



**Office of the Mayor,
Councillor Jami Klisaris**

20 March 2017

Dear Mr Lawlor

I am writing in response to the questions that you raised at the Council meeting of 6 March 2017. The responses have been prepared by Council Officers.

Question 1

The initial question was - could you please provide me with the criteria that you judged the proposed sites on and explain how this site satisfied all of the criteria. Part of your response was - An investigation of all privately owned land and opportunities to use existing encumbered open space was subsequently undertaken and has resulted in the current project proposal and recommendation to complete a detailed feasibility on the nominated location.

From the time of the preliminary assessment of all sites 31 August 2015 (where no site met all the selection criteria) to 21 November 2016 (a period of 15 months) when council officers presented a report to councillors recommending the Chadstone Bowls Club as the preferred site for the Stonnington Indoor Stadium, what policy or council process was used to guide the council officers in re assessing each site?

Response

Officers undertake their responsibilities under delegation from Council and the CEO and in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989.

Officers reviewed the original list of 51 sites following the direction given by Councillors on 31 August 2015 to rule out the use of open space and sportsgrounds from further consideration.

Question 2

You say this investigation resulted in the Chadstone Bowls Club being identified as the preferred site. Is there a report documenting this process and the reasons for the subsequent decision?

Response

Please refer to the report titled Stonnington Indoor Stadium that was considered by Council on 5 December 2016.

Question 3

Can you please advise if there was a delegation of councillors who were involved in reaching this decision, or was this decision made entirely by council officers?

Response

Officers undertake their responsibilities under delegation from Council and the CEO and in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989.

When considering a report from officers on 21 November 2016 regarding the Indoor Stadium Proposal, Council resolved to endorse the north-western corner of Percy Treyvaud Memorial Park on land owned by Council and currently used by the Chadstone Bowls Club as the site that would be subject to a feasibility study on the proposal to build a four-court stadium in Stonnington.

Question 4

Is there a council officer designated the responsibility for ensuring this decision was properly researched and that the rules of council were followed?

Response

Officers undertake their responsibilities under delegation from Council and the CEO and in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Klisaris', written in a cursive style.

Cr Jami Klisaris, GAICD
Mayor of the City of Stonnington
Councillor for East Ward