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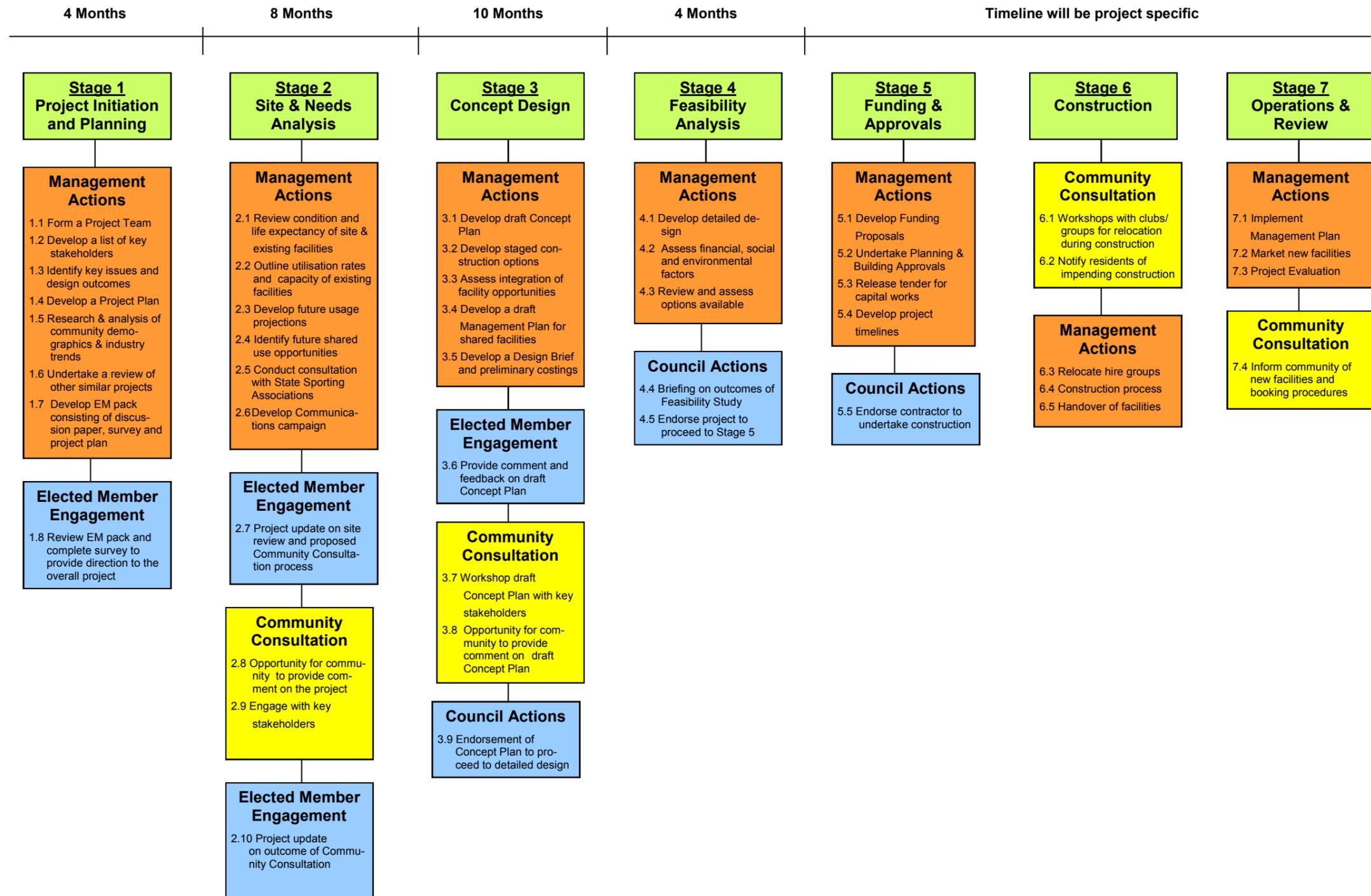

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**HAWKER PARK – PROPOSED CLUBROOM AND INFRASTRUCTURE**



# Master Planning Process



## ANALYSIS OF 'HAWKER PARK, WARWICK PROPOSED CLUBROOM' COMMENT FORM

The following provides an analysis of the quantitative and qualitative data gathered from the *Hawker Park, Warwick Proposed Clubroom* Comment Form.

