

3.4. Reconfiguration of Primrose Park Update

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ATTACHMENTS	1. Primrose Park Sports Field Reconfiguration _ Post Exhibition Report [3.4.1 - 39 pages]
CSP LINK	1. Our Living Environment 1.4 Well utilised open space and recreational facilities

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to provide the Sport and Recreation Reference group with the outcome of the Primrose Park Sports Fields Reconfiguration proposal.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

That at its meeting on the 26 June 2023, the Council resolved to discontinue the Primrose Park Reconfiguration project and that a compromise on the proposed reconfiguration will be to improve current drainage, which will increase the playing hours.

An assessment and financial costings of the improved drainage will be undertaken in the 2023/24 financial year with a view to undertaking these works in the 2024/25 financial year.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the Sport and Recreation Reference Group receive the Reconfiguration of Primrose Park Update report.

Background

This project has been reported through Council's Sport and Recreation Reference Group since May 2018.

On 15 November 2022, the Sport and Recreation Reference Group resolved to recommend: that a report be provided to Council detailing the concept of the Primrose Park Reconfiguration Project including the results of the Traffic, Parking and Acoustic studies. The minutes of this meeting were endorsed by Council at its meeting held on 12 December 2022.

On 30 January 2023, Council resolved:

1. THAT the Primrose Park Reconfiguration Project be endorsed for public exhibition for a minimum period of 42 days.
2. THAT a further report be provided to Council following the conclusion of the public exhibition period for the purpose of considering any submissions received and adopting the project.

The exhibition period ran from 7 March to 16th May 2023 and was promoted in accordance with the prepared project-specific Engagement Strategy.

A post exhibition report was presented to Council at its meeting on Monday the 26th of June 2023 where it was resolved:

- 1. THAT** the Primrose Park reconfiguration project be discontinued.
- 2. THAT** the Primrose Park reconfiguration budget be reallocated to capital works reserve pending a full costing being undertaken for upgrades to the turf playing surfaces and drainage improvements at Primrose Park.
- 3. THAT** Council reassess the usage of other sports grounds including North Sydney Oval and the Bon Andrews Oval to see what other capacity for organised sport may be available.
- 4. THAT** Council write to the NSW Planning Minister to note that developer contributions are not funding proportionate new sporting and recreational facilities to match increased density targets, and asks what the government will do to fix this.

Report

Council sought feedback on the proposed reconfiguration of Primrose Park, Cammeray which seeks to accommodate an additional playing field.

This change was proposed to meet the demand from local sporting clubs and schools for more sports fields. An additional sports field would allow Council to accommodate further training as well as additional weekend games.

A total of 140 submissions were received, with 73% (102) opposing the proposal and 27% (38) supporting the proposal.

Summary of reasons given in support of the project:

- net increase in sports fields to aid with participation demand;
- improved amenities that provide a safe and suitable facility all participants, both male, female; and
- cricket pitches removed from Winter sport playing surfaces.

Summary of reasons against the project:

- lack of parking and increase in traffic movements;
- less passive open space availability;
- increase in noise; and
- less opportunity for dog walking.

A compromise on the proposed reconfiguration is to improve the playing surfaces (in the existing configuration) by improving drainage and providing alternative turf surfaces. This will increase the playing hours through the fields being able to cope with and recover from wet weather events in a faster time frame. This approach would need to be fully costed and could occur in the financial year 2024/25.

Consultation requirements

Community engagement has occurred in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Protocol. The detail of this report provides the outcomes from the engagement for Council to consider prior to adoption.

Financial/Resource Implications

Council has allocated \$600,000.00 in capital funding within the 2023/24 financial year for this project to be implemented, as reported to Council via the draft Operational Plan & Budget 2023/24.

Council has allocated \$255,000.00 to improve the drainage on the Primrose Park Sports fields in the 2023/24 financial year.

These two budget items for the 2023/24 financial year will be reallocated to capital works reserve to enable a process to be undertaken to gain accurate costings for full drainage and playing surface refurbishments for assessment for the 2024/25 financial year.

10.11.Primrose Park Sports Field Reconfiguration - Post Exhibition Report

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ATTACHMENTS	1. Submissions Summary [10.11.1 - 29 pages] 2. Proposal - Concept Plans [10.11.2 - 1 page]
CSP LINK	1. Our Living Environment 1.4 Well utilised open space and recreational facilities

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to detail the submissions received during the public exhibition of the Primrose Park Sports Fields Reconfiguration proposal. The final recommendation is presented to Council for adoption.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- The Primrose Park Reconfiguration project would enable Council to reconfigure the layout of the existing fields, resulting in the addition of an extra full-size sports field (for Autumn/Winter sports), and a new permanent cricket pitch in between two new fields (for Spring/Summer).
- At its meeting on 30 January 2023, the Council resolved to publicly exhibit the proposed reconfiguration concept plans for 42 days. The exhibition period ran from 7 March to 18 April 2023 and was promoted in accordance with the prepared project-specific Engagement Strategy.
- A total of 140 submissions were received, with 73% (102) opposing the proposal and 27% (38) supporting the proposal.
- Summary of reasons given in support of the project:
 - net increase in sports fields to aid with participation demand;
 - improved amenities that provide a safe and suitable facility all participants, both male, female; and
 - cricket pitches removed from Winter sport playing surfaces.
- Summary of reasons against the project:
 - lack of parking and increase in traffic movements;
 - less passive open space availability;
 - increase in noise; and
 - less opportunity for dog walking.
- A compromise on the proposed reconfiguration is to improve the playing surfaces (in the existing configuration) by improving drainage and providing alternative turf surfaces. This will increase the playing hours through the fields being able to cope with and recover

from wet weather events in a faster time frame. This approach would need to be fully costed and could occur in the financial year 2024/25.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT** the Primrose Park reconfiguration project be discontinued.
- 2. THAT** the Primrose Park reconfiguration budget be reallocated to capital works reserve pending a full costing being undertaken for upgrades to the turf playing surfaces and drainage improvements at Primrose Park.

Background

This project has been reported through Council's Sport and Recreation Reference Group since May 2018.

On 15 November 2022, the Sport and Recreation Reference Group resolved to recommend:

that a report be provided to Council detailing the concept of the Primrose Park Reconfiguration Project including the results of the Traffic, Parking and Acoustic studies

The minutes of this meeting were endorsed by Council at its meeting held on 12 December 2022.

On 30 January 2023, Council resolved:

- 1. THAT the Primrose Park Reconfiguration Project be endorsed for public exhibition for a minimum period of 42 days.*
- 2. THAT a further report be provided to Council following the conclusion of the public exhibition period for the purpose of considering any submissions received and adopting the project.*

Report

Council sought feedback on the proposed reconfiguration of Primrose Park, Cammeray which seeks to accommodate an additional playing field.

The current configuration includes three parallel soccer/football fields running East/West, and shared by both soccer and football sporting codes during Autumn/Winter. Four synthetic cricket wickets are situated on the fields in Spring/Summer.

The proposed design would retain two of the sporting fields and reconfigure the eastern end (water's edge) of the park to include a soccer field, permanent cricket pitch, and a rugby field, as well as give space for a new amenities block. Construction of the new amenities block does not require development consent.

This change is proposed to meet the demand from local sporting clubs and schools for more sports fields. An additional sports field will allow us to accommodate further training as well as additional weekend games.

The current position of the two synthetic cricket pitches on Field 1 makes it difficult to use both at the same time due to safety concerns with the pitches being so close together. It is proposed to create a new permanent pitch in between the two new fields.

Independent modelling (survey conducted during Winter 2022) has found that there is sufficient off-street parking and adequate road space to handle the impact of the additional field both for training during the week and on Saturdays for competition games

No changes to field lighting or irrigation are proposed. A new retaining wall and some levelling is required at the base of the slope from the Young Street Carpark and along the Middle Harbour edge of the field.

An alternative is for this project could be combining the existing funding with the funding for drainage works (\$255,000.00) to undertake a full reconstruction of each field. As there has not been any accurate costings at this point, it would be necessary to undertake this process for consideration in the 2024/25 financial year.

Whilst not achieving an additional full-size field as originally proposed, the alternate option of reconstruction will result in an increase in both playable hours and quality of the fields. This has been proven in the recent refurbishments of Waverton Park and the newly opened Anderson Park.

No change to the layout or current use/s of Primrose Park for both active and passive recreation would be necessary together with no change in traffic volume or increased parking issues.

Public Exhibition Period

The 71-day public exhibition period was held from 7 March to 16 May 2023, during which effort was made, in accordance with the project-specific Engagement Strategy prepared, to ensure stakeholder awareness of the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposal during the public exhibition period.

Inform Reach

The following summary details the methods used to promote awareness of the proposal and its reach:

- onsite signage with QR code
- direct notification (letterbox drop) to 620 properties within 0.5 kms of the centre of Primrose Park, delivery was completed by 10 March 2023
- direct notification to all sporting clubs who currently use Primrose Park sport fields in Spring/Summer and Autumn/Winter either as regular or ad hoc hirer,
- direct notification to all schools; and
- Civic Park and Stanton Library 'Your Say' noticeboards
- web page - over 1,160 page visits, including:
 - 242 views of Diagram 1
 - 200 views of Diagram 3
 - 177 views of Diagram 2
 - 147 views of Diagram 4
 - 110 downloads of the Council report
 - 21 downloads of the project-specific Engagement Strategy
 - 20 downloads of the notification letter to residents and occupants
 - 13 downloads of the notification letter to sporting groups
 - 9 downloads of the notification letter to schools

- Council's eNewsletters including:
 - Council eNews, 2 issues March/April 2023 - 1,431 reach, 49% (698) opened, 47 clicks
 - Business eNews April 2023 - 968 reach, 36% (346) opened, 0 clicks
 - Precinct eNews, 6 issues March/April 2023 (weekly) - 160 subscribers, 46% average opened, 2 clicks total
- social media posts:
 - Facebook, 30 March 2023 - 1,398 reach, 558 link clicks and 84 post reactions;
 - Instagram, 30 March 2023 - 1,927 impressions, 36 profile visits, 30 actions taken

A flyer was distributed to numerous properties surrounding Primrose Park, and was promoted by Precinct Committees, encouraging submissions. This contained incorrect information regarding the proposal, including nets to prevent balls from going into the harbour. Many submissions directly supported this incorrect information.

Submissions

Council received 140 submissions. Of these, 89 (66%) were via the online submission form.

The submissions summary is attached, which is proactively released in accordance with Council's *Access to Information Policy*.

Submissions were from a range of stakeholders including local residents, Park users including dogwalkers, residents, schools, community arts groups and their members, sporting groups and their members, and Precinct Committees:

- Sporting groups - Football NSW, Northern Suburbs Rugby Football Club Ltd, Northern Suburbs Football Association, North Sydney United FC, Crows Nest Rebels Cricket Club, Primrose Park Tennis, North Sydney Womens Hockey Club & Mosman Hockey Clubs, Northern Suburbs Rugby Football Club Limited
- Arts groups - Australian Society of Calligraphers Inc, Primrose Paper Arts Inc
- Precinct Committees - Brightmore and Willoughby Bay
- St Aloysius' College

Of the total 140 submissions, 27% (38) supported the proposal, while 73% (102) opposed it.

The following table summarises the key feedback received in relation to the proposal and Council's response to the issues raised:

Key Issues	Council Response
Lack of parking/ increased traffic	<p>The independent Parking Study undertaken advised that parking on a Saturday morning is in high demand. However, there are sufficient parking spaces available within a reasonable walking distance to accommodate the increase demand that may be generated by the additional field and its use.</p> <p>Whilst the Parking Study suggests current parking supply would cater to the proposed changes, taking on board community concern, it may be that a more in-depth Parking Study over a longer period could be undertaken to ensure accuracy.</p>

Key Issues	Council Response
No room for picnicking	Whilst the reconfiguration proposal will take up more of the active recreation area to create more sporting fields, it will not stop users from being able to picnic at the park. It would be difficult currently to picnic whilst sport is in progress at Primrose Park. There are alternate locations nearby that are suitable for picnicking when the fields are in use for sport, including Brightmore Reserve across the road which is a dedicated passive recreation park.
Less walking opportunities	Passive recreation users will still be able to walk around the fields and get to the Folly Point trail or any other location that exists at present.
Less opportunity for dog play/dog walking	Passive recreation users will still be able to walk their dogs at Primrose Park on-leash when sport is in progress and off-leash when it is not. There are many other off-leash parks in the North Sydney Council area including Brightmore Reserve. These areas can be utilised if sport is being played at Primrose Park.
Installation of netting	There is no proposal to place any netting along the edge of the park. Council has other sports fields (Waverton Park) with close sideline proximity to the water's edge.
No room for spectators	The field sizes can be adjusted to accommodate suitable viewing areas if so required. There will be room on all sides as well as in between each field for spectators to view the games.
Inappropriate width of fields	It is possible for adjustments to be made to each field i.e., Soccer pitch to 60m wide and rugby to 68m wide. The rugby pitch marked on Field 2 currently is just over 50m in width. There are also many other fields in other LGAs that have rugby fields of less than 68m wide e.g., War Memorial Playing fields in Willoughby. At present only junior school rugby (up to U/16) competition games are being played at Primrose Park. For seniors, Primrose is used for training during the week, with competition games being played at Tunks Park, Bon Andrews, or North Sydney Oval.
Balls crossing over fields	There are numerous other fields in other LGAs that have more than two fields in close proximity to each other. Balls crossing into other fields is commonplace in community sports,
Noise	The independent acoustic study undertaken advised that the additional noise generated would be considered acoustically acceptable.
Grassy Hill	The proposal only affects a small area of the Grassy Hill. There will still be plenty of sloping area for kids to roll down, or to picnic on the bank. Access will still be possible to the fields from the Young Street Carpark.
Broader community not considered	Primrose Park is an active recreation area of which demand for use is higher than Council can provide. The proposal is based around increasing the number of sporting fields that Council can provide for use by local clubs and schools. Public consultation included the broader community.

Key Issues	Council Response
New Amenities block not accessible	The new amenities block will be relocated approximately 50m east. It would be built to accommodate accessibility requirements. The current facility is not built to accessible standards.
Engagement not undertaken properly	Community engagement was undertaken in accordance with the project-specific Engagement Plan prepared for this project. The proposal was promoted in accordance with the listed 'inform' methods. The public exhibition period ran for more than the minimum 42 days, as resolved by Council.
Heritage Impact of works	Council's Conservation Planner/Heritage Officer advises that the works will not detrimentally impact the understanding and interpretation of its former use.

