Engagement Report

Unley High School Multi-Sport Pitch





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Background 1.

Forestville Hockey Club (the Club) in collaboration with the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing (ORSR) and the Department of Education (EDU) is proposing to construct an all-weather multi-sport pitch and club rooms at Unley High School (the School).

The development will complement the existing Life Be In It gymnasium, school fitness centre and specialist rowing facility, and the hard-surface courts currently under construction on the school grounds. Together, these venues will provide students and the local community with the opportunity to play a range of sports on a modern high-performance playing surface.

The selection of the site involved a review of more than 20 locations across southern metropolitan Adelaide with the previous State Government proposing the location at Unley High School as the most suitable site in 2020. A further review was conducted by the current State Government in 2022 confirming the site at Unley High School for a new muti-sport pitch.

Funding has been secured for the project from Federal and State Government and is being sought from Local Government (City of Mitcham).

1.1 Purpose of this Engagement

As part of the City of Mitcham funding agreement, community engagement is required to be undertaken to ensure that local residents are made aware of and can provide feedback on the project.

The City of Mitcham required the following engagement process be undertaken:

- An online survey to be made available to local residents and school community for a minimum 28-day period as an opportunity for them to provide feedback on the Club's proposal
- Letterbox drop to residents within 250 metres of Unley High School to directly notify residents
- A letter or online notification to all families with students who attend Unley High School directly notifying them of the survey.

URPS has compiled this report on behalf on the Club who has undertaken engagement beyond Council's requirements.

Formal community engagement took place over a 30-day period from 22 June to 21 July 2023.

Prior to this date, Forestville Hockey Club undertook informal community engagement via a letter box drop to residents advising that the concept plans for the proposal were in development and would be shared with the local community once prepared.

URPS engagement activities were designed to inform the community about the project, gain input into the draft concept plans and indicative design images, and provide an opportunity to better understand local issues and concerns.

The objectives for the community engagement were to:

Inform the community about the proposed multi-sport pitch at Unley High School.



- Provide information about the proposal including location, playing surface, lighting, fencing, noise, drainage and operating hours.
- Provide draft concept plans as well as indicative design images to enable the community to understand what is proposed.
- Provide the outcomes of technical reports to help address specific concerns raised by the community in relation to traffic, noise, trees and pitch construction materials.
- Seek the community's views on the proposal and suggestions to improve the draft concept plans.
- Close the loop and provide Council and participants with a summary of the feedback received.

1.2 Engagement Activities

A range of engagement activities were undertaken to inform the community of the proposal for the multisport pitch at the school and to seek their views on any changes or improvements that could be made to the draft concept plans. The table below outlines the activities undertaken, along with their target audience.

Table 1 - Engagement activities

Activity	Description	Target audience
Forestville Hockey Club letter and factsheet	A letter by the Forestville Hockey Club providing early advice to local residents about the proposal was distributed via letter box drop in February 2023. The letter was accompanied by a 2-page factsheet. A copy of the letter and factsheet is included at Appendix A .	Local Residents
Mitcham Council deputation	URPS Director Marcus Rolfe and Forestville Hockey Club Board Member Peter Schembri attended a Mitcham Council meeting on 9 May 2023 to update the Council on the project's progress, planned engagement activities and to provide an opportunity to answer any questions. Council Meeting Minutes can be accessed at 9 May 2023 Full Council (civicclerk.com.au).	Mayor and Elected Members
Kingswood & Netherby Residents Steering Group facilitated discussion	URPS Director Nicole Halsey facilitated a meeting with four representatives from the Residents Steering Group and the Forestville Hockey Club at the Mitcham Library on 27 July 2023. The Mayor of City of Mitcham and Principal of Unley High School also attended the meeting. A summary of the meeting is included at Appendix B .	Kingswood & Netherby Residents Steering Group