### RESPONSE RATES

The City directly consulted with the following stakeholders:

- Residents living within a 200 metres radius from the site
- Representatives from current oval user groups
- Representative(s) from the adjacent Primary School
- Representative(s) from the local Resident's Association

The City collected a total of 85 valid responses through online and hardcopy collection methods; these are summarised in Tables 1 and 2 and Chart 1 below. (Note: valid responses are those in which all contact details were provided.)

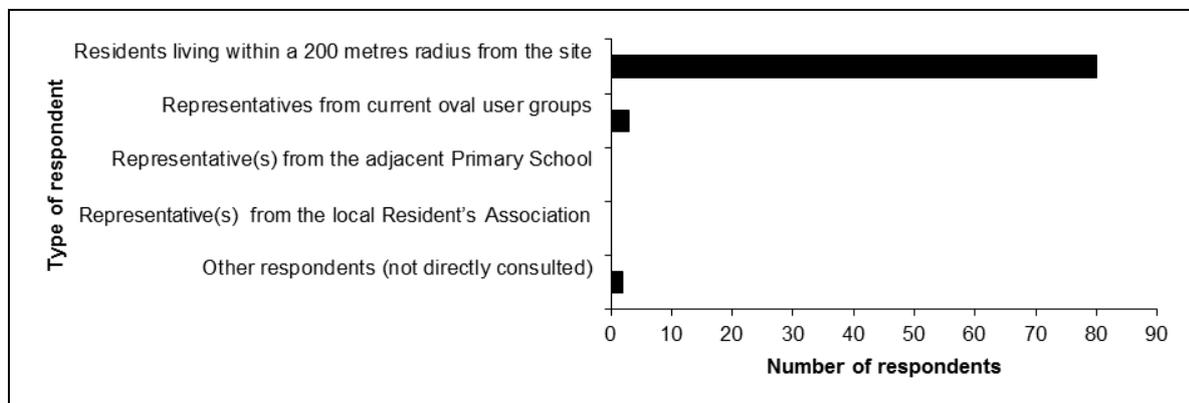
**Table 1: Responses by collection method**

Collection method	N	%
Hard-copy	80	94.1%
Online	5	5.9%
<b>total (valid) responses</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 2: Responses by type of respondent**

Type of respondent	Sent N	Received N	Response Rate %
Residents living within a 200 metres radius from the site	243	80	33%
Representatives from current oval user groups	3	3	100%
Representative(s) from the adjacent Primary School	1	0	0%
Representative(s) from the local Resident's Association	0	2	0%
Other respondents (not directly approached)	N/A		
<b>total (valid) responses</b>		<b>85</b>	