The following table summarises the 'other' feedback received which is outside the proposal and Council's response:

Other Issues	Council Response
Disability access/ parking	These issues will be considered in the detailed design if the proposal is adopted.
Synthetic turf/track	Synthetic turf is not part of this proposal. There are no plans to install Astroturf or a tartan track around the park.
Cricket pitch	This proposal removes one of the existing permanent cricket pitches, reducing the total pitches from four to three. It is possible that some submitters were referring to a turf pitch which is not planned here.
Paths	There are currently no plans to install a pathway to the water.
There are enough sporting facilities in North Sydney	There are not enough sporting facilities within the LGA to meet demand. The sports field supply and demand studies undertaken over the last few years by the Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC) indicate that North Sydney is the most undersupplied LGA in the NSROC region for sporting facilities.

Options

Council has the following options in relation to this matter:

1. Endorse the concept plan as exhibited and seek additional grant funding to complement the existing budget allocation.
2. Reallocate the capital funding to upgrade the existing turf playing surfaces over the next three years. This would include installing sub-surface drainage (already funded), re-levelling the surface and re-turfing with Couch.
3. Discontinue the project and undertake accurate costings for the drainage and playing surface for the 2024/25 financial year.

These options are assessed in the table below.

Option	Finance/Resourcing	Risk/Opportunity	Consultation
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Currently only half the capital budget required is available to complete this project. - Seek grant opportunities for additional funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase in sports fields for use and hire. - Further community opposition to parking and traffic ramifications of the project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stakeholder engagement occurred in accordance with the project-specific engagement plan. - Further consultation is not considered necessary.
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No additional financial implications. - Seek grant opportunities for additional funding. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reconstruction of the fields will result in improvement of the quality of turf surfaces, allowing increased use of existing fields. - Improved subsurface drainage will increase the available hours of use and enable play to return earlier after rain events. - Improved playing surface levels will aid in player safety and enhance drainage capabilities of the fields, enabling play to return earlier after rain events. - No accurate costings have been undertaken 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community consultation is not considered necessary; inform methods to be used to notify of construction works.
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A financial saving would be made with the current funding being reallocated to capital works reserve. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No increase in the number of quality sports fields for use and hire. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Further consultation is not considered necessary

Option 3, is recommended for the following reasons:

- Whilst not achieving an additional full-size field as originally proposed. the alternate option of reconstruction will result in an increase in both playable hours and quality of the fields. This have proven to be the case at Waverton Oval and Anderson Park where similar refurbishments have taken place.

- No community consultation would be required. There would be no effect on any of the issues raised as concerns by the community.
- No change to the layout or current use/s of Primrose Park for both active and passive recreation
- No change in the volume of traffic or potential parking issues that the community are heavily opposed to.

Consultation requirements

Community engagement has occurred in accordance with Council's *Community Engagement Protocol*. The detail of this report provides the outcomes from the engagement for Council to consider prior to adoption.

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**Primrose Park Sports Field Reconfiguration
Summary of submissions received during public exhibition period
(7 March - 18 April 2023)**

The following criteria are used to analyse all submissions received, and to determine whether or not the plan would be amended:

1. The Primrose Park Sports Field Reconfiguration proposal **would be** amended if issues raised in the submission:
 - a provided additional information of relevance.
 - b indicated or clarified a change in government legislation, Council's commitment or management policy.
 - c proposed strategies that would better achieve or assist with Council's objectives.
 - d was an alternate viewpoint received on the topic and is considered a better option than that proposed or;
 - e indicated omissions, inaccuracies or a lack of clarity.

2. The Primrose Park Sports Field Reconfiguration proposal **would not be** amended if the issues raised in the submission:
 - a addressed issues beyond the scope of the proposal.
 - b was already in the proposal or will be considered during the development of a subordinate plan (prepared by Council).
 - c offered an open statement, or no change was sought.
 - d clearly supported the proposal.
 - e was an alternate viewpoint received on the topic but the recommendation was still considered the best option.
 - f was based on incorrect information.
 - g contributed options that are not possible (generally due to some aspect of existing legislation or government policy) or; involved details that are not appropriate or necessary for inclusion in a document aimed at providing a strategic community direction over the long term.

No.	Name and Address	Key Points Raised	Criteria
1	Duncan Coates 14 Grafton St Cremorne	I received a letter encouraging me to say no to the Primrose Park development, with new sports fields going north south. Having worked in sport and knowing how hard it is to secure sports facilities for young kids and people to play sport I would suggest that you are doing the right thing by the community, and support what I know of the changes.	2d
2	Christine and Robert Reynolds 12 Brightmore St Cremorne	My husband and I are totally against the proposed plan to add another playing field to Primrose Park. We visit Primrose Park regularly as we live in Brightmore Street Cremorne, so it is a wonderful place for us to picnic. We visit regularly as it is a short walk for us to enjoy regular exercise, which includes taking our dog for a walk, plus walking across to the Folly Point trial. We also don't understand why the council would agree to put a playing field so close to the edge where there is water!!!! So dangerous!!! ... and not a standard width playing field??? We see that a waste of money. Also, no room for parents or spectators to enjoy watching. No sense at all. The suggestion to put up high netting on the waters edge just adds to the reasons and proves why the proposal is wrong in this park in the first place and should be stopped immediately. We hope this Proposal for Primrose Park will be cancelled and that a more suitable oval can be found for the extra playing field. My husband and I are happy for our submission to be made public.	2c
3.	Brenda McCartney	I have 2 dogs and use Primrose Park as an off-lead exercise area every morning and afternoon. Post Covid the dog numbers have increased significantly. I am concerned we will lose a lot of space/times that we currently enjoy due to sporting clubs being in the park more often. Is there a way the Tennis Court end could be fenced off with park bench and table so we can enjoy time with our dogs without the stress of having them join the players/balls etc. Parking in the access roads is already very congested but I walk down so not concerned about that aspect although others are. Tunks Park is the only alternative in this area but I would have to drive there which I want to avoid if possible.	2c
4.	Dr Michael Honnery	I object to the proposed development as it does not take into account the broader community outside of the sporting community.	2c
5.	Richard Cranmer Benelong Rd Cremorne	Rugby League Field too close to the Harbour: 64m wide, not standard 68m; Narrow, unsafe run-off area; No room for spectators; No room for walkers to get past; Eyesore of high netting to stop balls going into harbour open space and grass picnic area to go; No room for youngsters to play and roll down the grassy slope. No room for dog walking when fields are in use. Amenities Block relocated towards the Harbour: Amenities building to be relocated away from Denos Lane and close to stone building. Not as accessible - Not as convenient for all sports field users additional Parking Congestion: 33% more cars but no extra parking Council's Sport and Recreation Reference Group report says there is no need to provide extra parking because there is parking available in the following local streets: Young Street - Little Young Street - Wonga Road - Earle Street - Grafton Street View Street - Grasmere Road - Benelong Road - Benelong Lane - Brightmore Street Schools and Sports Clubs considered but not Other Park Users: All users should be considered. This includes the families who bring a picnic rug to spread out near the water, those who use the much-loved tricycle track in adjacent Brightmore Reserve, local dog walkers, and those who walk across the park to access the Folly Point walking trial. The park is there to share.	2c
6.	Robert Howe Vice President Australian Society of Calligraphers Inc.	I am concerned about the proposal for the park. I understand the need for the extra/revamping of sporting facilities there, and indeed in principle, I would be in favour of it. But without providing for extra parking - and a significant amount of it in this case - it's just not feasible. Parking there on weekends can be horrendous. Even in the current situation, you often cannot find parking, even in the street. To say, as it does in the proposal, that you can find parking in the surrounding streets is just plain wrong. Summer or winter, it's the same. This is my experience, after using the Craft Centre for many years. If the proposal went ahead in its current	2c

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		form, ie without providing for the necessary parking, it would affect all users - football players, cricketers, tennis players, and craftspeople - of the park, current and future, in a negative way. It would create personal stress as well, which would be counterproductive. In this state of mind, driving can become dangerous, causing hazardous conditions for other drivers and pedestrians. A further consequence of the proposal going ahead is that it's inevitable that frustrated drivers will park in Matora Lane - which indeed has already been the case - creating a further dangerous situation, as passing would create just another hazard. An accident would be waiting to happen. What's the point of providing extra facilities if it places an extra demand on parking which can't be met, and which places stress on users and the surrounding neighbourhood?	
7.	Alan Mooney 70A Benelong Rd Cremorne	As a long time resident of Cammeray and Cremorne, I must object, in the strongest possible terms, to the proposed changes to Primrose Park and the construction of two football pitches. Primrose Park is a delightful green space area and multi-purpose park so close to the centre of Sydney. For decades it has served the local residents well for a variety of social activities, including sports, dog walking and just generally sitting on the bank having a picnic whilst enjoying the peace and quiet and beautiful water views. This will totally be destroyed and lost by adding 2 football pitches and limit the multi-purpose attraction of the park to local residents. Not to mention the added increase in road traffic and parking chaos that will occur. In addition, it is totally impractical having a pitch so close to the water, into which countless balls will be kicked and the suggestion of erecting a huge net to prevent this happening is just ludicrous and will create a horrendous eyesore. Open green spaces and park areas that can be enjoyed by everyone are few and far between as it is. So for heavens' sake please do not proceed with this short-sighted proposal, which will only appeal to a tiny minority of the local residents, meaning that the majority of us will miss out on a park and open area we have enjoyed for decades.	2c
8.	Sally Molineaux	Surely the park is there to share with everyone. 1) The Rugby League field is too close to the harbour therefore no room for spectators or walkers. 2) The proposed high net would be an eyesore 2) No room for kids to play or dog walkers when fields are in use 3) Parking spills over to all the neighbouring streets 4) I'm a close neighbour of the park and already the noise from the sporting groups is very loud and especially at night. Would you consider a plan that considers all users of this wonderful open space? A close neighbour of Primrose Park	2c
9.	Annie Holstock 1/76 Benelong Rd Cremorne	I am opposed to the changes outlined for Primrose Park. This is a beautiful green, open, quiet (usually except when football practice) space. As a local resident I prefer the park to be accessible for residents, mothers, children and walkers, including dog walkers. Two football fields will fill up the space and anyway there is not enough room for two fields. The nets required will be ugly. The noise level will increase and it's certainly loud when football is on. The football fields are not for locals but bring in people from outside the local area. Parking is already tight in surrounding streets and there is not enough room to build more spaces (which would take away more green space in any case). Why does almighty football take precedence over everything? Please leave our park alone.	2c
10.	Meredith Trevallyn-Jones 1 Lodge Rd Cremorne	I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed reconfiguration of Primrose Park. I have lived within walking distance of the park for nearly 30 years and walk at the park most days. When I moved house recently it was important to me to remain within walking distance of the park and the many friends I know from the park. I voted for the motion at the Willoughby Bay Precinct meeting on 13 April 2023 opposing the reconfiguration due to concerns about loss of passive recreation space, parking on local streets and lack of consultation with all park users. I would like to raise the following additional concerns. Insufficient space for additional playing field: There is not enough room between the two new fields and between the rugby field and	2c

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		<p>the harbour. This means there is not enough room for spectators on the sidelines or for other park users to walk past the fields when they are in use. Balls will inevitably be kicked onto adjoining fields and into the harbour. Is the rugby field pitch width the standard dimension for the code or less than the standard (68 metres)? The report does not mention of the need for high netting or a high fence at the harbour's edge to minimise the number of balls kicked into the harbour, but this is effectively implicit in the proposal. Netting or fencing at the water's edge would destroy the ability to enjoy the view from the park of the water and sky. Council should clarify what it proposes to prevent balls going into the harbour.</p> <p>Drainage: The report does not mention the need to reconfigure the drainage of the park. Council has done a lot over the years to improve the drainage from the playing fields and there is a large grated drain located in the proposed new rugby field pitch. The relocation of this grated drain is effectively implicit in the proposal. It would, of course, be unsafe to have a grated drain in the pitch. However, relocating the grated drain to the narrow run off area next to the harbour will only relocate the danger to the runoff area.</p> <p>Consent for development on site which is a Local Heritage Item: The report states: <i>"The construction of a new amenities block would not require consent under NSW SEPP (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021, Chapter 2, Part 2.3 Division 12, Clause 2.73 (3) (vi) where change facilities may be constructed by Council or a Council contractor at a public reserve."</i></p> <p>The report fails to state that the development is on land which is a Local Heritage Item under NSLEP 2013 (Item 10082 Heritage Item Landscape which includes Lot 7136 DP 1071218, being the land upon which the proposed development is situated). Irrespective of whether new change facilities can proceed without consent, Council should, as a matter of appropriate behaviour as a public body, review whether the proposed excavation and stone seating, and netting or fencing at the harbour's edge, would have an affect on the park as a local heritage item.</p> <p>Community Engagement: The report states, <i>"Community engagement will be undertaken in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Protocol."</i> Notices placed at the park do not include any plan or diagram of the proposal. It is almost as if Council wishes to conceal what is proposed. It may well be that the notices comply with Council's protocol. However, that would indicate the protocol should be reviewed to ensure that adequate information is provided on notices used by Council to notify Council projects. This is simply a matter of transparency.</p>	
11.	Valda O'Keeffe 112 Young St Cremorne	<p>This email is in response to proposed changes to Primrose Park.</p> <p>I have lived in Young Street Cremorne bordering Primrose Park for the past 7 years. I categorically refute the claim that there is ample parking to accommodate the increase demand these changes will make. On any given day except perhaps school holiday periods, there is already a high demand for on street parking in the area surrounding the park. The park is already generating a demand for street parking as it's a popular space for residents in the area for recreational pursuits. Coupled with that there is a children's playground opposite the park requiring parking and any further demand will have a detrimental effect on existing residents and their need for on street parking, given the number of units in the immediate area with insufficient parking onsite. Before any further proposal for park usage there needs to be a more comprehensive look at the parking/traffic impact this will have.</p>	2c
12.	Andrea Ehlers 3 Wonga Rd Cremorne	<p>I'm writing to say that I, and my household, strongly object to a proposal to make changes to Primrose Park oval design to add another playing field that would make changes to the water's edge and reduce general enjoyment access. I am also disappointed with the lack of notification about the discussion on the proposal, my first knowledge of the plans having been by receiving an independent flyer with information on the same day that the have your say closed - 18 April 2023. Noting this date fell in the middle of school holidays, I am concerned that a disadvantage has been facilitated by the timing as well as lack of openly communicated information and community consultation. As a near resident I expect North Sydney Council to involve our household in discussions in a timely and meaningful manner. Our household is a high user of Primrose Park and all its amenities, as well as accessing the walking tracks around the park and to Folly Point on an often daily basis.</p>	2c