Activity	Description	Target audience
Website	A website was created to provide the community with detailed information about the proposal including draft concept plans, indicative design images, technical reports and FAQs. A link to the online survey was available via a 'Have Your Say' button on the website. The website address is https://multisportpitch.com.au	Forestville Hockey Club players, Unley High School families, Local Residents and general community.
Flyer	A flyer was distributed via letter box drop to 709 local residents on 22 June 2023 to promote the website and online survey. A copy of the flyer and distribution map is included at Appendices C and D .	Local Residents
Online Survey	An online survey was developed to gather input from the general community about the proposal including suggestions for improvements to the concept plans and proposed operating model. A copy of the survey is included at Appendix E with responses to open-ended survey questions at Appendix F .	General community
School notice	Unley High School families were notified of the website and survey via a school notice. A copy of the notice is included at Appendix G .	Families and students at Unley High School

1.3 Engagement Results

This engagement approach has been designed to be analysed qualitatively rather than quantitatively.

The consultation outlines key themes regarding issues and opportunities and provides insight into the community's views regarding the proposed multi-sport pitch at the school. This information will be used as one input into the design and decision-making process.

The following sections summarise the key themes of feedback received through the key engagement activities, including:

- Council deputation.
- Residents Steering Group meeting.
- Communications collateral.
- Online survey.
- Other feedback methods.



2. Meetings

2.1 Mitcham Council Deputation

URPS Director Marcus Rolfe and Forestville Hockey Club Board Member Peter Schembri provided a deputation to Mitcham Council on 9 May 2023 to update the Mayor and Elected Members on the project's progress, planned engagement activities and to provide an opportunity to answer any questions. A copy of the meeting minutes can be accessed at 9 May 2023 Full Council (civicclerk.com.au) https://mitcham.civicclerk.com.au/web/Player.aspx?id=7&key=-1&mod=-1&mk=-1&nov=0 including questions raised by members of the community.

During the meeting, Craigburn Ward Councillor Darren Kruse suggested a face-to-face "mediation" session should be held between the Forestville Hockey Club and the Residents Steering Group as well as the provision of independent expert opinions on issues that were concerning residents such as the pitch construction materials.

Council also reaffirmed its position at the meeting that Council funding was dependent upon specific conditions being met by the Forestville Hockey Club, including appropriate community engagement, an environmentally friendly artificial pitch and confirmation that onsite parking will be provided on the school grounds.

A range of questions were asked by residents at the Council meeting pertaining to funding, parking, pitch materials, licencing arrangements, operating hours, green space and community engagement which were taken on notice by Council to be addressed in a future agenda.

2.2 Residents Steering Group Meeting

On 27 June 2023, URPS Director Nicole Halsey facilitated a meeting with four representatives from the Forestville Hockey Club, Kingswood & Netherby Residents Steering Group, Unley High School and City of Mitcham. The meeting provided an opportunity to share information about the Club's proposal to establish a multi-sport pitch and club room at the school and gain a better understanding of the Residents Steering Group's concerns.

The following issues were raised by the Residents Steering Group:

- Increased car parking and traffic impacts in surrounding streets.
- Heat, toxic chemicals and micro plastics from the synthetic playing surface.
- Stormwater runoff and ability of the drainage/filtration system to remove pollutants prior to being discharged into the stormwater system including the nearby wetlands.
- Reduction in green open space at the school for the local community to use.
- Light spill into nearby residences.
- Impact on neighbourhood look and feel.
- Lack of consultation on site selection.

A more detailed summary of the meeting is included at **Appendix B**.



3. Communications Collateral

3.1 Local Residents Letter and Factsheet

A letter from the Forestville Hockey Club providing early advice to local residents about the proposal was distributed via letter box drop in February 2023. The letter was accompanied by a 2-page factsheet and provided contact details for residents to ask questions or seek clarification on the proposal from the Club.

A copy of the letter and factsheet is included at **Appendix A**.

