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ATTACHMENT 1 OF 5 TO ITEM 10.4

PUBLIC FEEDBACK (AS AT 20 DECEMBER 2021)

Attachment 1 - Public Feedback - Empire Park

Respondant Number	Submission	Theme	Officer Comment
1	<p>Wildlife and native bushland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This is home to many different species of wild life all of which will lose their homes once the bushland becomes a trial. This will be lost for ever not just for the period of the trial. - The devastation to this bush land from this so-called trial will be irreversible. - Some wildlife will be killed in the process via stress, some from having to move, possibly run over and having to move from a- b. These homes will be lost forever. - Native birds and wild life are seen here every day. It is a peaceful place to come to for humans and for dogs. I am a behaviour trainer and it is a known fact that dogs release serotonin when sniffing which helps to calm and relax. I have dogs I take down there on lead and I see a significant difference in their behaviour. This is the same with humans. To sit in a peaceful environment and watch nature is therapeutic and proven. - To have this bushland in our area is very special and shouldn't be destroyed with the knowledge we have these days about protecting natural environments. - The questions I would like to ask here are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Who decides if the trial is a success and who decides the criteria that equals success? - Is this specified anywhere for public viewing for discussion? - Director Hinks quoted on a letter to Mrs McKenzie if it doesn't work it will be shut down? Like I said above what is the criteria for it working or not working? - The destruction caused already is absolutely heartbreaking. - How have you ascertained that a BMX track is needed in this area? Has there been a survey to ask how many children in the area actually are interested in BMX bike riding for you to have made this decision to destroy the bushland? - Lake Monger-pump-jump. I believe there is a lot of money to go into this proposed area from the same council. It looks great, is in an area that can't be destroyed but actually adds to the park. This is to be done professionally which is fabulous. This area is only a few km's from Empire however is much more appropriate. - Adopt a park program. I have down loaded this flyer today which is actually asking us to do the opposite of what you are proposing to do. This is completely contradictory. It says create a safer, cleaner environment, building a safer neighbourhood everyone can enjoy. Litter removal, overflowing bins, revegetation of natural areas, report anti-social behaviour, report displaced or injured wildlife. Who will monitor this? There is already evidence of anti- social behaviour and destruction. Children have been caught this week with spades. - I am all for giving young children responsibilities however giving them an area that is completely out of sight and practical free reign to do what- ever they like with sand etc provided from rate payers money with an area that is home to so much wild life to me is completely irresponsible. Most young children who would use this track would have no idea the devastation that they are likely to cause and most really don't learn until an older age the significance of nature. 	Environment	<p>Empire Park total size is 36,490 sq metres, the trial area is 4,275 sq metres or approximately 11.7% of the reserve and no vegetation will be permitted to be removed. The occasional use by children will not significantly impact either flora and fauna within the reserve so long as the three rules of use are adhered to by the users. Off lead dogs are more likely to disturb wildlife within the reserve than the cyclists. The site will be monitored by Council staff and photopoint monitoring of the vegetation is being undertaken. Lake Monger is around six kilometres away and so may be out of reach to some children looking for an activity closer to home, the demand for such a facility is apparent due to trails being built in other locations.</p>
1	<p>Outside sports for kids. Is of course better for them than sat on computers but surely given all the space we have in this wonderful country we don't have to destroy what has taken years to grow? There are other options.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A track like the proposed Lake Monger pump-jump makes more sense with standards and specifications for width of the tracks etc than to give them free reign. I am assuming there would have to be someone in charge of this? I do believe some areas have actually built these types of tracks for children. To me it would make more sense to build this next to the skate park at Perry Lakes or Lake Monger where there is already just lawn with no wildlife or vegetation to destroy. Grass tree's take hundreds of years to grow and one very old one has been destroyed by the kids in Empire. - the damage that was done the last time is absolutely heart breaking to see. Was that a trial that you are happy about? This was illegal and never patrolled. To see the destruction of Grass tree's and habitat is soul destroying. This has already proven that the children cannot make these decisions for themselves. - Not transparent on size of free play zone- the letter sent to Mrs McKenzie with a picture shows size is different to the picture posted in the park. - Expense- Not actually correct. Talking about cost of sand? or cost to rebuild if trial is decided a flop? What about the irreversible expense to the wildlife that have lost their homes? The Grass tree's and nature destroyed? We are a country talking about climate change and saving our environment surely now we have more education on looking after what we have? - I live in Wembley Downs and I am with the city of Stirling. I go to Empire reserve a few times per week. It is extremely therapeutic and being next to the golf course you feel like you really are in the middle of the bush. I see different wildlife every time I go and I really can't believe you are looking to destroy this bushland when there are already plans for a much bigger version at Lake Monger. Please reconsider this. 	Environment	<p>A formal track such as the one being installed at Lake Monger is suitable for high volume use. The intent here is not just to address the demand for bike tracks but also to engage children in physical activity during holiday periods to reduce impacts in other nearby local bushland areas of higher conservation value such as Roscommon Nature Reserve and Bold Park. The site will be monitored and vegetation will be frequently checked for damage. All residents received a letter with the details (including dimensions) of the site area which is identical to what is shown on the website and the signage on site.</p>