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We object to the minimisation of general enjoyment amenity that the proposal will impose. The park is an important public social place with high general resident use of the ovals and open areas for non-organised recreation and play, including the surrounding slopes and water's edge, that appear to be detrimentally impacted by the proposal. We object to the impact on visual amenity and the sense of connectivity to the harbour and waterside that a high fence on the water's edge will incur. We object to the traffic parking difficulties an added field will bring to the nearby streets. We live with narrow streets generally in the surrounding streets, where cars must wait and give way to oncoming traffic as passing is uncomfortably tight. In particular, Young Street has minimal width and cars drive across the middle lines, forcing oncoming drivers to queue to the side while the dominant driver passes. Increased sporting events including training sessions at Primrose Park will exacerbate this situation. Increased sporting events will also include increased evening and night use of the fields for training, conflicting with the area being accessible for general public enjoyment and exacerbating the traffic and parking already experienced mid-week. <p>Please include these objections in the have your say. I'd appreciate greater discussion of the concepts with and for general users and neighbours who will be most affected. I look forward to receiving a response.</p>	
13.	Adriana Deetlefs 46 Benelong Rd Cremorne	<p>I am very concerned by the suggestion to add another playing field to Primrose Park. I am opposed because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This will remove space from dog walkers and others simply there to enjoy the view. Already the space is very restricted on the nights that there is League rehearsal. In order to prevent the ball going into the Harbour, a tall fence may be required which will detract from the scenic aspect of Primrose Park. The noise could disturb the birds that frequent that part of the harbour - herons, darters, cormorants and cockatoos. An additional field can be built on the other side of the road, when the Sewerage works is complete. However, there is inadequate parking and residents are already having to suffer the noise and high volume of traffic with sports practice. <p>Thanks for consulting.</p>	2c
14.	Letitia Scorgie	I do not support the Primrose Park reconfiguration.	2c
15.	Linleys	The plan will leave no space for casual walkers	2c
16.	Dr Peter Gilkes 39 Brightmore St Cremorne	<p>I believe the redevelopment is not appropriate for the space and do not support this.</p> <p>Fields are too close together. High fences will be unsightly.</p> <p>Dog walking amenity will be limited - I use this most days.</p> <p>Parking congestion will be difficult in surrounding streets.</p> <p>Council management plan should relate to all users, especially those living in the neighbourhood.</p>	2c
17.	Oliver Flower 1 Wonga Rd Cremorne	<p>As a local resident who lives near Primrose Park, I want to formally object to the proposed changes. My concern is that the netting near the harbour will ruin the view for all the other park users, and there is insufficient parking for additional users. Already people park illegally whenever a match is on, if there are two concurrent matches, I predict more dangerous and illegal parking will occur. I suggest council prepares a plan of management that is more accommodating to all users of this important green space.</p>	2c
18.	Jen Thornton 9A Wonga Rd Cremorne	<p>I am a resident of Wonga Rd, Cremorne and am writing to have my say about the proposed changes to Primrose Park located at the bottom of our street.</p> <p>I have a lot of reservations and concerns about the impact these change will have on the locals and visitors to the park for other reasons besides using the sport fields. One of the loveliest things about having the park down the road is being able to walk my dog</p>	2c

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		freely, cross the oval to walk to Cammeray and to see all of the locals use the bike track and have children's parties and gatherings in Brightmore Reserve. I have already witnessed since living here, 3 dogs being hit by speeding cars and am greatly concerned that the increase in traffic to the area will put walkers, dog walkers and children at a much higher risk from the increase in traffic. Perhaps council should observe the traffic congestion on Saturday and log how dangerous the situation is with illegal parking and speeding down Young St with parking both sides and not enough room for two cars to drive down it? This area is not about the sports ovals but a whole community which use and love the space for a myriad of other activities than Rugby. And I would hope that North Sydney Council will consider that in their decision making.	
19.	Neroli Best, Peter Mouser, Phillip Mouser and Gregory Mouser	We wish to register our objections to the Council's proposed changes to the usage of Primrose Park, for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the over development of the site prevents park usage by local residents, ie the rate payers, because it severely restricts the area available for moving around the park, particularly on the bay side and around what would be the new playing fields. - People coming into the park to use the ovals would be predominantly non-residents of the North Sydney and as the public transport in the area is limited traffic would increase and parking in local streets, which is often limited would become very difficult. - The park is well used by local residents, as an area to take their children for exercise and picnics. The development severely restricts this. It also makes it impossible to cross the park near the harbour when sports matches are occurring. - Relocating the amenities block makes it less accessible to all sports field users. - Exercising or walking a dog would be difficult when ovals are in use. - With increase usage of playing fields would result in more noise as the noise travels up out of the park loudly already. We would be grateful if you consider these objections and modify your development so that the park can continue to be a favourite and valued area for local residents.	2c
20.	Mary Barnes 1 Little Wonga Rd Cremorne	I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed changes to Primrose Park for the following reasons: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Traffic congestion and parking problems: The planned changes will bring more cars to the area, causing congestion due to parents dropping off and picking up children for soccer and rugby games and practice. Parents and friends staying to watch will have difficulty finding parking space nearby. There are already parking problems at certain times. More cars will exacerbate this. 2. Disadvantage to people using the park for recreation: Those who use the park for walking or for access to Folly Point, Lambert Street and Grafton Street will be unable to do so while matches are being played on either the Rugby Union/League pitch or the Soccer pitch. Families and other groups who presently enjoy using the open space on, and at the bottom of, the slope down from the Young Street car park will be unable to do so once the slope has been excavated to make room for the Rugby pitch. The pleasant views towards the water will be spoiled by the erection of a high netting fence, and in general the amenity of the area will be reduced. 3. Change in location of the amenities block: It is a great waste of taxpayers money to demolish and rebuild something that is at present in good useable condition. 4. Safety issues: Because the proposed rugby and soccer pitches are so close together, there is a high possibility of players or balls intruding from one field into the neighbouring one. This would disrupt play on both fields and present a high risk of injury to those involved. The small distance between the edge of the pitch and the fence along the water creates another risk of a player running into the fence and being injured. There is no room for spectators at the sides of either pitch. I strongly request Council to rethink these proposals, and prepare a new Plan of Management that will take into account the needs of all users of the park.	2c
21.	Christian Reid	Regarding the proposed changes to Primrose Park facility, which if I'm correctly informed is to be the formalisation of two playing fields, one at the harbours edge, high fence erected, and the other parallel to it to the south. Change rooms and toilet block removed	2c

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		<p>and relocated. This proposal is not aimed at serving local residents, it seems obviously aimed at schools and sports clubs. I make the following points for your consideration</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The population of North Sydney and other adjoining municipalities has increased substantially bringing increased through traffic, pollution and noise to our streets and suburbs which results in more of our residents becoming more localised in our daily movements 2. The proposed changes to the park will further restrict our daily movements through the movement of cars and buses, pollution and noise in bringing additional people to our local park. Local residents will feel excluded. 3. Parking in our suburban streets is already at a premium and larger sporting areas will make it very difficult to impossible for residents to park outside of or near their homes in times of high use for these proposed sporting fields 4. Primrose Park is one of the last open areas in our suburb where all residents can enjoy simple leisure activities, walking, enjoying the waterside on a day off, exercising oneself and or dog, throwing a ball or frisbee with children, sitting reading or chatting with family or friends. Properties surrounding the park and for a couple of kilometres back from the park currently enjoy those noise and movement free times, this will all change with your proposal. 5. Noise levels for practice football during the week is sufficient enough to indicate to a resident that creating two formal playing fields would negatively impact our otherwise relatively peaceful suburb <p>Parking in Young Street, Tonga Road, View Street, Earle Street, Grasmere and Grafton Streets is already difficult for casual parkers and resident's vehicles.</p> <p>Council, think this proposal through fully, you have an opportunity to change Primrose Park into a more attractive area for families and all residents. I suspect your proposed changes to Primrose Park is to accommodate schools and sports clubs; what about the needs and desires of the many rate payers located in and around the park.</p> <p>Renovate the toilet and change facilities, yes, long overdue!</p>	
22.	Kirsty Lewis	I just wanted to highlight that some users of Primrose Park do not support its reconfiguration. Being a dog walker, this would make my days harder with space and parking, and I don't think families who like to picnic in the park would enjoy the park anymore. If there's any way to pause the planned works so our voices can be heard, that would be appreciated.	2c
23.	Brett Slater 25 Minnamurra Rd Northbridge	I oppose the proposed high net and any pavilion for seating	2c
24.	Don Barnes	I object to the proposed changes to Primrose Park. The proposed Rugby field has one side close to a change in level and a fence. Play often forces players across the sidelines, which would be dangerous on that side. The Rugby and Soccer fields are close together. If matches are played simultaneously, there would be frequent disruptions when a ball from one crossed onto the other field, to be followed by a player to retrieve it. If matches are not to be played simultaneously, there is no need to change the present arrangement. The existing field is set up so that it can be used for either sport. Children's participation in sport is to be encouraged. The children playing are usually accompanied by parents. The plans make little provision for spectators and their presence would exacerbate the sideline problems. There are many other reasons to object to the proposal, for example, the blocking of access to the Folly Point walking track, loss of the grassy slope passive recreation area and the need for more parking in neighbouring streets.	2c
25.	Lisa O'Mahony	I have great concerns for Primrose Park and the proposed changes. My concerns stems from the fact that the proposed changes do not cater for the wider community and only to schools and sports clubs. The parking as it is currently does not cater for the community with lots of congestion for families and their dogs, dog walkers and tennis players it can be tricky at the best of times and it will be ridiculously worse with the changes planned. The changes will affect dog walkers with reduced space to walk and exercise	2c

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		which is important for dogs to have ample space to burn off that energy. Primrose Park is one of my favourite parks to bring the dogs with its open space and natural surroundings it would be a shame to ruin that with what is proposed. I strongly object to this reconfiguration and ask the council to prepare a plan of management that takes into account all users of this wonderful open space.	
26.	David Cook 157/41 Rocklands Rd Wollstonecraft	Sounds like a great idea. As long as the parking available does not decrease. If so there should be works to add parking to retain the current availability of spots, as a parent I have to say cars are a non-negotiable for kid's sports. I congratulate the Council on seeking ways to provide more useable sports facilities in the LGA. And on Cr Bakers interview on ABC regarding Private schools sharing facilities; this is a great idea. Public school children desperately lack sports facilities, Cammeraygal High middle school campus is like a prison yard, and North Sydney Publics yard is 95% asphalt; it's ridiculous. I'd say Long Bay has more open space per head than these schools. The youngest teenagers run the most (and need to. Supplying usable, quickly accessible open space for public school sports should be a State government priority for this area, informed by consultation with Council.	2d
27.	Natalie Riches 147 Young St Cremorne	Thank you for your notification about Council's plans to increase the playing fields on Primrose Park. Whilst I have objection to the actual reconfiguration or improvement of the use of Primrose Park to enable more of the community to utilize it, I do object to the view in your report that no significant increase in noise (quote - negligible) or no impact on parking or traffic will prevail. I do not concur that a 33% increase in playing fields to specifically accommodate more games equates to a 'negligible' noise increase and 'no' impact on parking or traffic. This is fundamentally not possible. As it is, there is insufficient parking to cater for the volume of sporting traffic and local resident requirements with the existing fields and a 33% increase will only make Young St a busier street with greater parking needs. As a long-term resident of Young St, I do not believe that your modeling reflects the constant demand for parking on Young St that I experience every day. Young St from Earle St to the Park allows for parking on both sides of the street at all times and becomes a one-way street with significant congestion at busy times. This will only become worse with the increase of playing fields. What is council going to do to manage the congestion on Young St and improve the flow of traffic with 33% increase in playing capacity? At this point your letter indicates the current solution is retain status quo and advise residents there will be no impact. I would also like confirmation that there will be safe access around these playing fields to the bush land walk and the water foreshore whilst games are in motion. I remain very concerned by Council's current plans to manage parking and traffic.	2c
28.	Name and address withheld	Great idea to try and squeeze more out of Primrose Park by fitting in a 4th pitch. Three concerns: 1 It's quite narrow. The 64 meters width available is already less than the 68m minimum (70m max) required for the playing area of a (regulation) rugby pitch. 2, Player safety. Will the concrete cricket pitch be covered during winter sports seasons? 3 Lost balls. It's not easy to gain access to the water from Primrose Park and the kicking involved with rugby on a pitch aligned parallel, and so close, to the water is going to result in a lot more harbour-bound balls.	2d
29.	St Aloysius' College	I refer to your letter of 8 March 2023 and thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback regarding the Primrose Park reconfiguration. In summary, I would like to highlight the impact some of the proposed changes to Primrose Park present to St Aloysius' College and its long-term use of the facility. Specifically, the proposed changes present significant challenges for our winter sports program. My feedback for your consideration: • The construction phase (to be completed by Council over the summer period) would have little impact. However, if there were delays, (as there was with Anderson Park earlier this year) the College may struggle to have adequate field coverage for training sessions and Saturday fixtures come winter trials and leading into Term 2. • The winter reconfiguration could possibly see the College lose part or all of our current storage facility at Primrose Park. This would present logistical problems for the College, particularly as we are currently undergoing major building works at our Milsons Point	2a

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		<p>campus at the moment with space at a premium. The storage facility we currently use at Primrose Park is located on the Southern sandstone wall. The change could create</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Logistical pressures on Saturday and training schedules; o A compromised location for the College BBQ on Saturdays. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The winter reconfiguration for Primrose Park presents the issue of College Rugby games being separated. At the moment our 14,15s and 16s teams generally using the new proposed Field 4 and our Prep and 13s teams would utilise what has been marked Field 7. The maintenance of bookings and advanced notice for our student and parent community is of importance in our sporting program. • The winter reconfiguration presents the opportunity for the Junior School to move football fixtures from Willoughby Park to Primrose Park to play alongside Rugby, we acknowledged that the securing of bookings will be essential for this to occur. 	
30.	Willoughby Bay Precinct - 13 April 2023 minutes	<p>At Willoughby Bay Precinct's meeting on 13 April 2023 the following motion was passed unanimously: Motion: THAT Precinct</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) supports the retention of passive recreation open space in North Sydney. 2) opposes the reconfiguration of Primrose Park due to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) loss of passive recreation space at the south and east of the park, including the grass picnic area replaced by stone seating, b) additional parking congestion on local streets, c) minimal space between the new Rugby Field and the harbour which will lead to calls for netting or high fencing, d) lack of adequate consultation with park users other than schools and sports clubs. 3) supports the Mayor in <i>"putting open space and density on the table as an urgent subject for discussion so that Council can determine open space and financial priorities that we as a community can own and work towards together"</i> and requests Council defer approving the conversion of open space to playing fields until such priorities are determined. <p>The following Precinct members were present (address and contact details are on the completed attendance sheets):</p> <p>Louis Thevenin Nicole Thevenin Liz Chedzoy Kate Dufall David Dufall Robyn Lilienthal Don Barnes Meredith Trevallyn-Jones Phil Worrall Victoria Parker</p>	2c
31.	Pamela Reilly	<p>I'm writing to object strongly to the above proposal. I'm a regular user of the Primrose Park Arts and Crafts Centre over many years. I'm fully aware of the already limited parking and the narrow surrounding streets which would make additional traffic to and from the park hazardous and frustrating for visitors and locals. I consider this proposal to be totally unsuitable for this area and ask you to urgently reconsider the reconfiguration of this local facility.</p>	2c
32.	Olga Brainardsmith 29 Brightmore St Cremorne	<p>I am writing to oppose the new development of Primrose Park. It takes up almost half of the park. Therefore there will be very little of the park available to families who picnic, families who take their children there to teach them sports, families with dogs, dog walkers etc. elderlies who sit on the benches & enjoy the views. Now it's a community park, but if this happens it will be mostly a sport field. The community will have limited access to the park.</p> <p>The lovely benches looking out onto the harbour will not be available for use. Nor the hill which the children love to run down. The</p>	2c