3.2 Website

A website was created by the Forestville Hockey Club to provide the community with detailed information about the proposal including draft concept plans, indicative images, technical reports and FAQs. A link to the online survey was available via a 'Have Your Say' button on the website. The website launched on 22 June 2023.

The website can be accessed at the following address: https://multisportpitch.com.au



3.3 Flyer

A flyer was distributed via letter box drop to 709 local residents on 22 June 2023 to promote the website and encourage participation in the online survey. A copy of the flyer and distribution map is included at **Appendices C and D**.

3.4 Schools Notice

Unley High School families were notified of the website and survey via a school notice on 23 June 2023. A copy of the notice is included at **Appendix G**.



4. Online Survey

4.1 Introduction

An online survey was prepared by the Forestville Hockey Club and hosted on Survey Monkey to receive community feedback on the proposal for a multi-sport pitch at the school. The survey was promoted via the project website, the flyer, school notice and Club's social media platforms.

The online survey was accessible via the website during the engagement period from 22 June to 21 July 2023.

4.2 Results

A total of 662 surveys were completed during the consultation period. The number of responses and key themes to each of the questions are reported below. A copy of the survey is included at **Appendix E.** A summary of the data collected for Questions 7 and 8 provided by respondents to the two open-ended survey questions is at **Appendix F.** Identifying personal information such as names and contact details have been removed from the survey data presented in this report.

4.2.1 Suburb

132 of the 662 survey respondents indicated that they lived in Kingswood and a further 54 people indicated they lived in Netherby. After these two most-commonly identified suburbs, people indicated they lived in many of the surrounding suburbs such as Mitcham (23), Clapham (18), Hawthorn (16), Westbourne Park (15), Torrens Park (14), Clarence Park (13), Belair (11), Clarence Gardens (11), Colonel Light Gardens (11), Fullarton (11), Highgate (11) and Lower Mitcham (10), although some respondents lived as far away as Port Lincoln(1), Wallaroo (1) and Townsville (1).

The following word cloud shows the spread of respondent's residential locations:

Flagstaff Hill Springfield Glandore Plympton
Park Holme Goodwood Adelaide KINGSWOOD SA Prospect

Myrtle Bank Malvern Clarence Park Clarence Gardens Black Forest

Parkside Clapham Belair Hawthorn Unley Mile End

Melrose park Beaumont Grange Highgate Kingswood Fullarton Urrbrae Gardens

St Marys Panorama Mitcham Park Netherby Millswood

Lower Mitcham Torrens Park Westbourne Park Sturt Athelstone

Wayville Pasadena Forestville Colonel Light Gardens

Kurralta Park Golden Grove Cumberland Park

Paralowie Hawthorndene North Adelaide Aberfoyle Park

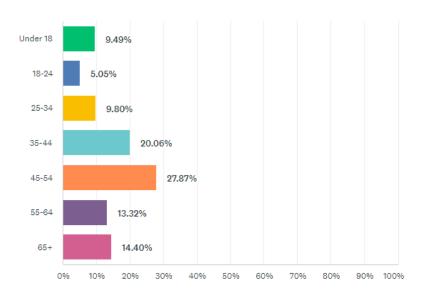


4.2.2 Age Range

653 people provided a response to the question "What is your age range?" with 45-54 years being the most common age bracket at 28%, followed by 35-44 years at 20%.

What is your age range?

Answered: 653 Skipped: 9



4.2.3 Things I like about this Project

643 people provided a response to the question "Things I like about this project". 19 people chose to skip this question. As an open-ended question, respondents were able to provide free form answers nominating what they liked about the proposal for a multi-sport pitch at the school. Responses to this question often spoke about multiple aspects. Responses have been analysed and synthesised under key themes to enable quantification of key aspects that are liked about the project.

