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Dear Mr Bell and Mr Thwaites

Thanks again for the opportunity to discuss the potential project at La Trobe Park that Canberra Girls Grammar School (CGGS) is proposing.

We acknowledge the questions from Deakin Residents' Association (DRA) as referred in a letter received by CGGS dated 13 February 2016. The questions related to a presentation made by CGGS to Deakin Residents' Association on 8 December 2015 regarding La Trobe Park.

The queries from DRA mainly relate to:

- 1. concerns over potential accessibility restrictions (24 hour access to the public and people with mobility restrictions)
- 2. fencing of the oval and
- 3. details of the lease agreement with ACT government

In order to address these questions we have attempted to further detail our proposal.

The CGGS proposal as follows:

- CGGS would like to obtain a lease from the ACT government for the use of La Trobe Park including the maintenance sheds for 25-30 years. CGGS has not taken any formal steps with the ACT government and are seeking DRA support prior to launching an application
- As part of the lease CGGS would invest approximately \$1M to undertake the following works:
 - Incorporate a football pitch (soccer oval) and athletics track (approximately 300M in diameter)

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- Build a low fence around the track (approximately 450MM in height) to protect the
 quality of the oval from vehicles and to prevent footballs / balls from filtering off the
 field and enhance the aesthetics. The fence would have chicane type access (see
 diagram two below) and will not prevent public including people with mobility
 restrictions. I note that the fence is not an essential part of the project and can be
 removed if there are strong concerns
- Build toilet / change room facilities as the current toilets are not in use
- Upgrade the bbq / picnic area
- · Build a terraced retaining wall
- · Superficial upgrade to the maintenance sheds as necessary for CGGS use
- CGGS would maintain these facilities over the term of the lease at a cost borne by CGGS
- CGGS is not looking for exclusive use and would like preferential rights of the oval during school hours term time only

Diagram 1 of the proposed works:

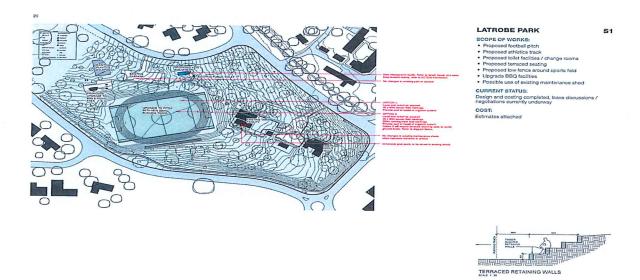
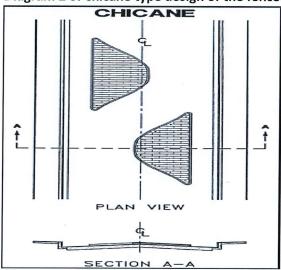
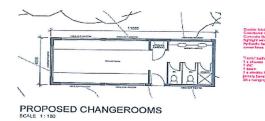
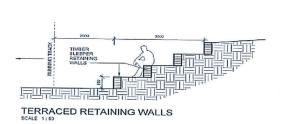


Diagram 2 of chicane type design of the fence:









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In order to further detail the times CGGS proposes to use the area we outline the following:

- The soccer oval and running track would be available to CGGS term time only (37 weeks per year), Mon-Fri 0800-1700
- There may be an occasion where a Saturday usage is needed however this would be rare and we could notify the public if needed
- There may be an occasion where a member of the public would like to use the oval during term times and in such instances CGGS would do everything we could to ensure the oval or track is vacant during that time. However, during the specified times indicated above CGGS would like preferential rights to have access the oval / track
- In no instance would CGGS charge the public for using the oval, track, bbq.

In order to address any further concerns the Deakin Residents Association may have we would like to hold a public consultation meeting in the administration building of CGGS on Melbourne Avenue at 7pm on the 12th May 2016.

We look forward to seeing you and discussing this further.

Regards

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