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		<p>nets will be an eyesore, seriously ugly. The view looking onto the harbour will be impaired.</p> <p>I was told there will be bleachers. The noise from the crowds will disturb all the homes who are close to the park and on nearby streets.</p> <p>Parking will be a mess! There is hardly room now on the weekends, I can't imagine what it will be like. I read there was no need to have extra parking, as streets such as Grasmere, Brightmore, etc. can accommodate the surge in parking. I've lived on Brightmore street for 11 years. Today I had to park my car on Benelong, as there was no parking!</p> <p>I implore you to please either stop this, and help the community by allowing them use of this beautiful park. And not to destroy the views and tranquillity.</p>	
33.	Football NSW - Facilities & Advocacy Unit	<p>I write to confirm that Football NSW offers its full and unequivocal support for the sports field reconfiguration at Primrose Park, home of North Sydney United. The reconfiguration will provide an additional football (soccer) field and provide space for a new amenity block on the site.</p> <p>The reconfiguration of Primrose Park links directly to the NSW Football Infrastructure Strategy and the five key pillars of the strategy. The strategy recognises that football demand is already exceeding facility supply with the sport's large numbers across the state and country. This project strongly aligns to the pillars; Improve Existing Venue Capacity, Inclusive Football Facilities and Planning for Growth and Demand within the strategy.</p> <p>The upgrade will directly benefit North Sydney United, Northern Suburbs Football Association (NSFA), and the local football community. This project will benefit the sport in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase participation. • Increase the number of quality playing fields in the NSFA region. • Provide a safe and suitable facility all participants, both male and female. • Meet the current and future demands of NSFA and the local football community. <p>With Australia and New Zealand hosting the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup we expect there to be a huge spike in girls' participation right across Australia and NSW. Previous men's World Cups (overseas) and Asian Cups (hosted in Australia in 2015) has seen growth in participation with Australia. With these previous signs we can pre-empt similar spikes in growth with a home World Cup. This project has the potential to support increased participation in football and enhance the sporting experience of all community members. The project will improve access to and improve the quality of the sporting facility enabling a more diverse range of activities to be undertaken to meet current and future community needs of the area. Football NSW strongly supports the delivery of reconfiguration at Primrose Park. The upgrade will allow players, coaches, referees, and volunteers to enjoy their football experience whilst at the venue. We know this project will make a significant and long-lasting contribution to football and all the participants from the local community.</p>	2d
34.	Dr Marcus Gunaratnam	<p>I am a member of the Australian Society of Calligraphy (ASOC) and user of the Primrose Park Arts and Craft centre regularly, I feel that the proposed redevelopment would pose an intolerable burden on parking (contrary to reassurances in the form) and that the plans are inappropriate and unsustainable and will adversely affect those who use the facility.</p> <p>This would impact those of us who attend especially on the weekends.</p> <p>I humbly beseech you to reconsider and abandon the project to redevelop.</p>	2c
35.	Therese Finn	<p>I wish to state that I do not support the changes to Primrose Park.</p> <p>The park is a wonderful open space and is used by many groups at all hours of the day, walkers, runners, people having picnics and dog walkers.</p> <p>The proposed re structure would not allow those wishing to walk around the park or to access the walking track to Folley Point so have a safe walking area while sport is being played.</p>	2c

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36.	Sue Ogle 1/76 Benelong Rd Cremorne	I do not think the proposed changes are in the interests of the community living near Primrose Park. There is not enough room for two football fields: no space for locals to walk with or without their dogs, no room for picnics and kids, no room for spectators. The users of the football fields will most likely not be local. High netting proposed will be a total eyesore. There is already noise from football and this will increase. No extra parking is ridiculous. If you think there is spare parking in adjacent streets there isn't. I have trouble finding parking outside my unit in Benelong Rd every day. This green space should be kept open and useable by the people who live nearby and use the park every day.	2c
37.	Terry Stapleton 97 Young St Cremorne	I wish to advise I don't support the proposed plan to reconfigure Primrose Park The Park is there to share so please leave as is or prepare a plan that takes into need all the users of the wonderful open space, not just sport activities	2c
38.	Glenette Silver 147A Young St Cremorne	All users of this park should be considered not just schools and sports clubs I pay North Sydney Council rates and use the park consistently for walking exercise and picnics. Parking in Young and Little Young streets is at a minimum due to people parking their boats there so I often have to park in Primrose Park. The park is to share with residents who pay their rates to the local Council. I say no to changes to Primrose Park.	2c
39.	Petra Mueller	I'm a local passionate dog walker. Can I please beg to reconsider the changes at Primrose Park, it breaks all our hearts to see what the plans are on the field. As one of many voices, I'd highly appreciate to leave this beautiful park as it is	2c
40.	Amelia Procter 10/131 Young Street Cremorne	I have lived in Young Street for 15 years. Whenever there is a sports game on, people park anywhere and everywhere including illegally (and not once have I seen any fines given out) and then the overflow park up and down the street (also often illegally) preventing locals from parking near their homes until later in the evening. The same happens on the weekends esp. when the kid's park is also busy. Other than the parking illegalities I am not opposed to this current situation, but the proposed changes will increase these parking issues that are already at capacity. There actually isn't room for additional cars here and, at times, I have had to park over 500m away. If I wanted that I would have chosen to live next to a train station. I have also had my side mirror knocked off my car twice since living here both times by reckless young people heading to the oval to play sport in the evenings. This end of Young Street is narrow and two way, not a main road to speed down. The park should be useful to all suitable recreation including walkers, bush walkers, dog walkers, picnic folk etc not just sports teams. Please consider others in the community and continue to make this park shareable for everyone not just useful for small groups. There is a lot at stake in terms of resident's peaceful enjoyment of their home and local surrounds.	2c
41.	Sher Canny	The reconfiguring to create another playing field will take away a much used park from dog walkers, walkers in general, exercisers and people who probably live in apartments who have picnics near the water. This is unfair especially considering the loss of Cammeray Park. This is a much-loved park by families in the area for many activities. Say no to the loss.	2c
42.	Yuan Yuan Chen	I do not support the Primrose Park reconfiguration. Could you please prepare a Plan of Management that takes into account All Users of this wonderful open space.	2c
43.	Camilla Cash	I am unsupportive of the changes to Primrose Park. The parking congestion will be a nightmare for all residents. There is only one way out of the area. It is difficult enough a car getting up and a car getting down the hill at the same time with the traffic the way it is now with cars parked on both sides. What a ridiculous idea when there is a park just a few metres up the road there is Cammeray Park - where if you ever go there the parking is also a nightmare!	2c
44.	Brightmore Precinct Committee - 12 April 2023 minutes	The following MOTION was proposed, and passed 21 FOR, with 3 ABSTENTIONS (see list below) THAT: Precinct 1) opposes the reconfiguration of Primrose Park due to: (a) loss of passive recreation open space to the south of the existing Field 1, including the grass picnic area proposed to be excavated	2c

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		<p>and turned into playing field and stone seating, (b) unacceptable parking congestion on local residential streets, 2) supports the Mayor in <i>“putting open space and density on the table as an urgent subject for discussion so that Council can determine open space and financial priorities that we as a community can own and work towards together”</i> and requests that Council defer approving the conversion of open space to playing fields until such priorities are determined.</p> <p>Comments from Attendees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the moment, Primrose Park is a pleasant shared space between those using the sporting facilities, dog-walkers, and recreational use for exercise and picnics. • Cramming another sports field into this space compromises its other uses. • Fields are already being used to the maximum. • While recognising the need for more sporting fields, public open space should not be cannibalised to achieve this goal. This area of North Sydney LGA has already seen the loss of open green space and the destruction of Cammeray Park and Cammeray Golf Course for the Warringah Freeway Upgrade and Western Harbour Tunnel construction. • In Council’s <i>North Sydney News March 2023</i>, the Mayor has put <i>“open space and density on the table as an urgent subject for discussion”</i>. <p>Parking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is not enough parking now, let alone with the addition of an extra playing field. The report states that independent modelling had found that <i>“there is sufficient parking and adequate roads to handle the impact of the additional field, both for training during the week and on Saturdays for competition games”</i>. <i>“Sporting traffic may continue to cause temporary annoyance to the residents close to the Park but as this is transient to Saturday morning winter months, many residents will already have measures in places to ensure they are not unduly inconvenienced.”</i> • Many attendees live nearby, and ALL were concerned about this comment, which from their experience is totally false. Many do not have off-street parking and are often unable to park near their properties. This is a problem throughout the whole area, not just near the sports fields, due to Redlands’ students driving to school (usually 1 person per car) and parking in local streets. Despite many residents complaining to Redlands’ management, there has been no response to their concerns. • During busy periods, vehicles are often park illegally in <i>“No Stopping”</i> zones in lower Young Street, Little Young Street, Benelong Lane and Wonga Road. • Many of the available parking spaces identified in the report (483) are over 10 minutes’ walk away on steep roads or steep bushland tracks. <p>Space around the fields:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new, additional field is too close to the harbour. A high net will have to be built to stop rugby balls ending up in the harbour. How high will this net be? • There is not enough space between and beside the 2 new fields - where do spectators go? • ☒ Many people cross from the Young Street carpark and walk close to the harbour to access the bridge over Willoughby Creek to the Folly Point Walking Track, and this access will be severely restricted (and dangerous) when sports are in progress. 	
45.	Jessica Hahn 4a Churchill Cres Cammeray	While an increase to the sporting field is fine, the ability for disabled people to access the ground is non-existent. Access from the Denos lane does not have sufficient level or pathed access, the lane is on a large slope with no disabled parking. Matora Lane has a car park but again poor access, with only stairs available to the playing field. Young Street Carpark park has no disability access to the	2a

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		playing field as it is a large slop and again no pathway. Car parking around the playing fields also does not have Sufficient disability parking. This is an opportunity to provide access for people with disabilities to attend games for their children/friends and family or visit Primrose Park. As it stands now, this field does not provide sufficient access or safety to anyone in a wheelchair, scooters, walking aid or someone with an invisible disability. I have a disability and on multiple occasions have nearly fallen down trying to access the park with my walking stick via Denos Lane. If there is no parking available via this lane, I need to leave as the other car parks provide no ability to enter safely on foot. With the type of park this is and the volume of people it will and does attract, it is disappointing to see no inclusion of improve facility for people with disabilities - this is parking, access onto the field and including the actual bathroom facilities on the grounds.	
46.	Delphine Cappronier 1/29 Grasmere Rd Cremorne	I wish for the park to stay in the current state and for none of these propositions to be developed as they would sadly affect this whole area...	2c
47.	Angela Evans 21 Grasmere Rd Cremorne	Please no redevelopment to the park. There are no other suitable dog parks in the area where they can be off leash. We do not need more sporting facilities. There are enough. An extra oval will make it impossible for all the dog owners to find a safe place for their dogs. There are so many apartment dog owners and they need a place with space for their dogs and to meet up with other owners.	2c
48.	Catherine Turner 2 Grafton St Cremorne	I understand the pressure on Council to provide more sporting fields, but the new Rugby field encroaches on an area used as passive relaxation near Middle Harbour and there are few such areas left in the vicinity. The Rugby field is in an area of the park beside the breakwater which floods readily after rain and would require extensive drainage. It is likely to need a high fence along Middle Harbour to prevent balls being kicked there. A fence would spoil the beautiful vista of Middle Harbour and be another area which is fenced off as Cammeray Golf Course will be.	2c
49.	Thomas Goater 84 Young St Cremorne	Totally unnecessary, there are plenty of sports pitches in the council's area and having another general-purpose field developed takes more money and focus away from improving other facilities. Weekend sport be reduced to allow children to be children and their parents playthings.	2c
50.	Genevieve Casarotto 89 Parraween St Cremorne	What about the demand of providing your community with dog friendly and off leash parks? There is a blossoming community of dog friends and families who meet at Primrose Park in the mornings and evenings with anywhere between 10-20 dogs off leash at any given time. Not to mention the several dog walking companies that bring dogs down to the park for activities on a daily basis (sometimes twice a day). It's no secret that, people bought new dogs for companionship during covid. For most of us, this got us through long days working from home on our own. Primrose Park is one of the only areas where the dogs are free to roam around, with many of us in apartment buildings, this is so important. It gets people out of the house, with many of us walking down to the park with our dogs. Please understand that this is a daily activity for a large amount of people and their dogs and it would be a great shame if this is taken away from us. Some consideration to this dog community in your proposed plans would be strongly appreciated	2c
51.	Martin Krause 19 Ellalong Rd Cremorne	Good to maximise the square meter use by adding two new fields. Separating rugby from football will reduce the impact of each other's sport on grass conditions as well as allow different grass types to be used in the future for the different sports. Cricket pitch off the rugby and football playing field will allow for year-round use.	2d
52.	Anna Baryshev 3 Bray Street Mosman	I do not want to see a permanent cricket pitch at primrose park as I think the current ability to switch between summer and winter sports is a bonus. There is no need for a permanent cricket pitch. We have Tunks park for that I do not wish the toilet block to be upgraded it is fine as is. I do not think primrose park needs to change in any way.	2c

