**Subject:** Council and Committee meeting submission form [#1476]

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Agenda Item 6.3, Planning Application TP-2018-50 River View House, 274-282 Flinders Street, Melbourne

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#### Submission to Future Melbourne (Planning) Committee

Agenda item: 6.3, 6 March 2018

Planning Application: TP-2018-50

Applicant: Fivex Pty Ltd C/- Mecone

Address: 274-282 Flinders Street, Melbourne

Proposal: Continue display of two existing high-wall illuminated business

identification signs (Displaying the word Fivex)

Mecone acts on behalf of the permit applicant and owner of the above site.

We provide below our written submissions for consideration of the Future Melbourne Committee in response to the recommended grounds for refusal contained within the Council officer report.

#### **Characterisation of Development**

 Council officers have categorized the existing fivex signs as 'major promotion signs' on the basis that the fivex business does not occupy more than 50% of the leasable floor area of the building.

These signs are correctly categorized as 'high wall business identification signs' - defined at Clause 72 of the Melbourne Planning Scheme as:

'A sign that provides business identification information about a business or industry on the land where it is displayed. The information may include the name of the business or building, the street number of the business premises, the nature of the business, a business logo or other business identification information.'

There is nothing in the definition of 'business identification sign' that refers to a 'major' tenant of the building or occupying more than 50%. Further, there is nothing in State policy which imposes a requirement for a 'major' tenancy.

However, Clause 22.07 (Advertising Signs) includes the following comment in relation to wall and sky signs above 40m 'Logos of corporate bodies with naming rights, or major tenants, or name of building are supported in this location.' Therefore, there are three types of signs that are supported:

- Corporate bodies with naming rights;
- Major tenants (undefined); and
- Name of buildings.

Fivex is clearly a corporate body with naming rights. Fivex owns and operates the building and occupies office space within the building.

The 'Becton' decision used by Council officers to support their position is misleading as Becton clearly acknowledged that once the site was developed they would 'retain little interest' in the subject land. Fivex clearly has an ongoing interest as owner of the land.

#### Contribution to the Yarra River Corridor

2. The Council officers say that the signs will not contribute to the recreational and visual characteristics of the Yarra River corridor.

The commentary under The Yarra River Environs (at Clause 22.07) identify that 'it is important that <u>new</u> signs add interest to the area's tourism and arts characteristics'. These signs are not new. They have been approved in their current form since the Section 72 Amendment on 21 November 2007, which sought to change the wording to 'fivex' and increase the size of the signs.

Accordingly, the assessment of the appearance of the signs from the Yarra River Corridor was already undertaken in 2007. The policy has not changed since that time. There has



been no change to the physical context of the site since that time and views to the building from the Yarra River Corridor remain unchanged. Therefore, it follows that the assessment and decision to grant a permit for the signs, as currently approved, should not change.

#### Impact on vistas of Flinders Street Station

3. Council officers consider that the signs will detract from, and dominate, <u>significant</u> vistas of Flinders Street Station via the Yarra River corridor.

The Melbourne Planning Scheme clearly outlines 'iconic' views at Strategy 3.1 of Clause 21.06 (Built Environment and Heritage). In relation to the subject site, these include:

'Flinders Street Station clock tower along Elizabeth Street'

The signs have no impact on views of the Station clock tower as viewed along Elizabeth Street.

In relation to impacts on views from the Yarra River corridor, the sign forms a very small part of the city skyline as a backdrop to the Flinders Street Station. From this view, the station 'holds its own' and remains the most dominant and notable element in the foreground from this vantage.

Notwithstanding all of the above, we note that the Flinders Street Station has remained largely unchanged in its current location since the early 1900's. The Station hasn't moved and the signs have not moved since the Council granted approval for them as currently on site via the Section 72 Amendment in 2007.

As clearly outlined in the planning report submitted with the application, the signs meet the relevant policies and requirements for advertising signs under Clause 22.07 and Clause 52.05 of the Planning Scheme. While high wall signs are discouraged on buildings visible within the Yarra River corridor, they are not prohibited, and can be approved where they meet the objectives and design requirements, as evidenced by the current permit granted by Council for the current signs on the site.

## Integration with Architectural Features and impact on views from the Shrine of Remembrance

4. The design, colour, scale and position of the signs integrate with the building façade and contribute positively to the city skyline.

The signs will not be viewed from the Shrine of Remembrance.