**Chart 1: Responses by type of respondent**



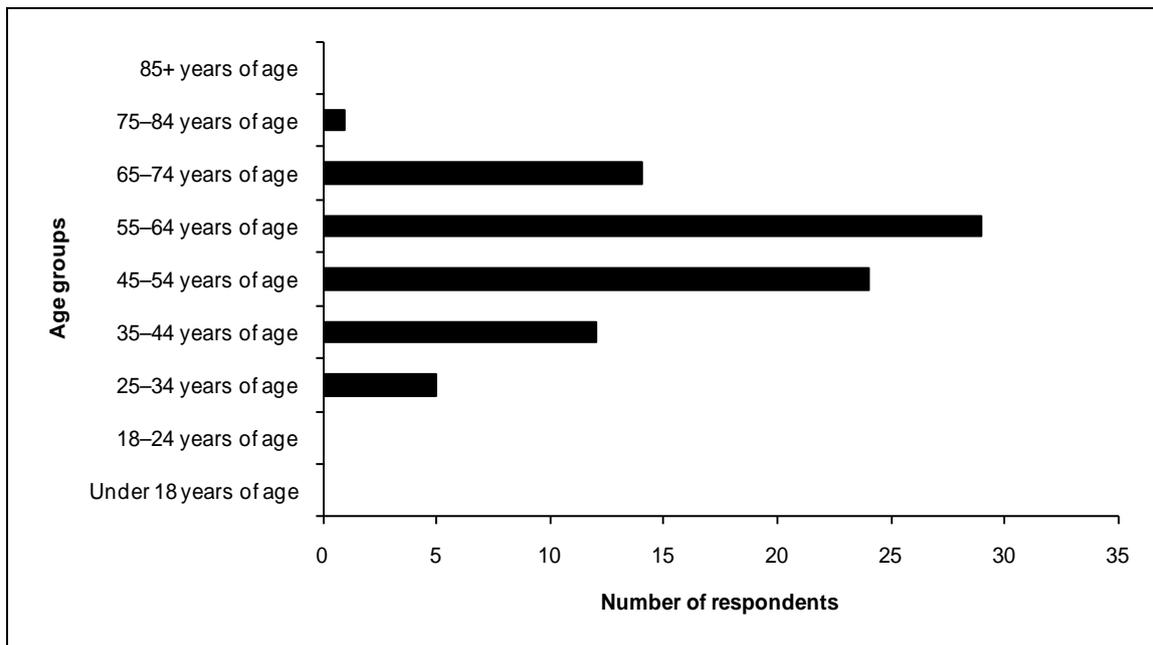
### DEMOGRAPHICS

Of the 85 valid responses collected, over a quarter of these were completed by people aged between 45 and 54 and over a third were completed by people aged between 55 and 64 years of age. These are the largest age segments of the population for the Warwick–Greenwood Statistical Area, so we would expect more responses from these age groups; however, it should be noted that these groups are still somewhat over-represented in the responses. This data is summarised in Table 3 and Chart 2 below.

**Table 3: Responses by age**

Age groups	Demographics	Responses	
	% <sup>1</sup>	N	%
Under 18 years of age	28.7%	0	0.0%
18–24 years of age		0	0.0%
25–34 years of age	13.3%	5	5.9%
35–44 years of age	14.9%	12	14.1%
45–54 years of age	12.4%	24	28.2%
55–64 years of age	15.5%	29	34.1%
65–74 years of age	8.3%	14	16.5%
75–84 years of age	3.7%	1	1.2%
85+ years of age	3.2%	0	0.0%
<b>total (valid) responses</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Chart 2: Responses by age**



<sup>1</sup> Demographics represent the Warwick–Greenwood Statistical Area as defined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics 2011, *Census of Population and Housing*)

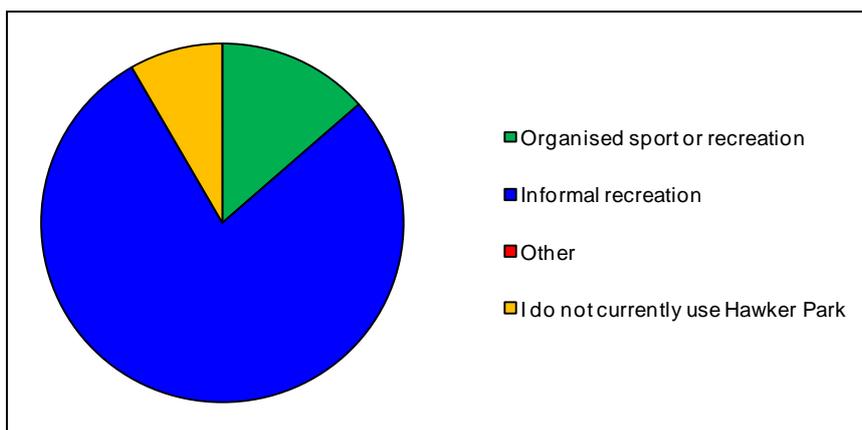
**QUESTION 1: ‘HOW DO YOU CURRENTLY USE HAWKER PARK?’**

A total of 85 respondents provided a valid response to this question. Of the responses collected, the majority use Hawker Park for informal sport or recreation. Of the respondents who provided an ‘Other’ response, the explanations provided fitted within one or more of the categories provided and the results were adjusted accordingly. These data are summarised in Table 4 and Chart 3 below. (Note: the percentage of total responses is greater than 100% as respondents were permitted to select more than one response.)

**Table 4: Types of responses to ‘How do you currently use Hawker Park?’**

Type of park usage	N	%
Organised sport or recreation (eg: football, cricket, fitness training)	13	15.3%
Informal recreation (eg: walking, running, playing, dog walking)	75	88.2%
Other	0	0.0%
I do not currently use Hawker Park	8	9.4%
<b>total (valid) responses</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>112.9%</b>

**Chart 3: Types of responses to ‘How do you currently use Hawker Park?’**



**QUESTION 2: ‘BELOW IS A LIST OF CURRENT INFRASTRUCTURE AT HAWKER PARK. PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THESE TO REMAIN AT THE PARK.’**

