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### ATTACHMENTS FOR: AGENDA NO. 1/20 WORKS AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting Date:	Tuesday 11 February 2020
Location:	Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde
Time:	6.00pm

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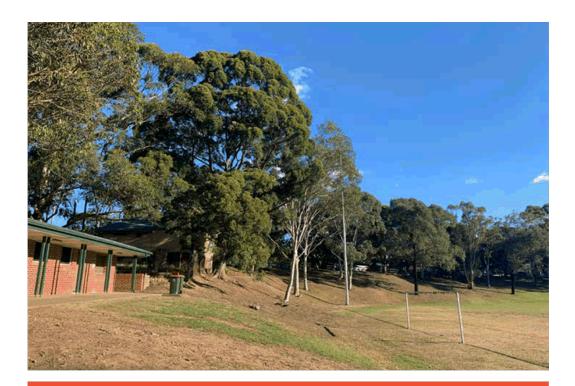
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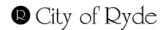


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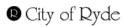
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### BACKGROUND

Westminster Park is located in Gladesville. It is a level 2 park with a sportsground, some passive parkland elements and community facilities. It is well utilised by the community predominately for sporting use but also includes recreation and passive uses. The parkland is a former quarry site and includes a variety of existing established vegetation.

The purpose of this Masterplan is to provide Council with a framework for how the park will be maintained and upgraded in the short to medium term. The aim of this Masterplan is to provide a strategic plan that takes into consideration the current and future needs of the community and user groups, while ensuring a sustainable and efficient use and ecological outcomes.

Stage 1 of community consultation for this masterplan was completed between 12 June and 17 July 2019. Information obtained from the first stage of consultation provided community feedback on Westminster Park, its sports field surface, the former scout hall site and was used to inform the draft Masterplan prepared for Stage 2 community consultation.

Stage 2 community consultation was completed between 23 October and 17 November 2019, during which the draft Masterplan was presented to the community for their feedback. Council has given the feedback received during the Stage 2 community consultation careful consideration. This information has been used to inform the strategic planning for this project and the final Masterplan contained within this report and presented to Council for adoption.

### **HISTORY OF WESTMINSTER PARK**

As shown below, Westminster Park was a former quarry, which was dedicated for public recreation in 1926. The quarry was partially filled in to create Westminster Park as part of a depression era relief scheme, along with Monash Park. This took place between 1933 and 1937. In addition to dedicating Westminster Park for public recreation, in 1926 Council also agreed to the construction of a scout hall.



A 1920s photo of Westminster Park when it was still a quarry Source: City of Ryde



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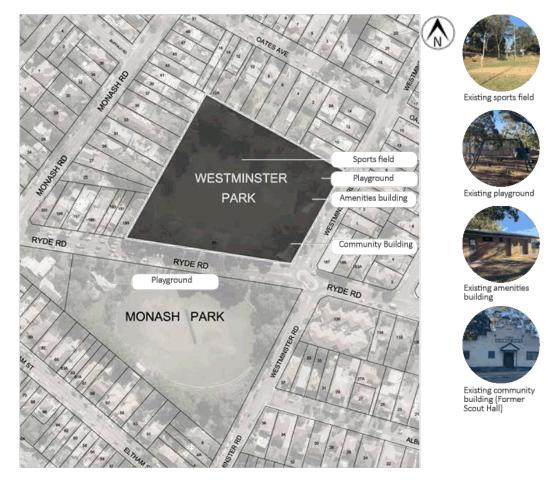
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### WESTMINSTER PARK TODAY

Westminster Park is located on the corner of Ryde Road and Westminster Road, Gladesville. The park is 1.72 hectares in size. The park has a level 2 sportsground that is used for formal sport, as well as unstructured active and passive recreation and play. As a former quarry, the site has steep embankments on the Ryde Road and Westminster Road sides of the park and residential properties adjacent the park's northern and western boundaries. Within the park there is currently a sportsground with field lighting primarily used in winter for soccer and junior cricket in summer due to the smaller field size; a local sized playground; an amenities building and a community building (not currently in use). Westminster Park has a strong association with Monash Park, which is located on the opposite side of Ryde Road.

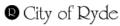
A geotechnical report has indicated that the soil in the existing sports field is hard with barely any water penetration. The following Current Features Plan indicates the existing elements within Westminster Park.

### **CURRENT FEATURES**





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SITE ANALYSIS



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### SITE ANALYSIS - OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS

### Opportunities

- Existing sports field with lighting for community use;
- Sports field has the scope for upgrade with either a synthetic playing surface or grass playing surface;
- Existing Community Building and spatial provision for future Community Building;
- Existing Amenities Building is in relatively good condition with only minor upgrades required;
- Existing mature trees on site and form part of the park aesthetic, provide shade and biodiversity outcomes. Opportunity to enhance with additional plantings;
- Co-location of Westminster Park and Monash Park which creates a small park/sportsground precinct;
- Existing fig trees in Monash Park provides a visual connection between Westminster Park and Monash Park;
- Existing on street parking on Ryde Road and Westminster Road; and
- Close proximity to playground in Monash Park which has been identified for future upgrade to larger district level playground.

### Constraints

- Current grass field compacted and playing surface is in poor condition;
- Existing Community Building is old, currently decommissioned and not in use;
- Poor connection between Amenities Building and sports field;
- Connection and facility provision between Westminster Park and Monash Park can be improved;
- No on site parking for park or Community Building;
- Existing local playground is small and lacks strong connection to the rest of the park;
- Pre-existing stormwater management issues in the park and in local surrounding area;
- Ryde Road has relatively high traffic volumes at 60km/hour;
- Intersection of Ryde Road and Westminster Road with peanut roundabout is busy and is a constraint in terms of safe pedestrian and vehicle movements; and
- Being a former quarry the site has challenging topography which restricts accessibility and field dimensions.



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### **TALKING TO THE COMMUNITY**

Stage 1 community consultation took place on 12 June- 7 July 2019 to find out what people like about Westminster Park, and any ideas or suggestions for how the park could be improved. Community feedback was obtained via online survey, drop in sessions and written submissions which generated 309 comments. A summary of key considerations from Stage 1 community consultation are detailed in boxes below.

### Access

 Improved access throughout the park.

### Community Building

- Upgrade the former scout hall to a multipurpose community hall, with space available for use / hire by community groups.
- Potentially include spectator seating, cafe or multi-sports facilities.

### Facilities

 Various additional facilities were suggested by residents.

### Environment

The many mature trees were a favourable aspect of the park.
Would like trees retained with more trees and native plantings added to provide shade and habitat

### Park Amenities

 Various suggestions received including tiered spectator seating on the embankment, improved park lighting and new fencing

### Playground

- Investigate potential to expand
- and develop the playground.

### Parking and Traffic

- The need for adequate parking, especially if a synthetic field.
   Investigate potential for onsite
- parking.

### Sports Field

- The current grass field is in poor condition.
- An upgrade to a synthetic sports field was more supported.
- While others preferred for the
- grass sports field to be retained.



Draft Masterplan developed following Stage 1 community consultation



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### TALKING TO THE COMMUNITY (CONTINUED)

Stage 2 community consultation took place on 23 October- 17 November 2019 to obtain community feedback, ideas and suggestions on the draft Masterplan. Community feedback was obtained via online survey, drop in sessions and written submissions which generated 273 comments. A summary of key considerations from Stage 2 community consultation are detailed in boxes below.

### Internal Accessibility and Pathways Envi

- Need for accessible paths to access field and connection to pedestrian crossing.
- Small number of requests for loop path.

### Community Building

 Community building to be maintained / upgraded for variety of community activities.

### Facilities

- Water station and hit/kick up wall for ball sports favoured.
- Other suggestions for small outdoor fitness equipment and dog facilities.

### Drainage / Stormwater Management

- Concerns with drainage in and surrounding the park.
- Adequate solution requested to better manage flooding.

### Lighting, Noise and Impacts on Residents

- Some concerns about sports field lighting noting noise and impact on surrounding residents especially during nights.
- Few respondents indicated support for sports field lighting for continuation of training and competition by local sports clubs.

### Environment / Natural Elements

- Vegetation swale favoured.Volume of trees and plantings to
- be maintained or increased to provide shade.

### Seating

 Some liked seating and/or requested additional seating (such as terraced seating), particularly around sports field for spectators.

### Pedestrian Crossing, Parking and Traffic

- Support for potential pedestrian crossings to improve pedestrian safety and access.
- Additional benefit for potential crossings is improved connection between Westminster and Monash Parks.
- Concerns expressed regarding location of potential crossings (eg. too close to roundabout) and impact on traffic.
- Some suggestions to reposition locations of proposed crossings, combine two crossings on Ryde Road into a single crossing or provide a footbridge.

### Maintenance Access

- Some residents requested maintenance access is retained to enable rear/side access to properties.
- Few suggested surface for maintenance access could be improved.

### **Playground Facilities**

Pleased the playground is being retained and would like to see it upgraded (possibly to include a fence).

### Sports Field Upgrade and Synthetic Field

- Common concerns included exclusion of other users (particularly cricket, other sports and general community), environmental impacts, health impacts, increased heat, the suitability of Westminster Park and costs.
- Support for synthetic field included improve the safety and quality of playing surface, maximise usage to better meet demand due to shortfall of sportsgrounds in City of Ryde.
- Some unhappy with transparency and motivations of Council for including synthetic at Westminster Park
- Additional comments received regarding field height and the need for a larger and/or additional fields.



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### **KEY DESIGN PRINCIPLES BASED ON COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

This Final Masterplan Report has been prepared to support the Council report recommending the adoption of the Masterplan by Council. The following design principles were formed based on the site analysis of Westminster Park and feedback received during Stages 1 and 2 of community consultation:

- Provide a local park for community use;
- · Provide a park which retains a community feel and retains the character of the park;
- Design a flexible open space that can adapt to the changing needs of the community;
- · Enhance the existing environmental qualities within the park; and
- Integrate passive recreation opportunities in the park.

### Access

- Formalise access between Ryde
   Road and the sports field.
- Provide stronger pedestrian connection between Westminster Park and Monash Park, subject to traffic study and necessary approvals.
- Investigate providing improved pedestrian refuge / crossing to the park from the intersection of Ryde Road and Westminster Road, subject to traffic study and necessary approvals.
- Include DDA access to the sports field.
- Include DDA access to the amenities building.
- Retain informal pedestrian and community access to the park.

### Playground

- Retain the existing playground in Westminster Park until the end of its functional life.
- Upgrade the playground in Monash Park (adjacent to Westminster Park) to a district level playground as identified in the City of Ryde's Children's Play Implementation Plan.
- Investigate providing a stronger pedestrian connection to Monash Park's playground from Westminster Park subject to traffic and necessary approvals.

### Environment

- Retain the mature trees within park.
- Enhance existing tree canopy with more trees planted on embankment slopes.
- Provide more native plantings for shade and habitat.
- Provide avenue planting of trees on Ryde Road, reflective of tree species in Monash Park.
- Retain sightlines and views into the park from Ryde Road.
- Include vegetated swales to the base of embankments to help manage slope overland flows.

### Park Amenities

- Provide spectator seating on embankment near amenities building.
- Provide seating opportunities.

### Community Building

Provide a multipurpose community building on-site to allow for a variety of different community activities.

### Facilities

- Provide filtered water station.
- Provide hit / kick up wall for
- unstructured play.
   Provide bike racks.
- Provide bike racks.

### Parking and Traffic

- Retain on-street parking.
- Encourage the local community to walk or cycle to the park with improved access and pedestrian crossings, plus the inclusion of bike racks.
- Investigate the feasibility for inclusion of some off-street parking and accessible parking as a component of the community building, subject to traffic study and necessary approvals.

### Sports Field

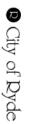
- Short term priority upgrade grass sports field with associated field drainage, existing field lighting, rectangular field (88m x 58m) and oval field (junior cricket to u/10's).
- Medium term priority upgrade sportsground to a synthetic sports field with field drainage, upgraded field lighting and rectangular field (88m x 58m).
- Due to site constraints the rectangular sports field will maintain the existing field dimensions (88m x 58m) suitable for training and club/association competition.
- Include active / passive recreation area for unstructured activities and warm ups.

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# FINAL MASTERPLAN SECTIONS AND ELEVATION





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### **KEY FEATURES**

### **SPORTS FIELD**

Short term priority- Grass sports field with field drainage and field lighting.



Medium term priority- Synthetic sports field with field drainage and field lighting.



ENVIRONMENT Increased tree canopy.



