

I am doing another objection because my concerns weren't listened to last time and they are still the same, well actually worse.

The 2 things that concern me most are :

Loss of green space

- This project turns a lot of open grass and trees into buildings and hard surfaces.
- The removal of the 30m of grass that was going to be at the back of it means even less for the school and community
- People use the ovals to walk the dog, kick a ball, and just hang out for free.
- Lambton high kids (where a lot of my friends went) use it every day for PE and it is always packed at lunch with boys playing footy or chasing each other around or kids just sitting in the fresh air enjoying some sun. They say they can just wander along and use another oval but I am studying teaching and discussed this with a teacher on my prac who said it is most likely they won't be able to go out at lunch every day like now, where there is an open gate and they are on the grass. The closest oval means they have to cross a road and walk about 350m and always have 2 teachers present.
- Less green space means hotter streets, and a worse look/feel for the neighbourhood.
- There's no real like-for-like replacement that the public can use anytime.

Traffic & parking

- On big event days, 240 parking spots won't cut it. Cars will spill into nearby streets. This is a fact. I have a friend who lives in one of these side streets and I can never park at his house if the football is on.
- That means more cars circling, blocked driveways, noise at night, and safety issues near homes and the school. Since the basketball stadium will be open 6am-11pm that means people going to their cars, calling out etc
- Buses and bikes are great, but most people will still drive for games and events unless there are solid alternatives. This is really common in

Newcastle. People like to park as close as possible.

What I'm asking for

- Either refuse the plan as it is, or make big changes: keep much more real green space people can actually use; set event caps that match parking and public transport; do shuttles from off-site parking; and put in a proper resident-only parking scheme for event days.

This project might help basketball members, but right now it takes away community green space and makes traffic worse. It's not in the public interest without major fixes.



Parking issues



Open green space