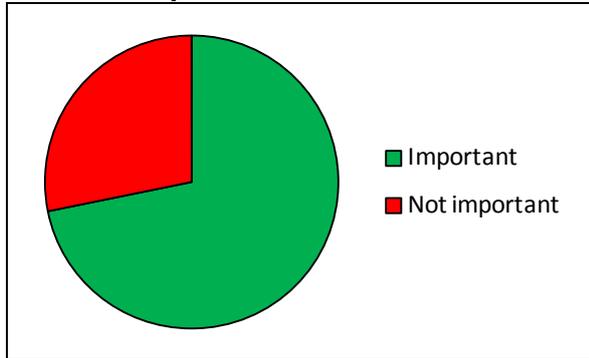
A total of 85 respondents provided a valid response to this question. Of the responses collected, the majority indicated that it is important for both the tennis hit-up wall and the 3-on-3 basketball pad/ring to remain at Hawker Park. These data are summarised in Table 5 and Chart 4 below.

**Table 5: Types of responses to ‘Below is a list of current infrastructure at Hawker Park. Please indicate if you think it is important for these to remain at the park.’**

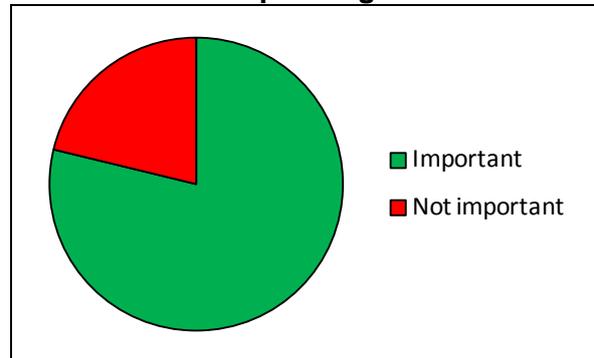
Type of park infrastructure	Important		Not important	
	N	%	N	%
Tennis hit-up wall	61	71.8%	24	28.2%
3-on-3 basketball pad/ring	67	78.8%	18	21.2%
<b>total (valid) responses</b>				<b>85</b>

**Chart 4: Types of responses to ‘Below is a list of current infrastructure at Hawker Park. Please indicate if you think it is important for these to remain at the park.’**

**Tennis hit-up wall**



**3-on-3 basketball pad/ring**



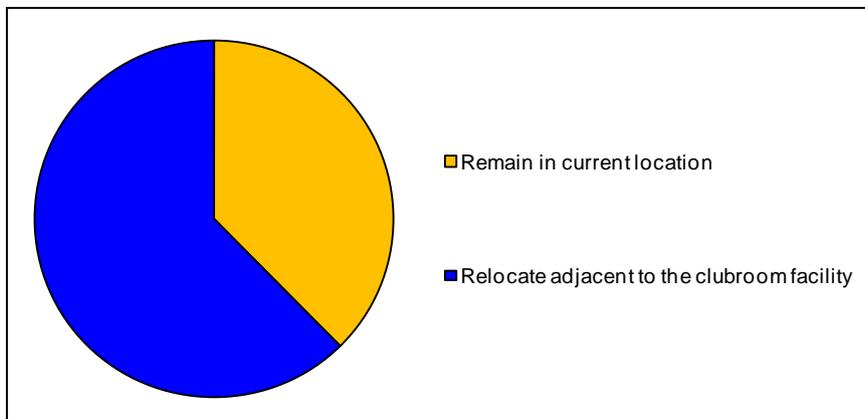
**QUESTION 3: ‘AS PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT, THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT WILL BE REPLACED WITH NEW EQUIPMENT. IT IS ALSO PROPOSED TO RELOCATE THE PLAYGROUND ADJACENT TO THE CLUBROOM FACILITY. PLEASE INDICATE PREFERENCE BELOW.’**

A total of 85 survey respondents provided a valid response to this question. Of the responses collected, the majority indicated a preference for the new playground equipment to be relocated adjacent to the clubroom facility. These data are summarised in Table 6 and Chart 5 below.