Increased tree canopy to embankments to augment existing trees providing additional shade, habitat and amenity.

Vegetated swale.



Vegetated swale at the base of the southern embankment to assist with the management of some of the overland flow.

### ACCESS

Informal pedestrian access and embankments maintained and enhanced.



FACILITIES Water filter station.

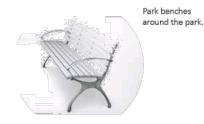


SEATING Informal seating.



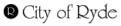
Terraced spectator seating using sandstone blocks and informal seating around the park.

Formal seating.



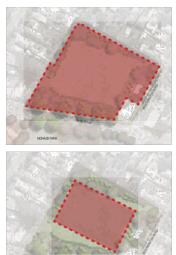


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### SEQUENCE OF WORKS

The Masterplan for Westminster Park will be delivered in four Phases. The proposed works will occur in a sequenced and logical order pending budget and funding availability. Refer to plans below.



### Phase 1 (high priority)

Grass sports field upgrade, vegetated swale, surrounding park embellishments including first section of DDA path (from Westminister Road to edge of sports field) and amenities building upgrade.

### Phase 2 (medium priority)

Synthetic sports field with associated drainage, lighting, retaining wall and second section of DDA path (on northern side of sports field) and stormwater mitigation works. Note: subject to design analysis, approvals and funding availability for stormwater mitigation works.





### **Pedestrian Safety Improvements (medium priority)** Pedestrian crossing improvements. Note: subject to design analysis, approvals and funding availability.

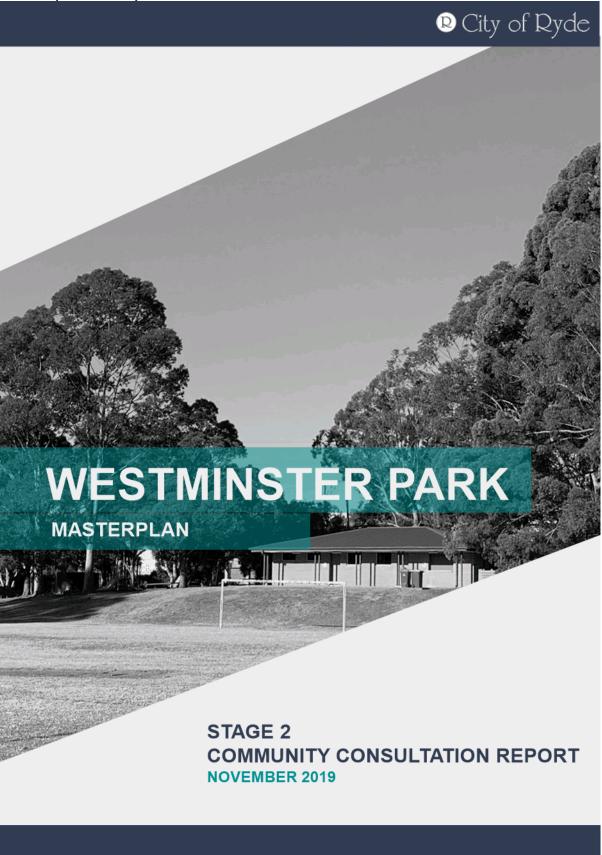
**Community Building (medium priority)** Community building and associated parking. Note: subject to design analysis, approvals and funding availability.



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## WESTMINSTER PARK MASTERPLAN Executive Summary

The City of Ryde is developing a Masterplan for Westminster Park to better meet the current and future needs of the community.

The City of Ryde's internal community engagement team conducted Stage 2 community consultation from 23 October to 17 November 2019 where the community could complete an online interactive map and ask questions or provide feedback on the draft Masterplan at one of the drop-in sessions.

The Stage 2 community consultation period was promoted through City of Ryde's Have Your Say website, flyers to surrounding residents, door knock, an eNewsletter to stakeholders, signage in the park and advertisements in the local newspaper and social media.

In total 273 comments were received from the community with 158 comments from the drop-in sessions, 98 comments (from 42 respondents) via the online interactive map and 17 email submissions.

Through the Stage 2 community consultation, respondents expressed concerns and/or lack of support for a synthetic field, relating to the impact on other types of sports usage (such as cricket), environmental, health, heat and the costs involved. With only some respondents expressing support for the synthetic field, to improve the field quality, maximise usage and address shortages.

Key favourable elements of the Masterplan included the environmental/natural elements (such as trees), the inclusion of potential pedestrian crossings (for pedestrian safety improvements), retention of the playground and the inclusion of a community building to be maintained/upgraded within the Park.

The feedback from this Stage 2 community consultation will be used to inform the final Masterplan for Westminster Park, which will be reported to Council for adoption in 2020.



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The City of Ryde is currently developing a Masterplan for Westminster Park. A Masterplan provides the framework for how the park will be upgraded over the next 20 years. This strategic plan aims to meet the current and future needs of the community and user groups, while ensuring sustainable and efficient use and ecological outcomes.

This project stems from the Sport and Recreation Strategy 2016-2026 (adopted July 2017) and two Council resolutions being the Notice of Motion for a synthetic field at Westminster Park on 24 April 2018 and the Council Resolution for community hall at Westminster Park on 30 October 2018.

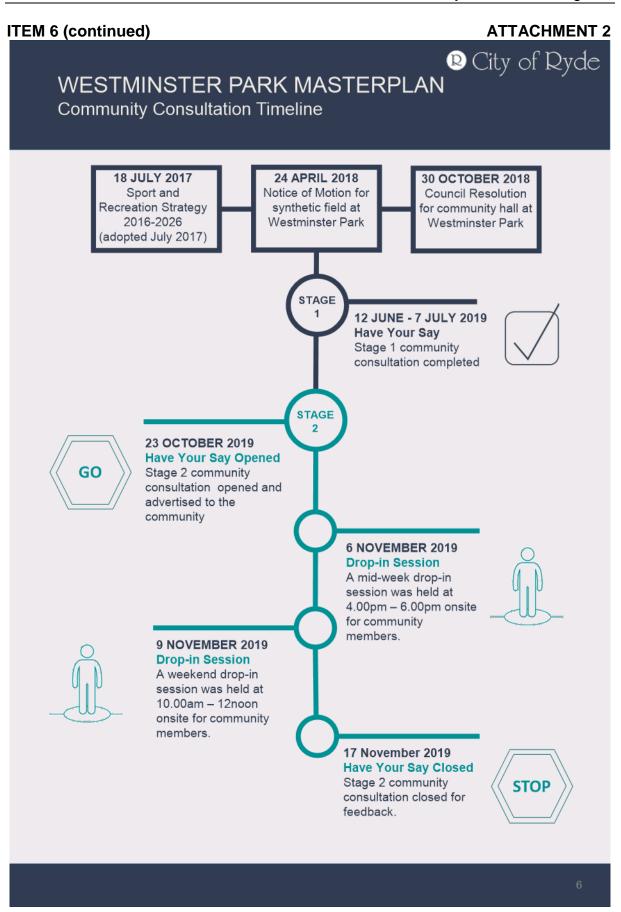
Westminster Park currently includes a sportsfield with existing sportsfield lighting, a local playground, amenities building and a former scout hall.

Stage 1 community consultation was conducted from 12 June to 7 July 2019, during which the community provided feedback on the existing park and what they would like to see in the park in the future. Council used this initial stage of feedback to develop a draft Masterplan for the site which was presented to the community for further feedback through Stage 2 community consultation.

Stage 2 community consultation was conducted from 23 October to 17 November 2019 during which the community could provide feedback on the draft Masterplan. The draft Masterplan included a synthetic sportsfield with associated field drainage, sportsfield lighting, stairs providing connection between the field and amenities building, playground and community building on-site, potential pedestrian safety improvements, more trees, vegetated swale, additional seating and a filtered water station.









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# WESTMINSTER PARK MASTERPLAN Community Consultation Methodology



Wed 23 Oct to Sun 2019Have Your Say WebsiteWebsiteA project webpage with background information, Social Pinpoint, details of consultation events and project updates.408 page views and 345 unique visitsWed 23 Oct to Sun 17 Nov 2019Social PinpointWebsiteAn interactive online map where stakeholders can provide comments and suggestions on the site. This was accessed through Council's Have Your Say webpage, and a hard copy was available at drop-in sessions.42 respondents 98 commentsWed 23 Oct 2019A4 FlyerSurrounding residents - 500m radiusAn A4 flyer was letterbox dropped to promote the project and feedback opportunities for surrounding local residents.851 flyers approximatelyWed 23 Oct 2019Park SignageWestminster Park usersPark signage was placed in the park to promote the project and feedback opportunities for park users and interested stakeholders.4 signs at entry points of the parkWed 23 Oct 2019Newspaper AdNorth District TimesNewspaper advertisement to promote the project and feedback opportunities for park users and interested stakeholders.38,000 total print readership	Date	ΤοοΙ	Stakeholders	Overview	Engagement
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Date	ΤοοΙ	Stakeholders	Overview	Engagement
Wed 23 Oct 2019	Have Your Say eNewsletter	Internal and external stakeholders and sports clubs	A targeted eNewsletter was sent to previous submitters and relevant community stakeholder groups, including internal and external stakeholders, to provide an opportunity for interested stakeholders to give feedback.	125 eNewsletters distributed 89 eNewsletters opened
Thu 24 Oct to Sat 2 Nov 2019	Facebook Ad	Online Facebook Users	Social media advertisement to promote the project and consultation opportunities for all stakeholders.	6,745 users reached 325 engaged
Mon 28 Oct 2019	Door Knock	Residents who border the park.	Residents were door knocked by the Parks team to provide a flyer, ensure they were aware of the consultation and to promote the feedback options.	38 properties door knocked. 15 residents spoken to.
Fri 1 Nov 2019	Your City News   November 2019 eNewsletter	eNewsletter subscribers	Link to Have Your Say website included in eNewsletter to promote the project and consultation opportunities.	2407 eNewsletters distributed 754 eNewsletters opened
Wed 6 Nov 2019	Drop-in Session from 4.00pm to 6.00pm onsite	All Stakeholders	A mid week casual drop-in session for stakeholders to have one-on- one time with the project team and provide their feedback and ideas.	37 attendees 158 comments (across both sessions)
Sat 9 Nov 2019	Drop-in Session at 10.00am to 12.00pm onsite	All Stakeholders	A weekend casual drop-in session for stakeholders to have one-on- one time with the project team and provide their feedback and ideas.	37 attendees 158 comments (across both sessions)
Wed 23 Oct to Sun 17 Nov 2019	Information phone line and email	All Stakeholders	The City of Ryde main phone and email address was provided for the project and was open for feedback from the community.	17 email submissions received

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### **KEY CONSIDERATIONS**

Based on the feedback received the key themes on the draft Westminster Park Masterplan are (in alphabetical order):

- **COMMUNITY BUILDING:** Feedback indicated support for the community building to be maintained/upgraded to allow for a variety of different community activities.
- DRAINAGE/STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: Some respondents expressed concern with the drainage in and surrounding the park, requesting an adequate solution to better manage flooding.
- ENVIRONMENT/NATURAL ELEMENTS: The inclusion of the vegetation swale was a favourable aspect of the Masterplan. Respondents would also like to see the volume of trees and plantings maintained or increased, providing important shading throughout the park.
- **FACILITIES:** Respondents favoured the inclusion of the water station and the hit/kick up wall for ball sports (with some respondents querying the height of the wall). Suggestions for additional facilities included a small outdoor fitness equipment (such as chin up bars) and dog facilities.
- INTERNAL ACCESSIBILITY AND PATHWAYS: Some respondents noted the need for accessible pathways, so all users can access the field and connect to the pedestrian crossing. A loop path was also requested by a small number of respondents.
- LIGHTING, NOISE AND IMPACTS ON RESIDENTS: Some concerns were raised about sportsfield lighting noting the noise associated with it and its impact on surrounding residents especially during nights. Alternatively, a few respondents indicated their support for the sportsfield lighting noting the continuation of training and competition by local sports clubs.
- **MAINTENANCE ACCESS:** Some residents have requested that the maintenance access to the Park is retained to enable rear/side access to properties. A few respondents suggested the surface of the maintenance access could be improved.
- SEATING: Some respondents noted they like the seating and/or requested additional seating throughout the park (such as terraced seating), particularly around the sportsfield for spectators.

