
30000	<i>*See attachment</i>	Mark Gregory, Environment Canterbury

Individuals

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28244	Great idea and will add to the awesome facilities already in place at NPW	James Griggs
28249	This is a brilliant idea for winter sports use on this side of the city and will well utilise a parcel of land just used for grazing part of the year and wasteland when not being grazed. Well done Sport Canterbury and associated sports bodies - if it can be marked out for multi use, even better.	Christine Rodda
28250	I would prefer the emphasis to go on artificial football turfs. Rugby has more than enough fields to go around and i believe the priority should be football. Growing at faster numbers than rugby.	Carl Cozzone
28254	Go for it. Wish we had this facility when I was playing	Jane Earnshaw
28255	I don't really have much to say, more questions that are unanswered - The plan includes a CCC maintenance facility but doesn't detail what this is or why it needs to be so large. - The size of the maintenance facility could include another turf instead. - Will this include adding a footpath down Wigram road? Wigram is extremely walkable but less so around there. I'd be concerned if the only entrance on foot is via a gravel path that links to the cycleway and musgrove close. - Will there be an entrance from the cycleway? Cyclists can travel quickly down there and good visibility is required for both cyclists and walkers. - Called Nga Puna Wai when in reality this is completely separate. Is there a reason some of the space in Nga Puna Wai couldnt be used?	Bruce Aldridge
28256	Absolutely Fantastic, will get more kids involved in sport and off the street. These facilities have been sadly missing in Christchurch, so well done CCC for making a positive change	Glenn Matheson
28261	As a football mum, I love this. We gets games cancelled after one rain. Kids being active and part of a sporting community it probably the single best investment we can make.	Shelley Godoy
28264	Good location, unused currently and decent access. Halswell domain would be my first pick as the pitches there get the most damaged. Indoor tennis courts round be great at Nga Puna also	Ben Smuth
28270	A great decision to put artificial turfs around the city. Fixed dugouts would be useful for the teams & spectator seating would also be useful.	Matt Jansen
28274	Great to see, well overdue and needed for football particularly. Hopefully the changing rooms also have a referee room etc planned so top level games can be played here.	Katie Griffin
28276	Netting between the 2 artificial pitches	Dylan Scott
28280	Consider putting in a two story pavilion with a deck) where the community hall is at the top (above the changing rooms) and people can watching a game from a higher viewing points and connect with their community at the end of a match. This is generally missing in the plans that council create. For a lot of people, community and connection is the most important thing .. on and OFF the pitch	Isaac Stanton
28288	Maybe more noise protection from the motorway? Please add better walking and cycling connections with the little river trail and Wigram Road.	Arthur McGregor
28290	It's a great idea! It should have been done long ago. There are so many horribly kept football pitches in Christchurch, this will help relieve pressure on the current demands of the already established artificial turfs.	Cameron Farr
28291	Just make them grass fields. Artificial turf is essentially microplastics, and terrible for the environment. Also, does Nga Puna Wai need another 160 car parks, and for 2 new fields? A football team has 11 players on it, so 160 car parks seems like dramatic overkill.	Peter Galbraith
28295	As long as there are car parks to accommodate and toilet facilities to cater for the masses, sounds like a great idea	Tania Thompson