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53.	Jeffrey 11 Fifth Ave Cremorne	Being a local resident who uses the Park everyday with many others, may I suggest the following. 1) incorporating an exercise station at the park; 2) a Astro turf or tartan track around the Park, so joggers, runners and walkers can use. Not just a dog park. Thanks so much for your kind consideration	2a
54.	Stuart Broadfoot 1-7 Hampden Ave Cremorne	Strongly support the proposed reconfiguration. There is a systemic shortage of sporting fields available in North Sydney (particularly for children's sport), which inhibits participation in beneficial organised social and exercise activities.	2d
55.	Greg Joosse 43 Palmer St Cammeray	Well done, sounds great	2d
56.	Belinda 93 Avenue Rd Mosman	I think this has merit however I completely disagree about enough parking. Whoever did your study must not really see how it works. Parking is a nightmare at primrose and really needs investing in. Disability parking as well. Coaches and bus parking for those teams who come in that manner. Many families with prams need to attend and there is huge hills to walk up or down. I don't support more filled if you are not looking at parking. The impact on local residents having no street parking on weekends is an issue.	2c
57.	Colleen Johansson 66 Belgrave St Cremorne	Residents who work only have access to Primrose on the weekend, for recreation, fun and walking dogs. Where is it stated in this that they can be accommodated? More and more we are being prevented from enjoying the peacefulness of this area by rowdy parents and sports players who, quite often, shout obscenities whilst playing. Would this reconfiguration be done if no fees were applied? Millions of dollars were spent on the tennis courts and now on the road leading up to Young Street - how do pedestrians walk up there? Couldn't a footpath have been included? There is already an enclosed cricket pitch which is rarely used. Dogs are now not allowed to cool off at the waterfall without being on the lead - why can't some funds be spent installing a defenced barrier so, if by chance, they happen to run off the track? Why is it that we are constantly harassed by the bush care workers, who seem not be making much headway with the terrible weed problem suffocating the trees - how can wildlife survive in the bush if they can't access weed free trees? I think this reconfiguration should be abandoned until the council can accomodate the wishes of the majority of people who use Primrose Park to escape the pain of traffic ridden Neutral Bay and Cremorne.	2c
58.	Rob McKay 3/8 Parraween St Cremorne	<p>Firstly - thank you for trying to provide more sporting fields for our community - we are desperately short of playing fields and outdoor areas, so every little bit helps, even if it means using the same space more effectively, as we see here, rather than finding additional space, which we still need.</p> <p>The proposed configuration, particularly with the rugby field immediately adjacent to the water, creates some practical problems. As someone who has been actively involved in literally thousands of games of rugby, I can confirm that many balls throughout each match will find their way into the water, unless suitable netting, and very high netting at that, is put in place. Potentially difficult as it creates an aesthetic problem, but necessary to ensure the use of the ground is feasible.</p> <p>I also note that maps of both the current and proposed configurations have incorrectly located the cricket pitches. Pitches 3 and 4 are not angled similarly to 1 and 2. Rather, they are parallel, or close to parallel, to the proposed Pitch 1, as like the proposed Pitch 1, they are located between the winter fields, rather than on them. Please see attached map.</p> <p>Finally, the current pitches 1, 2, and 3 are spaced roughly equally from each other. However, the information provided states: "The current position of the two synthetic cricket pitches on Field 1 makes it impossible to use both at the same time". My observation has been that they are used at the same time, as is Pitch 3. Therefore, the relocation of Pitch 1, while being sensibly placed between the two new fields makes sense, does not solve the proximity issue of the pitches, whether between 1 and 2, or 2 and 3.</p>	2c
59.	Paul 859 Bourke St Waterloo	The inclusion of an additional sportsfield is of particular great need in an LGA with limited open spaces for a growing population. Increased access to sporting facilities help people live an active and healthy lifestyle in a world of increased online and sedentary behaviours. I would very much welcome an additional sportsfield to help cater for local sport users.	2d

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60.	Paul Levrier 2 Ryries Pde Cremorne	A much welcome revamp to the fields and new washroom facilities. Thank you to council for initiating this upgrade. Perhaps not part of the current upgrades, but it would be worth considering a replacement for the ugly fenced wall along the water's edge of the park. This perimeter area could well do with some beautification. Tunks Park is a perfect example of what can be achieved here (albeit on a smaller scale perhaps). The edge needs softening with perhaps a sandstone wall with native planting and even benches to look out onto the water and a fixed path along its side. It would certainly make this part of the park look far more appealing and accessible. Seems to be the missing link.	2a/2d
61.	Derek Maguire 10/465-467 Willoughby Rd Willoughby	Primrose Park definitely needs a multi-use synthetic field. So much community sport gets cancelled due to wet weather. When it rains, because it is low lying, Primrose immediately turns into a mud bath and all fields are closed. Also, it needs better fencing. So many footballs, cricket balls etc end up in the stream at the side of the fields. If players can't get them (which is a safety hazard) they end up being washed out into middle harbour. This is an environmental hazard that could be easily prevented with higher / better fencing.	2a
62.	Gavin O'Reilly 31 Albany Street Crows Nest	Great idea. Will benefit the area and sports a lot.	2d
63.	Sharon Cox 13 Reid Drive Chatswood West	Any additional sporting facilities are a positive for the area. A new amenities block and additional pitch is fantastic.	2d
64.	Sophie Christensen Fifth Ave Cremorne	As a long-time resident, I like to have an outdoor fitness equipment area and perhaps a jogging track. Not just for dog owners and cricket players. Thanks Please have an outdoor gym area and a running track.	2a
65.	Simon 39 Grasmere Rd Cremorne	Overall in support two things to note access to Primrose Park is via young St, the other two options are via steep bush tracks. There needs to be some form of a ladder down the stone wall to the waterfront so that retrieval of balls over the side can be done safely. I would not support a Nd high fence to prevent this happening.	2a/2d
66.	David Taylor 17/28 West Street North Sydney	The proposed changes to Primrose Park would increase the usage for sport and other outdoor healthy activities. There is a shortage of sporting fields in the North Shore. The proposal would not have significant changes to the Park, apart from increasing the usage.	2d
67.	Liam Garratt 27/10 Oaks Ave Dee Why	I see this as a positive move by the council to make better use of the space, and to make Primrose safer. Adding the additional sporting field and placing the wicket between means we will no longer have a dangerous artificial strip running across the rugby and football fields. It also means that the cricket fields will be safer to play on as we will not have boundaries in contact with one another. I'm an amateur sports player for both North Sydney United and Crow's Nest rebels' cricket club, both of which use these fields very frequently and I honestly believe this to be an excellent idea by the council.	2d
68.	Julia Smith 33 Walkers Dr Lane Cove North	The new configuration would increase the ability for more sport to happen and be a great hub for sport on the weekends	2d
69.	Helen Davis 65 Garland Rd Naremburn	Sport is an important part of our community and essential for the health and well being of local children and adults alike. The introduction of another sporting field at Primrose is a great way to increase sport participation and training without having to 'find' more space. Reconfiguration to use the existing sports grounds more efficiently is a significant win for the local community and the local government providing the facilities at minimum cost.	2d

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70.	North Sydney United FC	Having extra playing fields in the North Sydney Council area is essential given the projected population growth and the current status whereby there simply are not enough. NSROC have made this very clear in their studies over the past few years and this council area was singled out as needing the most work to increase the number of playing fields. Football is the fastest growing sport amongst females and with the Women's World Cup on these shores later this year there is likely to be continued growth. On top of already booming participation numbers in the sport this means any new or additional playing field will be of huge benefit to the community, especially for females and for all juniors especially. Primrose is the ideal location for an extra field because there have been 3 fields there for so many years already that the likely impact for the local community in terms of extra traffic will be minimal and its well away from residential areas. With a prime location next to the harbour and an upgraded tennis centre at the far end Primrose will become one of the most popular and exciting sporting venues in Sydney, catering for many different sorts and providing a valuable resource for schools and local community football clubs.	2d
71.	Northern Suburbs Football Association	I am the CEO of the Northern Suburbs Football Association and would like to represent our members and member clubs including North Sydney United Football Club. We agree with the Primrose Park Reconfiguration proposal including the inclusion of 1 additional playing field to increase sports ground capacity. This will help North Sydney Council to meet the expected growth in demand for sports fields (NSROC forecasts an increase of 40% in sports ground capacity is required by 2036 to meet forecast higher demand from a growing population).	2d
72.	Crows Nest Rebels Cricket Club	Crows Nest Rebels Cricket Club play social cricket as part of the Northern Cricket Union, including many games at our adopted 'home' of Primrose Park. We wholeheartedly support the proposed changes to the current configuration and updated/additional amenities as it allows for more sport, whatever code, year-round. While noting the loss of one cricket pitch, as pointed out in the report, the current configuration is non-sensical as it does not allow for concurrent play on all pitches. While mindful that any redevelopment takes time and may impact the ground's availability, we understand this is for the greater good of the community. We hope any additional amenities constructed at Primrose Park reflect the current and future community sporting landscape, including the ages and genders of those who play sport in Australia. Lastly, as a club participating in a summer sport, we would appreciate any designs incorporating sun-smart spaces for players, officials and spectators to rest and enjoy the match when not involved.	2d
73.	Fiona Denton 29/34 Gerard St Cremorne	I agree demand has increased for sports grounds, but I disagree there is sufficient parking to accommodate an additional sports field. When the current 3 fields are in use the streets are overflowing with cars and it is difficult to enter or exit the 3 parking areas. In addition to this the slip road in between tennis courts and the car park near the water has had so much wear and tear it is Dangerous to park close to the curb. I question why the road was not repaired last week when the road to the tennis court was. When the current 3 fields are in full use, particularly if they are being used by adult teams ie people over 18 who each appear to each drive to the park separately - if they often abuse the parking on the slip road - parking on the bends often blocking the road so that it leaves insufficient room for cars to drive through and they park around the slip road entrances so drivers exiting can't see on coming traffic. They do this because all available parking is taken by other people using the park or residents. I can't stress enough there is not sufficient parking. The redevelopment of the amenities block and BBQ facilities is well overdue and would be welcomed but I would suggest that it would be nice to have some tables and seating close to the BBQs so you can actually use them. I own a dog, the park is heavily used by dog owners and loved by dogs. the demand for use of parks for residents of the area with dogs has also increased and I would question if this has been taken into consideration and what plans have been made to improve this for dog owners. We deserve to use the space too. While I don't play sport, my dog is my sport! It would be great if the council can provide information for dog owners when the fields are booked and will be in use so we too can benefit from the park more easily. There are many dog owners concerned we will be pushed out even more should an additional field be added. Primrose is the only park on this side of Military Road! You mentioned the lighting will not be improved. One way dog	2c

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		owners and potential sports groups could get more use out of the park is if the council can put on the lights even down one end to 7.00 or 8.00pm. This will mean we can see and remain safe. I often don't get home from work until 6.30pm and this would allow me to use the park in winter after work. While I see some considerations has been taken into account the only thing you mention you have done is have an independent company advise on parking - what other considerations have you made?? On the parking I think you have been misinformed and I would like the council to reconsider putting in an additional field unless extra parking is provided. Oh and the road leading to the park is so narrow cars find it difficult to pass and can't if a truck or Ute involved or parked. Often you pass at your own risk with only seems like millimetres between you.	
74.	Susan Windmiller 3 Tobruk Ave Cremorne	I would like to see a cafe at the park. This would make the park even more appealing. It would be nice if it could be in the old building near the tennis courts. It would also be good to have a path from the car park near the water as people with mobility issues can't get down that way.	2a
75.	Michelle Cross 27/5 Hume St Wollstonecraft	I think that it a great idea to provide more facilities that can be used to help make people more active.	2d
76.	Corinne Hitchenson 117 Young St Cremorne	I support the more efficient use of open space both locally and as part of the broader NSROC strategy. I cannot however see details in the existing report that reflect sufficient consideration to reconfigure the existing off-street car parks and/or acknowledging a need for future investment in funding expansion of these. The study took place during the refurbishment of the Primrose Park Tennis Centre - can the study be repeated this winter to see if there is any difference? And typically it would consider more than one weekend day for robust results? While winter sport is the primary beneficiary of the plan, Spring is the peak time of use for Brightmore Reserve - what impact does this have on children's park usage and/or will the proposed drop off zone in the car park near there be seasonal/give regard to young families access to this park? The study acknowledges there is already pressure on local streets and reflects only capacity of car parking, not the safety of those attending games as well as local residents given increased traffic. Vehicular damage is a regular occurrence on Young Street and the increase in traffic cannot be the burden of individuals alone, it would be great to see some master planning for the increase of off street parking to foster the safety of all. In any case a more robust parking study/data would give local residents more peace of mind that the whole picture is being considered, including the full complement of activities in the vicinity (e.g. Tennis reopened late 2022)	2c
77.	Kevin Doyle 1/2b Nicholson St Wollstonecraft	I believe that this would be a good upgrade for the local area, there is a shortage of green space as there is and when it rains for a few weeks you have very little option to rotate pitches in winter. If there were another field then you could always keep at least 1 closed and rotate the others to keep the grass green and not muddy.	
78.	Jane Theau 37 Illiliwa St Cremorne	I understand there is an increased need for sporting facilities is our area, and this design maximises the use of Primrose Park for that purpose, however, I strongly contest the assertion that there is sufficient off-street parking and road access to accommodate the increased traffic this development will generate. I walk my dog daily at PP, use the PP Art and Craft Centre weekly, and organise Clean Up Australia at the park there so I am very familiar with the current usage. There is NO capacity to accommodate more traffic on weekends. As it is the car parks are full and Matora Lane is perilous when weekend football and tennis vehicles attempt to pass each other up and down the hill. The current upgrade of Matora Lane will not alleviate this problem, or the pedestrian safety issue. In addition, the fact that Young Street becomes one way at the bottom means that the other car park is a u-turn bay for people who can't find a parking spot. This Brightmore car park is full on weekends with parents and children that use Brightmore Reserve. There is no additional capacity. Please don't consider using synthetic turf as part of whatever upgrade is decided upon.	2c
79.	Didier Galvez	I am a local resident and regular user of the Primrose park facilities and I am against the proposal to add an additional field to the	2c