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### **KEY CONSIDERATIONS (continued)**

• PEDESTRIAN CROSSING, PARKING AND TRAFFIC: Support was received for the inclusion of potential pedestrian crossings to improve pedestrian safety, and access to Westminster Park. An additional benefit of these potential crossings is the improved connection between Westminster and Monash Parks. However, concerns were expressed regarding the location of the potential crossings (e.g. too close to the roundabout) and the impact on traffic. Some suggestions were to reposition the locations of the proposed crossings, combine the two proposed crossings on Ryde Road into a single crossing or to provide a foot bridge, to improve safety and reduce the impact on traffic.

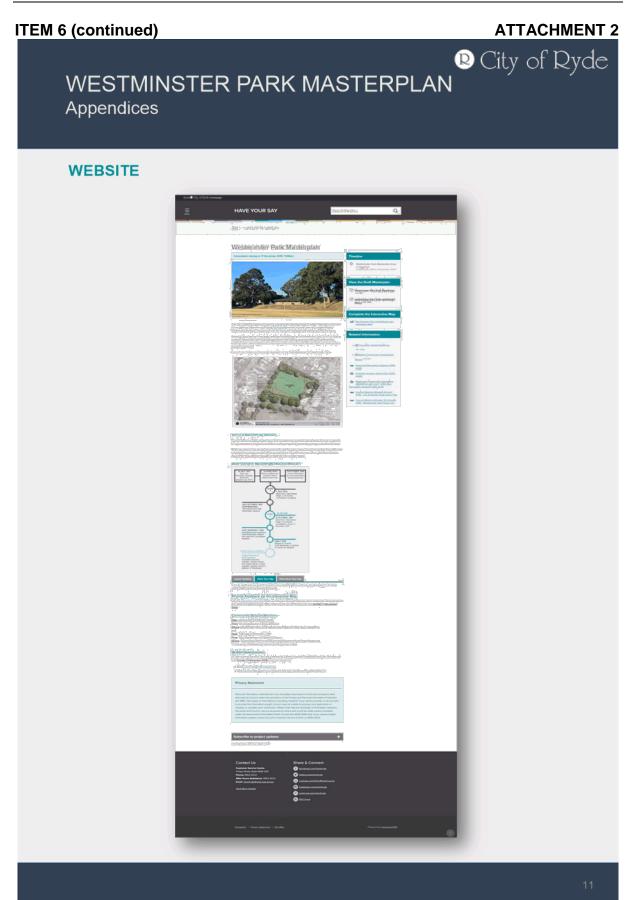
Traffic controls were also recommended (e.g. speed hump, traffic calming device, traffic islands). Other comments noted the need for adequate parking, potentially in conjunction with the community hall upgrade.

- PLAYGROUND FACILITIES: Respondents expressed they were pleased the playground was being retained in the Masterplan and would also like to see it upgraded (possibly to include a fence).
- SPORTSFIELD UPGRADE AND SYNTHETIC TURF: 63 respondents expressed concerns regarding a synthetic sportsfield. Common concerns included the exclusion of other users (particularly cricket, other sports and general community), environmental impacts, health impacts, increased heat, the suitability of Westminster park and costs. Alternatively, 22 respondents expressed support for the synthetic field, to improve the safety and quality of the playing surface, maximise usage to better meet demand due to the shortfall of sportsgrounds in the City of Ryde.

Of those respondents with concerns regarding they synthetic sportsfield many noted the loss of cricket and/or would like to see the sportsfield available for other types sports.

- Some respondents were also unhappy with the transparency and motivations of Council for including a synthetic field at Westminster Park.
- Additional comments received regarding the sportsfield included the field height and the need for a larger and/or additional fields.







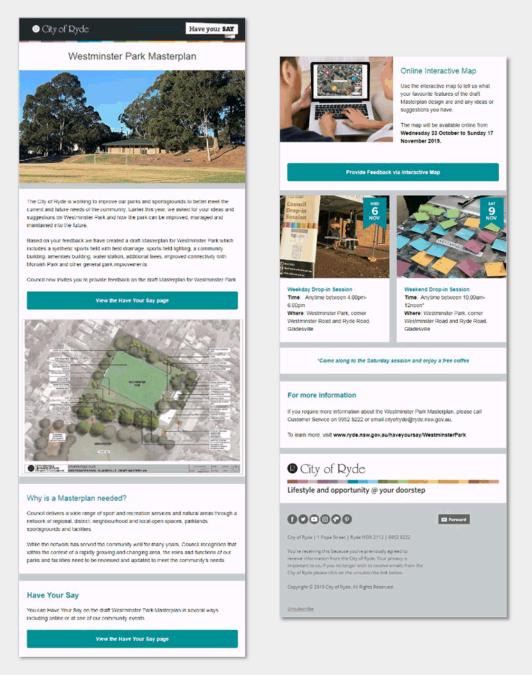
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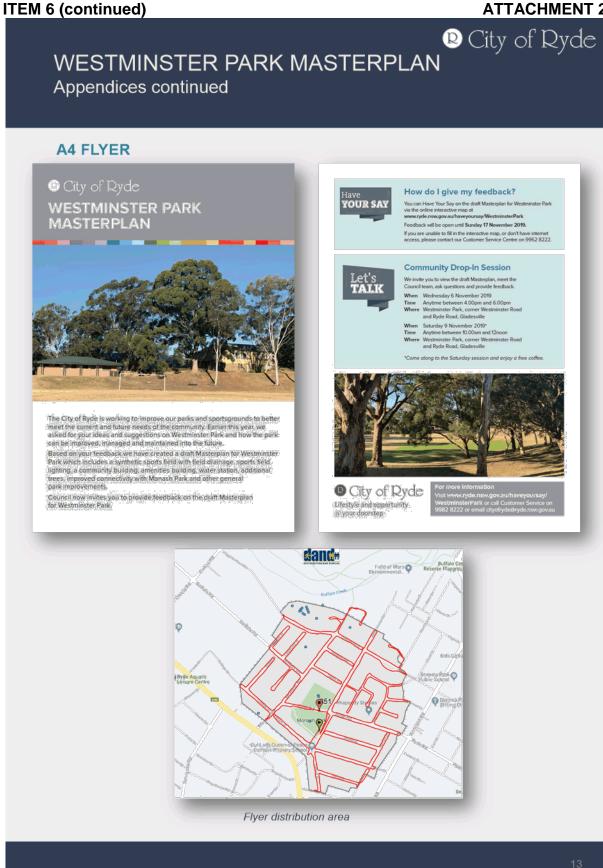
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### PARK SIGNAGE



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Appendices continued

### NEWSPAPER AD

### Westminster Park Masterplan

The City of Ryde is working to improve our parks and sportsgrounds to better meet the current and future needs of the community. Earlier this year, we asked for your ideas and suggestions on Westminster Park and how the park can be improved, managed and maintained into the future.

Based on your feedback we have created a draft Masterplan for Westminster Park which includes a synthetic sports field with field drainage, sports field lighting, a community building, amenities building, water station, additional trees, improved connectivity with Monash Park and other general park improvements.

Council now invites you to provide feedback on the draft Masterplan.

### Want to find out more?

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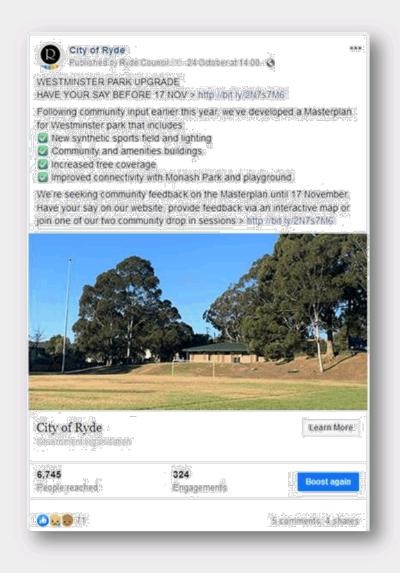
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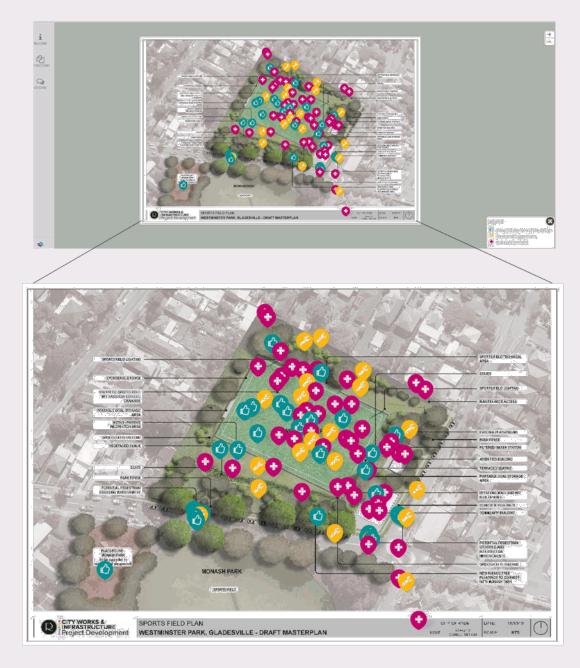


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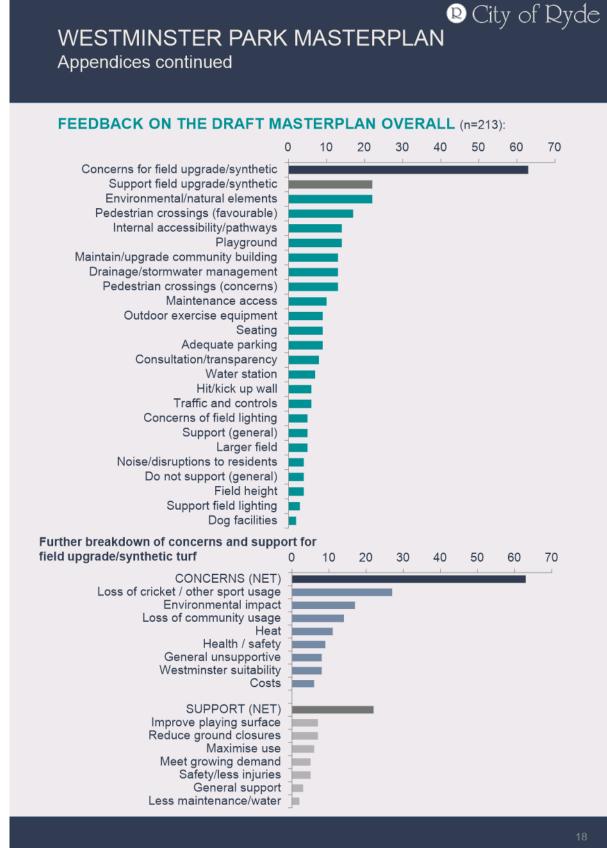
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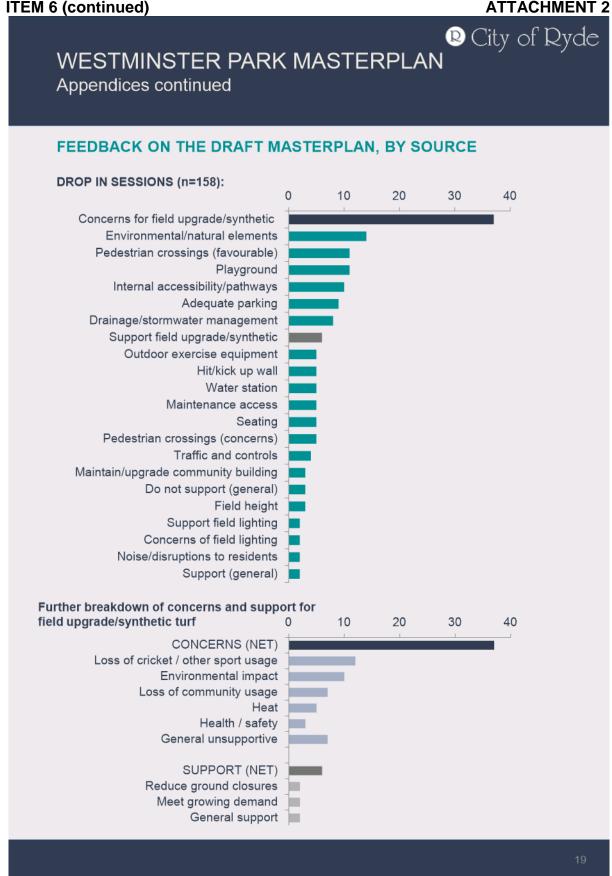
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### SOCIAL PINPOINT RESULTS



