



Office of the Mayor,
Councillor Jami Klisaris

14 December 2016

Email:

Dear Ms Wallish & Ms Lawlor,

I am writing in response to the questions that you raised at the Council meeting of 5 December 2016. The responses have been prepared by Council Officers.

Question 1

In 2015, Council identified 51 sites for the proposed indoor stadium, was Percy Treyvaud Park one of the 51 sites?

Response

Percy Treyvaud Memorial Park was initially identified as one for the 51 sites for investigation.

Question 2

If Percy Treyvaud Park was identified as one of the 51 sites why did Council formerly reject it?

Response

The park was viewed as a whole and as it contains large areas of open space was ruled out because of Council's Strategy for Creating Open Space.

Question 3

If Percy Treyvaud Park was not identified in the initial 51 sites why is it now the preferred site?

Response

None of the 51 sites met all of the criteria applied to the initial investigation. The site of the Chadstone Bowls Club within Percy Treyvaud Memorial Park was considered during subsequent investigations.

Question 4

On what grounds did Council reject the 51 sites previously looked at?

Response

The criteria applied to the assessment of the 51 sites were:

<i>Space for 4-court building and car park</i>	<i>Large enough to accommodate a 4-court stadium and has existing car parks or space to allow for approximately 60 spaces</i>
<i>Accessibility</i>	<i>On a main road and easily accessible by public transport</i>
<i>Amenity</i>	<i>The amenity of the nearby residents or the environment would not be compromised</i>
<i>Open space</i>	<i>The development would not result in the loss of open space</i>
<i>Displacement</i>	<i>Current sporting users would not be displaced</i>
<i>PNA catchment</i>	<i>Within PNA catchment area – west of Tooronga Rd</i>

Question 5

In 2015 Councillors agreed to rule out the use of open space and sportsgrounds as potential sites for the proposed indoor stadium - has Council changed its mind?

Response

The Chadstone Bowls Club site is encumbered outdoor space that is not publically accessible and for those reasons is not included in Council's open space classification.

Question 6

If Council is now ruling in the use of open space and sportsgrounds as potential sites why isn't a feasibility study being done on Romanis Reserve, home of the Prahran Netball Association?

Response

Council remains committed to finding a suitable site for a four court stadium without building on open space including sportsgrounds.

Question 7

What is planned for the Romanis Centre if Prahran Netball Club relocates to Malvern East?

Response

The options for the future use of the Orrong Romanis Recreation Centre will be considered during the feasibility study.

Question 8

Why has Council endorsed the entire Percy Treyvaud Park as the preferred site of the proposed Indoor Sports Stadium?

Response

The site that will be subject to the feasibility study is the land currently occupied by the Chadstone Bowls Club within Percy Treyvaud Memorial Park.

Question 9

Stonnington Council set aside \$100,000 in its 2014/15 budget for an indoor stadium feasibility study at Orrong Romanis Recreation. was this money spent and if so is Council spending a further \$100,000 on the feasibility of Percy Treyvaud Park site?

Response

The 2014-15 Budget included the allocation of \$100,000 to support the implementation of the various actions within the Recreation Strategy, adopted by Council in December 2014. One of the actions of the Recreation Strategy is to "Conduct a feasibility study into the construction of a new multi-court indoor stadium to service the needs of indoor court users". The first stage of the feasibility was to establish the need for indoor courts and has been completed. The second stage of the feasibility study could only be undertaken once a site was identified.

Question 10

Is Council seriously considering spending \$5.8 million dollars on car parking for the proposed stadium?

Response

Any stadium proposal will need to include the provision of car parking to service the needs of the stadium users. Two preliminary concept plans have been developed to illustrate what could be achieved on the Chadstone Bowls Club site if it were repurposed as an indoor stadium. The indicative costs of these options include \$5,810,000 for the construction of the carpark. This cost will be considered as part of the feasibility study.

Yours sincerely



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