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NSW Department of Planning, Industry & Environment

Attention: Prity Cleary, Senior Planner Social and Infrastructure Assessments
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RE: Weigall Sports Complex, Sydney Grammar School (SSD-10421) - Request for additional information

Dear Ms Cleary

In response to the Department's Request for Information (RFI) dated 15 July 2021 for SSD-10421, this letter is accompanied by the following information:

- Traffic and parking advice by ptc (dated 28 July 2021)
- Operational Plan of Management (OPM) by Sydney Grammar School (SGS) (REV D) which replaces all previous versions
- Table of Mitigation Measures, prepared by RUP (dated 28 July 2021) which replaces all previous versions.

A summary response to the matters raised in the Department's RFI follows (showing the Department's questions in *blue*):

1. Traffic Impact Assessment

It is not clear in the Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) whether the existing 28 vehicle trips (Thursday) is inclusive of trips associated with the overall use of the Weigall sports grounds or just relating to the site (i.e. cricket nets, tennis courts, basketball courts).

ptc has advised that the 28 trips on Thursday relate to the currently scheduled uses within the Weigall sports grounds during the summer season, being cricket and tennis. Based on the usage schedule provided by the Sydney Grammar School (SGS), it is estimated that of the 28 existing trips, 6 are generated by tennis and 22 by cricket.

Tennis will be displaced by the proposal (with lessons to be relocated to an external location). Cricket will remain at the Weigall sports grounds.

To provide a robust assessment, when preparing the proposed future traffic model, none of the existing trips associated with the Weigall sports grounds were deducted from the overall existing trips recorded during the traffic surveys. Therefore, they are included within the proposed modelling.

Additionally, how many trips are generated on the weekend associated with the use of Weigall sports grounds...

The current and future number of attendees to the Weigall sports grounds is presented in Figure 1, which is an excerpt from the usage schedule provided by SGS. As noted above, the proposal will displace tennis to an external location. Fencing will continue being offered within the proposed Weigall Sports Complex.

| Sport | Event | Current Utilisation Profile - WPF | | | | | | | | | | | Proposed Utilisation Profile - WPF | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| | | Event Profile | | | | | | | Attendance Profile / session | | | | Event Profile | | | | | Attendance Profile / session | | | | | |
| | | Current Venue | Events / year | Event start - end | Event Duration (mins) | No. of Sessions / Event | No. of Matches / Session | Session duration (mins) | Participant s / Session | Officials - Staff / Session | Spectators / Session | Total / Session | Events / year | Event start - end | Event Duration (mins) | No. of Sessions per Event | Session duration (mins) | Participant / Session | Officials - Staff / Session | Spectators / Session | Spectators / Session | | |
| Fencing (Beginners) | Training | Weigall Pavilion | 14 | 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM | 120 | 1 | n/a | 120 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 12 | Moving to WSC - see above | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cricket Weigall 1 | Comp | WPF | 14 | 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM | 420 | 1 | 1 | 420 | 22 | 6 | 30 | 58 | 14 | 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM | 420 | 1 | 420 | 22 | 6 | 30 | 58 | | |
| Cricket Weigall 2 and 4 | Comp | WPF | 14 | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM | 480 | 2 | 2 | 240 | 48 | 12 | 60 | 120 | 14 | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM | 480 | 2 | 240 | 48 | 12 | 60 | 120 | | |
| Tennis | Comp | WPF | 14 | 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM | 600 | 5 | 4 | 120 | 60 | 5 | 15 | 80 | Not occurring at WPF | | | | | | | | | | |

Figure 1 - Current and future number of attendees to the remainder of the Weigall area (without the proposed sports complex)

... how pick-up/drop-off and parking is currently managed for the use of the grounds

Currently, parking and pick-up and drop-off occur within the Little Weigall car park and along the kerbside of Neild Avenue, Lawson Street and Alma Street.

.....and whether the weekend use of the Weigall sports grounds would have a spill-over effect to the proposal (i.e. additional use of proposed parking and pick-up/drop-off)

The proposed Weigall Sports Complex is expected to generate its maximum parking demand on 14 event Saturdays during summer only. On those days, the car park has been designed to accommodate the car parking requirements of all players and visitors associated with the sports complex, whereas players and visitors associated with cricket on the Weigall sports grounds will continue parking and picking-up / dropping-off within Little Weigall and along the surrounding streets. On these 14 peak event days, there would generally be no change to the existing demand for on-street parking. In fact, due to the displacement of tennis to another location, the on-street parking demand generated by the Weigall sports grounds is expected to be reduced.