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28296	Great idea. Coty needs more artificial turfs in the south	Wayne Robertson
28297	As a family who have been heavily involved in football on the Western side of town for over thirty years we see this as a much needed facility. Football at all levels suffers when weather closes grounds and further all weather facilities mean more people remain able to play their games over the season and therefore more people are active as well (surely an overall goal for our society!). Also the more that teams can keep training throughout the week on turfs like this when fields are closed the less likely we are to have as many injuries when people try to return to play games after 3 weeks off (especially as we age!). A further bonus is our rangitahi getting use of top level facilities that youth of their age get access to around in many places around the world so that they are used to this when/if they compete at higher standards.	Trudi Squire
28299	Strongly support installation of more artificial turf fields as part of a city wide plan. These ensure that sport is able to be played year round and help reduce the strain on grass fields - prolonging their longevity throughout the seasons. I would highly recommend elongating the proposed turfs, to include additional space for teams to warm up/down before and after games. As a former competitive athlete, it was often challenging to find adequate space to warm up on turf-based parks before you are able to take to the field. This would noticeably improve the outcomes of the proposed facility.	Tom Chretien
28301	Just a suggestion rāwhiti domain has the eastern canopies which are so good was wondering if there was anything like this that could be installed for this side of town or at ngā puna wai	Renee Riley
28302	Great idea but disappointing that artificial pitches aren't being completed in Eastern christchurch first, as there are currently none.	John Mcmanus
28307	Very much needed facility for the Canterbury Sports. We are behind other major cities in NZ offering multi purpose all weather facilities. Let's get on with it!	Paul Edensor
28309	Both my children have been and are still involved in the Football community. It is well known in Christchurch that we need more artificial turf for development and community football during the winter period as the grounds are in such terrible condition to play some decent football from grassroots to Canterbury development. The amount of ground closures, the juggle of moving games around and the amount of football that is cancelled over the winter months from juniors to senior matches. My daughter plays high end sport for Canterbury and Club and the state of the women's pitches are absolutely shocking for women and young women to play on compared to the men. Football is a growing sport and they are in dire need for some good football games. We have lived in Halswell for over 20 years and the Halswell grounds are atrocious and Cashmere grounds are not that much better. Looking at the grounds around Christchurch most do not hold up at all for the amount of trainings (4 trainings a week) plus game time on Saturday. WE seem to be falling behind from other city centres concerning football and the amount of talent that is coming thru. I can't say how much importance we need this going forward for Christchurch football and also we need to get away from clubs having to pay extra money throughout the season to Christchurch United ie Slav. so we can have ground time to play and train on. Please consider this as a very high importance for the state of Christchurch football.	Cj Ross
28312	Such a great idea. Good use of space - still connected to Ngā Puna Wai but far enough away to help alleviate congestion.	Rhiannon Barr
28313	Yes please hurry up we needed this so so long ago, so many footballers/soccer players have no where to play/train in the winter in this city. Thank you.	Meg Denison
28315	Best plan ever, is there one planned for halswell domain And burnside park for the other 12? How do we find out the plan for the other 12?	Ged Robinson
28318	Would be a great addition to the already vibrant NPW sports hub! If there was more provision for temporary vendors for food, coffee etc., this would help activate it and generate money for local business too. Lots of hungry and coffee-deprived parents on nights/mornings to watch games.	Nathan Balmer
28321	Totally agree! Artificial turf pitches would make a huge difference, especially for winter sports. It's frustrating how just one wet day can disrupt training schedules and set teams back. With all the benefits they bring—like consistent training conditions and durability—having more of them, especially on the east side, would be a game changer for so many local teams. Fingers crossed we see some movement on this soon!	Adia Marinelli
28325	I totally support this! Can I ask that you consider buses though as we often bring people to Nga Puna Wai. Sometimes quite a few buses at a time and I can only assume groups will want to get buses to here when it's done. A decent amount of room would be good instead of just enough room please.	Selina Mcleod
28328	You need to include room for buses. School sports events and teams quite often hire buses to move the teams and buses won't be able to get in and drop off safely. Hey be running over curbs and plants if it stays the way it designed.	Aleisha Sheriff
28330	Massive fan of your work. Approved.	James Graham
28332	Nga Puna wai is an amazing resource, will be great to see further development. If Wigram Road is not the only access, please ensure there is traffic calming, it's a busy site with lots of kids, please make sure all cars and bikes moving around the site have to travel slowly	Natasha Spink
28342	While recognising the need for improved fields around the city to host multiple sports there are some issues that will arise with this project and you need to look at Nga Puni Wai as a whole when considering this plan. There is currently a resource consent in place around Nga Puni Wai that is having a huge disadvantage on the sporting organisations already using Nga Puni Wai especially in the winter and will this project fall under the existing resource consent or will a new resource consent be required.	Wayne Hawker

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28344	Cost? Plenty of other spaces available for games, so I question the need for additional outdoor space	Maxim Mertsalov
28348	This is a fantastic idea and I cannot wait to see the future sites around Christchurch to fill out the 12 artificial turf options. My only suggestion is to consider some form of seating for supporters watching matches that is raised. Can be as simple as the small seating at Foster Park in Selwyn or as much as English Park.	Tom Lawson
28350	Great idea! Would love to see well managed and fairly free-flowing road access while this is being built. With Roadworks on Sparks Rd and Halswell Rd, Wigram Rd is the only shortcut to the motorway via Annex at present.	Jean Milne
28352	Avonhead Park desperately needs artificial turf for football. It's heavily used by so many different groups throughout the whole year.	Melissa Ogilvie
28355	This is great but it is sorely needed on the East of Christchurch. This is needed at QE2. Sport is so important to help keep young people engaged and out of trouble. Please prioritise artificial turf fields for the East of Christchurch.	Andrea Wylie
28365	Put it on the other side of the motorway	Elisha Nuttall
28367	This is a much needed facility for Football teams in the South/South East of the city! Grounds are already at capacity and when went impacts teams being able to access training and game facilities! This helps create the active lifestyle especially at a grassroots level	Steve Potter
28370	This HAS to happen and needs to happen asap. These turfs are a basic standard in cities and towns around the world to allow people to play sports and Christchurch is crying out for more of them. This cannot wait for years it has to happen now. The plan itself looks really good and covers more than everything that is needed. The football pitches around take such a battering during winter, these along with the other 10 would make a huge difference. Not only for the top level but creates more opportunities for teams of all abilities to play on clubs main pitches and in wet weather.	Matt Aspinall
28371	great idea - moe people involved in sport the better	Gerardine Jones
28373	This area of Christchurch is in need of artificial turf to support local clubs, schools and keeping youth in sports, fully support the proposal.	Zoe Burkitt