#### Impact on views within Elizabeth Street and Precedent

5. The signs are difficult to view from the surrounding public realm within Elizabeth Street and Flinders Street. They are not obtrusive and are seen from limited vantages.

We also note that there has been no public outrage against display of the signs since they were displayed on the site. The applicant has only had the benefit of the current permit for 2 years out of a possible 15 and they have placed the signs on the site at considerable expense.

The 'proposed' signs have a current permit from Council for 'high wall business identification signs', they have been previously determined not to have an unreasonable impact on the Flinders Street Station or Yarra River Corridor and will not lead to an undesirable precedent.

Given that there have been no changes to the building, the signs or the surrounding built form or policy context since the current version of the signs were approved, it is entirely reasonable to expect that an application to continue to display these signs would be granted a permit by the Council. To arrive at a different decision creates uncertainty and inconsistency in the Council planning process and undermines the purpose of the Melbourne Planning Scheme.

We respectfully request that committee members grant a planning permit to allow Fivex to continue to display their signs in their current form via for a further 15 years.



**Subject:** Council and Committee meeting submission form [#1475]

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4<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Agenda item: 6.4 Boyd Park Concept Plan

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 From:
 Ken Widdowson

 To:
 CoM Meetings

 Cc:
 "jennifer McDonald"

Subject: Submission for Future Melbourne Meeting Tues. 6th March 2018

**Date:** Monday, 5 March 2018 9:49:10 AM

To Council Business officers,

I am sending this on behalf of Ms Jennifer Mc Donald, South Yarra, Tel 98676215 who intends to address the above meeting.

It would be greatly appreciated if this submission could be placed before councilors prior to the meeting.

Re. Future Melbourne Committee 6<sup>th</sup> March Agenda Item 6.5 Pasley Street North entrance improvement.

As a resident of South Yarra and a longstanding user of Fawkner Park I am opposed to the creation of a new enlarged concrete and asphalt basket ball and net ball arena in the central area of Fawkner Park.

This proposal is entirely contrary to the vision of its founders, the current Master Plan and its Heritage listing of State significance.

While the Fawkner Park Master Plan recommends improvement to the Pasley Street North entrance to the Park, as one of five entrances requiring improved accessibility, it make no recommendations requiring demolition of the existing basket ball court and gives absolutely no support to the creation of a new concrete and asphalt sports arena in the centre of the Park. In fact such a project is contrary to the Master Plan where p10 it seeks to "conserve the landscape characteristics of....... open grassy spaces." and where P 12 it seek to establish a space in the Northern part of the Park ,on which this proposed new facility impinges ,"where passive recreation is the prime focus." In fact the Report itself acknowledges that "retaining the landscape character of the Park is core to the vision for Fawkner Park."

It is also questionable whether it is appropriate that a study limited mainly to North Pasley Street and local residents should seek approval for such a major development which affects the Park as a whole and its many users.

I therefore strongly urge Councilors to give very careful thought to this proposal which for the first time in 170 years proposes the construction of a large asphalt arena, in the heart of Fawkner Park, sitting on a concrete plinth some 60 cm (2 ft.) above natural ground level. An unattractive structure to be located uncomfortably on an area of pristine open lawn, between a popular picnic area and adjacent to the main avenue of century old elm trees which the Heritage Victoria listing calls "incomparable".

Can I, with respect, suggest that perhaps this is a decision which can only be made within the framework of the Master Plan, on the advice of a panel of experienced heritage experts, with the approval of Heritage Victoria and after wider consultation with Park users from the entire neighborhood.

Jennifer McDonald

**Subject:** Council and Committee meeting submission form [#1478]

**Date:** Monday, 5 March 2018 3:41:55 PM

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Agenda Item 6.5 Fawkner Park - Pasley Street North

entrance improvements

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From: RAY COWLING
To: Com Meetings
Subject: 6March FMC

Date: Monday, 5 March 2018 3:46:52 PM
Attachments: Support Plan FMC 6 March 2018.pdf

### Folks,

Have just sent a Powerpoint presention via the web site of 5.93 MB (over 2 !) but I am not presenting - apologies cannot attend, but in case you would prefer to have the 1.33 MB pdf of the powerpoint - i have attached it, now to this email.