2	<p>We have recently been made aware of the reversal of the decision last year not to allow a bike trail at Empire park and are worried to hear that there is a new proposal for a trail now being considered and planned by council.</p> <p>If we are mistaken then apologies and please ignore this email, but if not, then my family and I would like to voice our strong concerns with safety concerns over any such plan. If you live in close proximity to Empire Park then you will know and understand that the corner road junction of the park, the nearby roundabout and roads around Empire Park are some of the busiest and most dangerous ones in the whole of the ward! There is hardly a day goes by when there is not a 'near miss' somewhere in this tight area with cars/vans/trucks speeding down the blind hills of Durston Avenue and Empire Avenue on two sides of the park and around these junctions. There are also buses regularly travelling along these roads at speed and the roads are a major artery for large vehicles travelling through the area, including the many large council trucks parked in the car park between Empire park and the golf course.</p> <p>We wholeheartedly applaud the concept of giving City Beach resident children access to something exciting like a bike trail. It is a fabulous idea and a clever and efficient use of our green space for energetic recreation. Indeed, the small number of residents of Malton Place have now learnt to cope with the continuous use of the two steep hills on Malton Place by skateboarders over the last couple of years, despite the continuous fear and danger of meeting one of them head-on in our cars as we turn the bend up/down Malton Place!</p> <p>I use this as an example to demonstrate that we know our resident children need somewhere to exert their energy in pursuits like these. Forcing them away will only move rather than remove the pursuit. However, this has to be balanced with risk to safety. The problem with Empire Park is the significantly increased danger to young life that will be caused by a big increase in local children travelling at high speed on bikes in a high-density traffic area that is already incredibly dangerous. After-school use will coincide with peak rush-hour and there are no easy/safe parking areas should parents of children also decide to turn up to meet/drop their children at the proposed trail either. We fear the day with a plan like this that someone gets seriously hurt when they don't judge the traffic correctly. It will be us local residents who are first on the scene having to cope with any such incident too.</p> <p>Again, we encourage the concept but we implore you to come and properly review the traffic situation in the area and make sure you fully comprehend the risk you are contemplating with the proposal.</p>	Safety	<p>The Freeplay Zone is quite different to the Mountain Bike Trail that was not supported by Council previously. This trail is for a jump line of around 75 metres long not a 2.5 kilometre trail. The location of this zone is well away from the Durston Road side of the reserve and bikes will only be ridden downhill into the reserve due to the topography. Given the modest nature of this area it is very unlikely that children will be driven to the site and will just ride there from the local area.</p>
3	<p>We object strongly to having a mountain bike trail in Empire Park. Beautiful natural bush is becoming rare in this area. It is tragic to see so much being destroyed. Leave it alone</p>	Environment	<p>Only 11.7% of Empire Park is set aside for this zone and the vegetation in that area is poor quality due to a number of weed species being present and low diversity.</p>
4	<p>Firstly, I do not have any objection to the provision of this type of recreational facility.</p> <p>My objection is to the location as follows :</p> <p>It is located close to the Western Power Sub-Station which has always been marked "keep clear" and it is strictly prohibited to go anywhere near it. Is this proposal acceptable to Western Power ?</p> <p>The proposed area is hidden from view.</p> <p>The access is via a dirt track which has strictly only ever been used by service vehicles and in fact has a gate on it. The surrounding area is bushland which has been preserved over the years as a peaceful habitat for birds, possums and goannas etc.</p> <p>There are no amenities.</p> <p>There is no parking available or any facility to pick up or drop off bike riders.</p> <p>The access via Durston Road is hazardous. That section of road connecting to the "T" junction on Empire Avenue has historically been problematic. After many modifications over the years it is still dangerous in particular because cars coming over the crest of the hill are often speeding.</p> <p>To compare the Empire Park proposal to the existing Skate Ramp located in Perry Lakes Drive. For example, that facility is in clear view of the roadway. Has ample pick-up and drop-off areas and parking and nearby facilities at the Scout hall etc and use of the whole of the Perry Lakes Park.</p> <p>Our suburbs are extremely well served with recreational facilities for youth activities. Tennis Clubs, Football/ T/Ball ovals, Bold Park, Perry Lakes, Boy Scouts and miles of the best coastline and beach facilities in the country, just to name a few.</p> <p>I am also concerned that over the years, various types of proposals are rejected only to be resurrected by councillors with no regard for past decisions made by both the council and the executive staff.</p>	Traffic, Environment	<p>Western Power substation is well fenced and secure, the dirt track is for vehicle access into the Golf Course not for parking and park users. This modest area is for local use not regional use.</p>

5	<p>I would like to express my dismay at the news that The Mayor of the Town of Cambridge has again undertaken a personal crusade to return to the proposal that was already rejected by the Town and the local residents.</p> <p>As a longtime resident in Empire Ave Wembley Downs I am appalled that, after a resolution twelve months ago that there Empire Park was not a suitable location for a mountain bike trail, the Mayor of the Town of Cambridge is attempting to revert that decision and reject the will of the local residents. She is AGAIN trying to put the item on the agenda and to build the bike trail/freeplay area.</p> <p>The position of the local people has been very strongly presented last time this proposal was rejected and it has not changed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This is a quiet residential area with houses in close proximity. The Natural Bushland is a neighborhood park valuable to the local residents as a dog exercise area. Using this neighborhood area for the pleasure of other people external to the area, at the expense of local residents, seems grossly unfair. 