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28376	I support this proposal. I feel the location is suitable, as part of the wider Ngā Puna Wai development - and the number of artificial turfs currently in the city is inadequate. Demand will definitely continue to develop as more schools and sports clubs also develop their own turfs.	Tom Adams
28379	I think that this would be a good idea, as stated the grounds around Christchurch can be detrimental to playing good football especially towards back end of the season. These are the sort of plans that need to be put around the city CTFC already use the Polo fields which drain really well but cannot be used for Practice which is essential and flood lights really would be good and provide safety.	Ann Mcleod
28381	I have serious reservations about the need for this project and attach the reasons in Supporting Information. <i>*See attachment</i>	Jack Allan
28382	This is bloody amazing and will be awesome but please make sure there's enough car parks, the current Nga Puna Wai facility is a hot mess with car parking!	Gemma Sweeney
28386	Does the pavilion include open space and kitchen facilities for use in after match functions and sports tournaments. Would like to see more bench seating around the fields. Unsure what the CCC Maintenance Facility will comprise ... does this require greater screening?? There is no description around the green space between turf and motorway ... will this be grassed and available as warmup ground before games are played on turf?	Richard Mcewan
28388	Need to have public transport options for people to actually be able to get there as well as more parking options around. Makes it difficult at times with lots of different sports operating at different at different times	Beky Wall
28391	Having placed several MUGA (Multi use games areas) into central London the use by and benefit to the community sport is huge. What would be better is a covered area like Rawhiti domain. Will it have lights? It could be used from dawn till midnight if so. Univeristy teams etc can train outside of 'normal' daylight hours in spaces like this. Critical is the management of the bookings with active management rather than block bookings that are under utilised. If its block booked by a sporting code they should have to prove how they can pivot and move games around to maximize the benefit of a dry surface in what normally be 'wet' weather. There needs to be a booking app like at Rawhiti Domain.	David Cross
28402	I think it's a great idea, especially for football. There are only 3 other turfs in greater Chch that I know of, they are a real asset to a growing sport, not to mention other sports use as well. Top idea!!	Greg Mathias
28407	Just do it quickly! Great plan.	Joanna Kelly
28410	Already have a great facility there. Instead of them having the first 2 turf fields why doesn't the Eastsude get awarded them first? They've been forgotten about for too long...	Nicola Skelton
28412	Great idea for football, if you can add in seating to view games would be an added bonus. These football fields can be used on the evening for school competitions and takes the heat off English park and CFA. This is the best idea that CCC has done for sport in years !!!!	Danielle Herrick
28416	Absolutely put them in!	Anton Smail
28417	Fantastic plan that will service a much needed area of the city for winter sports. Excited to see where more fields can go and how the council can improve and maintain the grass pitches to keep our winter sports for all ages. Artificial turf plays a harder toll on the body so while they are massively needed to aid the sports. Quality Grass surfaces are also important	Carlene Upton
28425	This is wonderful, glad to see more artificial surfaces being installed to support winter sport!	Jonathan Weusten
28426	Clearly I support the plan - I play Masters football - I have 3 boys playing academy grade football.. The sooner the better frankly - let's get into it.. Thanks	Alistair Pullin
28428	Thousands of kiwis play football, it's a fast growing sport...the world game! Yet our facilities in Christchurch are very poor, especially in Southern Christchurch where Cashmere Technical is turning kids away due to limited sports field capacity, and very poor quality waterlogged fields at that.	Zach Hill
28433	Artificial grass is not the direction we want to head in.. just no.. and 12 more planned.. absolutely dont support this	Jane Nuttridge
28434	This is a great idea!!! My sports club struggles to train during the winter without paying quite a lot for fields & lights. During winter we have several issues: soggy fields, poor lighting, fields closed for maintenance. Having well lit turf fields would really be a game changer for the winter months!!!	Sam Teo-Linnartz
28435	Hi Overseas (UK, Europe, Australia, etc) artificial grass is being removed. Why are we so far behind the rest of the world? Have a look at a few of the links below and think again why you would purposely put into the environment where people play unrecyclable polyethylene, a known source of micro plastics and carbon creating rather than absorbing. Newer so-called biodegradable materials aren't. It is also a surface that gets excessively hot in summer destroying all soil life beneath as well as being uncomfortable to walk on. Lastly, the last reference below gives links to reviewed papers on the increased injury to contact sport players playing on artificial grass. https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/discover/why-are-artificial-lawns-bad-for-the-environment https://info.supersod.com/sod-seeding/artificial-turf-or-real-grass https://www.stageproperty.com.au/post?post_id=12753	Joy Talbot