Cheers

Ray

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# Future Melbourne Committee 6 March 2018 Agenda Item 6.5 Fawkner Park - Pasley Street North entrance improvements

Ray Cowling (a former Principal concerned for the welfare of children in the area)

- The proposed plans contain many worthwhile improvements and the planning team is to be congratulated on their work.
- However, "school approval" for the draft concept plan actually refers to the new Principal, who was unaware of the importance of the after school program and for the need for two basketball rings to allow for matches or allow for simultaneous play by primary age and teenage goal shooters. He also under-estimates the level of friction which can occur in a large school when the number of down ball courts is so limited.
- His views were in contradiction to the views of the School Council and especially
  his School Council President who ran the basketball program. In fact a number of
  School Council members did not seek re-election this year because they felt that
  they had not been appropriately included in decision making.
- I thank the team for recognising the Principal's early error and correcting it in the Concept Plan.

# 3 downball courts – the only ball play space for 420chn, soon 500...

the school's tiny footprint was created by the Presbyterian church in 1854, (consider this was 5 years before Darwin's theory, when most thought that the earth began at 9am on October 23, 4004 BC). Kennett sold the two nearest schools (both 2 storey) to build developments which advantaged the City of Melbourne in other ways.

At Recess: Accepting the challenge of shooting for an adult goal. Note both goals in use. To ask for additional hard surface is not asking for "private purpose", page 5, attach.4. The school is a public entity required to take all the students in its community, it is not a private entity. The area can never be restricted to the public like the nearby tennis courts.

Most of the children come from apartments, or houses with negligible play space and so a chance to play ball games at school is essential. The City of Melbourne has encouraged this density - the consequence is that we need to work harder to look after the physical and mental well being of the child community – here we have a wonderful opportunity to do this - to help ensure that the children have the activity they need **when they are a captive audience at school.** (The school acquiring part of Fawkner Park is obviously not an option.)

# After school: note the age range sharing one court.

The after school groups start in Grade 1 using full size goals. The children rise to the occasion reaching grand finals at MSAC by grade 3.

The many uses of this hard surface provide evidence of the need for more hard surface.

The last Master Plan for Fawkner Park was created 12 years ago in May 2006 when school enrolment and presumably also child population was about **one third** of the present population.

# **Even the School assembly is held on the park's BB court**-no space indoor or outdoor on school property for a performance.

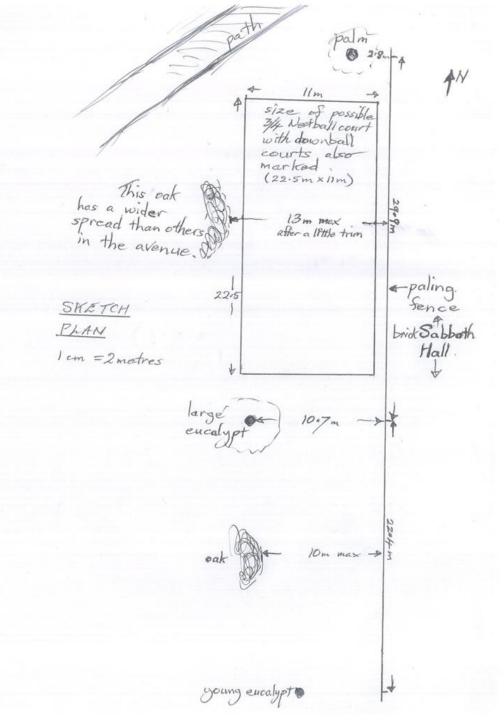
# Additional hard surface:

The last Master Plan for Fawkner Park was created 12 years ago in May 2006 when school enrolment and presumably also the child population was about **one third** of the present population.

Tennis in the park is provided with 6 times the hard surface provided for children.

Out of site behind two rows of oak trees, against the paling fence of the Church, it would be easy to fit an additional hard surface the size of a ¾ netball court with 3 down ball courts super-imposed.

Given the population increase it would not be a great stretching of the Master plan.



The resident nearest the park said "Oh, that would be alright, over there," indicating that a hard surface here was out of sight and out of mind, and he was quick to realise that there would be no noise problem to him from that area. It would also eliminate the unsightly dirt area.



# **CONCLUSION:**

Request that Committee approve the plans submitted to ensure that

- 1. the community have a full BB court on which coaching and matches can continue to be played, allowing teenagers to shoot for goal alongside the after school group;
- 2. that problems of dust, mud and poor drainage are eliminated, in the area near the Pasley St entrance as planned;
- 3. the clever variety of low mounds, drainage areas and separated paths as planned are included to offer interest to all ages.

