Penistone Park, Greenwood
Proposed Redevelopment
Frequently Asked Questions

1. What were the results of the consultation undertaken in July-August 2013?
The City undertook initial community consultation for this project in July-August 2013 to identify the level of community support for the redevelopment of Penistone Park. The City received 170 valid responses in the initial consultation. The results of the consultation indicated a strong level of support for the project and this information was presented to Council in September 2013 and it was agreed to progress the project to the concept design stage. In February 2014, Council supported the draft concept plan for the development and agreed to undertake community consultation to obtain feedback on this concept plan.

2. What is the purpose of this consultation?
The purpose of this consultation is to inform local residents and user groups about the proposed redevelopment of Penistone Park. The City is seeking feedback on the draft concept plan for the proposed redevelopment that was supported by Council in February 2014.

3. Why has Penistone Park been selected for redevelopment?
The existing recreational and sporting facilities at Penistone Park have been identified by the City for redevelopment as they do not meet the growing needs of the local community.

The existing clubroom facility was built in 1975 and is currently utilised by local community and sporting groups for meetings, events and sporting/recreational activities. The facility is ageing and does not adequately provide for the functional needs of the community and user groups.

4. What works are proposed as part of the redevelopment?
Currently, Penistone Park has the following infrastructure:

- clubroom, consisting of the following:
  - meeting room
  - kitchen
  - changerooms
  - storage areas
  - toilets
  - two ovals

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- sports floodlighting to 250 lux on the east (upper) oval (Australian Standard for small ball sports training)
- sports floodlighting to 50 lux on the west (lower) oval (Australian Standard for large ball sports training)
- 118 car parking bays (including verge parking)
- three practice cricket nets
- synthetic centre cricket wicket
- playground
- outdoor storage shed
- two outdoor tennis courts and tennis shelter
- two outdoor basketball courts
- drainage sump.

The City is proposing that the existing clubroom is demolished and a new multi-purpose community sporting facility be constructed approximately 30 metres north of the existing building. Existing user groups and local community members will be able to hire the facility for a variety of uses as the multi-purpose community sporting facility is proposed to consist of:

- meeting room
- kitchen / kiosk
- changerooms and umpire changeroom
- storage areas
- toilets and universal ‘park’ access toilet.

It is also proposed that the playground is relocated closer to the facility and a BBQ, picnic shelter, 3-on-3 basketball pad and tennis hit-up wall be installed. The cricket practice nets are proposed to be re-located with an additional net to be installed. A new car park is to be developed in the location of the existing tennis courts creating a total of 144 car parking bays (including verge parking).

The internal service road and western car park is proposed to be removed, along with the outdoor basketball courts, outdoor storage shed and tennis shelter.

The City is also considering upgrading the sump in 2015-16, however this will be undertaken separately to the proposed redevelopment project.
5. Why is the internal service road proposed to be removed?
During the community consultation period in July-August 2013, user groups of the facility expressed their concerns with cars parking and travelling along the service road as it can create a safety issue with children crossing from one side of the park to the other during sports training and competition. In addition, the service road disconnects users from both sides of the park and the facility. It should be noted that the service road only services the western car park which is proposed to be removed.

6. Why are the two tennis courts proposed to be decommissioned?
In order to construct a new car park with access from Penstone Street and to remove the internal service road the tennis courts need to be removed. There is sufficient space on the park for the tennis courts to be re-located; however the City is considering decommissioning the courts and not replacing them as part of this project for the following reasons:

- On average over the last 12 months, the courts have only been used approximately eight to nine hours per week (which is approximately 8% of the available time per month).
- No formal club or coach book the courts on a regular basis.
- The City owns/manages a number of tennis courts in nearby locations including Warwick Open Space, Glengarry Park and Kingsley Park.
- It has been estimated that new tennis courts with fencing, lighting, shelter and a picnic setting will cost $317,000 to construct in a new location.
- A tennis hit-up wall will be constructed and can be used for casual use.

7. What works will not be considered as part of the redevelopment?
The sports floodlighting is not considered as part of the redevelopment project as it was recently upgraded on both ovals in late 2013.

8. What will happen to the existing user groups during the construction?
If the project proceeds to construction, temporary amenities (toilets and changerooms) will be provided throughout the construction period. Some user groups may be required to re-locate to a different park depending on their situation. The City will work closely with all existing user groups of the park and club room.

9. What impact will the redevelopment have on the existing vegetation at the site?
The proposed redevelopment has been designed to retain as much vegetation as possible whilst meeting the overall needs of the community.

A total of four trees require removal in order for the works to be undertaken. It is proposed that eight new native trees will replace the four trees that require removal. A suitable location for these trees will be chosen in the detailed design stage of the project.