2. The demographic of residents in this suburb/locality does not support such a facility. The residents are mostly people over 35. Only 20% of residents could be considered as being in the target age bracket of 12-24 years for this kind of facility. 3. There would no doubt be many users coming from other areas of Perth and disturbing the tranquility of the surrounding streets. The influx of children/parents in the park will cause constant noise, traffic and parking issues 4. The proposal which supposedly includes Council dumping soil on the site for children to use to build their own mounds, seems to be even more crazy/unacceptable idea which would result in ultimate chaos , noise and destruction of the bushland 5. Mountain bike trail/freeplay with bike jumping should be constructed in a more isolated area where there are no residents living opposite the road in a very close proximity 6. This locality has sufficient sporting facilities, including the golf course, the beach, swimming pool, sporting grounds used for footy, cricket, etc and there is no reason to place this facility in this very area to increase the traffic, noise and decrease the enjoyment of local people 7. This facility should be more suitable in a place where there is a shortage of things to do for children. Alternatively, there are more extensive bushland areas such as Perry Lakes, City Beach, etc 8. We have a right to enjoy our local park and our properties in a peaceful manner without intrusion of other people <p>This new development of reviving this proposal is very disappointing and disturbing to us, living in the area, as we have already fought this issue in the recent past and the council is not being fair dealing with the residents.</p>	Traffic, Adequate facilities elsewhere	<p>The Freeplay Zone is quite different to the Mountain Bike Trail that was not supported by Council previously. This trial is for a jump line of around 75 metres long not a 2.5 kilometre trail. The location of this zone is well away from the Durston Road side of the reserve and bikes will only be ridden downhill into the reserve due to the topography. Given the modest nature of this area it is very unlikely that childrne will be driven to the site and will just ride there from the local area. It also is a very small section of the reserve set aside for this activity leaving adequate room for off lead dogs and passive recreation. The age demographic in Cambridge for the 5-24 year age bracket is 25.1% and there is a known demand for this type of facility but being quite small it will only attract a few local children not large numbers from across the Town.</p>
6	<p>I am opposed to the proposal by the Town of Cambridge to set aside a native woodlands section of Empire Park for children to build their own mountain bike trails.</p> <p>To me, this sounds like giving unsupervised children official sanction to decimate some irreplaceable native Western Australian bushland.</p> <p>I ask that the Council reconsider this proposal.</p>	Environment	<p>The site will be monitored for vegetation damage regularly.</p>
7	<p>We are writing this letter in response to the 'freeplay' zone trial proposed for Empire Park. We were disappointed to see yet another poorly constructed iteration of a proposed bike park for this local nature reserve/park. We are local residents that frequently use this space (3-4 times a week) to walk our dog and/or as a pleasant pathway between our house and the local Boulevard Shopping Centre. The general attraction of City Beach and its surrounds is the access to so many local parks and nature reserves so we feel quite strongly about protecting these spaces. Over the last few years there has been an unpleasant increase in the number of children (and parents) that think it is appropriate to bring a shovel to their local bushland to dig holes, make jumps etc., to form obstacles for riding bikes through the bush. This is common not only to the park in question but to several other small bushland reserves in the area – including areas near Hale School, behind Newman and even Bold Park. The general result in areas that reflect what the counsel is calling 'freeplay' for the purpose of these proposed works is an area of degraded bushland with large unattended holes, mounds and other objects like tyres and timber lengths. This not only degrades the aesthetics of the area but damages native vegetation by undermining root systems and trampling/burying natural groundcovers and wildflowers. The holes are sometimes as big as a person or close to a metre deep, and enough to break a leg if a pedestrian wasn't paying attention. Not to mention the other rubbish left behind by these children for others to pick up. We had been disappointed that our local council had let these instances of unlawful destruction of property go unchecked but we are extremely surprised these activities are now being actively supported and encouraged at the expense of the broader community and rate payers.</p> <p>Perhaps this proposal is an artefact of smaller backyards and fewer outlets for young children and teenagers in our inner-city neighborhoods. Perhaps parents just don't have time to drive kids a little further to the existing bike areas at Perry Lakes or the mountain bike tracks in the hills. However, we fail to see how creating a space where children can 'freeplay' – essentially create a mess and destroy bushland – in a local area is a good use of rate payer funds. Not to mention what liability this creates in terms of safety risks, for the children but also for pedestrians. We are extremely supportive of nature play and children being engaged in the outdoors. However, nature play should be about education and respect for our natural environment, not encouraging destruction of more of the ever-decreasing areas of natural bushland we have access to. We are not against a built bike path, even one with jumps and obstacles, but this proposal must consider the wider community and ensure that the space allows for walking and retention/protection of the native bushland. Perhaps a council initiative to build a bike path with interesting built jumps/obstacles alongside implementation of weed control and native regeneration is a better use of this community funding. A proposal that involves wider community interests will likely have lower ongoing costs and ensure the project's longevity.