The top 10 aspects that people liked most about the project were:

Theme-positive	No of responses
Will improve the sporting facilities at a public high school	123
Encourages young people to be active and outdoors	117
Likes nothing about the project	115
Supports grass roots sport and encourages local participation	94
Accessibility/reduces long travel time to other sport pitches	92



Theme-positive	No of responses
Co-location and shared use between club and local schools	86
Is a modern state of the art sporting facility	84
Promotes health and wellbeing in the community	79
Playing surface is suitable for all weather	74
Provides a home ground for the Forestville Hockey Club	71

Some respondents used this question to raise their objection to the proposal noting there was 'nothing' they liked about the proposal, whilst others indicated they were concerned about its impact on the environment/plastic waste generation, its location, traffic and parking impacts, provision of a licenced club room on school grounds, reduction in green space and increased noise and temperatures in the surrounding area.

The top 5 aspects that people disliked about the project were:

Theme-negative	No of Responses
Likes nothing about the project	115
Plastic waste/impact on the environment	34
Disapproves of location	26
Traffic and parking impacts	23
Disapproves of licenced clubrooms on school grounds	21

4.2.4 My suggestions to change and improve the project

524 people provided a response to this question. 138 people chose to skip this question. This was also an open-ended question that enabled respondents to provide a free form answer about what they would like to change or improve about the proposal. Many respondents provided multiple suggestions as part of their response. Responses have been analysed and synthesised under key themes to enable quantification of suggestions for improvement.



The top 10 suggestions for improving the project were:

Theme	No of Responses
No suggestions for improvement - supports project as proposed	166
Prefers a new location	109
Unspecified response e.g. NA, -, No, None, etc	68
Concerns with the synthetic playing surface	55
Concerns with on-street parking	50
No suggestion for improvement - opposes project	40
No or limited sale of alcohol in the club room	38
Replace the artificial pitch with natural grass/sand/water-based pitch	31
More community engagement and communications	30
Concerns with noise/lighting	25
Concerns with loss of public access/dog access and fencing	25



Other Engagement Activities

5.1 Phone Calls and Email Enquiries

The Forestville Hockey Club was the main point of contact for public enquiries relating to the proposal. Following the initial letter and factsheet distribution the Club received approximately 15 phone and email contacts. Of these, some were supportive of the proposed development, some requested consideration of specific issues while others were not supportive siting a range concerns including traffic and parking, the sale of alcohol, noise and heat, light spill, loss of open space/soccer pitches, impact on the Urrbrae wetlands, removal of trees and use of public land by a private sports club.

5.2 Social Media

Forestville Hockey Club used their social media platforms - Facebook and Linkedin - to promote the consultation and encourage participation in the survey. The two posts provided below received 29 likes and 3 shares.



Have you had your say?

Info: https://multisportpitch.com.au/

Feedback: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/multisportpitch









https://multisportpitch.com.au/





Multi-sport Pitch consultation is now open

Get the facts and have your say at

multisportpitch.com.au

by 12 noon Friday 21 July



Pitch in for Our Kids

4 July at 11:34 · 🚱

Have you had your say about the new multisport pitch?

It'll deliver huge benefits for kids at Forestville Hockey Club and Unley High School - and our wider southern suburbs community



The community consultation period is NOW OPEN. Head to multisportpitch.com.au to lend your support to the project.

Making an online submission is quick and easy.

Please share this post with fellow supporters! It's essential we all have our say and ensure decision-makers know this is a worthy, wanted and beneficial sports investment.



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6. Summary

Overall, the engagement activities provided the community with accurate information about the proposal for a multi-sport pitch at the school. The activities also provided residents with the opportunity to view the draft concept plans and design images, as well as understand technical reports relating to the proposal. The online survey provided an opportunity to comment and give feedback on what people liked about the proposal as well as concerns and ideas for improvement.

This engagement provides valuable insights and input from the community and will be provided to City of Mitcham and State Government partners to finalise the funding agreements and prepare the final concept plans.



Appendix A

Letter and Factsheet

Dear neighbour,

I'm writing to invite you to take part in **neighbourhood consultation** that will soon be held about a joint sports project between the Forestville Hockey Club and Unley High School.



