

*Copy of email that was sent to Cr John Chandler on December 16 and tabled by Cr Chandler at the 19 December 2016 Council Meeting*

Dear Cr Chandler

I know the Indoor Stadium is a very contentious issue and could easily result in a lose/lose situation for all.

Chadstone Bowls Club is going to fight "tooth and nail" for the survival of their club.

Prahran Netball Club's would prefer to stay where they are if they had two more courts.

Both could be achieved under the following scenario.

Council develop an underground car park at Orrong Romanis Reserve.

The existing car spaces, (lining the perimeter on three sides) could then be converted to open space.

This would enable PNC to have a further two courts - without any net loss of open space.

The amenities and administration areas presently at ground level could be cantilevered, further reducing the footprint of the stadium.

The bonus of this scenario is that it would alleviate the problem of cars traversing the local streets looking for car parking.

It would solve the on-going parking problems faced by current Toorak Park users (Old Xav's, Prahran Football Club, Prahran Cricket Club etc).

It would ease the parking congestion that the Orrong Towers development will no doubt cause.

This option also appears to be a more financially viable.

Instead of building a new four-court stadium (cost around \$19-22 million) it is only adding two courts. The cost for underground car parking would remain the same.

We already know there is \$25million to do this work.

At my recent meeting with Warren he assured me that the shortfall of \$15million for the current proposal, was coming out of Council's Capital Works Budget.

What do you think?

Kind regards,

Denise Wallish

*Reply received from Karen Watson December 23 2016*

Dear Ms Wallish

## **CHADSTONE BOWLS CLUB**

Thank you for your email to Cr John Chandler 16 December 2016 with regard to Council's decision 21 November 2016, to:

1. Endorse Percy Treyvaud Memorial Park as the preferred site for the proposed Stonnington Indoor Stadium; and,
2. Complete a feasibility study into the proposed development of an indoor stadium at Percy Treyvaud Memorial Park with a minimum of 4 courts and include opportunities to accommodate the Chadstone Bowls Club or its members at alternate locations as part of that study.

Your correspondence was tabled by Cr Chandler at the Council Meeting 19 December 2016. Your suggestion to instead look at Orrong Romanis Reserve as the preferred site is noted and will be considered as part of the feasibility study.

I would however like to take this opportunity to confirm that the expansion of the existing site was considered through the site selection process deemed unsuitable for a number of reasons including due to the loss of open space, the need to demolish the existing stadium to create sufficient space for a four court stadium and lack of space for outdoor courts.

The feasibility study is expected to take approximately six months to complete. Details regarding the project will be made available in late January 2017 and will include liaising with the Chadstone Bowls Club and its members directly, extensive community consultation and an independent social impact assessment to assist Council in its decision making process. At the completion of the feasibility study Council may decide to proceed, amend or abandon the proposal.

In the interim please do not hesitate to contact me directly or email Council's Recreation Services at [recreationservices@stonnington.vic.gov.au](mailto:recreationservices@stonnington.vic.gov.au) if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

**Karen Watson**

General Manager | Community and Culture