</p> <p>We ask the council: what happens once these children create a big mess and get bored of the small track area provided? What is the true ongoing cost to rate payers for constant maintenance of the track or the inevitable injury caused to a child or casual passer-by? What is the liability to the Town of Cambridge if such an incident occurred? Is there precedent for 'freeplay' of this sort in any other Western Australian jurisdiction that can provide guidance on these issues? What safeguards are in place to stop the unlawful destruction of public property becoming part of every local nature reserve (noting this is already occurring)? Has any expert advice on creating a nature play area that is inclusive for the target age group been sought? In short, the proposed determination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lacks adequate consideration of the true cost of implementation and ongoing maintenance. • Does not consider safety risks associated with the notion of a 'freeplay' area as described within the determination. • Demonstrates limited community or qualified stakeholder engagement and appears to serve the interests of a very small minority in the community (~20 children based on recent council minutes). • Introduces the vague notion of 'freeplay' as an acceptable activity that encourages residents (children) to destroy public native areas at their own volition. Noting that free play is a term used to denote children learning to play by themselves and socialise, a term that does not traditionally extend to children wielding shovels and wheelbarrows in local park areas. Even the proposed determination describes 'freeplay' as an activity that "primarily includes riding of bicycles" and to "create small bike jumps" with soil provided but fails to indicate how 'freeplay' will restrict digging or other damage or destruction of property. <p>We believe that the Empire Park Free Play Zone Trial requires a more detailed description of how this will serve the wider community and how it will be effectively implemented to ensure community interests are upheld, particularly given the precedent this proposal sets for other nature reserves in the area.</p>	Environment	
8	<p>I would like to congratulate the TOC and all Councillors for agreeing to allow our kids to utilise the land at Empire Park for the purpose of using TOC provided soil to construct creative play areas with regards to their biking activities.</p> <p>I am fully supportive of this initiative and am pleased that the right decision was made to provide a safe place for our kids to use their imagination to explore and create whilst at the same time knowing that they have 100% TOC permission for them to utilise this land for that purpose. I have lately been made aware of adults verbally abusing our children for using this area – this type of behaviour should never be tolerated and for that reason, it is absolutely imperative that the kids know this is a safe place for them to belong and to connect with other children.</p> <p>Once again, I am fully supportive of this initiative.</p>	Supportive	<p>Behaviour by all users needs to be courteous and non confrontational. Older residents should be setting an example for the younger generation and they will reciprocate. The users need to ensure that the play by the three rules of use and not over-reach by building structures out of pallets, bins, logs and other materials (as can be seen within photos in attachment 4) apart from the soil provided. Damage to vegetation is not acceptable and could result in enforcement.</p>
9	<p>I am writing in support of the proposed determination.</p> <p>I live close by Empire Park in Wembley Downs, in the family home built by my parents in the '60s when the suburb was first under development. I am very proud and protective of our local community and the wonderful quality of life that we enjoy.</p> <p>I am a regular user of Empire Park to walk my two dogs. I enjoy seeing the kids on their bikes and looking at the tracks that they have created. They seem to be very respectful of the area and don't cause any inconvenience that I can see, to other users of the park.</p> <p>I think it's wonderful that the Town of Cambridge is proposing the trial to give the kids the opportunity to demonstrate the benefits of them having a local area for free play.</p>	Supportive	<p>Once the rules are in place we do hope the local freeplay users will be mindful of the environment and local residents to minimise conflict and ensure success of this innovative land use.</p>
10	<p>I would like to provide my family's unwavering support for the proposed 'free play zone and bike trail' as supported by Mayor Keri Shannon .</p> <p>To share this land with our youth is imperative to the mental health and well being of our next generation.</p> <p>All children deserve more space, free play and unhindered time in nature to explore, exercise, create and socialise.</p> <p>This would be another opportunity for Town of Cambridge to shine as leaders in providing beautiful green space for all.</p> <p>Thank you for making the right choice and an investment in our most precious resource on earth - our children.</p>	Supportive	<p>The pandemic has had a deleterious effect on both physical and mental health of the entire community. It is important to</p>
11	<p>I write in support of the proposed Empire Park free play zone.</p> <p>As a resident on Ridge Street, I can attest to the fact that there are high numbers of kids in this area with nowhere suitable to ride their bikes. Currently many kids ride up and down Ridge Street. However this is dangerous as it is also a thoroughfare that cars use (at speed) when cutting through from Empire Avenue.</p>	Supportive	<p>This site will provide a safer environment for those children riding on hilly roads.</p>

12	<p>I don't object to this activity, but am concerned that the proposed S boundary of the play area may intrude too far into the remnant native vegetation (Acacia rostellifera, jarrah, Jacksonia furcellata, etc).</p> <p>EP is an interesting park as parts of it have relict native vegetation in good condition, and I've recorded a surprising number of native birds using this area. This is probably because of the close proximity of Wembley golf course.</p> <p>A compromise would be to shorten the S extent of the S boundary and expand the W boundary so that you retain the same area.</p> <p>Is there a strategic plan for EP? I become alarmed when I see developments dumped in a park in the absence of a broader plan that should optimise environmental, residential, community, and other values. Concerning the environmental value, the park needs better management, namely: reduction of open space; and increased planting of species of local provenance (tuart, banksia, jarrah, dryandra etc) to provide a natural structure akin to the remnants in the golf course. Once these are established, the numerous exotics (Japanese pepper etc) could then be safely removed without impacting on habitat structure. The agaves should be removed immediately - they are invasive weeds.</p> <p>The NW section of EP already has some excellent non-local eucalypts which provide nectar for honeyeaters. I suggest that you plant some pinaster pine trees, liquidambar trees, cape lilac trees, etc there to provide an ongoing supply of seeds for Carnaby's cockatoo and the red-tailed black cockatoo. In the SE sector I would strengthen the linkage with the golf course with the planting of native species of local provenance combined with the progressive removal of exotic species.