The all-weather, multi-sport pitch will be built on school land and will enable children to play hockey, netball and touch football on a year-round surface.

It'll be accompanied by a small club room to be used by the Forestville Hockey Club outside school hours. It'll include men's and women's change rooms, a canteen, meeting space and storage area.

The \$4.1 million project was an election commitment announced by both the state and federal governments prior to last year's elections.

"These facilities will be outstanding for students and school-based physical education programs such as hockey, netball, five-a-side soccer and touch football.

In winter, when ovals need to be closed, it will provide a year-round sporting surface.

A school on its own could never gain enough funding for the installation of facility like this. Students will greatly benefit from this development."

Greg Rolton, Principal, Unley High School

Detailed draft designs are now being developed and will be made public as part of neighbourhood consultation planned for **April/May**. We'll be seeking your input to finalise those plans.

Forestville Hockey Club is a local, family-oriented club with a sterling reputation dating back to 1905. It's the oldest hockey club in the southern hemisphere! The club has a long association with our neighbourhood. Kingswood Hockey Club merged into Forestville Hockey Club in 1993. Current club members hail from suburbs including Kingswood, Netherby, Highgate, Torrens Park, Hawthorn, Myrtle Bank and Mitcham.

We welcome neighbourhood interest in our project and we're keen to respond to locals. That's why we've included a **Fact Sheet** addressing key questions about the project.

We'll let you know when the neighbourhood consultation begins and detailed plans are available for you to see. We look forward to working with you as part of this exciting opportunity to benefit students and our sports community.

We're happy to hear from you via FHCPitch@outlook.com

Warm regards,

Peter Schembri Local resident

Forestville Hockey Club Board member

Simon Marsh Local resident

Forestville Hockey Club Board member

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Fact Sheet - Your Questions Answered

Hockey and multi-sport facility at Unley High School

The project

Forestville Hockey Club and Unley High School are working together to build a multi-sports hub on the western side of the school's grounds.

A new all-weather synthetic pitch will be installed, which is suitable for hockey, netball and touch football. A small club room will house men's and women's change rooms, a canteen, meeting space and storage area.

The all-weather pitch will be used by Unley High students and visiting schools, as well as Forestville Hockey Club.

The \$4.1 million project is funded by both the state and federal governments, including \$140 000 from the City of Mitcham. The project was publicly announced in the lead up to the state and federal elections.

The location

The new sports hub will be located on the western side of the school grounds, next to the tennis courts. This land is part of the school and is owned by the state government.

The site is bordered by the school gym, playing fields, Urrbrae paddocks and tennis courts. The western edge of the pitch will be approximately 25 metres from the nearest residential property and separated by the lit bike/walk way and tennis courts.

The new pitch is about 5,900 square metres.

The public will still have

access to the remaining grassed area of approximately 4000 square metres, the school oval and Balham Avenue Reserve.



Public consultation period - April/May 2023

Public consultation is planned for April/May 2023, following the preparation of detailed draft designs. It's important the designs are reliable and deliverable. Site plans, floor plans and images will be available to the public ahead of the consultation period and there will be opportunities to ask questions and provide feedback on the design.

There will be time to modify the draft design after the consultation phase and improve the project based on public feedback. Feedback that has already been received has been taken on board by the club and school and has been passed on to designers.



Forestville Hockey Club

Forestville Hockey Club was established in 1905 and is the oldest hockey club in the southern hemisphere. The club has a strong connection with Unley High School and Kingswood. In 1993 Kingswood Hockey Club merged with Forestville.

Club members include students at Unley High and residents of Mitcham and Unley councils, including members who live in Kingswood, Netherby, Highgate, Torrens Park, Hawthorn, Myrtle Bank and Mitcham.

The club is a family-oriented community-based sports club. It is run by volunteers as an Incorporated Association.

