

21 QUESTIONS

21.1 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLOR SAVILLE - OH REID AND GREVILLE STREET OVALS

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QUESTION

1. Can you please confirm if Willoughby City Council has plans to install floodlights at both OH Reid and Greville Street ovals? If so, have funds been allocated?
2. When does council plan to begin installation?
3. Which council strategic plans and planning documents identify either or both OH Reid Oval and Greville Street Oval as suitable for the installation of floodlights?
4. Has any environmental impact assessment and data analysis been undertaken to assess suitability of these two sites for floodlights?
5. Have the local community been formally notified and has any consultation with the local community been undertaken?

ANSWER

There is no current proposal to install further floodlights on any Council sportsground other than those listed in Council's Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP).

Council's *Open Space and Recreation Plan 2014* and the *NSROC Regional Sportsground Strategy 2017* recommend that floodlights be installed on unlit sportsgrounds. To date the only Council grounds without lights are:

1. Bales Park Oval
2. Greville Park Oval
3. OH Reid Oval

- In respect to Bales Park Oval, Council resolved to discontinue the floodlights proposal at its meeting of 10 September 2018.
- In respect to Greville Park Oval, the district sports association has recommended against lights at this junior ground site as it does not have an amenities building. The budget for this project will be removed at the next LTFP review.
- In respect to O H Reid Oval, a Park Master planning process was commenced in March 2018 seeking initial community feedback. Once a draft Plan is ready for further comment, the community will be re-consulted. The proposal to install floodlights on the oval will be

included in the draft Plan for community comment. Ultimately the Master Plan for O H Reid Park will be subject to Council adoption.

Funds for all sportsgrounds improvements, such as floodlights, have been included in Council's Long Term Financial Plan, which is reviewed and updated annually.

Environmental impact for open space proposals, such as floodlights, is not undertaken until Council has supported the proposal in principle. In the case of floodlights in principle support is considered granted when the annual budget for the planning phase of the project is adopted by Council.