</p> <p>On a different but related issue, the last time I visited Roscommon Park I was shocked at the degradation caused by unauthorised riding of bikes through this important stepping stone close to Bold Park. ToC needs to pay closer attention to its parks (does anyone ever monitor them?). Why not letterbox residents of adjacent streets and warn that fines will be issue by rangers to parents of children who illegally ride bikes there. Roscommon reserve serves as an important habitat for several native birds. Please prioritise their interests over those of child vandals, otherwise what is the point of having nature reserves?</p>	Environment	<p>The areas of highest diversity and bushland health are those to the south of the reserve adjoining Durston Road. The 11.7% set aside for the freeplay zone contains a few good remnant stands of vegetation however this will be protected through regular inspections and monitoring to ensure the rules of use are being followed. The idea of revegetation and control of exotic weeds in some sections of the reserve has merit and could be looked at as part of the formalisation following the trial. Roscommon Nature Reserve damage is being addressed through another project at that site and it is hoped the provision of this location will address some of the known demand for biking facilities for locals in the area surrounding the reserve.</p>
13	<p>For exactly the same very sensible reasons that Bikes activities are now prohibited on Roscommon Reserve, these activities definitely should not be permitted on Empire Park also. The level of probably irreparable damage to Native Vegetation that Bikes caused on Roscommon, would inevitably happen on Empire if permitted.</p> <p>Given that, in her response to a PQT Question at the November OCM, the Mayor again confirmed that land surrounding the Administration Center is definitely suitable for Bikes activities, it is known that there definitely are more sensible sites for these than on Empire Park - particularly as regards negative impacts on neighbourhood residents, available parking and overall safety. Children are already cycling on their Trails in this area.</p> <p>Our Town's Professional Staff: By what appears to be a deliberate tactic designed to avoid ensuring that Staff do have sufficient time to both analyse all submissions and to properly prepare their Report and Recommendations, the extension of the submissions deadline to only 30 hours before the 21 December OCM, places extremely unfair, unreasonable and unnecessary pressure on an already overworked Staff.</p> <p>The intentions in the Mayor's Plan clearly involve Town Staff having to constantly and repeatedly act essentially as Child Minders for largely unsupervised children. This imposition is also particularly unreasonable, if not also unrealistic, in intent.</p> <p>Our Council: As clearly shown in the Minutes of the November OCM, Council was asked to approve an Amended Motion that did not contain the fully identified front-end costs of the Mayor's proposal, including the definitely-required Liability Insurance - and then approved a total budget of only \$4,000 to cover everything proposed, including the required separation fence. Given all that is proposed, this is a totally inadequate and unrealistic amount.</p> <p>Very clearly, there is arch hypocrisy in Council on one hand endorsing Town Policy 026 that requires protection for our Town's Natural Bushland - yet supporting the Mayor's Bikes On Empire Park Agenda that will inevitably result in severe damage to the Native Bush area there.</p> <p>Both the Mayor and her Husband have made Facebook posts that very clearly imply that Council's final decision has already been made; and that Bike activities are therefore permitted on Empire Park. This is, in every way, a deliberate tactic that is duplicitous; and it is definitely not the Transparency that the Mayor frequently champions.</p> <p>Dangers to Child Cyclists at Empire Park: Commonwealth Government Agency arpana has identified clear links between emissions from electricity substations and leukaemia in children. The immediate proximity of a Western Power substation to the Native Bushland area proposed, highlights this potential danger.</p>	Environment	<p>The vegetation condition and topography of Roscommon Nature Reserve are the main two reasons why the site is unsuitable for bicycles. There has been conflict with vehicles and damage to vegetation within that reserve. Providing a site which is both suitable and degraded will provide children with a safe and more appropriate site for this type of activity in the local area. The site will be monitored to ensure damage to vegetation is minimised. The site doesn't lend itself to a perimeter fence due to the terrain and vegetation and so the site will be signposted adequately to delineate the site for all park users to see. The proximity to the Western Power substation and the transient use of the site by children will limit exposure to harmful emissions.</p>
14	<p>A most critical aspect of the bike trail proposal is that the wanton, unlawful destruction of the small but significant bushland area has been condoned, encouraged and now to be legalised, with irreparable environmental damage set to occur. Council's Conservation Policy states: 5 (d) Aim to engender a spirit of care for, and ownership of, the bushland, 8 (b) Discourage informal tracks to reduce disturbance of vegetation through trampling and subsequent loss of indigenous flora and weed invasion; A further reprehensible aspect is the taking away of an amenity, a loss to be borne by those of all ages who lose their long valued and used benefit of a local narrow unobtrusive walking trail in this bushland. There is much more though, as indicated in this submission, regarding the Rationale; underpinning Values; the Site & Activity; and the Process.</p> <p>RATIONALE LACKING EVIDENCE OF NEED? WHO IS IT FOR? There is no supporting evidence of a need for a bike trail or free play area, nor for opting for this particular location. There is no reference to any professional research or knowledge on child development, just a 'motherhood' comment about free play in natural settings being important.</p> <p>ABUNDANT ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE There is an abundance of opportunities for children and young people to engage in physical activity in Cambridge. There are both organised team type activities, and places for informal group or individual activity.