Three Jacaranda trees planted in 2009 nearby the existing playground are proposed to be re-located if the two tennis courts are relocated. A suitable location for these trees will be chosen in the detailed design stage of the project.

10. Will I still be able to use the park for informal recreation activities (such as walking, jogging, dog walking etc)
Yes, the park will continue to be made available for hire by sporting clubs during the summer and winter sporting seasons; however the entire park will be available for general use by the community at all other times. In any case, informal recreation activities can still be undertaken around the park and in any space that is not booked. The proposed barbecue, picnic shelter and playground can be used by the community at all times.

11. What times will the barbecue be available for use?
The barbecue area will be available for use during daylight hours and the unit will function from 6.30am to 7.30pm in the summer, with shorter operating hours during the winter period.

12. What equipment does the playground include?
The playground will include the same equipment as the existing playground; although it will be in a different configuration. A 3-on-3 basketball pad will be suitably located near the playground to enable all ages the opportunity for informal physical activity.

13. Will the re-located playground include artificial shade?
No, the City is currently revising its Parks and Public Open Spaces Classification Framework as a guiding document for the provision of infrastructure on the City’s parks. The draft Framework supports the City’s preference to supply natural shade over artificial shade options. A number of trees are proposed to be planted in close proximity to the playground in order to provide natural shade.

14. How will this redevelopment be funded?
It is proposed that the City will fund the project through the 2015–16 Capital Works Budget. The budget will be finalised by Council in mid-2015, at which time the project will be confirmed. Grant opportunities will also be investigated as part of the overall planning process.

15. Will I (or my group) be able to hire the multi-purpose community sporting facility or the oval(s)?
Yes, it is proposed that both the multi-purpose community sporting facility and the oval(s) be made available for hire by individuals, schools, community groups and sporting clubs. Bookings would be managed by the City, in accordance with the City’s existing hiring process. Not-for-profit community groups would be able to hire the facilities at a subsidised rate in accordance with the City’s Facility Hire Subsidy Policy.
16. **How will the City manage anti-social behaviour and noise-related issues at the park?**

The proposed redevelopment of Penistone Park has been designed to limit anti-social behaviour and excessive noise. Low-level lighting is proposed for the barbecue and picnic area and around the multi-purpose community facility to assist safe usage and deter anti-social behaviour. A closed-circuit television (CCTV) system is also proposed for the facility to help the City manage the area. The City Watch security service would also monitor the park as required.

All facility users at the park would be bound by the City's *Terms and Conditions of Hire* and any group seeking to consume alcohol on the premises would be required to obtain a Liquor Licence in accordance with the *Liquor Control Act 1988*. Additionally, the City has absolute discretion over whether it approves a function or event at any of its properties and would not support any bookings where it anticipated anti-social behaviour or excessive noise.

In any case, all bookings made for the ovals would only extend to 9.30pm and any bookings made for the multi-purpose community facility would only extend to 12.00 midnight.

17. **Who is being consulted on this project?**

The City is directly consulting with the following stakeholders:

- Residents living within 500 metres of Penistone Park
- Representative(s) from user groups currently using the ovals and clubrooms
- Representative(s) from the local Resident’s Association
- Representative(s) from the Greenwood Primary School.

Although the City is consulting directly with the above stakeholders, anyone interested in the project can also be involved in the community consultation by completing the comment form online via the Community Consultation section of the City’s website at [joondalup.wa.gov.au](http://joondalup.wa.gov.au).

18. **When does the community consultation period close and how can I make comment?**

The community consultation period will commence on Monday 31 March 2014 and will conclude on Wednesday 23 April 2014, allowing a three week period for the community to provide feedback.

Comments can be made by completing and returning the comment form to the City with the reply-paid envelope. Alternatively, the comment form can be completed electronically via the community consultation section of the City's website at [joondalup.wa.gov.au](http://joondalup.wa.gov.au).

19. **What happens next?**

The results of the community consultation will be collated and presented to the Council seeking endorsement to progress to the next stage of the project in mid-late 2014. This phase would involve confirming funding arrangements for the redevelopment (including external grant opportunities).

The results of the consultation will be published via the Community Consultation section of the City’s website at [joondalup.wa.gov.au](http://joondalup.wa.gov.au). If you wish to be informed of when this occurs, please tick the appropriate box on the comment form.

20. **Who do I contact for more information on the project?**

For more information, please contact the City’s Project Officer — Leisure Planning on 9400 4210 or email [info@joondalup.wa.gov.au](mailto:info@joondalup.wa.gov.au).