

Office of the Mayor,  
Councillor Jami Klisaris

6 March 2017

Mr & Mrs Baxter

Dear Mr & Mrs Baxter

I am writing in response to the questions that you submitted in writing for the Council meeting held on 20 February 2017. The responses have been prepared by Council Officers.

As a resident ratepayer of the East Ward and an active Chadstone Bowls Club Lawn Bowler

Question 1

Please provide an itemized total expenditure by Stonnington Council on the Chadstone Recreation and Civic Club in the last 5 years. This expenditure will be just wasted if the INDOOR SPORTS stadium proposal proceeds

To my knowledge

- Grants
- New fence
- Greens
- Replacing electrical circuitry
- Disabled toilet
- Ramp between the 2 bowling greens

LAWN Bowls is

- now a legitimate Commonwealth Games sport
- available to all
  - age demographics 5 years to 95 years, male and female
  - abilities and disabilities – risk/ benefit considerations embrace health, work, and personal preference implications

#### Response

Chadstone Recreation and Civic Club is the lessee and is responsible for repairing and maintaining the facility including buildings, structures and fences.

Irrespective of this Council spent \$253,000 from 2008 to 2016 maintaining and improving the facilities at the Chadstone Bowls Club including:

- Roof replacement for the shelters around the greens and the maintenance shed
- Replacement of the fence around the greens and the bluestone walls that were underpinning the fence
- Accessibility improvements including a ramp between the greens and an accessible toilet within the clubhouse
- Installation of screens to improve the security of the building and various other minor items related to asbestos removal and electrical repairs.

The Club received two community grants during the same period. These were \$6,000 in 2011-12 to resurface the Bowling Green with warm season grass and \$6,500 in 2015-16 for the Club to develop a new website.

#### Question 2

Please inform the community at large just how this INDOOR STADIUM proposal will cater to the great variety of lawn bowling participants (as listed) including parents, children, grandchildren interacting on a regular basis outside.

#### Response

One element of the feasibility study is a Social Impact Assessment (SIA). The SIA will identify and assesses the social impacts that are directly related to the project, and propose measures to enhance potential positive impacts and strategies to avoid, manage, mitigate or offset the predicted negative project impacts.

#### Question 3

How will this indoor stadium engender cross generational, socio economic community socialisation, and hence improve communication and wellbeing for the general community?

#### Response

This issue will be addressed through the SIA.

#### Question 4

What planning considerations are in place to facilitate residential ratepayer access to and egress from Bowen St to Dandenong Rd – east and west, Chadstone Rd – north and south?

#### Response

Another important element of the feasibility study is a traffic assessment which will assess existing traffic movements within the local area and surrounds and model the traffic movements attributable to the peak demand associated with a four court indoor stadium. The need for any measures to improve traffic movements as a result of the stadium development will be informed by this exercise.

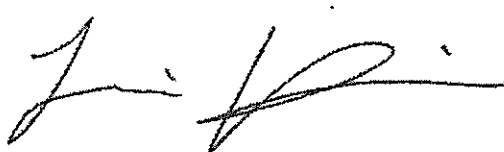
#### Question 5

Chadstone Bowls Club is a great neighbour and a valued local community resource. How will Council compensate the resident ratepayers for the loss of community amenity – read open space – lack of quiet reflection that will necessarily occur with the 2000% increase in traffic, an INDOOR Sports Stadium with 145 underground car spaces?

#### Response

This issue will be addressed through the SIA. I would also like to take this opportunity to clarify that the projected increased use of the site does not directly correlate to an equivalent percentage increase in overall traffic volumes for the area.

Yours sincerely



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*Mayor of the City of Stonnington*  
*Councillor for East Ward*