

Forrest Park, Padbury – Proposed Sports Floodlighting Upgrade

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the purpose of the community consultation?

To seek feedback from local residents, interested community members and park user groups on a proposed upgrade to sports floodlighting at Forrest Park, Padbury.

Where is Forrest Park located?

Forrest Park, Padbury is located between Forrest Road, Bannister Road, Austin Way and Alexander Road, Padbury. A map showing the location can be found overleaf.

What works are being proposed as part of the upgrade?

The City is proposing to upgrade the sports floodlighting on the playing field at Forrest Park. The proposed works include:

- Removing the five existing sports floodlighting poles.
- Installing four new poles up to 35 metres with sports floodlighting to accommodate training and games at night.
- Installing two LED passive recreation lights on two of the four new poles at a lower level to accommodate general recreational use.

All sports floodlighting would be designed to meet the *Australian Standard for Football (All Codes) Amateur Competition (AS2560.2.2021)* and the *Australian Standard for Control of Obtrusive Effects of Outdoor Lighting (AS4282)*.

Why is the City proposing to upgrade the sports floodlighting at Forrest Park?

During the regular summer and winter sporting seasons, the playing field at Forrest Park is used by junior and senior sporting clubs for soccer and Australian Rules Football. The park is also utilised by local residents for casual sport and recreation.

The playing field currently has older infrastructure consisting of five floodlighting poles and luminaires that do not meet the relevant Australian Standards and are not suitable for night time sports training and games.

Upgrading the sports floodlighting would enable clubs to train and play matches in a safe and more accessible manner. The inclusion of LED passive recreation lights would enable local community members to use the park more safely after dark.

How would the proposed upgrade be funded?

The proposal has been listed in the City's Five-Year Capital Works Program and, if supported, will be included for consideration in the City's 2023/24 budget. The City would also be seeking a contribution from the State Government through the Club Night Lights Program.

When would the works take place?

The works would take place in 2023/24.

How would the proposed sports floodlighting be managed?

The proposed sports floodlighting would be managed for sporting clubs, schools, community groups and individuals in accordance with the City's existing park hire processes, as is the case during the regular summer and winter sporting seasons.

Note that all sports floodlighting would be switched off by 9.30pm. However, if there are special event bookings, the lighting may be required to be on later into the evening.

The LED passive recreation lights would automatically switch on in the morning at 5.30am and off at sunrise, and then switch on again in the evening at sunset and off at approximately 9.30pm.

How would the City manage the increased brightness levels of the sports floodlighting?

When designing sports floodlighting upgrades, the City's approach is to meet or exceed the Australian Standards with regard to minimising the impacts of obtrusive light. This includes consideration of design features, such as horizontal positioning and floodlighting types.

The new, taller poles would allow the luminaires to be aimed more directly onto the main playing areas, thereby reducing light spill onto nearby roads and residences. In circumstances where amenity issues are identified, increased design features would be employed to minimise potential adverse effects.

Similar sports floodlighting has been installed at Admiral Park, Heathridge; MacDonald Park (North), Padbury; Ocean Reef Park, Ocean Reef; and Warrandyte Park, Craigie.

Who is being consulted on this proposal?

The City is directly consulting the following community stakeholders:

- Residents and ratepayers within 200 metres of Forrest Park
- Community Engagement Network eNewsletter subscribers
- Park user groups
- Bambara Primary School
- Padbury Residents Association

In addition, signage has been installed at Forrest Park and all information is available on the City's website. Anyone interested in the proposal can submit feedback via an Online Comment Form. Responses are limited to one per person, or one formal response per club/organisation.

How do I provide feedback on the proposal?

Feedback on the proposal can be provided through the Online Comment Form available via the Community Consultation section of the City's website at joondalup.wa.gov.au

If you are unable to access the Online Comment Form, or need assistance in providing feedback, please contact the City on **9400 4000** or via email to info@joondalup.wa.gov.au

When is the community consultation period open?

The community consultation period is open **Tuesday 10 May – Monday 30 May 2022**.

What happens next?

After the close of the consultation period, the City will consider all survey forms received and prepare a report for the Council on the outcomes. The outcomes will also be made available via the Community Consultation section of the City's website at joondalup.wa.gov.au

If you would like to be informed via email when the outcomes will be presented to Council, please select the box on the Online Comment Form and ensure you provide your email address.

Who do I contact for more information?

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Map of Forrest Park, Padbury

