



Cr Bob Dwyer
Lord Mayor

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18 December 2019

Mr Jim Betts
Secretary
NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
GPO Box 39
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Dear Mr Betts

SSD-10354 - Cricket NSW Centre of Excellence

At the City of Parramatta Council's (Council) meeting of 16 December 2019, Council resolved:

- a. That Council write to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment regarding State Significant Development Application (Ref Number SSD-10354) proposing a Cricket Centre of Excellence. The letter should urge them to accommodate the Newington Gunners on the subject site or at an alternate location, noting the concerns raised in the submission lodged by the Newington Gunners Soccer Club.*

Council is supportive of increasing the availability and accessibility to quality cricket facilities to increase participation among the residents of the City of Parramatta and to improve the fitness and wellbeing of residents. However, we do remain gravely concerned that the proposed development could meet this objective through the reduction of open space accessible to all of the community and, in particular, other sports.

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I wish to draw your attention to the submission made in response to this proposed development (SSD-10354) from Newington Gunners Soccer Club (Newington Gunners). Council is asking that special consideration be given to their recommendations, as past users of the site.

Council has sought to find an alternate home for Newington Gunners since the announcement of the Cricket Centre of Excellence. We have managed to secure a temporary home for the Club at Newington Reserve, but the new facility will not cater to current and future growth of the Club. They are still in need of a long-term home of sufficient size.

Council requests you to accommodate the Newington Gunners on the subject site or support their establishment at an alternate location.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cr Bob Dwyer', with a large, stylized loop at the top.

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