**Table 6: Types of responses to ‘As part of the development, the playground equipment will be replaced with new equipment. It is also proposed to relocate the playground adjacent to the clubroom facility. Please indicate preference below.’**

Preferred location of playground infrastructure	N	%
Remain in current location	32	37.6%
Relocate adjacent to the clubroom facility	53	62.4%
<b>total (valid) responses</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Chart 5: Types of responses to ‘As part of the development, the playground equipment will be replaced with new equipment. It is also proposed to relocate the playground adjacent to the clubroom facility. Please indicate preference below.’**



**QUESTION 3: 'THE FOLLOWING NEW INFRASTRUCTURE IS PROPOSED AS PART OF THE PROJECT. DO YOU SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING BEING CONSTRUCTED/INSTALLED?'**

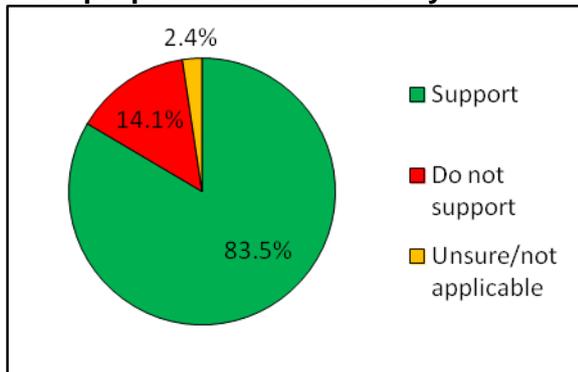
A total of 85 survey respondents provided a valid response to this question. Of the responses collected, the majority indicated support for a multi-purpose clubroom facility, floodlighting infrastructure and cricket practice nets being constructed/installed at Hawker Park. These data are summarised in Table 7 and Chart 6 below.

**Table 7: Types of responses to 'The following new infrastructure is proposed as part of the project. Do you support the following being constructed/installed?'**

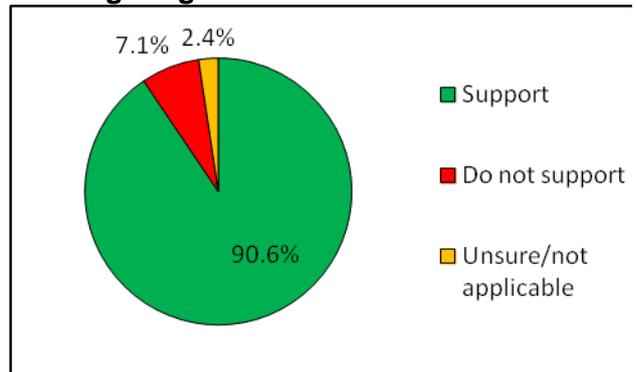
Type of park infrastructure	Support		Do not support		Unsure/not applicable	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Multi-purpose clubroom facility</b> including toilets, changerooms, kitchen, storage for the sporting clubs and a meeting space (replacing existing toilet/changerooms facility)	71	83.5%	12	14.1%	2	2.4%
<b>Floodlighting</b> (replacing existing floodlighting infrastructure)	77	90.6%	6	7.1%	2	2.4%
<b>Cricket practice nets</b>	62	72.9%	12	14.1%	11	12.9%
<b>total (valid) responses</b>						<b>85</b>

**Chart 6: Types of responses to 'The following new infrastructure is proposed as part of the project. Do you support the following being constructed/installed?'**

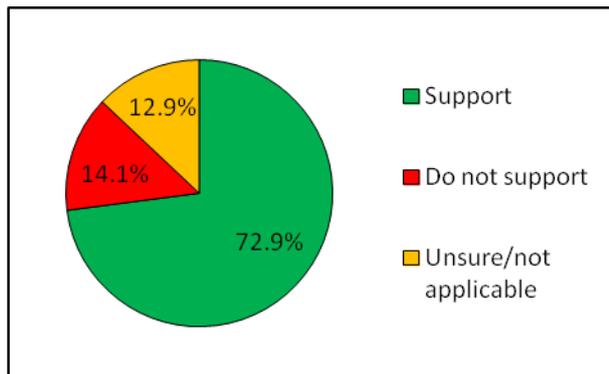
**Multi-purpose clubroom facility**



**Floodlighting**



**Cricket practice nets**



Respondents were also asked if they did not support the construction/installation of the proposed infrastructure (multi-purpose clubroom facility, floodlighting infrastructure and cricket practice nets), to outline their reasons why. 19 respondents provided reasons which are outlined in full in Tables 8–10 below. These reasons have been presented under the type of infrastructure they are opposing and have been summarised at the end of each Table. (Note: where respondents have opposed multiple infrastructure, their reasons have been placed under the most relevant infrastructure.)