The club has about 330 members and has operated from Goodwood Oval for 118 years. Unfortunately the existing site is too small for a competition-grade synthetic pitch, which is required for the modern game. The club has been renting pitches in the northern suburbs to play and train for many years, which is now financially unsustainable.

At the 2018 election, both Labor and Liberal parties committed to a new pitch at the Women's Memorial Playing Fields. This plan was cancelled in 2020 and the club commenced an extensive search for another location in the inner southern suburbs.

Local traffic and parking

The club and school are conscious of long-held concerns from local residents about traffic in the area. Training and games will be held outside school hours and won't add more traffic to local streets at peak school traffic times.

Users of the new sports hub will be permitted to use the existing on-site car parking. The development will provide safe, convenient pedestrian access from the car parks to the new pitch through the campus.

Lighting and sound

The pitch will be lit with modern, directional LED lighting, which minimises light spill. Combined with the 25 metre buffer between the pitch and nearby residences, light spill from the new sports hub will be minimal.

The use of the pitch for hockey games and practice will involve a low level of noise from players on the pitch and whistles during games. The buffer zone will help minimise noise.

The environment

It is not anticipated any significant trees will need to be removed to build the new sports hub.

While synthetic playing surfaces are warmer than natural grass, advancements in technology mean modern synthetic materials are significantly cooler than those used for pitches in past decades. The coolest materials possible will be selected for the minimisation of heat and comfort of players. Significant water savings are also achieved with artificial pitches.

Licensed premises

Like many other sports clubs, the club plans to apply for a liquor licence to permit the sale of alcohol to adults on match days and after senior training. This is an important fundraising activity for any sporting club and ensures it is self-sustainable. A licence is subject to an application to the Licensing Court and, if granted, conditions will likely be applied, such as restricting the hours of sale.

The court will consider public submissions as part of its deliberations. It's anticipated that a licence will be sought in 2024.

Forestville Hockey Club has successfully held a licence in a residential area for several decades. The club is committed to the responsible service of alcohol. Any licenced clubroom will be at least 70 metres from the nearest residences.



Appendix B

Summary of Forestville Hockey Club and Residents Steering Group Meeting

Forestville Hockey Club proposal

Meeting with representatives of the Kingswood & Netherby Residents Steering Group, Unley High School,
City of Mitcham and Forestville Hockey Club

4pm to 5pm, Tuesday 27 June 2023 Meeting Room2, Mitcham Memorial Library

Attendees:

John Wotherspoon, Annette Porter, Brian Lee, Nick Harry (arrived late) from the Kingswood & Netherby Residents Steering Group, Greg Rolton, Principal, Unley High School, Heather Holmes-Ross, Mayor, City of Mitcham, Peter Schembri and Alison Boag, Forestville Hockey Club

Facilitator: Nicole Halsey, URPS

A meeting was convened by the Forestville Hockey Club (the Club) inviting representatives of the Kingswood & Netherby Residents Steering Group (Residents Group), Unley High School and City of Mitcham to share information about the Club's proposal to establish a multi-sport pitch and club rooms at Unley High School and gain a better understanding of the Residents Group's concerns.

Issues/concerns identified by the representatives of the Residents Group regarding the proposal

- Concerns regarding how the use of the proposed multi-sport pitch will exacerbate existing car parking
 and traffic issues in streets surrounding the school due to increased visitation and therefore parking
 and traffic generation. Existing issues identified by the Residents Group included people parking
 across driveways, increased parking in residential streets at school drop off and pick up times and
 parking on both sides of narrow streets impacting the safe thoroughfare of cars.
 - It was identified by the Residents Group that the use of the 'Life Be In' car park would not help manage the extra car parking requirements of users of the pitch as it was often at capacity.
- Concerns regarding the synthetic playing surface including their view that it will create a heat sink, release toxic chemicals, generate microplastics that will enter the stormwater system and therefore be discharged into the nearby wetlands and that a natural grassed area is being "replaced with plastic".
- It was identified that the residents had no "comfort" regarding the stormwater filtration system and its ability to manage microplastics in runoff.
- It was considered that no definitive information has been made available that guarantees the safety of the synthetic surface now or in the future and that the science still needs to catch up with this new product in terms of its long-term health impacts.
- Concern that stormwater runoff from the synthetic surface will add to existing flooding issues they feel already exist in the area.
 - Concern that the creation of the pitch would reduce green open space available for local community use which will reduce residents' amenity.