On any other day in the year, the proposed car park is anticipated to have a spare capacity, meaning that vehicles associated with cricket will be able to utilise it for off street car parking, thus reducing the demand for on-street parking.

The proposed pick-up and drop-off facility on Neild Avenue has a capacity of 6 vehicles. It is anticipated that during the Saturday events, the proposed sports complex will generate a pick-up and drop-off demand of up to 4 vehicles. The spare capacity can be utilised by vehicles associated with cricket, thus reducing the pick-up and drop-off currently occurring on the surrounding roads.

2. Hours of operation

There are inconsistencies / omission regarding the proposed hours of operation as follows:

- the SRTs mitigation measures (page 30) state the hours of operations are Monday to Friday 6:30am to 8pm and Saturday 7am to 3pm. Extended hours of operation are Monday to Saturday 6am to 10pm.
- the Operational Plan of Management (OPM) (page 4) states the hours of operations are as above. However, also includes Sunday 6am to 6pm.
- the frequency of the use of the 'extended hours of operation' has not been identified.
- the OPM indicates the broader Weigall sports grounds are not used on Sunday. However, the TIA indicates the grounds are used 'weekends' 7am and 3pm.

Accordingly, you are requested to provide:

- clarification on the proposed hours of operation and the frequency of the use of the extended hours of operation. If required a revised OPM is to be submitted with the updated information.
- clarify the 'as existing' hours of operation for the current facilities to be removed (i.e. cricket nets, tennis courts, basketball courts).

An amended OPM and table of Mitigation Measures has been prepared which sets out the following existing and proposed hours of operation:

Existing Weigall Playing Fields

- Monday to Friday (training) 6.30am to 6.00pm
- Saturday (competition) 7.00am to 3.00pm

Proposed Weigall Sports Complex (see also Building 2 below):

SGS and community use (if approved) would occur during the following hours:

- Monday to Friday 6.00am to 10.00pm
- Saturday 6.30am to 10.00pm
- Sunday 7.00am to 6.00pm

Included in the hours above are the extended hours which will accommodate community use:

- Monday to Friday: 7.00pm to 10.00pm
- Saturday 3.00pm to 10.00pm
- Sunday 7.00am to 6.00pm

Proposed Neild Avenue pick up/drop-off facility

The gates to the pick-up and drop-off will be closed as follows (noting that the Neild Avenue gates will be closed at the end of SGS's core uses to preclude use of the drop-off/pick-up facility by community use groups who will be encouraged to walk, cycle or travel by public transport):

- Monday to Friday Closed 7.00pm and Open 6.00am
- Saturday/Sunday Closed 3.00pm Saturday, Open 6.00am Monday morning

Proposed – Building 2 Car park

The gates to the Building 2 car park will be closed as follows (noting that the car park gates will be closed at the end of SGS's core uses to preclude use of the car park by community use groups who will be encouraged to walk, cycle or travel by public transport):

- Monday to Friday Closed 7.00pm and Open 6.00am
- Saturday/Sunday Closed 3.00pm Saturday, Open 6.00am Monday morning

Building 2 will not be used after 7.00pm except for nine school events per year on Monday to Saturday (approximately two events per term) when the car park will be open until 10.00pm. In order to mitigate light spill from the top car park deck, a boom gate will be in operation for these nine events restricting access to the top deck after 7.00pm (with appropriate associated signage provided).

These existing and proposed hours are summarised in **Table 1**.

Table 1: Summary of existing and proposed hours

| Day | <u>Existing</u> Weigall Playing Fields | <u>Proposed</u> Weigall Sports Complex (all uses) | <u>Proposed - extended</u> Community use Weigall Sports Complex | <u>Proposed</u> Neild Avenue pick up/drop-off | <u>Proposed</u> Building 2 Car Park |
|--|--|---|---|---|---|
| Monday to Friday | 6.30am to 6.00pm | 6.00am to 10.00pm | 7.00pm to 10.00pm | Closed: 7.00pm Open: 6.00am | Closed: 7.00pm Open: 6.00am |
| Saturday | 7.00am to 3.00pm | 6.30am to 10.00pm | 3.00pm to 10.00pm | Closed 3.00pm | Closed 3.00pm |
| Sunday | - | 7.00am to 6.00pm | 7.00am to 6.00pm | Saturday Open 6.00am Monday morning | Saturday Open 6.00am Monday morning |
| Monday to Saturday - 9 events per year | | | | | Closed 10.00pm |

We trust that this now completes the Department's information requirements. Please do not hesitate to call or email the undersigned if you have any queries or comments.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Robinson', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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