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28437	Please proceed with this fantastic plan and a must do for CHCH	Richard Hayman
28443	While recognising the need for improved fields around the city to host multiple sports there are some issues that will arise with this project and you need to look at Nga Puni Wai as a whole when considering this plan. There is currently a resource consent in place around Nga Puni Wai which is having a huge disadvantage on the sporting organisations already using this, especially in the winter. Will this project fall under the existing resource consent or will a new resource consent be required? What is council's rule on car parking ? Currently other sporting organisations that have the use of the NPW area, are being told we can realistically only use approx 85% of the actual car parks at any one time to avoid breaching the resource consent that currently exists. However some sport organisations had absolutely no input into the wording of this as they were not around at the time that NPW was put together.. Should this project go ahead, then at the same time, the City Council need to seek amendments to the current Resource Consent to allow the sporting organisations currently using Nga Puni Wai to fully utilise their facilities at 100% without either losing income or being threatened with unnecessary fines. One sport in particular is having to take multiple games away from Nga Puni Wai therefore losing income because of council staff threats to issue fines for a breach of resource consent around car parking. I would have thought council were here to help promote a healthier lifestyle and sporting participation but at Nga Puni Wai it appears that is not the case. Also with this project being on the opposite side of Wigram Road, what traffic management measures will council be putting in place to ensure a safe passage to get to either entrance depending on where you are coming from? Will there be pedestrian / cycleway options for anyone wanting to go between the 2 main sites and will council adopt the same policy of only having a maximum of 85% of the new car park being used at any one time, meaning only 138 car parks of the 164 proposed will be available for use?!!! Does that mean any overflow, may use the existing car parks at the Main area of NPW adding more stress to those sporting organisations already struggling to meet council demands to avoid potential fines or costs to have a new traffic management plan for the area? Reality is Nga Puni Wai is a CCC sporting facility and it is council's responsibility to manage traffic flow not the sporting organisations using it. If CCC continue with the impending threats of forcing traffic management plans on the current sporting organisations, this will be making more barriers financially to sport than ever and hurting the very people that these facilities are supposed to be for. Let the sporting organisations do what they do best in regards getting people of all ages and abilities off the couch and participating each week and weekend day. I do believe the council are the owners of the current resource consent for Nga Puna Wai ,so it is their problem and not the users , We do not see any behaviour like this from council at other venues in and around ChCh which are going to be even more of an issue when both the new stadium and Metro sports facility open and who are they going to blame then?!!! Questions that need answers: 1. Is the product being used as an artificial surface, contain plastic fibre's ? If so how are you going to control this to stop the fibres eventually getting into either waste water or mainstream water systems because that is more of a reality than anyone wants to admit!! 2. What other future proofing measures will be put into place, especially around traffic management/ public transport given it is highly likely in years to come there will be more sporting facility developments happening at Nga Puni Wai?	Lynlea Willan
28451	Christchurch needs this!	Natalie Gould-Maas
28459	It is a travesty that this is being considered at Community Board level and not at City Council level as this is part of an overall City Plan regarding the turfs. These turfs should go on the East first and then look at Nga Puna Wai later. Say this as the traffic issues, parking etc need to be sorted first before anything else is considered being put at Nga Puna Wai. The traffic around Nga Puna Wai at the moment I understand is a nightmare for residents during the winter and users rat racing on some of the streets. The West already has one of the best draining grounds in Warren Park that is often used when other fields are unavailable, so lets get soemthing in the East first and if you do push to put it in the West first why not consider Warren Park first which has good access.	Marco Duff
28494	We need one on the east first. Why does the west and Central city always go first ? The Eastside of town is never a priority for CCC. This facility is amazing and we have to drive across town to access it. Why here first? Eastside doesn't have anything like this to start with	Erin Hibbs
28586	Please provide a more direct, better-surfaced connection with Little River Rail Trail for those who choose to walk or cycle to the fields. There already appear to be cycle stands on the southeast corner of the fields; a short connection across the green space adjacent would easily link up to the trail.	Shane Binder
28594	It is great the council is making a decision to provide more turf facilities. However they need to be in the catchment that have the highest demand. Where are the majority of clubs that require them? I don't see Nga Puna Wai as the correct location for the need. It's nice to group all the sports facilities together because it is easy, however not practical for	Matt Cockcroft