</p> <p>NOT A LOCAL NEED There is not a grass roots call for this activity in this place from people in the area. The impetus for a bike riding trail in the first round in 2020 was led from people in Floreat Pk, not City Beach and Wembley Downs. The proposal is driven from the proposer, ie it's a top down, rather than the grass roots up. (In 2018 'Perth Now' reported " Cambridge Mayor Kerri Shannon is leading a push to build purpose-built trails in bush at Wembley Golf Course".)</p> <p>VALUES UNFAIR TO LOCAL POPULATION Taking over a section of our local park to serve people who in the main would come from outside this area is not a commendable move. (Be aware that the unlawful activity to date has been carried out in part by 'visitors' from elsewhere)</p> <p>ANTI-COMMUNITY ATTITUDE CONDONED It is incongruous that a council with a strong detailed conservation policy to protect native bushland, has a Mayor pushing an agenda that condones parents and their children in their disrespectful and unlawful conduct on the native vegetation area of Empire Park; and then proposing that the behaviour be made lawful.</p> <p>FURTHER SITES THREATENED The Council legalising what the community at large knows is unlawfully destructive is setting an anticommunity, disrespectful attitude towards the environment and the facilities that others enjoy, and encouraging unlawful bike riding already emerging in other locations throughout the Town.</p> <p>YOUNGSTERS, DO WHAT YOU LIKE Underpinning the call by some for legalising the trail is the notion that children should be free to 'do what they like.' We know that at a young age there is need for 'free play'. As children grow older there is a need to develop an appreciation for the needs of others to be taken into account. This is the aspect that's more appropriate for the upper primary and teenage years who build bike trails.</p> <p>TAKING FROM OTHERS It will close off access to long time members of all ages in the community who use and value the native vegetation area with its once narrow non-invasive walking track. It's an approach of 'when you want something, take the easy option of depriving others.</p>	Environment	<p>This is not a conservation bushland, the site is an unirrigated reserve which is used as an off lead dog exercise area. There is well document demand for such a facility within the local area as identified through public consultation and through on ground activities which have occurred over the last few years. There are many adequate opportunities for locals to embrace nature and walk along nature trails nearby however there is nowhere for the children to do this type of activity.</p>

14	<p>UNSTABLE LEADERSHIP In the haste to overturn Council's twice determined policy to not have a bike trail in Empire Park, the proposal overlooks the many negative aspects that Council took into account in twice recently finding Empire Park unsuitable for a bike trail, and in particular the recommendations of the highly paid consultants who recommended a number of potential sites, with Empire Park not one of them.</p> <p>REPUTATION DAMAGE TO COUNCIL The reputation of a Town for good governance is not enhanced by the re-introduction more than once from within its leadership of issues previously decided upon and settled.</p> <p>THE SITE & ACTIVITY UNSAFE SITE Administration Comments refers to "medium risk" for the Council. It's not 'no risk', nor even 'low risk', but just one notch away from 'high risk'. There will be children with shovels and barrows among others riding fast on bikes; and the likelihood of interpersonal friction.</p> <p>UNSAFE PRECINCT If children ride to the proposed site they will face traversing the hazardous traffic environment surrounding the park. If they are driven there (with their shovels, barrows, etc) they will find there is an absence of any parking or even a safe drop off place?</p> <p>UNSEEN The isolation of the trail area being unsighted from the road or more open park areas means that if children are hurt, they will not be in site of help from passers by. Neither will vandalistic behaviour be observable</p> <p>BETTER ALTERNATIVE SITES If it transpires that additional bike trails are needed (notwithstanding Lake Monger facility), there a number of other potential sites available, not all bushland. (The proposer has suggested one adjacent to the Town offices)</p> <p>NO DIGGING?! Signs telling children not to dig holes won't cut it! Most children know that, and don't do it in a public park. However, children of parents who already think it is ok, will continue to dig.</p> <p>ENVIRONMENTAL VANDALISM It cannot be argued that a bike trail constructed by unsupervised children or teenagers will not damage the natural environment and affect the native habitat. It is happening right now on this site on a grand, outrageous scale.</p> <p>VAGUE PROPOSAL The proposal itself and debate around it is lacking in scope and detail. Costings are unclear with the proposer and the administration having expressed markedly different total costs at the meeting on which the proposal was voted upon; and no understanding given as to how the site would operate day by day 'on the ground'.</p> <p>THE PROCESS HASTE IMPOSED Pressure appears to have been put on to the council administration by the proposer of the motion, to act in haste in commenting on the matter of the bike trail. "only limited time to properly research the matter in the short time available" (Council Agenda 21 Nov 2021 p.39) Furthermore, with submissions closing at noon on Monday 20 December, and these to be considered and a report prepared on the same day, for placing on the agenda for the following evening, tells it all! There is clearly insufficient time for Staff to prepare a comprehensive Report and Recommendations to Council.</p> <p>INFORMATION LACKING There is dearth of information to the public, eg the proposal was not mentioned the word in the Town's spread in the Post newspaper; and the incorrect formally required "notices" were replaced, but with no heading to indicate that they differed from the original.</p> <p>MINIMUM CONSULTATION PERIOD The consultation timeline is inadequate. The 21 day consultation that is required is a minimum, and not a target for Council to aim at in order to restrict opportunities for feedback to a minimum.</p> <p>NOT A 'DONE DEAL' Postings on Facebook have presented the bike trail as all authorised, and set to go. This would have led to concerned people thinking the time of consultation has passed.</p> <p>DECEPTIVE BRANDING It is not a 'free play' area. Children engaging safely in various activities of their choice cannot conceivably occur on the same place as pump and jump bike riding. It is a bike track. If it looks like a track made for bike riders, if you see bike riders riding on it, and if it's known locally as a bike track - then it is a bike track. (like, if it quacks like a duck ...) "Free Play" is misleading terminology, no doubt causing some people less likely to be as concerned as they otherwise would be.</p>	Environment	<p>This is quite a different proposal to what was previously explored at the site. It is essentially a small portion of the reserve set aside for a very small run of bike jumps not a mountain bike trail as previously explored. The site is graded away from the road creating a safe environment for kids to ride without conflict to vehicle traffic and is low quality vegetation due to many environmental weeds at the site. This site is more appropriate than other sites being currently used within other reserves. The Town placed a public notice in the West Australian and placed copies of that information on site as well as providing that same information to nearby residents. The branding of freeplay clearly states what is defined and accepted as freeplay within the designated area.</p>