**Table 8: Reasons for opposing the construction/installation of a new multi-purpose clubroom facility including toilets, changerooms, kitchen, storage for the sporting clubs and a meeting space (replacing existing toilet/changerooms facility).**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proposed redevelopment of Hawker Park comes as no surprise. As a long-term resident in the area, I have noticed that over the past few years there has been an increased usage of Hawker Park by organised sporting teams and during this time the surface of Hawker Park has undergone a noticeable improvement.</li> <li>• Unfortunately, further development of Hawker Park will be accompanied by a noticeable increase in local area traffic and put a strain on the limited number of parking spaces currently available or is there a plan to increase the number of spaces?</li> <li>• It will also attract an undesirable element to the area.</li> <li>• It will change the character of Hawker Park from a family-friendly area to one which discourages use by family groups,</li> <li>• It has resulted in an increase in noise from those participating in organised sport, an increase in traffic will further add to this noise, sadly, those residents whose homes overlook Hawker Park bear the brunt of this form of pollution.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don't build this, use the \$1.5M for the Councillors' Arts Centre and don't sell 25 Millport Drive.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not support operation after dark for the facilities.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clubrooms mean parties, presentations after-hours drinking, more evening use of the park. No sufficient parking areas, so street parking.</li> <li>• Clubrooms being let out for extra social events over and above sporting venue.</li> <li>• Insufficient parking in parking area.</li> <li>• Hawker Park area is always quiet at night time. Produce noise and more drunken people and residents do not need that.</li> <li>• I am aware that Warwick Football want to take our clubrooms as their home centre. Every weekend in football season we will have noise, drunks and rubbish.</li> <li>• Penistone Clubrooms has less residents as close as Hawker Park has to annoy at evenings.</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has concerns that it will affect the public use of the park, parking problems and social events which includes alcohol.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local families will have to walk young children or push prams around the perimeter of the oval to get to the play equipment because the sporting groups occupy the whole oval. Why not install a second set of equipment closer to the clubrooms?</li> <li>• Multi-purpose meeting place with kitchen — does this mean groups will hold functions at night with the sound travelling throughout this quiet pocket of Warwick? Will there be control over the types of Functions held? Football/cricket crowds tend to be very noisy when celebrating victory.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are concerned about undesirable activity taking place around the facility, especially as there is bushland at the back of it. We would not want the trees and bush destroyed.</li> <li>• Also, would more parking bays be made, would security be increased?</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If rooms are hired out, there is a very strong possibility that we will have to put up with loud music and 'undesirables' hanging around.</li> <li>• Traffic would also be increased — both day and night</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clubroom not needed for the amount of use the park gets</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased social risk late night functions, alcohol in suburban area usage, should retain suburban community park focus, not for heavy sporty and function usage. There is Carine open Space and Sorrento Sports Grounds close by to be used for those reasons. Keep this park for light usage.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I don't believe that it would be used frequently and it would spoil the natural bush setting of our beautiful park. The playground is in a perfect position where it can be seen by our local residents. It would be too cold to move it to the west side and really only suit the visiting sports clubs. My children grew up on the playground and they still love it.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Summary of reasons opposing:</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase in traffic</li> <li>• Lack of parking</li> <li>• Increase in antisocial behaviour</li> <li>• Will no longer be a 'family-friendly' park</li> <li>• Will increase park usage</li> <li>• Too expensive</li> </ul>

**Table 9: Reasons for opposing the construction/installation of floodlighting (replacing existing floodlighting infrastructure).**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lighting could disturb residents</li> </ul>
<p><b>Summary of reasons opposing:</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disturbing to residents</li> </ul>

**Table 10: Reasons for opposing the construction/installation of cricket practice nets.**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don't believe the cricket pitch is used and would prefer the park is made available for informal recreation all year round. Happy for Football over winter months.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The more activities you have there the more graffiti and vandals there will be.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I'm happy for football training in the evenings and Saturday morning games. However, I feel that in summer, the park should not be used for Cricket and should be available for informal recreation. I also think that the Football goal posts should be in place all year and remove the Cricket pitch. Instead of Cricket nets how about a 'practice' soccer goal as quite a few youths use the mesh fence near the basketball court for this now.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I hate cricket</li> </ul>

- Location intrusive in planned location — place near rooms if must have. Strong opposition to planned location.

**Summary of reasons opposing:**

- Dislike of cricket (in general)
- Increase in antisocial behaviour
- Inappropriate location