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	the majority of the target users. Why hasn't the turfs at QE2 been completed yet? There is a much more demand in that area from existing clubs requiring turf facilities. This project should be advanced as existing players/clubs are missing out..	
28597	The Sports Network Plan acknowledges the importance of sports fields in contributing to a greener, more sustainable environment. Artificial turf directly contradicts this goal, covering valuable greenspace with synthetic materials that contribute nothing to environmental greening and will ultimately require disposal in landfills and frequent replacement. This approach is at odds with the Council's environmental goals and should prompt serious reconsideration. How will this be managed? You state that the artificial turf is primarily for football and rugby, which, according to the network plan, have approximately 25,000 participants and occupy 25 parks for football and 17 for rugby. This already represents a significant dedication of expensive real estate, specialized sports fields, changing rooms, and maintenance—provided at no cost to the users. It must surely equate to thousands of dollars to each participant every year. Not to mention a massive investment in a stadium for them. And yet, you want to give them more! Meanwhile, other sports like tennis, hockey, and bowls are required to lease land, fund, develop, and maintain their own facilities on parks, and swimming, basketball, volleyball etc all pay to use Council facilities. The artificial turf allocates even more resources to these two sports, which raises substantial concerns about fairness and resource distribution. Our community demographics are shifting, with an aging population and a growing preference for diverse recreational activities beyond traditional field sports. Participation in rugby and football is likely to decrease, aligning with national trends favoring a broader range of active recreation options. It would be more prudent to invest in growth activities that will serve the future population, like walking and biking tracks, pickle ball, and disc golf which are all growing hugely in popularity. Artificial turf has a much higher capacity for use than grass, which implies that any new artificial turf should reduce the need for grass fields. Therefore, I urge that these turf installations only proceed if they lead to the release of grass fields for alternative recreational use. I can only support these artificial turf if: 1. A proportional, fair fee structure be implemented for users, comparable to what other sports pay to lease, develop, and maintain their facilities on park land, or to use other Council sport and recreation facilities. 2. Equitable investment be made in other sports that currently have significantly less provision and resources. 3. Existing grass fields be repurposed for diverse recreational activities that align with changing public interests. It would be contradictory to Council’s own equity policies to continue prioritizing two already well-supported sports that have paid staff and extensive resources, while other sports—who receive much less support—struggle to meet community needs.	Dylan Corfe
28760	I strongly support the public artificial field. We're a Asian group of football enthusiasts and regularly play on Christchurch United FC's artificial pitch out in Yaldhurst. The pricing of this private-owned field has raised over the years to the point where it is less affordable for many of our members, recognised as a barrier for participation from our group. As a result we have previously applied for community funding from the Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton funding pool to continue our group activity. Having this closer to most of our members supports our community's continuous interest in active lifestyle and support combating the barrier/cost. Our interest for this artificial pitch is to keep the booking fee relatively low, similar pricing to the artificial pitches our in Selwyn if not lower. In saying this, slightly higher pricing is also acceptable if the pitch quality is higher. From our group members, the pitch quality of CFC's Yaldhurst pitch is of higher quality than Selwyn's. I note higher quality pitch relates to less football related injuries, e.g. thicker layers can support the studs butter, whereas the thinner pitches often leads to studs not properly planted in ground, twisting the ankles and knees. Our participation is typically at night time, twice a week. Therefore, support the use of lighting, etc. We also suggest for small goals to be a part of the facility, to accommodate for smaller group bookings. From a design perspective, I suggest if the pitches can be built with knits around the peripheral would be good. I see the sports field high fences are proposed on either end of the pitches. Consider the smaller group booking often plays football side-ways (horizontally in relation to the landscape plan), shots towards goals may go over the low fences into the parking spaces/maintenance facility or planted area west and east. Considerations maybe to lower the football pitches, or build high fences around all sides. I am happy to chat about this if needed, about the details of how we operate, how we currently use our pitches, as a member of my football group. It is unclear at this stage if the entrance is only from Wigram Road or if Council proposes to use the underpass from Nga Puna Wai as a way to access. From an urban designer perspective I'd be keen to get involved if you're interested. Chris Wang, Urban Designer.	Chris Wang