Request urgency in carrying out these works and that as far as possible - the new court be built before the old is demolished so that programs after school and during school may continue.

Request revision of the out of date master plan (2006) to allow for an increase in hard surfaces for the three fold increase in child population as suggested in my sketch plan.

**Subject:** Council and Committee meeting submission form [#1479]

**Date:** Monday, 5 March 2018 3:58:49 PM

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improvements

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That an additional court be built as part of this plan.

Ideally this additional court could be constructed behind two rows of oak trees, against the paling fence of the Church next to South Yarra Primary School, it would be easy to fit an additional hard surface the size of a ¾ netball court with 3 down ball courts super-imposed.

There is a desperate need for more hard surfaces for our ballooning primary school student population to play sport and other activities on. South Yarra Primary School currently uses the court for PE classes and as an assembly space. In this huge park some space should be set aside for our public school students to play ball sports and gather. This would in no way negatively affect the rest of the community considering the vast open space of Fawkner Park.

Children are increasingly being raised in apartments or townhouses with little to no outdoor space. Facilities such as basketball / netball courts are vital for good mental and physical health and in the battle against anxiety / depressive disease and the current and worsening obesity epidemic.

I urge Council to built another court, be forward thinking and leave a legacy that will benefit the whole community for years to come. Demographics are changing at a very fast pace in the South Yarra area and it is the Council's job to keep up with these changes and make appropriate decisions for the whole community (not to appease one or two local property owners).

An extra court would be a asset for not just the primary school student but for the whole community to enjoy and benefit from.

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**Subject:** Council and Committee meeting submission form [#1484]

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Please see attached. I would like to speak to this item.

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#### **Submission to Future Melbourne Committee**

City of Melbourne, Council Meeting Room, Melbourne Town Hall Administration Building 6 Mar 2018, 5.30pm – Meeting No.29
Agenda Item 6.4 Boyd Park Concept Plan

Southbank Residents Association would like to commend Council and its officers, Steve Perumal and his team, particularly Victoria Evans and Lewis Wright for an outstanding final plan.

While this park has been a long time coming, the community is relieved that finally the densest part of Australian residential living will shortly have some green open space that is accessible as detailed in this Councils Open Space Strategy.

We congratulate Council on its thorough and detailed consultation. We would be surprised to hear of any group who feels they didn't have an opportunity to have a say and join the conversation. The team were attentive to the underlying angst of the community and were professional and empathetic with their engagement. There were challenges that were handled well.

Owing to this density, we acknowledge there are many needs and competing interests, which would be expected across a broad and diverse community. This would have been the greatest challenge for the Officers.

While the final design outcome of Boyd park may not be everything to everyone, we feel the Officers have found the right balance, albeit time will tell.

We know it is acknowledged in this Council that Southbank falls well short of the open space target of 20sqm per resident. We are firm on the position that retaining the entire block for open space was a sound investment but will now be a massive lost opportunity which will leave a lasting legacy for future generations. However, we acknowledge and appreciate the small compromise of adjusting the building footprint and returning some of the allocated development space back to the community. For this we are most grateful.



We understand that the requirements for the desired development are in the process of being compiled. May we request that the majority of the ground floor, and even the first floor be retained as Council property to allow for an expansion of community facilities, particularly for meeting rooms, and library. When comparing Southbank to the facilities provided within Docklands the contrast is massive and when considering ours and their current and projected populations we know the extra capacity for Southbank will be required and well received.

The upgrade of City road west, particularly the reimaging of the Kings Way undercroft, will be complimentary to this space and we ask Council if this design and construction is going to proceed in 17/18 as per the City Road Master Plan, or if not, why not?

Regards

Tony Penna President Southbank Residents Association From: **CoM Meetings** To:

Subject: Council and Committee meeting submission form [#1483]

Date: Tuesday, 6 March 2018 9:17:49 AM

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#### Agenda Item 6.4 Boyd Park Concept Plan (6 Mar 2018, 5.30pm – FMC Meeting No.29)

I would like to give my support for the final Boyd Park concept plan. The Council and its officers did a great job in engaging the community, give us an opportunity to have our needs heard, something which was reflected in their final plan.