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	69 Cammeray Rd Cammeray	three existing. The reason is that it will affect the present layout and access to the park and increase traffic and parking to the park. Please do not proceed.	
80	Margaret Gilbert 1/102 Cremorne Road Cremorne Point	I understand there is an increased need for sporting facilities in our area, and this design maximises the use of Primrose Park for that purpose, however, I strongly disagree that there is sufficient off-street parking and road access to accommodate the increased traffic this development will generate. I walk my dog often at Primrose Park and use the PP Art and Craft Centre regularly, as well as take part in Clean Up Australia at the park so I am very familiar with the current usage. There is no capacity to accommodate more traffic at Primrose Park, especially on the weekends. As it is, the car parks are full and Matora Lane is perilous when weekend football and tennis vehicles attempt to pass each other up and down the hill. The current upgrade of Matora Lane will not alleviate this problem, or the pedestrian safety issue. To improve the sporting facilities at Primrose Park without addressing the serious lack of sufficient parking is irresponsible and puts the public at risk.	2c
81.	Dinah Beeston 2/2 Powell Street Neutral Bay	The assessment of the impact on parking does not take into account the other users of this area such as the tennis courts, the artists' studios, the Art and Craft Centre, the dogwalkers and other users of the park. The assessment of the parking that the recommendation is based on was very limited. The Thursday was cold and overcast with some rain. On the Saturday we also assessed the parking in the Matora Lane carpark - there were 66 cars in the carpark (capacity is 57) and 6 cars parked in Matora Lane. This is different to the numbers included in the report. The assessment was done just as the new tennis courts were opening so before there was an increase in their use as there is now, which is heavily impacting the use of the Matora Lane carpark. The assessment said that there was sufficient parking within a reasonable walking distance - however the range of the walking catchment is up to 1.5 km and up a steep hill. Is this reasonable? Many of the streets included in the walking catchment are a long way from the fields and would not be considered for parking by families with children or pets. This then puts a lot more pressure on the carparks and the streets which are within sight of the playing fields. The assessment also says that having an additional field may not significantly increase the number of participants - if there are not going to be any more people using the fields why do we need another field? There are very few disability parking spots in this area - in fact I know of only one, which is in the Matora Lane carpark. With more people expected to use the area there must be more disability spots put in place. The Matora Lane carpark is used by the tennis courts, the Artists' studios and the Art and Craft Centre but often on the weekends we are unable to access our venues. In most cases there is a lot of materials and equipment that need to be brought to the studios for use and it is impossible for the attendees to walk from the road carrying this load. We have had people who have driven from locations such as Hornsby who have not been able to find any parking so have had to drive home again and miss the activity they had booked and paid for. On the evening of 21 March this year, the carpark was full for football training and 6 cars were parked in Matora Lane. The continual use of Matora Lane for overflow parking is extremely dangerous for drivers, for pedestrians (many of whom are children) and for pets who use this narrow lane. This will not improve after the redevelopment of the lane has been completed. In fact it could be more dangerous as cars will move more quickly on a smooth road and in some places it will be narrower than it currently is. The current requirement for parking spots when the three fields are being used is more than 200, however the current carparks cater for only about 100. If we add another field in we are exacerbating the situation, and creating situations that could lead to accidents and injuries. Attachment provided.	2c
82.	Sue Davie 13 Thorn Street Ryde	Member of Australian Society of Calligraphers Inc. and member of Primrose Park Paper Makers Inc. - As a user of Primrose Park Arts & Craft Centre, usually on Saturdays, I can confidently say there is no spare car parking capacity on weekends, especially during the winter football season. This proposal has the potential to cause chaos and add unnecessary safety risks, unless additional car parking spaces are included in the redevelopment.	2c
83.	Wendy Wilcox 11 Park Street	I'm a member of the Calligraphy Society. Further sporting fields would put an intolerable burden on parking at weekends. Parking when sporting events are taking place, i.e. every weekend, is already inadequate, making it difficult for those using the workshop at	2c

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	Portland	Primrose Park to park their cars.	
84.	Julie Williams Julie Williams Calligraphy 32 Neptune Rd Newport	I am a long-standing member of the Australian Society of Calligraphers and am a regular user of PP Arts Centre for workshops for both the calligraphers and the paper makers. The vast majority of these workshops are held on weekends. Parking is already a huge problem when sports are being held and if you proceed with creating further sports fields, parking will be impossible for those attending workshops at the arts centre. Before any new fields are approved, adequate parking HAS to be provided for those using the arts centre. Many are mature age and have to transport equipment for workshops and member days. As you would be well aware, there is no public transport near PP Arts Centre. It will be an impossible situation if not addressed.	2c
85.	Jennifer Selinger 9 Young St Vaucluse	While I support the upgrade to the field, I am concerned about the access to parking on Manora Lane for people using the arts centre. This is already an issue at peak times. Please consider this during the planning process.	2c
86.	Karina Barnard 52 Arabella St Longueville	The carpark at Primrose Park is very small and cannot service existing numbers wanting to utilise it. The strain placed on members wanting to access the Arts Centre for planned workshops has increased to the point it is driving members away. Members arrive with art equipment that cannot be hauled up and down a steep road. The only place viable for them is the carpark which is supposed to service the Art Centre. Another playing field opened up for sport is not sustainable by this carpark facility.	2c
87.	Helen Campbell 12a Noonbinna Cr Northbridge	Primrose Park is a park open to all. As a member of the Primrose Park Arts Centre I use this space on a regular basis, especially for weekend workshops. I am of retiring age and find the parking even challenging now on some weekends when sports events are on. How are we, the members, many who are even less agile than me, going to manage reasonable access to our centre? This new proposal needs to be re-evaluated with more consideration for "other" users and not just families, who by the way are fitter and more able to park up the steep hill off site. I trust you the council will understand this oversight in your proposal and come up with a reasonable solution for weekend use of the facility.	2c
88.	Peter Carroll 96 Megalong St Leura	Scheduling extra sporting facilities at Primrose Park would put an intolerable burden on parking at weekends. Parking when sporting events are taking place, i.e. every weekend, is already inadequate, making it difficult for those using the workshop at Primrose Park to park their cars. Therefore, planning extra sporting events inappropriate and unsustainable.	2c
89.	Roy Maslen 8 Powell Street Neutral Bay	I am supportive of providing more space for sporting activities. Mental health and wellness is always important and has become even more challenging since Covid-19. Sport is a very important way to relieve stress and build resilience for players and their families. Quite simply it is a critical part of helping our community to recover from Covid-19. Our area has insufficient fields to meet all the sporting needs for players of all ages and genders. In addition if there is a period of rain it is very difficult to catch up on missed games and training. This new pitch is critical to making more sport available to members of our community. I appreciate people living near the fields many have concerns about disruption to their lives. However, there will be material benefits to the community of bringing sport to people to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Help manage their stressful lives - Exercise to keep fit and healthy - Play for fun and enjoyment. 	2c/2d
90.	Primrose Park Tennis	I am the current operator of Primrose Park Tennis and my concerns are with car parking. At present with Norths Rugby training on Tuesdays and Thursdays we do not have enough space for our customers, then on Saturday winter sports it is not possible to find car space so with more activity there will need to be more car parking available	2c
91.	Primrose Park Photography	As President of Primrose Park Photography, I am very concerned at the issue of parking when this increase to the sporting areas goes ahead. Our group meets at the Art & Craft Centre in the evenings of the first and third Wednesday of the month as well as sometimes on the weekend. Additionally, we have a darkroom which is accessed at various times during every day and night; usually	2c

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		by one or a few users. The parking survey conducted by Auswide Consulting indicates only 57 car parking spaces in Car Park 1 which is adjacent to the Art & Craft Centre. They also note that at the other end of the park in Car Park 2, there are only 27 car parking spaces. To arrive at a grand total of 483 car parking spaces available to sport field users, they include every space in adjacent residential streets. [I note that Young Street in the evenings has cars parked on both sides, leaving only space for one car to drive down between; without enough room for safe passing]. Common sense and behavioural observations show that everyone wanting to use the sporting fields or be a spectator, will prefer to park in either CP1 or CP2. Partly because if they park in adjacent streets, they will have to trek down substandard vehicle laneways with whatever gear they are carrying. So in reality there are a total of 84 car parking spaces to cater for all the sporting fields, the tennis courts, the artists in residence and the various groups who use the Art & Craft Centre, such as our group. I believe that at a minimum, Council needs to address CP1 and determine how the parking situation could be improved. Currently the surface is undulating with many hazards, including concrete garden edges for non-existent gardens. The area is also used as a Council construction zone with storage of equipment and materials which take up a good proportion of the space. [Hopefully this will change when current construction projects are completed]. I am confident that a study of CP1 by qualified Traffic Engineers will show many ways to improve the parking situation and that may go some way to addressing what will be quite an issue when the additional fields are in operation.	
92.	Priyanka 26-32 Gerard St Cremorne	It's important to save the nature and let all types of user have the access to the park. I vote no to proposed changes to the park.	2c
93.	Alison Muir 404/131 Spencer Rd Cremorne Junction	<p>I understand there is an increased need for sporting facilities in our area with the increase in multi dwellings and push to reduce obesity in the population. This design maximises the use of Primrose Park for that purpose, however, I strongly disagree with the assertion that there is sufficient off-street parking and road access to accommodate the increased traffic this development will generate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am a person with a disability and a member of Primrose Park Arts and Crafts Inc at 3 of the groups. • My family are rate payers and long term residents of North Sydney Local Government area, since 1982. • At times I find it impossible to park within close access to PPACC building, especially when disabled parking is used by Contractors, people with vans using solar panels to get battery power and others who ignore the disabled parking signs. • As a result I believe there is no capacity to accommodate more traffic or parking. Additional 3 fields is 100 people extra and 50 cars extra to an already overloaded area. • Car parks are full and Matora Lane is perilous when weekend football and tennis vehicles attempt to pass each other up and down the hill. • Its impossible on weekends to find parking when visitors to the PPAC have one of the 6 group community exhibitions. • The current upgrade of Matora Lane will not alleviate this problem, or the pedestrian safety issue. I should say the upgrade is highly appreciated. • The fact that Young Street becomes one way at the bottom means the other car park is a U-turn bay for people who can't find a parking spot. • Brightmore car park is full on weekends with parents and children that use Brightmore Reserve. There is no additional capacity. 	
94.	Lyn Franks PO Box 197 Wahroonga	I am writing in response to North Sydney Council's proposal to extend sporting facilities at Primrose Park. Primrose Park is both a sports facility as well as home to various arts and crafts groups. There is at present inadequate parking for all these existing groups, with people often unable to attend Primrose Park for arts and crafts workshops due solely to the lack of available parking. There of course being almost no on-street parking in the local area. As a member of the Australian Society Of Calligraphers I request that	2c

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		North Sydney Council not proceed with their proposal to extend sporting facilities at Primrose Park as it will exacerbate the existing parking problem for all users of Primrose Park.	
95.	Valerie Keevers 370 Willarong Rd Caringbah South	As person with a disability sticker who attends the Primrose Park hall regularly I am against the redevelopment of the football/soccer grounds as the parking on Saturdays when I attend activities in the pump house is appalling in the Matora Lane parking area. For months the builders upgrading the tennis courts took up one third of the available parking which included the only disability parking spot. Also, the upgrade of the parking area is going to restrict the parking for some months again. On Saturdays the Young Street parking is non-existent and the football crowd overflow into the Matora Lane parking from 8am to 1pm, the afternoon parking is not so bad as the games are seniors not juniors. Adding another field will cause more parking problems.	2c
96.	Anne McCallum 8 Harrison St Cremorne	The area is a community open space. Currently families, dog walkers, groups of friends and those engaged in informal games use the park in addition to those who pay the council for organised sporting training and fixtures. The changes proposed will dramatically reduce the area available to the many hundreds of people who use the park for purposes other than organised sporting fixtures. I am afraid it is simply laughable to suggest that a 30% increase in traffic can be accommodated. It is already sometimes parked out. Those who are elderly or with small children cannot walk long distances to enjoy the park. Many afternoons these are the regular park users. It should not be turned into a major expedition. Are they to be forced out by football clubs? Organised sport is a wonderful part of our lives but it should not be given preference over other uses. There are some sporting fields that are underused. These should have their calendars filled before precious community space is reallocated. Over the 40 years we have lived in Harrison Street we have used the park for many reasons: my son played cricket for a local team, we have walked around the ovals regularly, walked our dogs and met friends to socialise. I do not want to see this amenity stripped away under the guise of improved access to sporting teams. They use the park often, girls, boys and adults and that is as it should be. I do not want to see park use changed. Perhaps the private schools who use the park for sport might put aside some of their money to purchase land for their own playing fields? Why should the other residents of the electorate subsidise them further? Or perhaps I am wrong and they open their facilities to community use during holidays and other times when they are not in use.	2c
97.	Sandra Hedge 29 Carter St Cammeray	I am supportive of providing more space for sporting activities. Mental health and wellness are always important and have become even more challenging since Covid-19. Sport is a very important way to relieve stress and build resilience for players and their families. Quite simply it is a critical part of helping our community to recover from Covid-19. Our area has insufficient fields to meet all the sporting needs of players of all ages and genders. In addition, if there is a period of rain it is very difficult to catch up on missed games and training. This new pitch is critical to making more sports available to members of our community. I appreciate people living near the fields many have concerns about disruption to their lives. However, there will be material benefits to the community of bringing the sport to people to: - Help manage their stressful lives - Exercise to keep fit and healthy - Play for fun and enjoyment.	2d
98.	Shradhey Rathore 167 High St North Sydney	There is not enough parking spaces as is and adding a field without adding more parking spaces is not a right step to take. If you want to add an additional field please add another 50 parking spaces to the facility. A convenient parking space can't be 1.5 kms away. There is also a need for more disable parking spots. There should be atleast 5-6 such spots instead of current one. Please add more parking spots if you want to add a new field. At least 50 more parking spots should be added to keep the parking situation as is. The current parking situation is not ideal but the new field will make it even worse.	2c
99.	Murray Sallen 167 High St North Sydney	Please don't add a new field without new parking spaces. The parking situation is dire as it is and there needs to be more spaces for access to all facilities in the area.	2c

