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- by email -

Dear Mr Shoukrallah

Parking in the Vicinity of Arawang Netball Courts

Thank you for the letter of 9 September 2004 to the Weston Creek Community Council (WCCC) in respect of possible actions to improve traffic flow and car parking in the vicinity of Sherratt Place, Stirling. The WCCC notes that the recommendations suggested by the consultant to Roads ACT substantially mirror the WCCC suggestions made in correspondence to your Mr Tony Gill dated 28 July 2004 (copy attached).

In the interests of building a healthy community, the WCCC endorses any outcome that encourages patrons of both the Netball Courts and the AFL/baseball facilities to their immediate south to walk 300-400 metres from their parked vehicles. We would suggest that the suggested new parking arrangements be advertised by erecting large signs near Sherratt Place informing patrons of the location of the off street car parks accessed from Fremantle Drive and Teesdale Place.

The WCCC offers the following comments on the recommendations:

- While the WCCC believes that the recommendations being considered may assist in increasing safety around the Netball Courts, we also believe that there would need to be a substantial effort required to police the no parking zones. Perhaps it might be just as effective if existing parking regulations were enforced around the driveways on the west of Streeton Drive;
- The installation of horizontal logs at the edge of the grassed area on the east side of Streeton Drive would prevent cars (especially 4WD's) parking on the nature strip and blocking the line of sight for vehicles leaving Sherratt Place;
- We also expect that no parking signs between the bus stop and the entrance to Sherratt Place will have minimal impact and that road markings and/or a red-painted curb might need to be provided; and

- The WCCC requests that consideration be given to a drop-off/pick-up zone being established on the east side of Fremantle Drive – perhaps to the north of the bus stop.

Members of the Executive of the WCCC are available to meet with you and discuss the issues at a mutually convenient time.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Mr Gill

Carpark Arawang Netball /AFL

The Weston Creek Community Council (WCCC) was contacted last Friday 23rd July 2004 by the consultant Martin Gordon. He advised he has been engaged to undertake preliminary investigations in regard to the on-going parking problems associated with the above sporting activities in Streeton Drive/ Sherrat Place Stirling. As was arranged and agreed, members of the WCCC committee were on-site between 9.45am and 10.45am on Saturday 24th July 2004 but we were unable to locate your consultant.

Observations revealed that the car-park at the netball courts was full by 9.45 am and remained like that with any vacancies immediately filled. By 10.45am, in addition to a full carpark there were seventy five (75) cars parked along both sides of Streeton Drive with more traffic arriving.

Departures from the car park caused several near misses (3) during the observation period and traffic extended from Darwinia Terrace roundabout in the south to the Fremantle Drive intersection in the north. In addition cars were parked in Bangalay Crescent. Also these occurred even before the afternoon AFL had commenced. Additional car parking is obviously needed to ensure the safety of the children.

In the short term the WCCC respectfully suggests that ACT Roads consider:

1. That curbing be painted red for several car-lengths in Streeton Drive, as well as painting of white striped 'no-parking' area on the bitumen. The technical term for this is not known. This should extend on Streeton Drive on either side of the entrance to

the netball car park (Sherrat Place) to improve the line of sight for cars exiting the car park. This would be a no parking area and probably not need to be policed being very obvious.

2. That the horizontal pine logs at the entrance to Sherrat Place be moved to the edge of the road to prevent cars parking on the grass verge.
3. That a large information sign be erected at the entrance to the carpark advising on the location of the 2 other car parking areas such as the College of Teaching and Learning (ex Stirling College) and in Teesdale Place near the Canberra Labour Club (Stirling). These underutilised carparks may be a partial solution. Simple maps will assist those people with English as a second language and those not familiar with the area. Adding 'two minutes walk away' signs may also encourage their use.
4. That lighting is provided along the pathway, and the pathway is cleared of excess vegetation and over-growth between the netball courts/AFL grounds and those 2 carparks to encourage their use. The ACT Government Budget for 2004-2005 has allowed for an improvement in lighting at the netball courts and this work could be included in that process.

Suggestions 1 and 2 reduce the car parking spaces, and 3 and 4 encourage other carparks to be used. We provide these simple measures as an interim response to the traffic management problem. Traffic is also entering the playing fields from the entrance of the Defence Housing Estate, through the 'Casuarina walkway' and parking adjacent to the AFL oval. We look forward to reconvening an agreed meeting time to discuss this on-going traffic problem in Weston Creek.

The photos taken are attached

Yours sincerely

(signed)

Pat McGinn
Interim Chair
WCCC
28 July 2004