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### ATTACHMENT 2 City of Ryde WESTMINSTER PARK MASTERPLAN Appendices continued FEEDBACK ON THE DRAFT MASTERPLAN, BY SOURCE SOCIAL PINPOINT (n=42): 0 10 20 30 40 Support field upgrade/synthetic Concerns for field upgrade/synthetic Pedestrian crossings (concerns) Maintain/upgrade community building Environmental/natural elements Pedestrian crossings (favourable) Larger field Outdoor exercise equipment Internal accessibility/pathways Support (general) Maintenance access Seating Drainage/stormwater management Hit/kick up wall Traffic and controls Playground Further breakdown of concerns and support for field upgrade/synthetic turf 0 10 20 30 40 CONCERNS (NET) Loss of cricket / other sport usage Loss of community usage Environmental impact Heat Costs Health / safety

Westminster suitability SUPPORT (NET) Maximise use Improve playing surface Reduce ground closures Safety/less injuries Meet growing demand

### **ITEM 6 (continued) ATTACHMENT 2** City of Ryde WESTMINSTER PARK MASTERPLAN Appendices continued FEEDBACK ON THE DRAFT MASTERPLAN, BY SOURCE WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS (n=17): 0 10 20 30 40 Concerns for field upgrade/synthetic Consultation/transparency Maintain/upgrade community building Drainage/stormwater management Environmental/natural elements Adequate parking Concerns of field lighting Noise/disruptions to residents Maintenance access Further breakdown of concerns for field upgrade/synthetic turf 0 10 20 30 40 Concerns (NET) Loss of cricket / other sport usage Environmental impact Westminster suitability Loss of community usage Heat Health / safety Costs

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### **VERBATIM COMMENTS**

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### Comment

Synthetic turf and the outrageous cost to implement and upkeep it means this is a terrible idea. To exclude residents and other sports from this wreaks of something suss at council. It is disgraceful that there will be no cricket on the park anymore. How a council can say it is looking after its constituents when it disregards them is beyond me. Can't wait til the next council elections

Make this happen! There are just far too many children who risk injury on the woeful grounds all year round. Give them a safe place they can enjoy rain hail or shine.

Ensure there is an accessible entry to the park so parents with prams or people with mobility issues can participate.

This intersection is very busy and would be improved with an intersection

Love the crossings!

This is needed here especially on game days or training, and in the morning and afternoons when TLE is busy with lots of trucks parking in this area - low visibility for small humans!

This is a great addition, there is a shortage of community spaces in our area,

The field is long overdue for an upgrade - i support synthetic, it gives us more time to actually use the field and means training won;'t be cancelled!

There has been a lot of enthusiasm about the potential for some gym equipment in the local area - even something as simple as a pull up bar.

Synthetic Westminster is a fantastic proposal for the local community bringing kids together all year round.

The current state of the scout hall is disgraceful, Council has dropped the ball with this asset upkeep. Needs to be upgraded ASAP

A synthetic field is a fantastic idea for Westminster Park. With a growing population in the City of Ryde the addition of synthetic fields across the LGA is crucial in assisting football the highest participated sport in the state.

In the SA2 (Gladesville/Huntleys Point) where Westminster Park is situated, over 1,000 participants play football that's 7.1% of the SA2 region. The state average is 3.7%. This area is football rich and therefore requires suitable facilities.

Well done City of Ryde.

I think pedestrian crossings near roundabouts are very dangerous. Drivers are looking for other cars on their right and then they look to the street they are going down and all of a sudden there is a pedestrian in front of them.

I believe this upgrade will be a great asset to the community. It needs to be designed to suit the people using it as well as accounting for the people who live close by so it does not have a negative impact on their life.

Tree Ave is great

Like water station

Like that the community hall being available for community use. Small underground parking ok, but not open parking due to antisocial behaviour.

Add tennis facilities. A tennis court or hit up wall

I live next door & I really like the community using the park. I enjoy general park noise.

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The renovation or upkeep of the scout hall would be a great community project. You could incorporate the Men's shed, residential scout troops and community volunteers. Please fix this building, it's such a shame to see community buildings falling into disrepair, and kids desperately need more places like this.

Thank you for looking at Westminster. How does the plan cater to sports other than soccer? Will there be a cricket pitch available? Also, someone has suggested a small area with exercise equipment. fantastic idea as Monash has no such facilities and this broadens the appeal to the wider community

Seating is necessary for the park, especially near the training grounds. It encourages participation by families and provides a safe place for siblings/parents to watch

This access lane is in need of a tarred surface, to stop constant erosion and unlevel surfaces, which are a trip hazard to pedestrians.

How much higher will the surface of the park be after synthetic turfing? how high is the kick-wall?

The residents of Monash Road backing onto Westminster Park find it essential that they be allowed ongoing vehicle access to the rear of their homes. Monash Road frontages are being used by workers in Buffalo Road for unrestricted times of day thus depriving these households of ANY parking spaces near home.

Great to see investing in this park. Fully support the proposals.

Can the recreational area have a few pieces of exercise equipment including chin up bar.

This field does not appear to be suitable for cricket or any other sport but soccer. That does not leave this open to the rest of the community.

There is already a community building here. Just maintain it properly.

Great idea, Ryde road has needed pedestrian crossings for a very long time.

Great idea, the park has needed pedestrian crossings for a very long time.

There are also no accessible pathways to this area.

This has existed as a driveway for residents for over 25 years.

More vegetation will be good for the area.

This does not counteract the negative environmental impact of the synthetic turf.

Great to have filtered water available for all

There does not appear to be any accessible paths to this area.

Like to see steps & ramp to connect park to Monash Park (Ryde Road), on embankment. Linking into pedestrian crossings

Ideally would prefer natural grass upgrade with drainage, but if synthetic was to go ahead want to have natural infill (i.e. cork) & not rubber infill

I'm ok for existing playground to be kept as long as Monash Park playground is upgraded.

Would like to see field kept at a similar level

Consider including drainage in maintenance access to improve stormwater

Like increased native plantings & habitat corridor connections. It would be amazing to have some species to support the local black cockatoo community.

Like to see perimeter loop path e.g. scooter & mum walking with prams.

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Synthetic turf is not environmentally friendly or suitable for this park, as per the councils own report. Don't put synthetic turf down!!!

It is bad for the environment, expensive to maintain, increases heat in the area, increases the risk of injury and is made of carcinogenic materials.

Synthetic turf has to be replaced every 10 - 15 years, depending on the rate of deterioration. That cost has not been factored in.

There is already existing sports field lighting.

Great idea, Ryde road has needed pedestrian crossings for a very long time.

Synthetic turf gets so hot it requires water to cool it down. There will be more water wastage, not less. This is an environmentally irresponsible idea.

No one can walk their dog or play on hot plastic. This plan means that informal users of the park are limited to less than half of the area.

Unfair, on top of the other many negatives to synthetic turf.

Parks are for the whole community, not just some.

If you hadn't increased the rent here and forced the Scouts to relocate they could have kept using it and kept maintaining the building. It is the fault of CoR that this building has fallen into such disrepair and ratepayers should not have to pay for the much larger repairs it now needs. We need a cricket pitch and an oval shaped ground to go with it.

Cricket Nets will be ideal in this space as we don't have any in Monash park either.

Fantastic idea. I would support this idea. Will enable better utilisation of fields and less injuries for our children from eneven surfaces.

Synthetics are great because they allow for 3x times more participation year around compared to grass fields.

Amenities buildings are ageing infrastructure and require upgrades especially to make them female friendly to cater for the growth in female participation.

Adequate sports field lighting is a must to allow for sports to train during the week and to host night competition games.

Great idea but would consider moving it away from the roundabout, closer to the amenities block so that it does not impact people entering and leaving the roundabout.

Pedestrian crossing an excellent idea but would suggest only one on Ryde Road so it does not impact traffic flow around two very busy roundabouts at either end of Monash and Westminster. It could be placed towards the middle to access both fields.

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Love the idea of upgrading the children's playground.....great idea!

Happy that playground is staying.

Would like to see fence around playground

Install gym equipment - push up bars

Cricket facilities should remain due to historic usage.

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#### Comment (continued)

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#### great ideal

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Overall great plan and will make the park so much more usable and enjoyable for players and spectators alike. Agree with the comments on making it full size, and maximising shade as far as possible. Long overdue, a good plan to help the local community.

I'd like to know what environmental impact studies the Council have actually conducted regarding artificial grass? Is there a plan? Council have said that it will be "cork based" which reduces heat but haven't said anything regarding the long term impact on public health. I.e- Does it affect the air quality /cancer risk due to crumbling particles? Increases in sporting injuries??? - https://lawpartners.com.au/blog/why-artificial-turf-could-increase-our-risk-of-serious-injury.

This proposal is flawed. Why is this park/proposal "dedicated" to one particular soccer club and not for all members of the community?? E.g. Cricket, AFL, dog walkers etc. Also, if they plan on making it synthetic and used for 50 hours a week- how does council ensure that they let others use the park? Do we really need to make a booking to walk a dog before 6am & after 10pm? Will soccer players get priority over others?- unfair much. Will dogs even be allowed on a synthetic surface?? Unlikely.

We need more synthetic fields which will allow greater use. There is already a chronic shortage of fields for training so this will assist in providing better amenities for the community. Currently the pitch deteriorates over the course of the season because of the level f use. This will fix the problem.

The synthetic surface will provide more opportunities for more people to use the park. Modern synthetic fields do not have the heat issues of previous versions, and provide a safe and enjoyable experience year-round.

This is an excellent idea and what is required for our local area. Artificial soccer pitch with 4 different change rooms & canteen area. Also a small sided artificial soccer pitch with permanent goals for kids to play on all year round. Walking bridge to get to Monash park safely!

I think a synthetic pitch would be great at Westminster. It regularly gets badly worn by the middle of winter and a synthetic pitch would make playing football there much more enjoyable, than on a hard dirt pitch which is what it looks like by July!

I can't see any reference for this field being used for cricket. I can't see why it couldn't be as AFL and Cricket Australia endorse using synthetic for community level games. See Link http://www.aflcommunityclub.com.au/index.php?id=891

My Mother believes the fake grass takes away jobs in upkeep and mowing. I feel that some sports are incompatible with synthetic turf and I myself suffer from electric shocks from the surface when a bit breezy. It will be good to have sitting facilities.

Please build a synthetic pitch. Over the past years, I have seen too many injuries here caused by the state of the pitch.

It was also be great to have a field to play and train on rain, hail or shine.

Install gym/outdoor fitness equipment for older children / adults

Add a fence around existing playground

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Having lived alongside the park and seen the best and worst of it, I'm pleased to see this masterplan. Gladesville will get the benefit of this field being used without it's annual dust bowl, and will sit accessible opposite the beautiful cricket oval at Monash. It'a great outcome for kids and our active community.

This looks like the perfect spot for a pedestrian crossing. Installing a gate at nearest corner of Monash oval would be ideal to access the ground too

we need a walk over brigde no other option will make it safe for people to cross and also to keep traffic flowing

Great to see that the trees aren't overhanging the pitch. However, it will be important to consistently maintain the trees to prevent them blocking light and interfering with games, a problem we have seen at other grounds in the area where overhanging trees have been an issue that the Council hasn't effectively and consistently dealt with.

Also good to see this area is left as grass. The field needs to have a warm up area on match days.

It will be a good long term investment to try to make sure that the ground is larger than the current pitch to ensure that it can be used by all levels of the game. Different colour marking can also be added to ensure the pitch can be used for small sided games. Worth looking at how other grounds have done this and trying to replicate the best practice.

The area desperately needs more synthetic grounds to accommodate the growing number of kids, adults and seniors playing sport. An active lifestyle is more and more important as sedentary activity and use of devices has become more prevalent in modern life. This will be an important addition of facilities to the area.

I would place the pedestrian crossing here, so it's a safe distance from the roundabout.

Brilliant master plan. You only have to visit ELS Hall in North Ryde synthetic field on the weekend to see hundreds of kids running around. I am not suggesting all fields should be synthetic but this bog hole is a perfect candidate for one.

Please use natural grass as it is not so hot in summer and looks better than a synthetic surface. Real grass is 15 degrees on a hot day than artificial turf. The idea that as artificial grass saves water it is good, does not tale into account that natural grass filters rainwater into the soil instead of allowing it to run off into the gutter and drains. Also it leaves a significant carbon footprint during its manufacturing process as made from polluting (plastics/petroleum) based products.