Submissions received on Nga Puna Wai artificial turf fields, October – November 2024

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	Feedback to this is written from an individual perspective. As a secretary to the 'Chinese Football Society' (group name applied for funding), I am happy to consult with my wider group to ask for further comments if interested.	
28798	As a board member, volunteer coach and playing member of Cashmere Technical, the largest sports club in the south island, one of the many issues we face is the lack of quality training and playing facilities. We struggle both at junior level and high-performance with accessing the right type of playing surface with the relevant facilities, such as floodlighting, to provide pathways for our players and then to achieve success at higher levels. For the last three years of being a board member, grounds have been the number one issue we have had to deal with, and as a community organisation, it is hard to not be able to grow your membership due to a lack of facilities especially when finances are tight. It was great to see the Sports Field Network Plan and the commitment to provide funding but now we need to see these be prioritised correctly, and starting at Nga Puna Wai seems like ab obvious choice. In terms of other facilities, it would be nice to see some additional training facilities such as smaller pitches adjacent to the main turfs, which would provide greater capacity and also more variability for players.	Matt Wiles
28860	Doesn't appear to be any shared path connection from the east, and the using the access road on foot or bicycle doesn't look to be pleasant. A shared path should be included along here. Another point where a shared path access would be beneficial is between the Little River Link and the south east corner of Field 2, through the trees. This would be a short and cheap connection and would provide good service for people from both east and west using the Little River Link. Proposed gravel connection at the western side to Musgrove Drainage Reserve should be sealed. Gravel paths are not great for bicycles and are likely to just become rutted in wet weather, which is pitched as one of the pros of artificial turf. Also, the condition of the existing connection to the Little River Link in Musgrove Reserve is poor (see attached). The existing "path" also crosses a stormwater weir, so this access can be impassable during rain events. Project should also include upgrading of this access to a sealed route. The amount of asphalt required to accomplish this is a tiny fraction of that required to build the access road and carpark, so cost is not a consideration. Currently there is a footpath constructed on Wigram Road up to the boundary of the proposed sports field. A connection could be provided here to provide a short route for pedestrians in the residential areas to the north of the fields to gain access. <i>*See attachment</i>	Liam Blackett



Thank you for the opportunity to give our feedback on the proposed turf development at Ngā Puna Wai Sports Hub. Mainland Netball is the regional sporting organisation that support Netball Centres in Mainland. Christchurch City Council is the home of our South Islands largest Netball Centre - Christchurch Netball Centre with 6105 members (2023 NNZ membership return). North Canterbury Netball Centre based in Waimakariri District Council has 2573 members (2023 NNZ membership return). Selwyn and Malvern Netball Centres based in Selwyn District Council have a combined membership of 2534 (2023 NNZ membership return). Therefore the wider Christchurch region has a combined membership of 11,212 members (2023 NNZ membership return). Which is a significant number of our 22,124 Mainland Netball members.

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed turf development at Ngā Puna Wai Sport Hub. Christchurch Netball Centre in November was able to open their incredible 10 court facility at Ngā Puna Wai and we want to acknowledge the support that Christchurch City Council has played in making the land available. Since this facility has opened the realisation around the parking consent constraints means that they are not fully able to utilise the programming of this 10-court facility due to needing to manage the carparking load under the current consent. The unintended consequences of this is the loss of revenue at these peak times and the need for Christchurch Netball Centre to programme competitions back into Hagley Park courts.

While I appreciate the Council's efforts to enhance the concept of Ngā Puna Wai as a sports hub, I believe that this development may exacerbate existing issues rather than resolve them. Currently all the sports partners at Ngā Puna Wai face significant parking constraints, which hinder the full utilisation of the current facilities by the sports teams and community members who rely on them and it increases workload for these organisations around communicating when sporting events are occurring, with flyer drops and all sorts of other measures not needed in other sporting hubs.

Our conclusion is that due to these carpark restrictions, this site is not fit for purpose in its current state and any development of Ngā Puna Wai needs to consider the current restraint around parking to the current users in the first instance.

Given these challenges, I urge the Council to reconsider the placement of the proposed turf development. It would be more prudent to first address the parking limitations to ensure that the current facilities can be fully utilised by the existing sports teams and community members. Only once these carparking issues are resolved should any further development be considered, to avoid further strain on the site's infrastructure.

