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Draft Gardiner Park Concept Plan

HAVE YOUR SAY



Dear Resident / Stakeholder,

Council has a clear and strong commitment to supporting and improving the health and wellbeing of its community. The provision of high quality facilities such as sports grounds is an important part of realising this commitment. However the demand for use of sports grounds exceeds the capacity of these grounds.

In response, Council's Recreation Strategy 2014–2024 prioritises the introduction of measures to increase the capacity of existing sportsgrounds so that the quality of these facilities can be maintained. Furthermore Council will prioritise the access to sports grounds for those clubs that provide opportunities for all members of the community including women and junior participants.

To realise these priorities Council has prepared a Draft Concept Plan for Gardiner Park in Glen Iris. This plan will activate and reinvigorate the park and improve year round access for a variety of users.

Following the Level Crossing Removal Authority's occupation of Gardiner Park, the redevelopment will involve an investment of over \$4 million to construct a synthetic grass playing surface, a new pavilion, floodlighting and improvements to the playground, picnic area and landscaping across the site.

A Draft Concept Plan has been prepared and we would like your feedback on the proposal.

Please take the time to visit connectstonnington.vic.gov.au/gardinerpark for further information regarding the Draft Concept Plan and synthetic grass playing surfaces. To provide feedback on the Plan, please complete the attached survey or access it online up until **Tuesday 26 April 2016**.



Cr Claude Ullin
Mayor, City of Stonnington



Background

The conversion of existing sports grounds to synthetic grass surfaces within Stonnington is an important strategy for achieving sustainable use of grounds across the municipality. The construction of a synthetic sports ground at Gardiner Park following the completion of the Burke Road Railway Crossing Removal Project will alleviate the overuse of many nearby grounds and provide capacity for the addition of new teams, particularly juniors and women.

A number of studies completed over the past five years has identified the need to develop a synthetic sports ground to provide capacity for new users who have historically had little or no access to sports grounds and to accommodate continuing growth in organised sport. Gardiner Park has been identified as the most suitable location and the timing of the level crossing removal project provides the opportunity to realise the aim of creating a synthetic sports ground.

Based on a demand and site analysis undertaken for each outdoor sporting reserve in the municipality, football training and Australian Rules junior football games were seen as the highest priority with Gardiner Park being the most suitable location for a synthetic grass oval.

The synthetic grass surface will provide a quality surface all year round, enable a reduced training load on other natural turf grounds, and increase match day capacity. The park will be upgraded to include a walking path around the sports ground, playground and picnic area and landscaping throughout.

Draft Concept Plan

The Draft Concept Plan has been developed for a synthetic oval (11,700 sqm approx.) at Gardiner Park to accommodate competition level junior and women’s Australian Rules football and soccer, and training for Australian Rules football, soccer and rugby. The sports ground would be serviced by a new pavilion comprising four separate change rooms with amenities, kiosk, umpires room, external toilets and storage for multiple users. New floodlighting would be installed as part of the redevelopment of the site to facilitate training.

Gardiner Park Redevelopment

Council is seeking feedback from residents regarding the design below that makes up the Draft Concept Plan including:

- Installation of fencing around the synthetic playing surface
- The location of paths around the synthetic playing surface and within the park
- Landscaping throughout the park
- Open Space furniture (seating)

- Upgrade to the playground
 - Upgrade to the BBQ / picnic area
- To have your say on these elements of the Draft Concept Plan including the synthetic grass playing surface, pavilion and floodlighting please complete the accompanying survey or visit connectstonnington.vic.go.au/gardinerpark to provide your feedback online.

Informal information sessions have been scheduled at Council's Works Depot during the consultation period.

These drop-in sessions will operate every 15 minutes to inform interested residents on the Draft Concept Plan and seek feedback on the proposed elements in the plan. Refer to the information on the back of this brochure regarding attendance at the drop in sessions.

Officers will be available to discuss the Draft Concept Plan and an industry expert on synthetic grass playing surfaces will be available to answer any questions you might have about the synthetic grass technology.



Next steps

Consultation – have your say

4 – 26 April 2016

Review feedback

27 April – 13 May 2016

Seek endorsement of final plan

June / July 2016

More information

View the Draft Concept Plan and accompanying information online at
connectstonnington.vic.gov.au/gardinerpark

Have your say

Fill out the attached survey and return to Council via the reply paid envelope by 26 April 2016. You can also find the survey:

- Online at **connectstonnington.vic.gov.au/gardinerpark**
- In hard copy at Council's Service Centre, 311 Glenferrie Road, Malvern

Drop in to an information session to speak directly with Council staff and have your questions answered. These informal information sessions will be held at Council's Works Depot, 293 Tooronga Road, Malvern on:

- Thursday 14 April 2016, 10am–12pm and 6–8pm
- Saturday 16 April 2016, 10am–12pm.

For further information on this redevelopment project please contact Recreation Services on 8290 1193.

Next steps

Council will consider all feedback from its community consultation before making any decisions regarding endorsement of the Draft Concept Plan to redevelop the site. An endorsed final Concept Plan would inform detailed design for the redevelopment of the site which could commence towards the end of 2016.



Community Languages Call the Stonnington Community Link, a multilingual telephone information service.

General Enquiries	8290 1333
Mandarin 普通話	9280 0730
Cantonese 廣東話	9280 0731

Greek	Ελληνικά	9280 0732
Italian	Italiano	9280 0733
Polish	Polski	9280 0734

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