The local area needs this Synthetic field to allow all year round use, no matter the weather conditions. This will also benefit the community long term as it will reduce the following:

- Irrigation to existing surface (Water conservation)

- Costs associated with re-turfing after every winter season due to continual usage
- The existing surface not able to cope for a full winter season
- Although CoR has existing synthetic fields in the electorate, none are in Gladesville local area

Not keen on astroturf. Not good for environment, especially kids who play, tackle and dive for balls (gets down throat). No good for cricket. Also increases temperature of ground, temperature underfoot. TOTALLY AGAINST.

Build a bike velodrome

Increase number of trees.

Pedestrian crossings.

Terraced Seating.

Playground is retained.

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The field needs to be Full size for adult use as well as 2 x junior fields. Current design is not full size so will restrict usage for both junior & Senior games. When full size the field can accommodate 2 x junior games at once maximising the potential.

If the reduced sized synthetic is constructed and in future CoR decides to increase the size of the field to 'Full Size' it will cost double the outlay if not done in conjunction with this development ! BUILD IT ONCE, BUILD IT PROPERLY

Don't waste taxpayer's money on synthetic grass when there's a perfectly lovely natural oval there in the first place. How about some speed bumps along Ryde Road between the two roundabouts and the two ovals, to stop idiots driving dangerously!

It would be great if you could update the playground as additional support for young kids who's siblings may be playing on field

I like the idea of a hit/kick up Wall, but How high is it and will this impeded viewing?

Synthetic fields get very hot and we are in a hot part of town with days in the high 30s low 40s not uncommon. The more shade options, Trees or other shade options the better. Please consider additional shade options

Does positioning the seating behind the Veg Swale really work? Consider other seating options. Opposing teams often set up on this side of field so additional seating options could assist

Good to have a designated home & away team technical area

I live just off the back of the lower side of W park. We have had issues with storm water overflow in the past threatening to flood our home when the drain blocked and was unable to deal with large volumes of run off. Please insure drainage is created that will adequately deal with water run off to protect houses on lower side of park

I, along with all the cricket community will not support any Master plan to Westminster park. Our local schools need these facilities as their growing numbers alone have forced them to reduce the size of playgrounds, they along with all Cricket associations (Still the main National Sport) need to see the survival of a cricket pitch at Westminster oval.

All Cricket associations seem to be the brunt of total exclusion,

how about the council have dog owners clean up after their animals. Nothing is about the spread of hepatitis. It will be even worse if you synthetic turf down. I didn't know Westminster park was a dog oval and yet there are signs stating no dogs within 15m of playing fields and 10m of play grounds and yet there's still dog Faeces on the oval, how safe & healthy is that. No to synthetic

this is a very dangerous position, before a crossing goes in, more has to be done about traffic entering into the round about from the eastern side. Drivers at certain times of the day are blinded with the sun, this is not the most practical placement either for motorists. the two crossings should be made as one in more central location, making it safe for everyone

why isn't their any mention of our National Sport Cricket? for more than 50 years there has always been a cricket pitch. I will no way, nor should any real Australian support any master plan until our National Sport of Cricket is recognised in the Master Plan.

Maintenance access is retained.

Synthetic field is good. Existing park is in poor condition. Cricket and soccer facilities would be good.

Pedestrian crossings are good but consider safer locations.

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Master Plan, ha, master disaster. I have grown up in the district of Hunters Hill/Ryde for well over 50 years and we all know how Council play their games? Again it seems that Council and the 'Pea Brains' are up to their old tricks, previous history with council antics tells a full story of lies and deception (that's another chapter)? the council have their pockets lined with the interests of local soccer clubs

The trees surrounding the park are essential to maintain shade, and screen residents from the lighting and views from the park. We would like to maintain the large trees around the current field.

The only access to our garage and parking for our residence is through this access path, so we would like access maintained.

I am fully supportive of a synthetic field here. The existing ground is unusable in it's current state - just see the little kids running around in the dirt / mud towards the middle of the season to see how poor it is. Our kids need proper facilities, and ELS and Christie Park show what activities are possible with the right infrastructure. I'd like it to be bigger to accommodate cricket (or at a minimum 2 x junior fields). Our garage has been flooded with the overflow from the drain a few years ago. The gravel from the access road washes down and blocks the drain. It's better since drainage works, however we still dig it out after large amounts of rain.

yes more plantings

We disagree strongly with the process and justification for using this park as a synthetic oval. Council's own report ranked WP last. Very angry with the people in Council pushing this who happen to be connected with the local soccer club. Not how local democracy should operate. Hope someone exposes this one day and soon.

This is bad idea, Move to other side where there is more room and away from homes. Players will drive their cars up the bank and leave rubbish as usual.

Yes for the safety of children please

Yes for the safety of children coming home from school as well as those using the park.

Please increase vegetation here from ground covers to tall trees

Why heritage list something that you then plan to destroy with something synthetic?

Park should be open to everyone ; Astro turf is dangerous and putting this in ruins the enjoyment of the park as a place for leisure and play

Really love the grass embankment & terraced seating in sandstone

Love crossings & inclusion of multiple crossing especially as I have a young family

Like inclusion of vegetate swale, & inclusion of stormwater detention is essential

Love new plantings & more trees. Native trees please

Recognise maintenance access as 'resident & maintenance access'

Prefer for it to be grass

Concerned about community access to the [sports]ground.

We live next door to park, we are ok with the current lighting usage.

Vegetated swale & additional drainage is good inclusion.

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#### Comment (continued)

Like all elements of the masterplan but would like to see grass not synthetic field. Would be supportive of grass field being upgraded Happy with field lighting as similar usage Keep as a grass oasis - no astroturf. Los of parking not ideal. Crossings need to be made for children. Include barriers/traffic islands as a deterrent. Concerned about heat coming from the synthetic field & going into the houses Concerns about the drainage measures not being adequate. Concerns about loss of field usage to private teams. Make the park accessible for all users, not just one or two sports Don't like synthetic due to heat & environmental factors (plastic particles). Concerned about loss of cricket areas. Loss of shared facility for the community (need to cater for all sports) Would like to see a similar field height as existing "perfect" Ryde Rd pedestrian crossing add disabled access to field from maintenance way Retain the natural turf but maintain to a good quality Against synthetic field due to: limiting use. Loss of cricket usage Add a speed hump on approach to pedestrian crossings on Ryde Road. Ryde Road - pedestrian crossing is too close to the peanut roundabout (very dangerous). Move it further down Ryde Road. Support/like the synthetic field - less maintenance, good for children to kick a ball. Support/like filtered water station Put some cricket nets up on the side of the field. Include terrace seating at field half-line rather than only at one end of the field. Concerns about micro plastics in synthetic field. Synthetic field is a contributor Include a cricket pitch in the synthetic field (like an elevated pitch). Paint a cricket pitch Asphalt maintenance way/lane - at least improve the corrugation Pedestrian access around the park. Must resolve stormwater management. Don't change the park. Add chin up bars More formalised shading - more for children make the field more suitable for multiple sports.

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Detention tank is good if it's underground and away from property

Move crossings further away from roundabout - centralise the crossing on both Ryde Rd & Westminster Rd.

Follow Thompson Park (Artarmon) example. Hockey & cricket only. No studs.

Improve the path access into the park to/from Ryde Road pedestrian crossings

Not happy about loss of cricket pitch.

Concerns about dogs on synthetic field.

Close of the maintenance road if need be

Pedestrian crossings at roundabout is too dangerous.

Get it done quickly. Make Gladesville great! Go Ravens! Go Maggs!

Improving access to Monash Road/Park is good due to extra usage. Crossings are ideal.

Increased seating is ideal. Increase in number of trees is good for shade.

I like the water station.

Artificial turf will effect this ecosystem. Trees & birds will be effected. Disgraceful behaviour to consider plastic covering the earth.

Maintenance access - gazetted as an off road laneway.

Parking (45 degree angle)

Add a café

Tidy up playground. Add a fence (child safe)

Like filtered water station.

Like vegetation swale

There should be no synthetic turf. Artificial turf heats to 97degree C. Middle level carcinogenic. Black rubber or non sustainable turf plastic - non biodegradable.

Include a fenced dog off-leash area.

Why has there been no environmental impact study been done before the decision to put down artificial turf was made in the operational plan

I'm appalled that you are considering artificial turf in a time of climate emergency.

Parking (more parking off-site parking)

No artificial turf. Plastic not good for dogs and kids. Will limit use of park.

Noise / Lighting pollution - at night is an issue.

Biodiversity / habitat - shade is good

Pedestrian crossings at peanut roundabout.

[I like] NONE

3 pedestrian crossings will cause enormous traffic problems

Would not like to see field & lighting in use every night.

Vegetated swale - good idea.

Crossing are good - connect the parks.

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Where does the cork come from for the second layer?

Has the cost of replacing the fact that the plastic will be dumped into landfill been costed?

Why was this park approved for artificial turf when other parks where residents are further away were rejected as backyards/front yards too close?

There has been an enormous increase in children in this area. 43% population increase predicted. Both playgrounds are needed.

Like to see community building onsite.

A playground here [at Westminster Park] is essential as mothers & children have difficulty crossing the road. Why have residents been given no reply to questions submitted?

How are you assessing noise on residents?

Leave the park the way it is. Prefer grass surface. Better for dogs and playing.

No synthetic field. Health (children). Environmental.

Synthetic field is hot (to walk on on). Blaxland (concerns about plastic). Drainage. Health concerns. Concerns about trees and tree roots.

[Synthetic field] Concerns about Privacy loss. Loss of amenity. Excessive use @ 10-12 hr/day Fencing Issues. Groundwater/flooding concerns.

Concerns about loss of cricket facilities (Heritage value)

[synthetic field] Size concern for sports.

NO MASTERPLAN.

A traffic study is required Now.

Supportive of synthetic field better meets sporting demand & reduce ground closures.

Like the sandstone terraced seating.

Synthetic field is great - good for soccer.

Like vegetated swale

Hit up/kick up wall is brilliant.

Would like to see mobility access to sports field included. Suggest to have disability access point via maintenance access gate (at a minimum)

Footpath connection to field from maintenance access - for disabled access

Upgrade the playground at Westminster. We use it when the older kids are playing sports. More convenient and safer than crossing to Monash Park.

Add planting on the terraced seating - tall trees for shade - not underscoring.

Kick up wall like Holy Cross College. Multipurpose with tennis & soccer goal.

Kick up wall full soccer goals plus 1/4 more on either size. Needs to be higher.

Hit up /Kick up wall could have sport markings as well as targets & some colourful art work. E.g.. Funny goal keeper.

Inclusive design for all abilities in community building.

Include additional parking when the community building is built / renewed. Grass to stay - maintenance required.

More parking.

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Perhaps include a loop path at Monash park.

Swap Ravens field with Westminster.

Formalise access points on Ryde Rd to sports field. E.g. stairs. Especially when carry sports equipment.

Gym equipment - follow five docks example. Pull up bars only is sufficient.

Gym station - location not important.

Some basketball hoops and courts which could be multipurpose sport e.g. futsal.

Need better access from Ryde Road - roundabout & pedestrian corssings.

Could improve the exisitng playground with some minor upgrades with some inclusive design.

More planting on n/west embankment for privacy.

Ensure pedestiran footpath from proposed crossings direct to field.

More trees for shade.

Better integrate community building w/ park.

Add BBQs

High fence along the full length of the Western end.

Ensure field is used all year around.

Traffic calming devices needed

New playground.

Filtered.

Ensure stormwater solution is sufficient.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the plan to lay synthetic turf on Westminster Park, Gladesville. This plan is contrary to the council's own consultant's report which ranked Westminster LAST in terms of suitability for this project. Why is council wasting money on consultant's reports it doesn't even use and yet we can't even get dangerous cracks in the footpaths fixed properly. There has been a complete lack of transparency from council about why Westminster has been selected and it beggars belief given the proximity to local residences, lack of off-street parking, drainage issues and more. The community wants to know, Councilor Maggio - Why Westminster? This is a small, multipurpose community park. It is totally unsuitable for conversion to a high utilisation soccer facility. We also have concerns about heat islands, and the known carcinogenesis of crumb rubber in artificial turf. Not to mention the removal of trees and habitats. We will keep asking the difficult questions, and we expect the answers that have not been forthcoming to date.

I strongly object to the proposal to replace the grass at Westminster Park with artificial turf. I take my grandchildren to Westminster Park to play frequently as they live nearby.

Although there are many short term advantages to artificial turf, in the long term it is a very environmentally damaging product. I notice that much of the information by companies promoting artificial turf is not based on the science. I hope the council's decision is based on an impartial scientific review of the environmental impacts of artificial turf.