I was impressed with the final result as it showed that the main 4 concerns and needs expressed by the community were answered. That is the move of the basketball court, the creation of a nearby dog park, the inclusion of 0-5 year old playspace, and most important to me as a member of the Southbank Sustainability Group, the allocation of a permanent space for the community garden! This is a project we started almost a year ago, that has grown so much during this time, which has built a great sense of community for its always growing members, and which always generates conversations with other Southbank residents whenever we tend the garden. And Southbank has so little green space and spaces for the community to interact. So we can't wait for the permanent community garden space, and hopefully a community composting in the near future, to be a part of our Boyd community park and see it grow. Ideally, it would be better to see the allocated residential building development gone and also be part of the park. Especially seeing how Southbank is well below the 20sqM of green space per resident, currently residing at about 4sqM/resident. Green space is what we are missing, not more residential towers.

I can appreciate how challenging it must've been for the Council's officers Steve Perumal, Victoria Evans, Lewis Wright, and their team to get a permanent community garden space allocated and approved. So I want to acknowledge their hard and great work, great listening during the consultation phase, their quick turnaround to suggesting potential solutions, and of course the wonderful end result. I can confidently say that these feelings are reflected by the rest of the Southbank Sustainability Group.

We all look forward to the great park ahead and urge the Council to vote in support for this plan.

Sincerely,

Artemis Pattichi
Member, Southbank Sustainability Group, and Southbank resident
Southbank 3006

**Subject:** Council and Committee meeting submission form [#1481]

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#### SUBMISSION TO:

Future Melbourne Committee Meeting

Held at Melbourne Town Hall 5:30pm on 6th March 2018

Agenda Item: 6.4 Boyd Park Concept Plan

Dear Members of the Future Melbourne Committee and Melbourne City Council,

The members of the **Southbank Sustainability Group** would like to thank you all for your determined efforts in making our city (Melbourne) a truly wonderful place to live. In particular we would like to thank the Officers of the City of Melbourne (COM) Steve Perumal, Victoria Evans and Lewis Wright for their hard work, listening to the various desires of the community in the creation of a wonderful Boyd Park design for the densest populated suburb of Australia. Southbank desperately needs this park and we fully support this project.

The Southbank Sustainability Group was formed by the City of Melbourne in June 2017 to create a community spirit in a densely populate and yet isolated way of life. Our group has grown organically (without much advertisement) over the past 8 months and today we have over 40 members. Our objective is to build friendships and to work on making our way of life more sustainable. One of our activity is the Community Garden and Orchard where we grow vegetables, herbs and fruit trees. Much joy and produce has resulted from this activity (see attached photos). Whenever we work in the garden some people stop to praise the work and some want to join – we are growing organically.

Until now we have been working in a temporary location at the north-west corner of the Boyd Community Centre. During our meeting with the COM (1st March 2018) our group was shown the final plan of the new Boyd Park showing the Garden located in the north-east corner and it was discussed that the Orchard will be located at the northern part of the Future Development Site. The concrete planters located in the Temporary Park will be relocated to the northern part of the Future Development Site and used to plant a variety of fruit trees that will be maintained by our group. The Southbank Sustainability Group is very appreciative and wants to express its gratitude to the City of Melbourne for the space allocated to this "community building" activity.

The planned location for the Garden is great, however we have some minor concerns.

On the positive side:

- A very prominent location for all to see when they visit the Boyd Community Centre.
- A good-sized plot to develop the activity. The size of the present temporary Garden is about 22 m<sup>2</sup> and the members of the Southbank Sustainability Group are seeking more space. The proposed new site for the Garden has ample room to grow the activity. It just needs to be designed correctly.

Some Concerns:

- The adjacent trees on the northern side will eventually grow to shade some of the proposed Garden area and vegetable do not grow well in the shade. This is not seen as a problem for the next 2 to 3 years.
- Vegetables are seasonable crops sometimes the planters will have soil with seeds germinating (nothing visible), sometimes nice green leafy vegetables growing and (at the end of the cycle) there will be brown dying bushes. Be aware that the view will be changing and will not always be a pleasant one to look at.
- The composting of vegetable matter from the Garden, coffee grinds from the House of Cards Café and people's homes will produce some smells. For that reason, during our meeting with the COM, we discussed the idea of locating the composting area in the Orchard (northern part of the Future Development Site). Nevertheless, there will be occasions (2 to 3 times per year) when compost will be spread and mixed into the Garden soil and this may generate some odours.