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100.	Northern Suburbs Rugby Football Club Limited	<p>I'm a Board member of Northern Suburbs Rugby Football Club Limited and we welcome the investment and development ideas as presented here.</p> <p>We are a heavy user of these fields during late summer to spring and have been for several years. We do have some questions and comments to help guide next steps and also welcome further consultation and involvement.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The full rugby field is a very welcome aspect of the development. 2. We would like to understand if the council has considered all weather synthetic grass to allow for use during wet weather. If of interest, our Club would be interested in contributing to the cost of this in return for access privileges. 3. In respect of any structures being developed ('change room block'), again we welcome more detailed input and ability to explore contribution to the structure if it could be designed similar to that put in at Latham Park by the Randwick Council so a gym, presentation room and/or small office/storage area was incorporated into the design. 4. When are the works being considered / how long will they take. We are keen to not have our training in season interrupted. 5. We are also keen for our standing booking for the park during spring/autumn and winter to be un-competed and continuing. 6. What type of synthetic cricket pitches will be installed - will these be safety approved for non-cricket sports? 	2a/2d
101.	Lachlan Renshaw Centrestone Investments Trust 12 Martens Ln Cremorne	<p>Primrose Park is one of the only open green spaces in the Cremorne/Neutral Bay area. It is loved by locals for its amenity and for the beautiful harbour views it provides from the park. As a local who attends the park on a daily basis, it is a sanctuary for many locals who love the park and wonderful amenity it currently provides. The suggested location of the football field along the waters edge boundary is not only unsafe for the players being not wide or long enough, but it is unsafe for spectators and locals who are just looking to enjoy the park due to the narrow areas between the fields and the sideline and the water. The suggestion of putting high fences to stop balls going in the water is the equivalent of knocking down Luna Park so 2 smaller versions can be built, but because it's too close to the water fences are erected which block out the views of the harbour bridge. The fix to a problem that doesn't currently exist would be an absolute travesty to ruin the vista of the area for everyone in the interests of a small few. Do not allow this to proceed.</p>	2c
102.	Graham Short 78 Gerard St Cremorne	<p>While it is commendable of Council to increase the provision of playing fields in North Sydney it should not be at expense of existing open space.</p> <p>Primrose Park is a landfill area and one wonders why it could not be extended further into the bay, The area of the bay is not navigable especially at low tide.</p> <p>The must be contractors who would donate suitable landfill material to such a project avoid dumping costs at tips. Also parking is a problem and perhaps the elevated single level parking in SE corner could be excavated (with material used to extend park) to create another parking level under it ie level with the field. Metered parking could be used to recoup costs and encourage turnover as is in place at Balmoral Beach.</p>	2c
103.	Marcus Hughes 92 Amherst St Camberay	<p>The proposed reconfiguration biases schools and sports clubs at the expense of open green space for the leisurely other users of the park. The addition of a permanent fence to stop footballs from going into the harbour will ruin the special ambience of the park. The need to have such a fence demonstrates the unsuitability of the football field.</p>	2c
104.	Elisabeth Stewart 1/30 Benelong Rd Cremorne	<p>I object to the Reconfiguration of Primrose Park - there is not enough parking to accommodate football crowds and the noise level will be much increased for residents in the vicinity.</p>	2c
105.	North Sydney Womens Hockey Club & Mosman Hockey Club	<p>I support the reconfiguration of Primrose Park to allow 4 winter playing pitches. More sporting facilities are desperately needed on the Lower North Shore and this would allow a significant increase in participation with very little impact on the surrounding residential community or natural environment. The amenities block needs a total upgrade anyway, so constructing a new facility to allow this pitch configuration makes sense. It is disappointing that there is no provision for hockey on the once was the "home of</p>	2a/2d

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		North Sydney hockey" at Primrose Park. I am also disappointed that the tennis court upgrade did not include the opportunity for multi-sport usage. Overall, as a sporting body in the local area we fully support this proposal.	
106.	Max Black 16 Reynolds St Cremorne	I don't support the Primrose Park reconfiguration. Looking at the Council report, it fails to detail how much pent up demand there is for extra playing fields (data council should have) vs the amenity the rest of the non sporting public. I'd ask council to prepare a Plan of Management that takes into account all users of this wonderful open space.	2a/2c
107.	Sharon Baker President Australian Society of Calligraphers Inc.	In regard to the proposed reconfiguration of Primrose Park Sporting fields I strongly object to the idea that there is sufficient parking in the surrounding streets and existing car parks. I have on numerous occasions been verbally abused by football players as I stand in a parking space holding it so a visiting tutor can unload their car for a two- or three-day workshop at Primrose Arts & Craft Centre. Not to mention the students, artists and tennis players! The cars they drive, often take up one and half spaces and they have no regard to safety as they park along Matora Lane. The current upgrade of the Lane will only increase this behaviour. If the council wishes to expand the number of sporting fields, then they must consider using some green space near Field 1 for more parking as there is currently no capacity to accommodate more traffic on weekends. Sharon Baker President Australian Society of Calligraphers.	2c
108.	Elaine Witton 22 Dorothy St Denistone East	As a member of both Primrose Paper Arts and The Australian Society of Calligraphers I use the car park adjacent to the Primrose Park Craft Centre regularly. This parking area is also used by the Tennis Court participants and is only just adequate now. I am concerned that having the extra sporting activities on weekends will make it virtually impossible to find somewhere to park to access the Centre. Street parking will not be enough to accommodate the extra sporting venues. I hope you will consider my concerns.	2c
109.	Ingemar Johansson 66 Belgrave St Cremorne	I wish to object strongly to this reconfiguration of Primrose Park	2c
110.	Jessica Taylor 92 Parraween St Cremorne	Have local private schools been contacted to use their sporting grounds-due to lack of public green space. I am against the rezoning due to loss of space for dog walkers, play area and green space for local residents.	2c
111.	Graham Shaw 48 Reynolds St Cremorne	What is there not to like with more organised sport facilities. Have we forgotten the opportunities in age of overweight and obesity? There is plenty of room to picknick and roll on the grass just across Young St / Wonga Rd in the reserve there. The Sydney Water / Remediation Pipe guys won't be there for ever. Dog walkers have plenty of options around the area, besides the Sports usage not 365 days a year.... Plenty of dog time left. Fully support this proposal	2d
112.	Susette Dixon 33 Illiliwa St Cremorne	I have two concerns with the proposal: 1) lack of a balanced use and availability of local assets and 2) pedestrian and traffic safety and amenity, particularly during peak use times such as weekends. I disagree with the assertion that there is sufficient off-street parking and road access to accommodate the increased traffic this development will generate. Matora Lane is high risk at peak sporting times. The current upgrade of Matora Lane will not address these risks and will result in an unacceptable level of risk to pedestrians. In summary I believe the proposal is fundamentally flawed and poses unacceptable impacts to general community amenity and more importantly community safety.	2c
113.	Midori Furze 62 Lacelles Rd Narraweena	It is wonderful that the council is thinking of making a new football field at Primrose Park. However, the plan must come with good planning for a new car parking space. I am a member of PPACCI and I use the Primrose Park Art & Craft Centre a lot. It is a unique building that was renovated recently. We are very proud to be members and we take care of the facility. We are busy working artists and we usually carry a lot of tools and artwork to the centre from our cars, we need our parking space near the building. Please consider carefully planning the football field with a new large car parking space so all the visitors are equally happy and share the space.	2c

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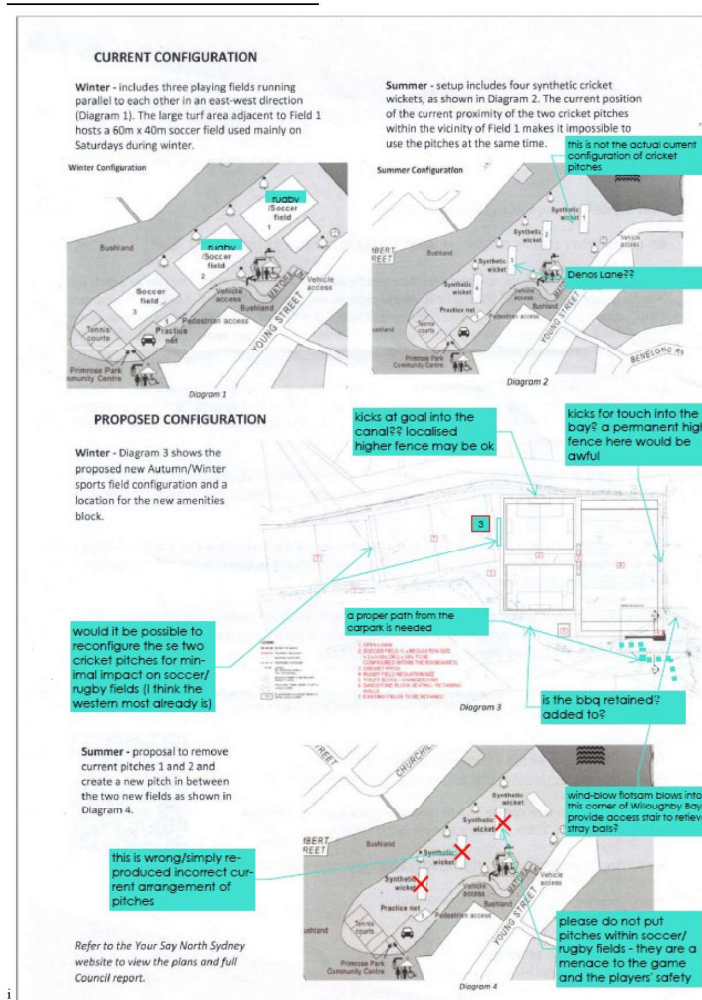
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114.	Lynne Launt 240 Ben Boyd Rd Cremorne	As a local resident and regular user of primrose park I object to the current scale of proposal. A smaller increase in size of the various fields may be warranted but the proposed increase in size would decrease the amount of area for dog walking, picnics and bbqs. The proposed reconfiguration of the eastern end will destroy the view to the bay. This is a very popular and needed area for dog walkers, picnickers and the general public. This proposal will destroy the community atmosphere.	2c
115.	Meg Dunworth 8 Carr Street Chatswood	I am a member of the Australian Society of Calligraphers and attend workshops and other events the Society organises at Primrose Park. Often the parking is difficult and adding another playing field to enable more sporting events to take place will only exacerbate the problem. I understand the need for more facilities for sport but the parking should be increased as well to cope with the greater influx of cars this will cause.	2c
116.	Martin Choy 8/389A Alfred St North Neutral Bay	With increasing population densities it seems logical to try and make better use of are sports facilities. My only concern is that its quite close to the water and balls will potentially be irretrievable if they go over the fence.	2d
117.	Name and address withheld	We live locally and enjoy Primrose Park as a recreational relaxation area for residents, visitors, children and pets. I object to Council's proposal to cram in an extra playing field up to water's edge. Besides, how do you avoid balls straying into the water? A high fence? This amenity in its present form contributes to the quality of life of the entire community. Spare ratepayers' funds and let non ratepaying entities find new sportsfields elsewhere.	2c
118.	John Hibbett 41 Gerard St Cremorne	I think it is a great idea!	2d
119.	Georgina Blix 6-12 Prospect Ave Cremorne	I am a local resident of Cremorne who uses Primrose park two times every day (morning and evening) as an off leash dog park. I love the park for its safety away from roads and as a way to meet people in my community. I support the changes to the playing fields. I am happy to share the park between active and passive recreation. But I do think it is important to recognise more fully how many residents use this park every day for passive walking, running and dog walking. Please consider facilities that will support all users of the park. For dog walkers that could include: Fencing off the almost permanent polluted runoff puddles that form under the carpark near the practice nets. The runoff grates are highly rusted, and the water is highly polluted. It would be great to either treat this water, provide proper civil works to drain the water or fence off that small area. Please also add some bins at whatever amenity block you create, and add a water tap for dogs. The bubbler that is currently there only dribbles down the sides and doesn't easily fill the water bowl. Lights on at night during winter would be highly supported as it gets darker. Say until 7.30pm? As a female that would make the place feel much safer. Also, if possible, would be great to more easily know the times that games are playing or training. When there are sports people using the park, off leash dogs don't mix well, so I'll need to find another park. Thanks!	2d
120.	Lynette Dowd 1/34 Ellalong Rd Cremorne	Preservation of park as existing with the exception of making more accessible for those in electric wheelchairs, both entering and on the ovals.	2a/2c
121.	Robyn Lilienthal 11 Ellalong Rd Cremorne	I am a long-standing resident of the area surrounding Primrose Park. I visit the park regularly. This wonderful park and its breath-taking views of the harbour is for all, not just footballers. The thought of the grassy picnic embankment being removed or eyesore netting to stops balls going into the harbour is abhorrent to me. Your proposal gives no safe room for youngsters to play on the safe flat area or dog walkers to use the circumference of the field when play in action- contrary to the current arrangement. Also, your proposal will only add to the current park chaos.	2c
122.	Barbara Briggs 19 Earle St Cremorne	I wish to object to the proposed reconfiguration of sporting fields. The report on the proposal has detailed assessment of parking in the area and acoustics but makes no assessment of the effect the proposed changes would make on non-sport use of the urban green space. Primrose Park is highly used by local residents for walking, including by dog owners and other forms of exercise.	2c

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		It is not clear whether walkers can safely walk from one side of the Park to the other near the sea wall when the proposed rugby field is in use. Will there be any netting of the field perimeter to prevent balls falling into the water? Any netting would greatly detract from the appearance of the Park and the vista seen by park users. Even if netting or other barrier is not included in the development at first, there may be pressure to install it later. It is quite a beauty spot, with the view of Willoughby Bay, and this aspect should be valued and not spoiled by a barrier. The existing sporting fields are considerably used in the early evening. Is an east-west orientation satisfactory when the sun is low in the sky and glare is considered? I consider that the proposed development should not proceed without full assessment of the impact it would have on park users not taking part in team sports.	
123.	Victoria Whitney 102 Young St Cremorne	I'm very concerned that this reconfiguration appears to be a sports field takeover to the detriment of the many other users of the park. There is bound to be a considerable increase in car movement and parking in surrounding local streets. I live in one of those. The access for people who like to walk in or across the park, either alone or with friends and/or dogs, will be constrained. This plan tries to fit too much into the available open space. Please reassess.	2c
124.	Primrose Paper Arts Inc	<p>The report by consultants to assess parking for the proposal greatly underplays the effect that an extra playing field, plus the potential conversion of an existing field into 2 smaller ones, will have on existing parking arrangements around Primrose Park. I am a frequent user of Primrose Park Arts and Craft Centre. There have been many Saturdays when I have needed to park in the carpark CP1 to carry large loads into the building and have not found one.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The parking survey is inadequate, being done on only one evening and one Saturday. These days could have been affected by random weather events or cancellations, so may not have been typical. Even so, the study shows that the Young St parking area CP2 is mostly full on a Saturday. <p>The reality for both carparks on a Saturday morning is of cars circling round looking for a spot, then searching on steep and narrow roads, making it dangerous for drivers and pedestrians.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many of the streets the study considers as parking for Primrose Park, such as Bennelong Road and Brightmore Street, are too far away and up the steep hill of Young St, to realistically serve as parking for players and spectators. • From the intersection with Grafton St down the hill, Young St is effectively one way, as the cars parked on either side are uncomfortably close for a dual carriageway, adding to congestion when the playing fields are in use. • The Matora Lane access to the tennis court carpark is one-way, and despite the welcome upgrade, is congested and dangerous for cars and pedestrians during sports ground use. Some users even park in the lane, making the situation worse. • The parking study has not considered other users of the Primrose Park facilities – the tennis court users (of which are many) and users of the Arts and Craft Centre. The Arts and Craft Centre users are generally elderly, need to carry bags of supplies for workshops held on the weekends, and so cannot park far way and walk. <p>In conclusion I submit that parking WILL be affected by the playing field addition proposal, and I urge the Council NOT to go ahead with it.</p>	2c
125.	Dezira Byrne 7 Sunset Pde Chain Valley Bay	Although I live on the Central Coast of NSW I have belonged to the Australian Society of Calligraphers for over 6 years. They are one of the joint uses of the Primrose Park Community Centre. As a member I have travelled to Primrose Park for weekend workshops up to 4 times a year and individual tutorial sessions up to six times a year (excluding Covid Lockdown of course). In the beginning I was invariably able to find a parking space at the Centre. I was also able to walk the distance from Military Road if necessary. Now however I have to use a walking stick and require a Mobility Parking sticker for closer availability. All attendees require to unload a large amount of equipment for workshop attendance so that parking anywhere except close by the door is untenable. In the last couple of years parking has become more difficult with the increase of weekend sporting activities at the park. I was alarmed to read that the report recommended no further adjustment to parking facilities and after a couple of hours investigation of local parking declared there was adequate parking available in nearby streets! If I were to find a parking place anywhere on Young Street on	2c