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#### **VERBATIM COMMENTS**

#### Comment (continued)

I make the following submission in response to the draft Westminster Park Masterplan. My family and I live Westminster Park and use the park on a daily basis. I have three young boys aged between

10 months and 6 years and hope to continue to use the park for many years to come. We love this park and it was a primary reason we chose to buy our house. The park is a community centre where locals meet, children play, dogs are walked and sport is enjoyed. The beautiful large trees attract native wildlife, provide shade and a pleasant outlook. We feel extremely strongly that synthetic turf should NOT be installed at Westminster Park. The installation of fake turf will have a hugely negative impact on the community and local families. Fake turf is composed of a range of plastics and different rubbers. Over time these break down into smaller and smaller particles that can enter the environment and waterways and potentially get inhaled or ingested by park users. Artificial turf also drains poorly and creates heat islands because it doesn't absorb water and heat like natural grass. It smothers tree roots and will threaten established trees. I have taken my children to nearby playgrounds which have already installed synthetic turf and I was horrified at the way the particles floated into the air. My 3 year old was rolling around on this surface and breathing in visible particles of plastic and rubber. We do not want to experience the same at our local park. I want our kids to play on safe, natural, non-toxic surfaces. In relation to the selection of Westminster Park for synthetic turf I understand that: 1. Selection of Westminster for synthetic turf is contrary to the advice of council staff and its own consultant's report.

2. Crumb rubber will likely be used on the surface. This stuff contains carcinogens and schools and colleges in the US are busily ripping it up while Ryde Council is busily laying it everywhere.

3. Some large, established trees will need to be removed because of the turf.

4. The park needs to be in use for in excess of 50 hours per week to recover the cost of maintaining it after the synthetic turf is down.

There is also evidence to support the argument that there was a greater risk of injury on artificial playing surfaces than natural grass. It is inevitable that the natural surface will erode or subside, creating a trip hazard, and making the ground entirely unsuitable for small ball games such as cricket, where out-fielding is required. Synthetic turf also poses an environmental and bushfire risk, while increased usage of the oval would lead to traffic and parking congestion. Synthetic turf would also cost more than natural grass to maintain, yet exclude many residents and other sporting groups from the oval. Regarding the other proposals in the Masterplan: I have some concerns about the upgrades to the sports field lighting. Currently, the lighting shines into the windows of our house at night (when I am trying to get children to sleep). However, this is only on certain nights during certain times of year for soccer training. We don't mind the current level of usage and support the local sports clubs. However, we would have concerns if the lighting levels were brighter and the hours of use were increased. I SUPPORT the upgrade of the community building, amenities building, addition of a water station, additional trees, improved connectivity with Monash Park and other general park improvements. Thank you for your consideration of my submission. I would be happy to provide further input into further consultations. Please let me know of other opportunities for input.

Many thanks for keeping me up to date re the Westminster park plans. I have a small interest in the plans for the Scout hall, cnr Westminster road. I read of the council meeting of October 2018 re plans to either repair or renew the (now) Guides hall. Growing up in the early 1950ties the Scout hall was used extensively for cubs, scouts, rovers plus marvelous Rover dances. There is a wealth of memories & history of the now rather delapitated building & I would like to be informed of its future, be it renovated or ??. Scouting is alive & well, as well as it's history of the past, PS The plans for the parks are terrific, well done.

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#### **VERBATIM COMMENTS**

#### Comment (continued)

I object to the proposed changes to Westminster Park currently shown in the Westminster Park Masterplan. At present the park is mixed use for both soccer and cricket. The proposed changes show it would be used for soccer only! There is more than 1 sport played in the community. We have numerous soccer playing fields, ELS Hall is predominately dedicated to soccer, plus we have Christie Park which is also dedicated to soccer and as I undrstand it being expanded. Why do we require more rate payers funds to be utilised converting a mixed use space to an area where you can no longer even walk your dog?? I would urge you to re-think the current proposal and leave Westminster Park as is.

I am writing to oppose the laying of synthetic turf at Westminster park. We need to be providing the community with natural environments in our concrete jungles. Please revise the master plans to install a synthetic surface at this beautiful, natural park, and keep the natural grass as it is.

I was unable to use your interactive map online for feedback so have provided some below for your perusal. We live at Gladesville and our kids use park for Sports and recreation. We will be using this park for a long time as we have 1 year old twins, 8 and 12 year old. We loved the proposed plan and in particular the pedestrian crossings. I am hoping that these maybe something that can be achieved sooner rather than later as its really dangerous at the moment seeing kids crossing roads to get these 2 parks either side of Ryde Road and westminster Road. We agree with all proposed plans on draft however would like some improvements/additions if possible and in budget to the play equipment area. Would soft play grounds be possible over the dirt/bark? In addition, the scout hall - what is proposed for here? Is it being knocked down and rebuilt or renovated? This would be a great community hall for people to be able to hire for kids parties, local meetings, yoga, kids play groups, scouts etc. Its such a waste the current dwelling as its so run down and would be so good for this neighbourhood to have this facility. I used to attend Girl Guides here as a young child which was in the 80s! It was a great facility. Any questions please let me know. Id also be happy to provide detailed feedback and suggestions on what the hall would offer, if this is in plans to renovate.

This letter is a submission to the draft Plan of Management for the redevelopment of Westminster Park (Park). (Club) is a major user of the Park and any Plan of Management will have direct and indirect

impacts on the Association and cricket in the City of Ryde. As part of the proposed redevelopment of the Park, Council has been required to provide a draft Plan of Management to reflect the proposed upgrades to the Park.

The Club met with Council staff on 17 October 2019 to discuss the proposed options to be provided for the Community Consultation process. At that meeting the Association was presented with two proposed options for the Park being:

Option 1 - All synthetic playing surface that did not provide for ongoing amenity of cricket

· Option 2 - Natural turf playing surface that retained the current amenity enjoyed by cricket

Our Club is extremely disappointed and concerned that Council has chosen to only provide Option 1 for public consultation. The choice to only provide Option 1 is both disingenuous and deceitful. Cricket has been a major user of the Park many, many years and clearly this has been ignored.

Whilst it is noted that Council has proposed to increase the number of cricket facilities throughout the LGA, in particular Meadowbank Park, the removal of cricket facilities in the eastern part of the LGA is unacceptable and provides no benefit whatsoever to our members.

The Club does not support the Option provided for in the latest Community Consultation process. We request Council immediately reinstates the two options presented to the Association at its meeting of 17 October 2019, to ensure that the Club and the community has an appropriate opportunity to consider and determine the best outcome for the Park.

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#### Comment (continued)

Dear General Manager, I oppose the construction of a synthetic playing surface at Westminster Park while ever there are higher priority facilities needed elsewhere in the City of Ryde, for example Small Road, Eastwood Oval and Meadowbank Park When the new school at Smalls Road was announced, the promise was that one of the two adjoining playing fields would be upgraded to full synthetic to cope with 1000 students plus the weekend after hours use by community sporting clubs. https://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/northern-districttimes/smalls-road-public-school-at-ryde-has-circular-design/news-story/39136f6ccf6f1dd30bf2cc35b26d60cb The lower playing field at Small's Road is a quagmire after rain which will need substantial work to make it suitable for school use. I cannot help but think that politics gets in the way of good decisions. I suspect it was with an eye on this years state election, that Ryde Council decided in April 2018 on the construction of a Synthetic Surface at Westminster Park in 2020/21 finstead. The Liberal Councillors voted for officials to review the merits before a decision was made but the Labor Councillors voted to ram through Westminster Park. I believe that had officials been provided the opportunity to review the merits in comparison to other sites such as Smalls Road they would have found that Westminster Park gets relatively little use in comparison to the use that Smalls Road would get when the school opens in 2020. Moreover officials may have established that the NSW Department of Education might have co-funded part of the construction cost. There are approximately 36 clubs in North West Sydney Football Association" many of which are envious of Epping FC and Ryde Panthers who boast of a synthetic home ground. Each club will use whatever influence to obtain their own synthetic home ground. Roy Maggios long association with Gladesville Ravens may have more to do with this decision than the merits based on highest community benefits.

It here from Spencer Street, as you know I have grown up in the district of Hunters Hill/Ryde for well over 50 years and we both have the same views about how Council play their games? Again it seems that Council and the "Pea Brains" are up to their old tricks, previous history with council antics tells a full story of lies and deception (that's another chapter)? I'm not sure if you're around this issue of the Westminster Park's so called "Master Plan"? but there's no mention of a synthetic cricket pitch? Is this because soccer lovers in council take precedence over a national sport and have controlling numbers and think they can push their own interests without consideration? I, along with all the Pirates community and for that matter cricketers alike, this includes local schools who need these facilities as their growing numbers alone have forced them to reduce the size of playgrounds, they along with all Cricket associations (Still the main National Sport) need to see the survival of a cricket pitch at Westminster oval. All Cricket associations seem to be the brunt of total exclusion, not just in Ryde, but in a majority of Sydney based Councils, all I ever see is grounds closed being resurfaced at Ryde and other Councils, that's not because of cricket it's because of soccer, cricketers don't destroy the turf, we don't wear studs and blades! There is absolutely no mention of a cricket pitch, only goal storage, why does a second rate sport take priority over a National Sport steeped in history like Cricket, has the soccer federation paid a donation to Ryde Council in an Aldi bag?? Other Councils can seem to find a solution, Thompson Park at Artarmon for instance, they have found the happy medium, soccer, cricket and Hockey are all played on one oval and it's synthetic, it's not that hard. As one of the larger Councils in NSW show other Councils the right thing to do and not play into the hands of other sports allowing to dictate terms. While we're on the subject why hasn't Peel Park ever had a cricket pitch for Juniors only, the ground is big enough, the Ravens Soccer club don't own it? I do believe Ryde Council does! Or have the Ravens paid someone off at Council to keep it a soccer field only, also why can't anyone other than Soccer be allowed to use all the facilities at Putney Park, canteen etc.? Shouldn't it be for all sports? The way I see it, and let's all be honest, many long-time locals have always suggested Ryde Council stinks of corruption? Please prove us all wrong, and as a rate payer, I would like you to step in as our Local Councillor and put halt to this "Master Plan" at the next meeting or the soonest possible opportunity, before it's too late, and until there is a guarantee from Council, Cricket will still be played at Westminster Park.

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#### Comment (continued)

As a resident whose premises back on to the Westminster Community Park, I would like to make the following observations about the proposed development/master plan for the park. While there are many positives in the proposal to upgrade the park, I think the proposal needs to reflect on solutions related more towards better upkeep and maintenance of the community park, rather than its destruction and replacement with 'synthetic turf' and its subsequent conversion into a soccer training platform to suit only narrow sporting interests.

My comments therefore on the Masterplan and what it is envisaging for Westminster Community Park are as follows: 1. Not fit for the proposed purpose: The location is far too small for what is being described/designed/proposed in the Masterplan and the purpose outlined for doing so. As a soccer field, it is already too small, though it is suitable to lower division games and youth soccer as currently used. It is ideal though for the continuing playing of cricket, by both adults and childrens' teams (and community/ethnic groups who use the park for such activity at non assigned times). The location and its surrounding area lacks any capacity for increased parking and there is no space within the actual oval's boundaries for more parking to be created without reducing public space (or access to residencies via the rear laneway). Increasing 'usage' of the field would mean extra pressure on parking, as would increasing the crowd numbers participating in viewing games. This problem does not appear to be being catered for in the Masterplan. Alternative locations for a 'synthetic grass' park I understand have been considered – such as Magdala Park in North Ryde – which has much more open space to be utilized and very adequate space for increased parking. Magdala Park also does not encroach so closely on residencies and therefore has much more to offer towards the objectives of the Masterplan. The previous listed options for the location of such a park therefore need to be reconsidered and reviewed.

2. Usage will reduce rather than increase: The argument that park usage will increase with the replacement of natural turf with plastic turf also does not stack up. Usage will in fact decrease as the surface would be limited only to the use of soccer games and soccer training during the winter 'season' of that sport. Limiting the oval to one sporting sector through the exclusion/locking out of cricket will see the oval used not at all during its current 'peak usage' period of the summer months, by both cricket clubs and the more informal 'community group' games which use the pitch (including by local children). The park would also be used less for passive 'community recreation' - including dog walking, picnics, jogging, fitness classes etc – given that the unsuitability of the new 'plastic' environment would certainly deter usage for this purpose as well. Priority should be given to preserving the park as the 'community amenity' it now is as this would ensure more diversity in its usage – and with better maintenance, a likely increase in its 'amenity' and popularity for a wider range of recreational purposes could be engineered.

