


Meadowbank Information Session General Community Comments

Thursday, 9 March 2017 – 6:00pm – 8:00pm

1. Request not to put a skate park in Meadowbank Park, as there are too many drug users and it's close to private residents.
2. In 2010 when a skate park was brought up before there was a discussion with the local police and they were against a skate park in Meadowbank Park as a skate park was a typical place for drug dealing and should not be near houses but on main streets and in industrial areas.
3. Meadowbank Park already has an existing issue with rubbish and noise, which will increase with a skate park.
4. Police resources are already stretched and the addition of a skate park will stretch their resources further with no additional support.
5. The family space would be a positive addition for Meadowbank Park. As it's near the main road, it's good for kids, and it's a family area. Currently there is no skate park in the local area especially for such a large council area.
6. It wouldn't be youths hanging around smoking in the skate park. It is children from the age of three who are using these parks. There will always be people who do bad things in the community there is always one in every society. The perception that the skate park will attract drug dealers is unreal.
7. It is not kids though that hang around at night
8. There is a need for a skate park in the area but Meadowbank Park is not where it should be located. There are other parks in the area that would be better suited for this space.
9. Currently with Meadowbank Park there are current issues of visitors trashing the area, parking in private driveways and major issues like fires in the park.

10. If there is a facility at Meadowbank Park I would like to see a decent facility that is done well so it doesn't create issues.
11. There are already youth that hang around Meadowbank wharf I have concerns that they will move up to the skate park near residents.
12. Even though there are no facilities near Meadowbank Park, no shops, the toilets are locked; there are still parties and fireworks that occur in the park at night.
13. There are current safety issues at the park at the moment as crowds are currently hanging around the barbeque area at Meadowbank Park drinking and lighting fires in the dark at night. The park is currently too dark and it's not safe.
14. Antisocial and illegal behaviours will happen regardless of the circumstance. I worry that these people will vandalise the new park facility.
15. There is a real community in the skate park and the users in the area will look after the park.
16. There are currently issues in Meadowbank Park with maintenance, parking and activity after hours. Council don't maintain the park or investigate issues that currently occur in the area.
17. The examples shown look so exciting. It's a family space and I hope that together we can get the right design.
18. The local community will love it, as they can try new sports and not look at screens all day.
19. The proximity of this facility to housing is too close as there will be the additional issues of the noise of crashing boards, voices and smells that come with a new facility, especially when there will be socialising, noise and shouting.
20. The location indicated for the facility in Meadowbank Park is currently being used for morning exercise and the noise can be heard from this inside homes.
21. The infrastructure around Meadowbank Park is poor. Especially due to the increase in development in the area. A proper crossing is needed. There is traffic problems like rat-running and speeding that may kill



people. Currently to cross Constitution Road West from your driveway you have to hope and run as there is too much traffic and speeders. The infrastructure in this area needs to be addressed as part of this project.

22. There is no parking around Meadowbank Park, as the current parking available is used by commuters that catch the train.
23. Parking availability is better in Meadowbank than it is in Eastwood.
24. The youth who will use the park aren't of driving age. They will either catch public transport or be dropped off. Therefore there should be consideration for a drop off zone.
25. The amenities aren't very big for those that use the park and aren't big enough for additional people to attend. If this facility were to go ahead the amenities need to be better and upgraded.
26. Ryde Council is a large council area and we don't have anything like a skate park in the area and there are smaller councils than ours that have amazing facilities such as Five Dock. I don't understand how this council area doesn't have anything like this.