- Concern that the proposed pitch would reduce the space available for Unley High School students to sit and eat their lunch.
- Concern that the location of the proposed pitch was too "close to residents" and that the chosen location will have "maximum impact on local residents" including from light spill into nearby residences.
- It was suggested that Unley High School should attract funding for appropriate drainage of the existing grassy area which would mean it could accommodate a grassed pitch.
- It was identified that some residents have moved to the locality near the school based on their understanding that it will be used for educational purposes.
- Concern that the proposed pitch will change the "feeling and atmosphere" of the area.
- The view that there has been no consultation to this point seeking residents' views about whether a pitch should be located at the school.
- Concern regarding the accuracy and honesty of reporting of feedback received during the consultation.

Opportunities to help address issues/concerns

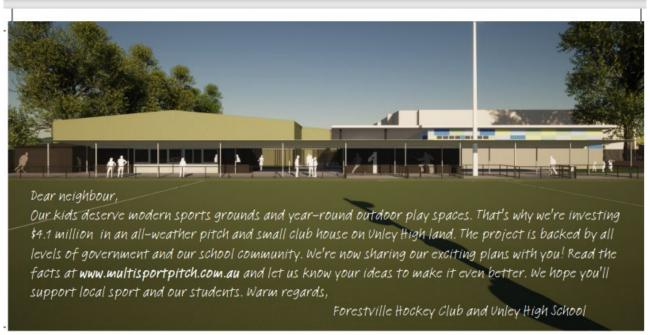
The following opportunities were identified by the Residents Group to help address their issues/concerns:

- It was suggested that one way to help manage car parking and traffic generation in nearby streets would be to prevent pedestrian access from these streets to the pitch so that people did not take the easiest and most direct/shortest access route. This could be done through careful consideration of the location of pedestrian gates into the pitch. At the same time, it was identified that access still needed to be maintained for students attending the school and accessing the school grounds from different directions from nearby streets.
- A desire to see "safety data" about the proposed synthetic surface including information that described what it is made of.
- The provision of information about how stormwater filtration system will operate.
- Supplying information about the size of the retention tanks and how they will manage stormwater runoff from the pitch.
- Provide access to technical reports commissioned by the Club e.g. relating to noise, car parking/traffic and surveying of the land.



Appendix C **Flyer**





Appendix D

Flyer Distribution Map





Appendix E Online survey

Multi-Sport Pitch

Detailed information, designs, maps and answers to common questions are now available on www.multisportpitch.com.au. These facts are compiled by the project engineers and designers. Some information may be new to you or may be different to information you might have heard from third parties. Please take the time to read the information on the website before completing this survey.

1. First Name	
2. Last Name	
3. Suburb	
4. Email	
4. Ellidii	
* 5. Mobile	
6. What is your age range	9?
Under 18	
18-24	
25-34	
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45-54	
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Appendix F

Summary of online survey results

Q7. Things I like about this project

Theme-positive	No of responses
Will improve the sporting facilities at a public high school	123
Encourages young people to be active and outdoors	117
Supports grass roots sport and encourages local participation	94
Accessibility/Reduces long travel time to other sport pitches	92
Co-location and shared use between club and local schools	86
Is a modern state of the art sporting facility	84
Promotes health and wellbeing in the community	79
Playing surface is suitable for all weather	74
Provides a home ground for the Forestville Hockey Club	71
Enables multiple sports to be played	63
Is well planned and designed	53
Improves suburb	22
Environmentally friendly/non-toxic. Synthetic pitches use less water than grass pitches	16
Reduce injuries	2
Ability to train/play at night	1