3. Health and Safety. The 'heat band' created by the plastic surface if installed will – as is well documented from other locations – greatly impact on the surrounding neighbourhood. The amenity of the oval as a 'haven of cool space' on hot summer evenings will be destroyed and this will reduce current usage, especially for evening recreation and communal activity. This does not appear to have been considered in the proposal so far. There appears to be no environmental impact assessment undertaken of the impacts of the plastic surface on surrounding areas, including leaching of chemicals into both the atmosphere and surrounding grounds. Increased cancer rates may well occur, as has occurred at other locations where chemical contamination has not been forecast and contained. The use of cork in the bedding of the synthetic surface is also environmentally suspect as it is a material that is already in short supply world-wide and is definitely lacking in 'sustainability'. As for 'injury reduction', this seems to be 'non-factual' assertion. Those playing soccer at higher levels loathe playing on hard surfaces as injuries seem to be both more frequent and more severe. My family has personal experience in this area as my eldest son (Jordi) suffered a ruptured Achilles tendon playing soccer on a hard, plastic surface in Germany, an injury which he blamed on the surface and which put him on crutches for six months.

4. Drainage: This is a major issue with the community park as the hard surface will generate much greater runoff - and much more quickly - than the present natural surface. The existing problems with flooding of households in the north-west corner of the oval is unlikely to be alleviated in the event of a sudden heavy downpour/storm, even with the proposed water retention facility.
5. Soccer Training Academy: With the rumour (reinforced from perusal of some sporting business web-sites) that the local soccer clubs are looking for a park 'base' to locate/facilitate a private football academy 'franchise' - for which a synthetic grass surface is apparently a requirement – this raises the question as to whether the public will eventually be 'locked out' from using the park for major/extended periods of time as it becomes increasingly 'privatised'. Public interest should see that the community park is retained as it is rather than turned over to private, well-funded, money making interests (from which the Council would be unlikely to recoup its investment). The objective of 'increased usage' in the proposed 'Masterplan' through the installation of a plastic surface would seem

to fit well perhaps such a 'hidden agenda'. 6. Cost benefit: Finally, it seems to me that the proposal does not stack up financially. With the cost of implementation/installation of the plastic surface alone requiring an outlay of the \$2 million indicated so far, with replacement costs of \$700,000 every five to eight years (depending on wear and tear), it could be easily calculated that Ryde Council would come out well in front financially with much better maintenance of the oval with a natural turf surface, and the upkeep of its natural, tree lined surrounds – even through the allocation of one full-time staff person to the job !

7. Conclusion: In conclusion I would recommend that the Council go back to the drawing board and reconsider the original priority outlined in the first consultant's report on the project – that the best proposition for such a 'hard surface' soccer playing field (if one is really needed) – and one capable of meeting the 'increased usage' model envisaged - would be Magdala Park in North Ryde, which has much more space to fit it in, much better parking and access to the oval for vehicles, easier crowd management and far less encroachment on surrounding dwellings. I would like to thank you for the opportunity to participate in your consultation on this project and I hope that the matters as detailed above will be taken into further consideration of the proposed "Master Plan" for Westminster Community Park.

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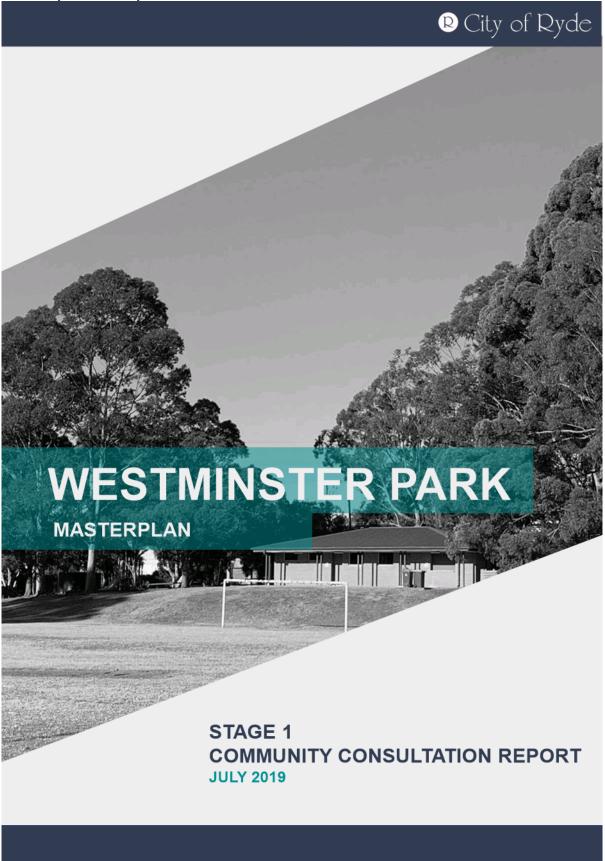




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The City of Ryde is currently developing a Masterplan for Westminster Park. A Masterplan provides the framework for how the park will be upgraded over the next 20 years. This strategic plan aims to meet the current and future needs of the community and user groups, while ensuring sustainable and efficient use and ecological outcomes.

The park currently includes a sportsground with sports field lighting, an amenities building, a local playground and a former scout hall.

The purpose of this Stage 1 community consultation is for Council to understand the current and likely future recreation, leisure and sporting needs of the Ryde community in order to develop a draft Masterplan for Westminster Park.

City of Ryde's community engagement team conducted the Stage 1 community consultation process to gather feedback from the community to inform the draft Masterplan design for Westminster Park.

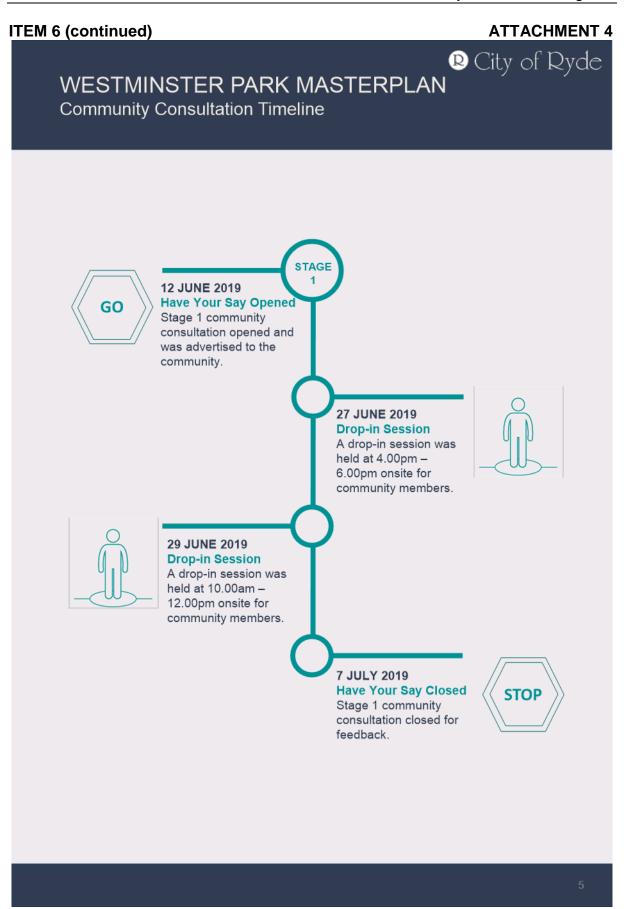
Stage 1 community consultation was conducted from 12 June to 7 July 2019 during which the community could provide comment and suggestions via an online interactive map and ask questions or provide feedback at one of the drop-in sessions. This was promoted through City of Ryde's Have Your Say website, flyers to surrounding residents, an eNewsletter to stakeholders, signage in the park and an advertisement in the local newspaper.

In total 309 comments were received from the community with 259 comments from the drop-in sessions, 47 responses from the online interactive map and 5 email submissions.

Through the Stage 1 community consultation, respondents expressed they would like to see improved access, an upgraded hall and playground, maintenance of trees and environmental aspects and additional facilities in Westminster Park. Initial responses to a proposed synthetic sports field varied, with some respondents supporting the idea to maximise usage and improve the field quality, while others had concerns regarding the environmental impact, drainage issues and casual usage of the park.

The feedback from this Stage 1 community consultation will be used to inform the draft Masterplan for Westminster Park. Once the draft Masterplan has been prepared, the community will be provided with an opportunity to provide feedback via a Stage 2 community consultation.







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Date	Tool	Stakeholders	Overview	Engagement
Wed 12 Jun 2019	Newspaper Ad	North District Times	Newspaper advertisement to promote the project and consultation opportunities for all stakeholders.	38,000 total print readership
Thu 13 Jun 2019	Have Your Say eNewsletter	Internal and external stakeholders and sports clubs	A targeted eNewsletter was sent to relevant community stakeholder groups, including internal and external stakeholders, to provide an opportunity for interested stakeholders to give feedback.	72 eNewsletters distributed 56 eNewsletters opened
Thu 13 Jun to Sun 7 Jul 2019	Facebook Ad	Online Facebook Users	Social media advertisement to promote the project and consultation opportunities for all stakeholders	6,904 users reached 274 engaged.
Wed 26 Jun 2019	Your City News   July 2019 eNewsletter	eNewsletter subscribers	Link to Have Your Say website included in eNewsletter to promote the project and consultation opportunities.	2,370 subscribers 1,021 unique opens 1 clicked the link
Wed 26 Jun 2019	Drop-in Session from 4.00pm to 6.00pm onsite	All Stakeholders	A mid week casual drop-in session for stakeholders to have one-on- one time with the project team and provide their feedback and ideas.	41 attendees who provided 259 comments (across both sessions)
Sat 29 Jun 2019	Drop-in Session at 10.00am to 12.00pm onsite	All Stakeholders	A weekend casual drop-in session for stakeholders to have one-on- one time with the project team and provide their feedback and ideas.	41 attendees who provided 259 comments (across both sessions)
Wed 12 Jun to Sun 7 Jul 2019	Information phone line and email	All Stakeholders	The City of Ryde main phone and email address was provided for the project and was open for feedback from the community.	5 email submissions received

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### WESTMINSTER PARK MASTERPLAN Community Consultation Results

#### **KEY CONSIDERATIONS**

Based on the feedback received the key themes for consideration in developing the Masterplan are (alphabetical order):

- ACCESS: Access throughout the park was a frequent theme in the comments. Respondents would like to see improved pathways and a bike track throughout the park and stairs/paths to improve access on the hill and to the park boundary.
- **ENVIRONMENT:** The many mature trees were a favourable aspect of the park, with respondents requesting for the current trees to be retained, which provide shade and habitat. Some also suggested adding more trees, while others suggested more native plantings and protecting the habitats within the park.
- FACILITIES: Various additional facilities were suggested by respondents, such as the inclusion of a café, outdoor exercise equipment, dog area/facilities, water stations, picnic facilities and other sport facilities (e.g. tennis/soccer wall).
- FORMER SCOUT HALL: Some respondents would like to see the space to be upgraded for a multipurpose community hall, with space available for use/hire by community groups (e.g. playgroups, martial arts, yoga, men's shed), potentially including spectator seating or a café or multi-sports facilities. Other comments suggested combining the amenities building with the hall, integrating car parking into the upgrade or completely removing the building for other purposes (e.g. parking).
- **PARK USAGE:** Some local residents indicated that they use the park for informal and unstructured use and would like this to be considered if increasing sporting use.
- **PARKING AND TRAFFIC:** Respondents highlighted the need for adequate parking, especially if the synthetic field upgrade goes ahead and there is greater usage of the park, with suggestions including off street parking (e.g. in place of the Former Scout Hall or in the maintenance access) and accessible parking.

Some concerns were also expressed regarding the increase of traffic in the area and safe pedestrian access to the park, hence requests for a pedestrian crossing across Ryde Road were received. Some local residents suggested the maintenance access should be formalised into a lane to permit rear/side access to adjoining residential properties.

 PLAYGROUND FACILITIES: Respondents would like to see the playground area retained. Suggestions for improvement included fencing the playground, soft fall ground cover, water play, trampolines, natural or themed design, equipment for older children and shading.

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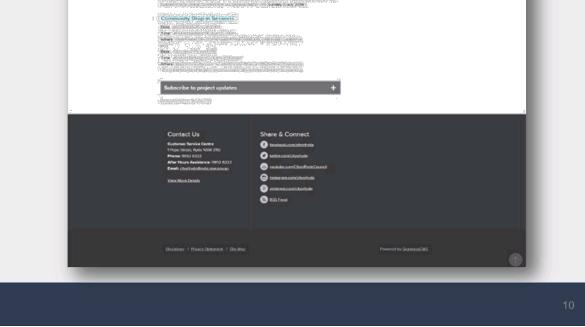
- PARK AMENITIES: Various comments suggested upgrading or additional amenities throughout the park, including tiered spectator seating on the embankment, upgraded toilets and change facilities, improved park lighting and new fencing (potentially with hedges/shrubs).
- **SPORTS FIELD:** Some respondents and sporting users noted the current grass sports field is in poor condition, requiring improvement and maintenance. Some cited safety concerns in relation to the current field condition and that the ground and was often closed during periods of wet weather.