14	<p>A POSITIVE SUGGESTION two points from the Council's established policy 'Council Policy No: 026' is quoted here again.</p> <p>5 (d) Aim to engender a spirit of care for, and ownership of, the bushland, especially among local residents, park and beach users, school children and other visitors.</p> <p>8 (b) Discourage informal tracks to reduce disturbance of vegetation through trampling and subsequent loss of indigenous flora and weed invasion;</p> <p>If the bike trail and building goes ahead (wherever sited) some educative consultation sessions could be held for parents and children wanting to use the trail area.</p>	Environment	<p>This could be an outcome of the trial period however it should also be noted that one of the conditions of use is not to damage the vegetation that exists within the site.</p>
14	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the damage to the existing walking trail be remedied, and the area rehabilitated and all holes filled and mounds levelled before the legal use of bikes comes into effect, so that the "trial" starts with (forgive the pun) a level playing field? 2. Will the analysis of submissions include noting and reporting on the different issues or aspects raised, and not just the number of submissions? 3. What is the distance from the site is it expected that bike riders will come from, eg from surrounding suburbs, or just, say 1 or 2 kilometres; and is it expected that users will ride to the site, or be brought by car, or both? 4. What age group is the project being designed for, eg 10-12 year olds; or teenagers; or all-comers? 5. Who will monitor the safety of the mounds constructed, and who will be responsible for rectifying unsafe work? 6. Once the dumped sand has been utilised, are further loads to be delivered; or will subsequent users who like to do their own constructing be expected to break up the work of the first-come users and builders? 7. Is it correct to presume that the designated bike area will not include any portion of the road reserve of Empire Ave? 8. What is the square metre area and the perimeter dimensions of the area? 9. Is there to be any restriction or guidance as to what tools and equipment users can bring to the site? Is it being taken into account that children will bring shovels, wheelbarrows and the like to facilitate their building of mounds? 	Safety	<p>Bikes are already permitted to be used within the reserve. The only difference, if Council endorse the land use change, is that jump building will be an approved activity. If the Town flatten these mounds now, the children will revert to building them in another location. As the decision will be made next week, it would be better to wait until after the Council meeting to remove the jumps and fill in the holes. The Council report will include a copy of all submissions 'verbatim' as an attachment with Officer responses to each comment. The report will include the main themes or issues and how they might be addressed. Giving this would essentially be a small jump run made of sand, it wouldn't be a large drawcard and most likely only used by nearby local children. The intention is that it will be a freeplay area for local children, there is no formal age designation. Town staff will inspect the site as required to determine if the site is being used as per the conditions set. The need for additional soil will be monitored and assessed as there is very limited area to mound sand without impacting vegetation. The intention is that users can modify the mounds as desired when on site. The area is 45 metres wide and 95 metres long which equates to 4,275 square metres. It is anticipated that children may occasionally bring wheelbarrows and shovels to assist in mound building, but over time we think that may peter out.</p>
15	<p>Wildlife and Native Vegetation: There is plenty of native wildlife that still lives there. Native vegetation too. A very old grass tree has died because of the digging around its roots to make mounds for bike jumps. This was devastating. The first pictures I have attached are coming from Empire Road 'track'. The two grass trees look completely different since the children have been using this track. One appears it has been cut back. The pallets, wheelie bins, treated pine logs, natural dead logs, pieces of wood with nails and screws protruding amongst other items to make ramps made Empire Park look like a rubbish tip. Also, the litter always left behind is very upsetting and picking it up was a time-consuming task.</p> <p>Not transparent on true size of Free Play Zone. The picture in the November OCM Minutes and picture in the Notices posted in the Park are different to the picture sent to Mrs Mckenzie the only ToC resident who lives adjacent to the park. Park and OCM pictures are approximately 22 metres longer in length and slightly smaller in width.</p> <p>Error with submission email address: It has been a very flawed Community Engagement Process. This has definitely resulted in providing less time to email submissions.</p> <p>Second Notice mailed to surrounding residents: No explanation why they had received a second notice, due to a "mistake in email address". Similar, for the Second Notice posted in the Park. These represent a lack of proper transparency overall.</p> <p>Time for Submissions to be examined by staff and report and recommendations made: one day is inadequate to analyse and review late submissions</p> <p>Cost to Ratepayers: If the Trial does not work as planned, the cost of rehabilitating this area and removing all the extra sand/soil, fence and returning the area to Natural Bushland, will be substantial. Who decides if it is successful? Many wildlife would have already been killed by stress and shock because of so much more activity in the area.</p> <p>Community Asset: The value to the Community of a small bush neighbourhood park to walk around in and to enjoy, is unequalled and this must be protected.</p> <p>Mental health benefits: Mental health and wellbeing is important for all. A lot of the users of the park enjoy it for their mental wellbeing.