I trust that the Council will take these concerns into account and prioritise the needs of the current users of the sports hub. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Jacinda Valentine
Mainland Netball – Relationship Manager





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Pūtahi Poitarawhiti ki Ōtautahi

SUBMISSION ON NGĀ PUNA WAI ARTIFICIAL TURF FIELDS

Dear Community Board members,

Christchurch Netball Centre | Pūtahi Poitarawhiti ki Ōtautahi is an organisation committed to growing a love of sport across Ōtautahi, given the positive social, economic and health outcomes for our communities.

Netball remains the number one sport for participation, connection and wellbeing for women and girls across Aotearoa.

We deliver netball across four city venues, and the home of netball is at the heart of **Ngā Puna Wai**. Our 10 indoor courts provide a base for not only netball, but also futsal, volleyball, korfbal and gymnastics, as well as programmes and events delivered by bocchia, handball, ultimate frisbee, fencing and the Muslim community.

Our new community sport centre, which opened its doors in November 2023, has had over one million visitors from across Ōtautahi, Aotearoa and the world.

It is our responsibility to ensure that we address **significant barriers** to sporting participation.

At present, like all sporting partners who call Ngā Puna Wai home, we are required to work within resource consent conditions. This means ensuring all visitor parking is contained on site, to mitigate the impact of traffic on the neighbourhood.

Across the city, Saturday is the highest traffic day for all winter sports, since working families rely on the weekend offering to ensure their tamariki and rangatahi can participate.

Throughout 2024, and in preparation for 2025, Christchurch Netball Centre has been asked by Christchurch City Council to overhaul our winter sport scheduling to minimise the impact of traffic on the neighbourhood.

Within our Activity Management Plan, there are also numerous occasions throughout the year when ALL Ngā Puna Wai sporting partners are required to “quieten” the site to enable significant tournaments or events to occur eg Christchurch A&P Show, Colgate Games.

Although, we had planned for this to occur on a few occasions throughout the year, the number of times we have been asked to “quieten” the site is increasing. This includes for new events that represent sporting codes outside of Ngā Puna Wai hub partners, for example touch rugby and women’s rugby.

We are supportive of participation across all codes and spaces, however **we have significant concerns that adding more sporting infrastructure is happening at a time when we are already unable to activate the hub to its potential.**

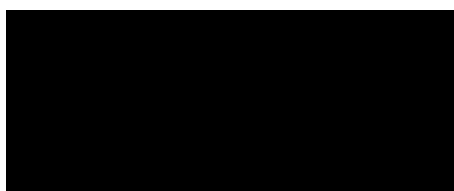
We therefore implore Council to consider winter overflow carparking (on site or surrounding area) prior to the development of the artificial turfs, to ensure that hub sporting partners are not adversely affected.

The impact of introducing new infrastructure without resolving current challenges will further compound the pressures and limitations on Ngā Puna Wai sporting partners.

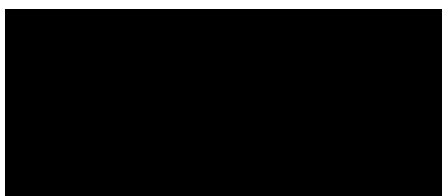
This includes:

1. Ongoing disruption to community sport and scheduling
2. Loss of participants and volunteers
3. Loss of revenue

Council can help ensure community sport’s financial viability and sustainability by **pausing, reflecting and resolving current access management issues** prior to any further development.



Warren Poh
Board Chair
Christchurch Netball Centre



Angela Pryor
General Manager
Christchurch Netball Centre

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Feedback on proposed artificial turf installation at Nga Puna Wai

Facilities

- Carparking – the proposal does not show the exit on to Wigram Rd. Can this be provided?
- Traffic Management - has work been done on traffic volumes entering / exiting the facility at peak times?
- Are the number of car parks sufficient? As a guide, if we wanted to hold our First Kicks / Fun Football program (for 5-8yr olds) there on a Saturday morning, this would see 100 players (families) in and out per hour. While one group is playing, the next will be arriving.
- Where is the overflow parking should the car park be full? If there are 2x two consecutive games, there is only an average of 21 parks per team (excluding match officials, spectators etc).
- Is there any access to the facility directly from the cycleway which runs next to the motorway.
- There is no warm-up space provided which means there will need to be a bigger gap between games.
- Are there referees facilities provided in the pavilion? Will this be enough for up to 12 officials – mixed sex?
- Is there any storage or medical facilities provided at the pavilion?