Although it was noted that it would be considered as part of the Masterplan process the consultation did not include a direct question on the synthetic surface. Therefore, there were only some comments received regarding the synthetic surface and of these 37 comments were directly in support and 23 comments were not in support. Some of the concerns regarding the synthetic surface included a preference for natural grass, environmental and health impacts, field drainage and storm water management.

Some respondents would like to see field upgrades inclusive of multiple sports.



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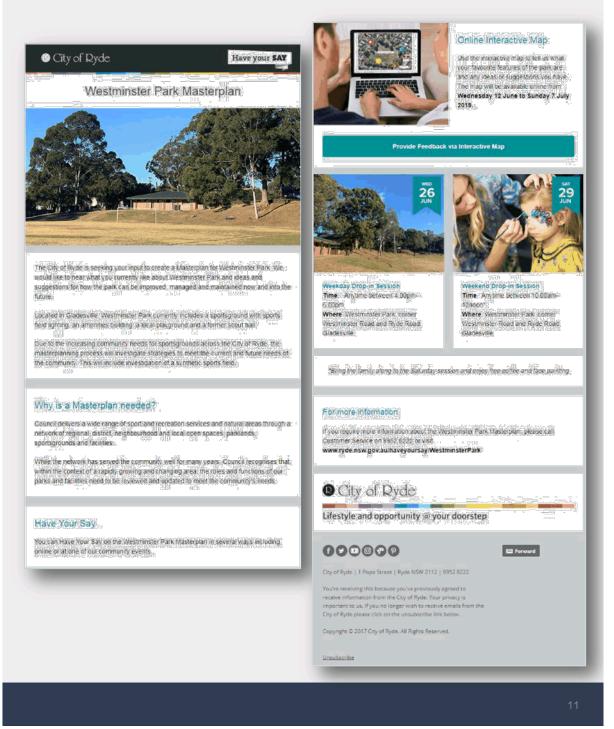




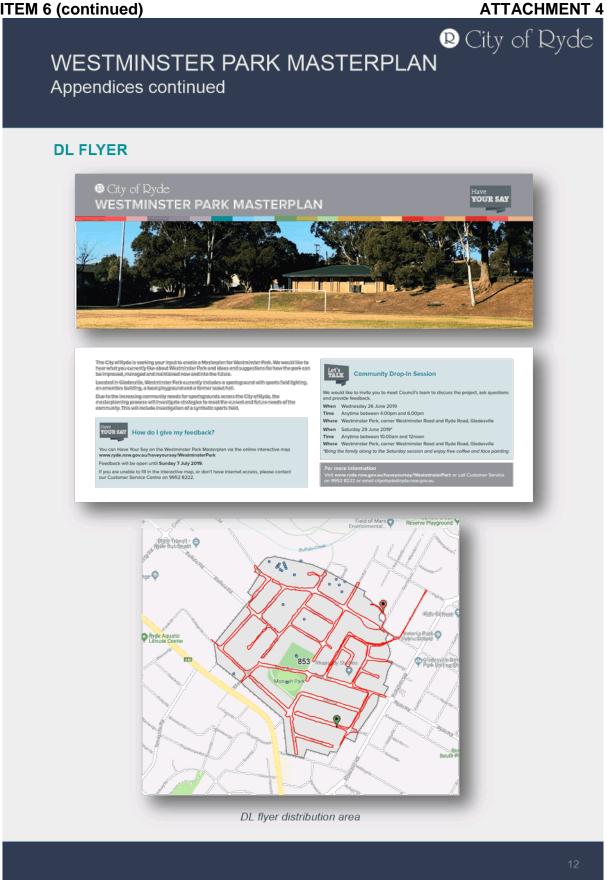
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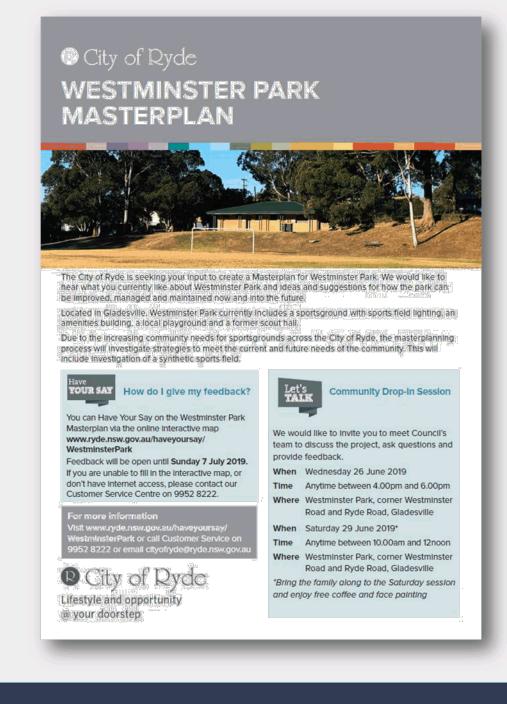




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#### **NEWSPAPER AD**

#### Westminster Park Masterplan

The City of Ryde is seeking input to create a Masterplan for Westminster Park. We would like to hear what you currently like about Westminster Park and ideas and suggestions for how the park can be improved, managed and maintained now and into the future.

Located in Gladesville, Westminster Park currently includes a sportsground with sports field lighting, an amenities building, a local playground and a former scout hall.

Due to the increasing community needs for sportsgrounds across the City of Ryde, the masterplanning process will investigate strategies to meet the current and future needs of the community. This will include investigation of a synthetic sports field.

#### How do I give my feedback?

You can have your say on the Westminster Park Masterplan online or face-to-face at one of the events below.

#### Online Complete the online interactive map at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay/ WestminsterPark

#### **Community Drop-In Sessions**

When	Wednesday 26 June 2019
Time	Anytime between 4.00pm and 6.00pm
Where	Westminster Park, corner Westminster Rd and
	Ryde Rd, Gladesville
When	Saturday 29 June 2019

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Time	Anytime between 10.00am and 12noon
Where	Westminster Park, corner Westminster Rd and
	Ryde Rd, Gladesville

<sup>°</sup>Bring the family to the Saturday session and enjoy free coffee and face painting

Closing date for submissions is Sunday 7 July 2019.

#### For more information

Visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay/WestminsterPark or if you are unable to fill out the interactive map online or don't have internet access, please contact Customer Service on 9952 8222.

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#### FACEBOOK AD



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VIEW INTERACTIVE MAP > http://bit.ly/2Zdsvxp

The City of Ryde is seeking input to create a Masterplan for Westminster Park. We would like to hear how you use Westminster Park and how the park can be improved, managed and maintained now and into the future.

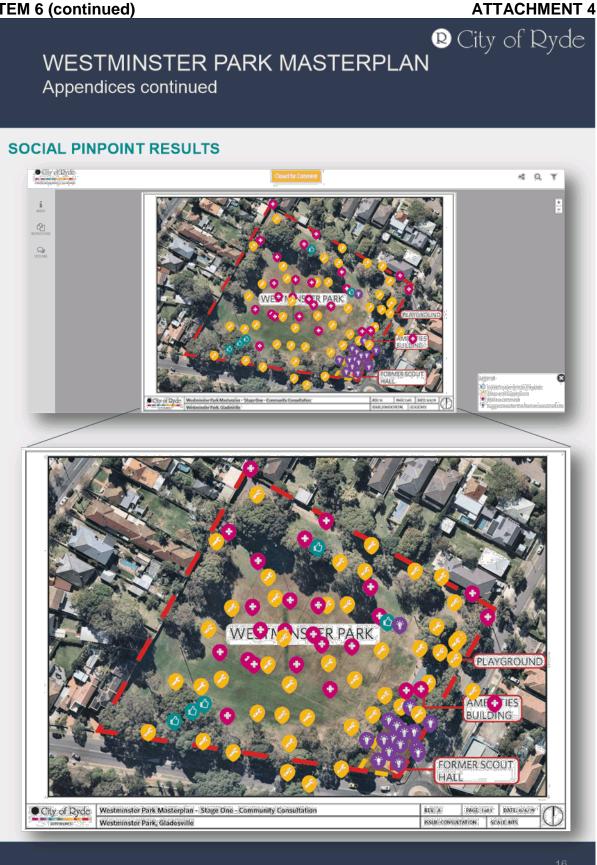
Located in Gladesville, Westminster Park currently includes a sportsground with sports field lighting, an amenities building, a local playground and a former scout hall. Have your say via our interactive map [http://bit.ly/2Zdsvxp] or pop in to one of our drop-in sessions. DROP-IN SESSIONS

You're invited to meet and chat with the team at one of our community drop-in sessions at Westminster Park:

- Wednesday 26 June, anytime between 4pm 6pm
- Saturday 29 June, anytime between 10am 12 noon

Submissions close 11.59pm on Sunday 7 July 2019.





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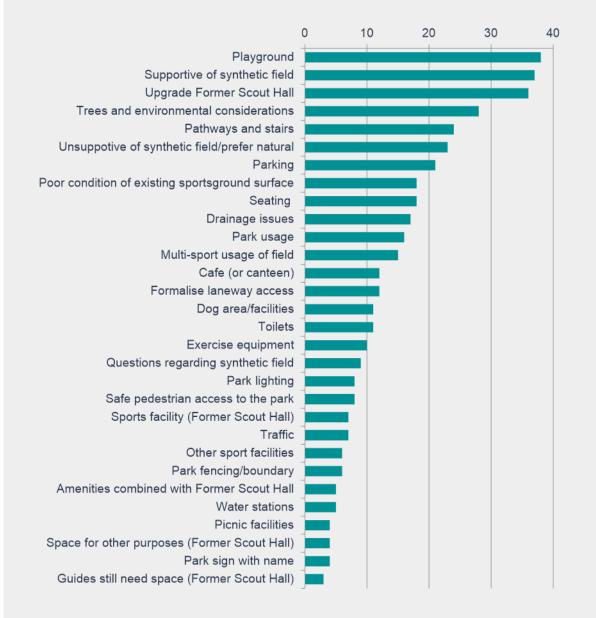
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#### **KEY CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE CONCEPT DESIGN OVERALL**

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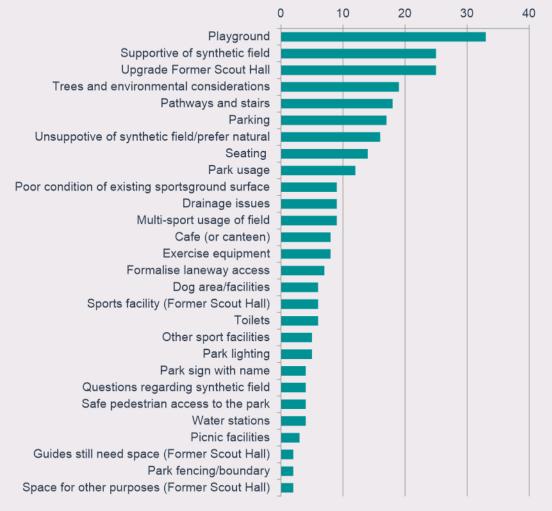
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#### **KEY CONSIDERATIONS, BY SOURCE**

#### DROP IN SESSIONS (n=259):



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#### **ITEM 6 (continued)**

#### City of Ryde WESTMINSTER PARK MASTERPLAN Appendices continued **KEY CONSIDERATIONS, BY SOURCE** SOCIAL PINPOINT (n=47): 0 10 20 30 40 Trees and environmental considerations Supportive of synthetic field Upgrade Former Scout Hall Poor condition of existing sportsground surface Drainage issues Multi-sport usage of field Pathways and stairs Traffic Amenities combined with Former Scout Hall Dog area/facilities Formalise laneway access Questions regarding synthetic field Unsuppotive of synthetic field/prefer natural Cafe (or canteen) Park fencing/boundary Parking Playground Safe pedestrian access to the park Toilets Park usage Seating Exercise equipment Park lighting Space for other purposes (Former Scout Hall)

#### WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS (n=5):



## Attachment 4 - Westminster Park - Stage 1 Community Consultation Report (July 2019)