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		weekend mornings of my attendance at workshops I would have to call a taxi and hope the driver was willing to transfer all my equipment to his cab and then ferry me down Matora Lane to the Centre then unload everything at the door before I could gather assistance to enter. I have no problem with an increase in sporting facilities but there has to be an equal increase in parking facilities to accommodate present and future use of all the facilities affected by the reconfiguration. I found the report inadequate and dismissive of the needs of all users.	
126.	Katherine Henry 16 Upper Ave Rd Mosman	While I understand there is a need for more sporting facilities in our area, I strongly disagree with the assertion that there is sufficient, off-street parking and road access to accommodate the increased traffic new facilities will generate. I use the PP Art and Craft Centre weekly (during the week and sometimes weekend workshops) and am very familiar with the current usage. There is NO capacity to accommodate more traffic on weekends. As it is the car parks are full and Matora Lane is perilous when weekend football and tennis vehicles attempt to pass each other up and down the hill. The current upgrade of Matora Lane will not alleviate this problem, nor the pedestrian safety issue. In addition, the fact that Young Street becomes one way at the bottom means that the other car park is a u-turn bay for people who can't find a parking spot. Even during the weekday there is often no handicapped parking available for our visitors to PPACC. Our members also carry projects in including spinning wheels, sewing machines and looms for their day at the facility. Having to park on the street and attempt to carry items down the hill and along Matora Lane seems a treacherous if not too athletic of a feat for any of our members. PPACC has been such a perfect place for workshops to take place because of it's parking. But on weekends, it has been difficult to find parking for our workshops due to parking issues. We are delighted that Matora Lane is getting an uplift for safety. But this change to the lane is not increasing parking. And it is not improving the pedestrian traffic situation. I fear that increased parking along Young St will lead to more children walking down Matora Lane to get to tennis lessons and sporting events at the same time that parents are racing to and from games. It seems a treacherous, unnecessary addition to the existing space. There is no additional capacity at this facility for parking to accommodate additional sporting fields' players/spectators.	2c
127.	Tim Rowston 26 Grasmere Road Cremorne	Whilst I can appreciate the overall community's need for an extra oval, a real bonus for local schools and grassroots sporting clubs. I am concerned about the requirement for a new high fence on the eastern/water fence. As the new Rugby oval will be running north/south most balls going off oval would not be water bound but running behind dead ball lines and still on grass. So may I suggest higher new fencing only at the ends only of the current east end fencing thus preserving the current beautiful unobstructed views. Parking does need to be addressed, perhaps some basic multilevel parking at the current carpark adjacent to the new tennis courts. Also some simple push bike racks allowing bikes to be locked up.	2d
128.	Anthony Page Travelsignposts Pty Ltd 29/4-8 Kareela Road Cremorne Point	Looking at the plans, it seems to me that the rugby pitch is far too close to the harbour. The area allowed for players running out of play, let alone spectators, seems inadequate. And how about people wanting to walk across the park or use it for recreation, e.g. family picnic, sitting near the water? Presumably, there will be some sort of barrier or netting put up to stop the balls going into the water, and it's difficult to see how this won't be an eyesore, ruining the aspect over the harbour. It's all very well to consider the schools and sports clubs, but ALL users should be considered. After all, this is public space to be shared, not simply sequestered for the use of a particular interest group for a limited amount of time. Have you done any survey to find out the usage of the area by families, children and other interest groups? Simply researching one group of stakeholders is not enough. I think the current proposal is deficient for the reasons I have indicated, and needs both further research into usage and amendment to take a broader view of public utility. (And I don't live in the surrounding streets you mention, but good luck with using those closest to Primrose Park for parking, I suspect the residents will not be amused).	2c
129.	Laura Duesbury Wangal Land	Happy with the Proposal as long as it doesn't interfere with the tennis business or dog walking amenity which are two very important uses of the park.	2d

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	30 Foucart St Rozelle		
130.	Name and address withheld	<p>I am against the proposal. In an area with a relatively high proportion of apartments green space for everyone is essential. Primrose is the only place to safely walk dogs off lead and as it stands on the weekend there is limited time slots (usually early and late day) where locals can relaxingly use that space as sport dominates and takes priority. Currently winter sports are played all across the park leaving no space for dog walking and therefore forced to walk the perimeter on lead. The only space not used by sports is the end closest to harbour and closest to waterfall which in winter is a muddy pit. Effectively leaving only the harbour end of which this proposal will remove, the proposal also removes the ability to walk the perimeter with spectators lining sidelines.</p> <p>I am supportive of sports at primrose, but not supportive on any more than current as the balance is already in favour of sport over a community green space. Additionally, with current sport levels it is impossible to obtain parking on weekends at the park, adding more fields/games would only make this issue worse. Moving the existing amenities block will be costly and is poor judgement in the use of rate payers' funds. Particularly as the funds being used to remove local access to green space in their downtime - weekends. The sporting fields are used by majority out of area users. I suggest the council rework the plan to allow adequate green space for locals to use. Any additional sporting field should be looked at for the shady and cold end of the park leaving the harbour side for locals to enjoy. Sport need not be played on the sunny end of primrose. If council does press on with this absurd use of rate payer funds it owns the local community a revision of the plans that allows everyone access to the park at all time, adequate dog exercise and public area at all time and ability to walk the full perimeter of the park</p>	2c
131.	Name and address withheld	I object absolutely to the reconfiguration of Primrose Park but will only declare my reasons after the Council guarantees my privacy due to fear of reprisal.	
132	Margaret Roesner 99 Young St Cremorne	Dear Councillors, I have just become aware of your planned changes. I am sorry I missed your deadline, but I feel very strongly against this idea. I have lived near the park for 57 years. During this time, I have walked our dogs in the park, had picnics with my children and grandchildren beside the water. How could you possibly close this beautiful vista off from families and visitors? The park is there for us all to share! Please consider removing the new sports ground to a different location either in Primrose Park or elsewhere!!!	2c
133	Deon Deetlefs 46 Benelong Rd Cremorne	<p>I do not support the field being constructed next to the water. Positioning a field so close to the water will certainly not be feasible. The ball will end up in the water, polluting our waterways. A fence to try and prevent the ball from ending up in the water will be an eye sore of mammoth proportions.</p> <p>Primrose Park has always been an off-lead area. This field will affect this use of amenity. Has the Council considered a jetty of sorts, so that people can launch kayaks, to more fully utilise Primrose Park.</p>	2c
134	Julie Mansfield	I strongly object to the proposed changes. The idea of a high netting obscuring the harbour view, the lack of provision of additional parking and the removal of open space are my major objections. My dog and I have used this facility for over a decade and I am concerned that the needs of local residents and others who use the park for non-organised sport have been completely disregarded with this plan.	2c
135	Vik & Sue Mateffy 153 Young Street Cremorne	<p>Thank you for the proposed sporting arrangement upgrade at Primrose Park, much of which I find very welcome. I have taken the liberty of annotating your advisory letter with some thoughts and concerns. In short, however, the ideal would be to separate the overlap of cricket pitches with the soccer/rugby fields, much as it is at present between fields 2 and 3 (central and western fields). As a former soccer player these long mounds of hard clay (or soft mush) are both a detriment to the game as well as a potential hazard to the players. Perhaps an access stair to the waterline is needed to retrieve stray balls kicked from the rugby field.</p> <p>Hopefully the bbq area is retained, or even expanded upon.</p> <p>The new change rooms/toilet facilities are also very welcome.</p>	2a/2d

No.	Name and Address	Key Points Raised	Criteria
		I also trust the park will remain a dog friendly venue for off-leash walking (while games are not in progress of course). Perhaps the new toilet block could include a dog-friendly bubbler as well as one for people. Finally, would you please include a proper pedestrian pathway from the Young St/Wonga Rd carpark down to the playing field. The current pedestrian access down that way is a very long uneven, steep slope and is quite awful to walk down. I'm sure this could be incorporated into the proposed retaining wall at that corner of the park. ⁱ	
136	Gill Barton	I am against the proposed Rugby Union and Soccer fields being located up close to the water's edge at Primrose Park, Cremorne. This is the prime spot for picnics and parties for everyone. It would be much more appropriate for these sports fields to be located on the southernmost section of the park, near the tennis courts.	2c
137	Marguerite Wetton Cammeray	I do not support the suggestion of the sports field increasing traffic in an already congested area that has just undergone massive pollution and inconvenience for the infrastructure projects. The tennis courts were replaced too, however, all the native bottle brushes were removed, leaving many lorikeets homeless and without feeding possibilities as exotic magnolia trees have taken their place. The players are also now exposed to our ferocious and dangerous sun without any green shade. Please take the time to consider practicalities and local consultation to avoid depriving the local communities and reducing bushland and animals.	2a/2c
138	Kathryn Summerhayes	I would like to say I don't support the Primrose Park reconfiguration. I would like the park to stay open space. I am sorry this is late but I have been away over Easter and school holidays.	2c
139	Jennifer Bragagnolo	No to the proposed changes to the park. It's there for all to use not just schools & sports codes.	2c
140	Karen Armstron	I am writing to express my deep concern about the proposed playing field at Primrose Park. I have lived and paid rates in North Sydney for over 30 years, and enjoyed the open space at Primrose Park. This is an area many families and people use, and it would restrict so many activities if it was fenced in and limited to a specific sporting activity. There has been no community consultation about this.	2c



CURRENT CONFIGURATION

Winter - includes three playing fields running parallel to each other in an east-west direction (Diagram 1). The large turf area adjacent to Field 1 hosts a 60m x 40m soccer field used mainly on Saturdays during winter.

Summer - setup includes four synthetic cricket wickets, as shown in Diagram 2. The current position of the current proximity of the two cricket pitches within the vicinity of Field 1 makes it impossible to use the pitches at the same time.

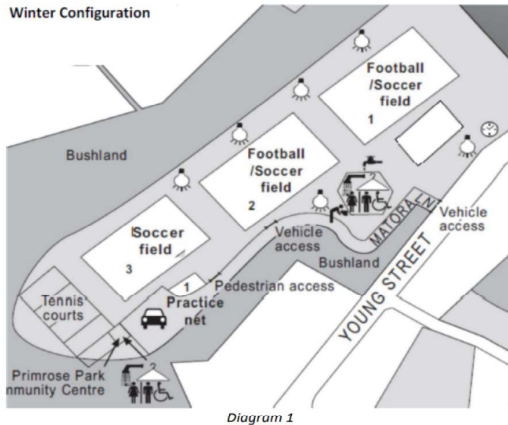


Diagram 1

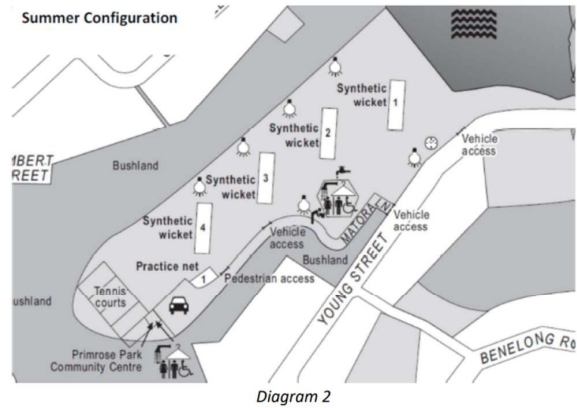
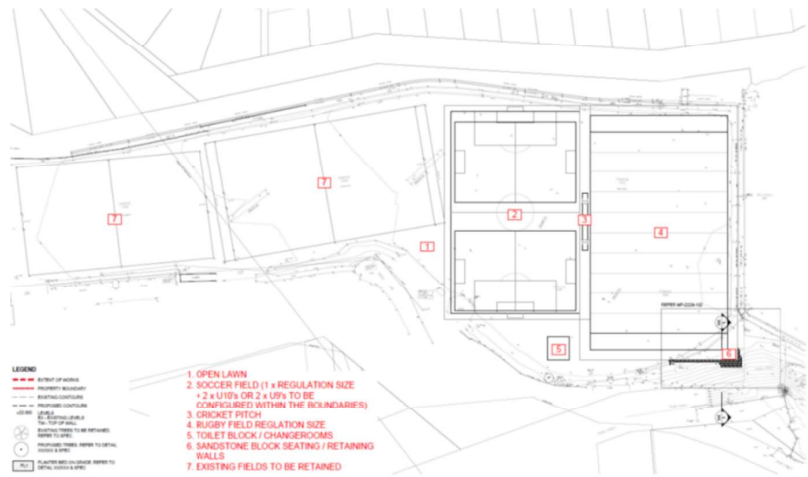


Diagram 2

PROPOSED CONFIGURATION

Winter - Diagram 3 shows the proposed new Autumn/Winter sports field configuration and a location for the new amenities block.



Summer - proposal to remove current pitches 1 and 2 and create a new pitch in between the two new fields as shown in Diagram 4.

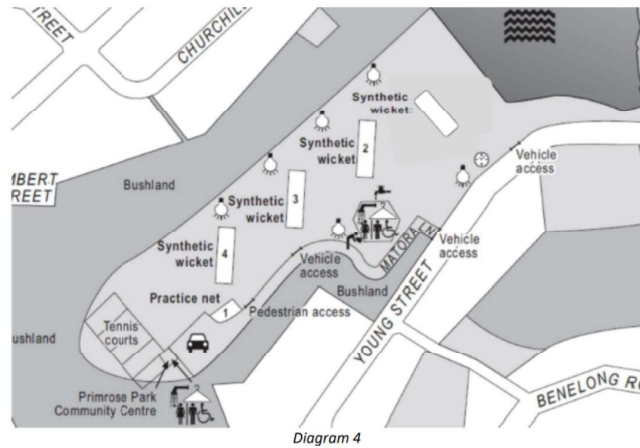


Diagram 4

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