Theme-negative	No of responses
Likes nothing about the project	115
Plastic waste/impact the environment	34
Disapproves of location	26
Traffic and parking impacts	23
Disapproves of licenced clubrooms on school grounds	21
Reduces green space for local residents	21
Insufficient consultation	15
Increases noise/temperature/light spill	13
Disapproves of funding	11



Not in keeping with Waite bequest/use of public land	
Disapproves of operating hours	5
Other - impact on property values	2
Other - wheel chair accessibility, increase injuries	1 each

Note: 643 people completed this question. 19 people skipped this question. Many respondents nominated several things they liked or disliked about the project which explains the higher number of responses received for this question than the total number of survey respondents.



Q8. My suggestions to change and improve the project

Theme	No of responses
No suggestions for improvement - supports project as proposed	166
Prefers a new location	109
Unspecified response e.g. NA, -, No, None, etc	68
Concerns with the synthetic playing surface	55
Concerns with on-street parking	50
No suggestion for improvement - opposes proposal	40
No or limited sale of alcohol in the club room	38
Replace the artificial pitch with natural grass/sand/water-based pitch	31
More community engagement and communications	30
Concerns with noise/lighting	25
Concerns with loss of public access/dog access/fencing	25
Include grandstand/raised seating and shelter for spectators	18
Increase on-site carparking	17
Enable the pitch to be used for more sports e.g. soccer, tennis, grid iron, rugby and lacrosse	14
Add more tree canopy and native vegetation	11
Increase the size of the club room/number of change rooms/swapping the club room and change room locations	11
Reduce pitch and club room operating hours	10
Instal a children's play area	8
Other - Not in keeping with Waite bequest	6
Other - Opposed to council funding	6
Improve site drainage to prevent runoff and flooding	5
Replace the gender-neutral change rooms with separate men's and women's change rooms	4
Other - Supports hiring of club/equipment	4
Other - Concerned about crime	4
Reduce pedestrian pathways to discourage parking in nearby streets	3
Include a player warm-up area	3
Move team benches closer to the technical bench and providing seating in the dug outs	2



Use different pitch colours to differentiate between the pitch and non-pitch areas	2
Other - Install a scoreboard	2
Other - Improve security	2
Other - Refurbished current gym	2
Other - add a café, move location of canteen, add water fountains, put a roof over the pitch, add a smoking balcony, add baby change facilities, increase side areas of pitch for players	1 each

Note: 524 people completed this question. 138 people skipped this question. Many respondents suggested several ways to change or improve the project which explains the higher number of responses received for this question than the total number of survey respondents.



Appendix G

Schools Notice

From: Unley High School

Sent: Friday, 23 June 2023 3:50 PM Subject: Week 8 Principal's Update

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

We have reached the halfway point of the year and next Monday is the Semester change over. The new timetables are already available via Daymap. Teachers are now completing the Semester 1 reports which will be issued, again via Daymap, at the end of the term in two weeks.

Forestville Hockey Club

Forestville Hockey Club have progressed their planning to establish a new all-weather sports field to be located on the northwest field of our school and invites you to provide constructive feedback based on the proposed layout. The joint agreement would mean our students will have access to the facility during the school day for a range of sports including netball, 5-a-side soccer, touch football and, of course, hockey.

Over the past six months, Forestville Hockey Club in conjunction with our school and government stakeholders have invested in a range of studies to confirm the feasibility of the proposed sports field and to address initial feedback received from the local community. Forestville Hockey Club will endeavour to incorporate any further feedback into the final designs prior to submission for relevant regulatory approvals.

For further information about the project, layout and proposed operating plan along with the outcomes of various impact studies please go the website www.multisportpitch.com.au

We would appreciate all parents having their say via the website.

The summarised survey responses will be provided to the design team. Respondents to the survey will also receive a copy of the results once evaluated.

Regards Greg Rolton Principal





