



Office of the Mayor,
Councillor Jami Kilisaris

20 February 2017

Dear Ms Arnott,

I am writing in response to the questions that you submitted in writing for the Council meeting held on 6 February 2017. The responses have been prepared by Council Officers.

Question 1

Council's recommendation endorses Percy Treyvaud park as the preferred site for the proposed indoor stadium - which is public space. When Council is questioned regarding this, they state - "Oh we just mean the area where the bowls club is". Are we to believe that Council Officers are so inept that they are unable to word such an important recommendation properly?

Response

On 21 November 2016 as an item of confidential business it was resolved that Council:

1. Endorse Percy Treyvaud Memorial Park as the preferred site for the proposed Stonnington Indoor Sports Stadium.
2. Completes a feasibility study into the proposed development of an indoor stadium at Percy Treyvaud Memorial Park with a minimum of 4 courts.
3. Include as part of the feasibility study opportunities to accommodate the Chadstone Bowls Club and/or its members at alternate locations and the future provision of active recreation programs and services for older adults as part of that study.

As an item of General Business on 5 December 2016 Council considered a report on the Stonnington Indoor Stadium. The content of the report says that the next stage of the Stonnington Indoor Stadium project is to undertake a feasibility study on the proposal to construct a new indoor stadium on the site currently occupied by the Chadstone Bowls Club.

Question 2

When the wording was brought to their attention, why didn't they change it to "Endorse the site of the Chadstone Bowls Club as the preferred site for the proposed Stonnington Indoor Stadium"?

Response

Please refer to my response to your first question.

Question 3

Is it laziness that stops them from correcting mistakes?

Response

Please refer to my response to your first question.

Question 4

Or is it not a mistake at all and a deliberate ploy to snatch public open space?

Response

Please refer to my response to your first question.

Question 5

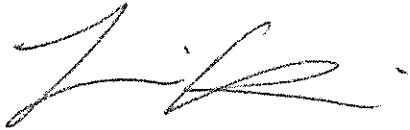
Before any feasibility study is done, Council should be transparent and tell residents exactly what the recommendation is. If the recommendation is not changed we will rightly believe Percy Treyvaud Park is the proposed site.

Does this mean that Council is no longer ruling out open space as areas on which the proposed indoor stadium can be built?

Response

Please refer to my response to your first question.

Yours sincerely



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