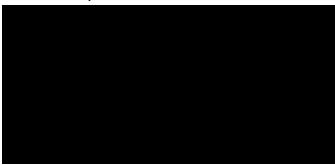
# **CONCLUSION**

The Southbank Sustainability Group sincerely hopes that the Future Melbourne Committee and Melbourne City Council approve the proposed Boyd Park plans, including the Garden and Orchard areas, for the enjoyment of the community and to improve the sustainability of our way of life.

The Southbank Sustainability Group would like to congratulate the Melbourne City Council and particular Steve Perumal, Victoria Evans and Lewis Wright for the manner they have listened to the community and incorporated their wishes into the Boyd Park plans.

Once the Boyd Park plans are approved it will be important that COM involves the Southbank Sustainability Group (working together) to develop the details of the Garden and Orchard areas.

Yours truly.



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It's mostly about building community & friendships



Then we do some work



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Planting Passion Fruit

Before and After







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# Future Melbourne Committee Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> March

# Agenda Item 6.5 Pasley Street North entrance improvement.

I object to the proposed plan to locate a large asphalt and concrete netball and multifunctional court within the parkland area of Fawkner Park. The proposed new upgraded multipurpose court will be located on a large area of green field within the park. It will be closely adjacent to the main avenue of elms a central pathway of Fawkner Park. The court will be visually prominent from this central pathway and from the surrounding parkland recreation and walk area and will intrude on the significant parkland landscape.

The proposal for this new multifunctional court does not sit well with the original vision for Faulkner Park. This vision describes a Park for active and passive recreation with avenues of trees and pathways and large expanses of green playing fields. The grassy playing fields rather than constructed sports facilities like the proposed court have worked well for both active and passive recreation to exist harmoniously.

.The location of the proposed new multipurpose court within the Park is contrary to the Master Plan for the Park The Master Plan aims to conserve the landscape character of the treed avenues and pathways and open grassy spaces. It refers to the simple open character of the lawn as a key component of the original 1875 design and a vital part of Fawkner Park today. The Statement of Significance for Fawkner Park on the Heritage Register similarly describes the Park character. It adds that the original rows of avenued trees are incomparable to any other 19 century parks of Melbourne. How inconsistent to place a netball court within this parkscape.

Fawkner Park largely retains its earlier form. There is admirable restraint in built structures and amenity buildings for the sporting fields. The constructed sports facilities such as the Tennis Courts are on the periphery of the Park so the significant parkland character is preserved. This is not the case with the proposed new court. It is very visible in the landscape, elevated on a concrete plinth, covers a large area of pristine green field between the central avenue of elms and a row of trees. It is adjacent to the picnic area and the playground which

appear small by comparison with the multipurpose court on the diagram. Its use includes skateboarding and scooting in the large elevated concrete and asphalted area. It will attract large numbers of users onto the court. Perhaps no more peace and quiet in the heart of the Park. Facilities and activities such as these are better suited to the periphery of the Park where they do not detract from its significant landscape.

I am concerned that a big change for the Park has not received adequate consultation from a wide range of users of the Park and experts. What seemed to be a local matter of improving access to the Park and fixing the drainage problems has become a bigger issue for the whole Park.

Respondents to the proposed plan for the Park seem to be largely Pasley st residents who do not want the court on the periphery of the park ,and the School population and the Sports community. Not included appear to be a large walking population of residents of surrounding streets, St.Kilda Road office staff and people from Alfred hospital. Why should decisions for the whole Park be made by a select population of users?

Please defer acceptance of the proposed plan for the netball court until further expert advice can be obtained, for example, within the framework of the Master Plan and there is wider consultation.

Jennifer McDonald

**Subject:** Council and Committee meeting submission form [#1485]

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Agenda item title: \* FawknerPark Pasley St Entrance Improvements

Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit <u>by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting</u>. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.

I object to the proposed plan to locate a large new asphalt and concrete multifunctional basketball court within the parkland area of Fawkner Park. It will be located on a large area of green field within the Park and adjacent to the main avenue of elms, a central pathway of FawknerPark.

Location of this court does not accord with the original vision for Fawkner Park, the Masterplan, or the Statement of Significance on the Heritage Register.

The Masterplan described achieving a balance between active and passive recreation in the Park.

At present major Sports facilities such as the tennis courts are located on the periphery of the Park. The do not interrupt views of the extensive playing fields

The new upgraded multifunctional netball ,scating,scooting court in the heart of the Park will detract from the significant landscape of the Park.

A big change for Fawkner Park does not appear to have received adequate consultation from expert consultants and the large population of walking passive recreation users of the Park.

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