Field

- The orientation of the fields sees the goals looking in to the direct setting sun. This is not FIFA best practise.
- There is no provision for filming of games.
- Are the light tower positions indicative or confirmed? Is this the most suitable location?
- What goal posts are to be used? Are these dual-purpose, or will they be changed between usage of different codes?
- What field markings will be provided?
- It appears the space available for spectator viewing is about 3m wide. We believe this to be insufficient.
- Assuming the planned mound between the playing field and carpark is grass, this will be unsuitable for spectators in winter. Similarly for the grass mounds at the north end, either side of the pavilion.
- The low fence on each side of the fields is insufficient to catch balls. How will balls be retrieved from Musgroves, the CCC Maintenance Facility etc

Other

- What height will the proposed trees at the north end (Wigram Rd) get to? Will this affect the playing area in terms of shade/ frost?

Just ahead of making a submission, I'm interested in further information. The land scape plan attached to consultation material doesn't show the vehicle access to the road network or rest of the site.

I've included a snippet here which shows the access ending at the legend.

ECan is interested in this because of implications for public transport connections. The original Stage 2 masterplan for Nga Puna Wai includes road connection to McMahon Drive, which would make possible servicing the site by public transport.

The integrated transport assessments prepared for Nga Puna Wai and the Christchurch Netball Centre highlight the potential for mode shift to public transport and recommend this be considered.

So long story short, if the proposal, located north of the southern motorway is connected to the rest of the site via the underpass, then servicing the site by public transport will not be possible. The underpass is not fit for vehicles (having an inadequate height clearance), and hence on behalf of ECan I would oppose establishing this vehicle route through the site.

I'd be happy to meet with you and the project team to discuss this, and the possible timing of the Nga Puna Wai Stage 2 and connection to McMahon Drive.

Essentially, from the perspective of planning for public transport, Nga Puna Wai represents a significant activity currently not well served by PT. The proposed sports fields are not within a PT catchment.

The Nga Puna Wai project has been advised of the need to improve on this at various stages of the project development. Furthermore, improving PT access will serve the strategic aims of the city (which improve more than just transport outcomes).

The way to improve access to PT is the ability to route PT through the site, made possible by the proposed link to McMahon Drive. McMahon Drive is already designed and planned for this purpose.

I am concerned that the development of a north-south road link, via the inadequately design motorway underpass, will undermine efforts to connect the site via McMahon Drive. On this basis, I would oppose the inclusion of a north-south road link, and advocate retention of access for pedestrians and cyclists only, via the underpass. The underpass cannot accommodate public transport, nor a range of other vehicles. Allowing it's use represents a poor and substandard outcome which would not meet expectations of the New Zealand public and will undermine strategic transport objectives – the inclusion of a more developed connection via McMahon Drive, which can provide access to public transport.

Happy to continue this conversation with the appropriate parties.

Mark Gregory - Principal Transport Planner

Nga Puna Wai Artificial Turf Plan

Firstly, I am a strong proponent of sporting activities and have spent all my life involved at all levels – participation, coaching, administration and have led some quite major developments in Canterbury.

However, I am concerned in this instance in the merit of this plan – it has the look about it of – “we’ve been allocated the land, now what will we do with it?” It also doesn’t seem to be driven by the hockey or football sectors, who appear to be the sports to benefit.

I have observed the Nga Puna Wai complex over the last few years, and it is a great facility but certainly has its limitations. Athletics seems to thrive but the lack of social interaction for the other sports results in significant underutilization.

I don’t know the cost of maintaining Nga Puna Wai, but it won’t be insignificant, and this proposed development will only add to that cost. This is one of the reasons that I believe financial resources should be directed more at assisting clubs, with their strong volunteer base, to develop **their** facilities. This is far more cost effective and importantly encourages social interaction and support for a wide range of age, abilities and demographic groups.

We have enough generic sporting facilities in Christchurch already – none cater effectively for the social side of sport, the advantages of which extend well beyond the actual physical activity but assist in peoples’ well-being and inclusiveness.

The nearby Halswell Domain, for example, caters for a wide number of sports and all with a strong volunteer base, but many of their facilities are sub-standard – wouldn’t it make sense from both an economic and social perspective to direct funding there?

Therefore, I couldn’t support the proposed artificial surface without a much more convincing argument around its actual need – and just as importantly whether it is the best use of scarce funding resources in the rapidly growing adjacent suburbs.

Finally, in the unlikely event that the project does proceed then **please, please, please** don’t colour it blue – in this wonderfully green city! We have too much of it now.

Jack Allan