</p> <p>Magnet for many: Due to social media, google etc Empire Park will attract Bikers from many suburbs outside Cambridge as it a new area to visit, just like Roscommon, the Secret Garden in Karrinyup, and the bushland behind Bendat Stadium which now is no longer bushland due to the vandalism. Its another rubbish tip. Each area suffers from over-use during school holidays in particular. The lack of off-street parking and the already two busy roads Empire and Durston is certainly a safety issue.</p> <p>The Towns "Adopt a Park" and Conversation Areas within Public Open Space Policy: I find this contradictory and even hypocritical to what is proposed at Empire Park. One quote in Council Policy No: 026. "aim to engender a spirit of care for, and ownership of, the bushland, especially among local residents, park and beach users, school children and other visitors". Maybe the Town should read it and remind themselves of their promises to protect what bushland is left.</p> <p>Land around the Towns Council Offices: The Mayor admitted to Mrs Mckenzie the Town land is a potential site. OCM Minutes 23 November 2021. Response by Mayor Shannon: Certainly, there is an area around the Town's offices that is also a potential 'free play'</p>	Environment	<p>The images have been provided as a further attachment to the report. The litter will be removed from site by the town and regularly monitored to ensure the site remains safe for the community. The public notice and the Towns website show the dimensions of the site designation clearly. The minor error with the written email address was corrected as soon as the Town was informed of the issue however the QR code still directed people to the correct place. The minor typo mail@cambridge.wa.gov.au would be obvious to most people and had they typed the wrong address they would have received a bounceback advising them so straight away. The site is so small and modest that if people come from a distance they will go elsewhere next time due to it being for young local riders, it will not become a regional size facility as the site is inadequate for that.</p>

16	<p>I wish to register my strong opposition to the proposed Empire Park Free Play Zone Trial. proposal goes directly against the councils own decision in October 2020 that determined that Empire Park was not a suitable location for any activities of this kind. should not be ignored, or sneakily bypassed by giving the project a different name, simply because the Mayor, her husband and half a dozen 10 year olds decide it is a good idea. the area is dangerous for children given it is surrounded by busy roads and the topography is such that crossing from the only footpath, which is on the other side of Empire avenue, requires them to navigate traffic appearing over the crest of a hill in one direction and coming through a roundabout in the other or, further down the hill at a busy intersection.</p> <p>2. The area adjacent to the park is used as a works depot with numerous cars and heavy vehicles using the only other access point into the park.</p> <p>3. There are no facilities such as drinking water or toilets at Empire Park.</p> <p>4. There is still good quality remnant native bush at this site that should be protected.</p> <p>The mayor suggests that providing this area for the express purpose of track building and jumping will potentially address the demand in all areas of City Beach and Floreat. This is clearly flawed logic as there is no parking at Empire Park or safe set down area and it is a considerable distance from these other areas for children to ride carrying their track building equipment. The problems from illegal track building in other areas will not disappear because of this proposal.</p> <p>As a ratepayer I do not wish a significant amount of my rates to be spent providing a play area largely for children from the City of Stirling who are the most likely to use the park given its location on the border of Cambridge and Stirling.</p> <p>The whole process of this proposal is rushed. To be first introduced at council on November 23rd to a final vote on December 21st one day after submissions close is an insult to ratepayers, other elected members, administration and makes a mockery of the whole consultation process. It is disingenuous and an abuse of mayoral power. There is no detail in the proposal and issues such as council liability have yet to be addressed. The advertising is misleading with the image of the size and shape of the area of the proposed free play zone on the councils website quite different from that in the council minutes and to what is pegged out on the ground. Which is the correct size? We know the length of the trial but have no indication of who or what will decide if the trial is a success. Advertising has been a farce.</p> <p>Given that the Mayor (and only the Mayor) has been pushing for this area to be a bike zone since 2018, what guarantee do we have that at the conclusion of the 12 month trial that the Mayor will declare it such a huge success that it should be upgraded to a local level facility?</p> <p>We know that every study and survey completed regarding this sites suitability as a bike recreation area has rejected the proposal, but as local residents we are extremely concerned that the Mayor will not stop pushing her agenda until she succeeds and continue to disrespect ratepayers.</p> <p>I suspect that those who support the Mayor on this proposal may be less than happy in a years time when they find themselves with a local level pump/jump track on their doorstep!</p> <p>As a local resident I am extremely disappointed and frustrated that the Mayor continues to push her agenda regardless of ratepayers, administration and paid experts opinions.</p> <p>We should not be forced to defend our local park time and time again once a council decision has been made. No one is fooled by the Mayor dressing up this proposal as a " Free Play Zone".</p>	<p>This This decision 1. access to</p>	<p>Safety, Toilets, Drinking Water, Environment</p> <p>Bikes are already permitted to be used within the reserve. The only difference, if Council endorse the land use change, is that jump building will be an approved activity. The location of this zone is well away from the Durston Road side of the reserve and bikes will only be ridden downhill into the reserve due to the topography. The Town currently provides a play facility further west 'Tilton Park' that users need to cross Empire Ave to utilise, the Town are not aware of traffic issues at this location. The areas of highest diversity and bushland health are those to the south of the reserve adjoining Durston Road. The 11.7% set aside for the freeplay zone contains a few good remnant stands of vegetation however this will be protected through regular inspections and monitoring to ensure the rules of use are being followed. Not all Town play locations are serviced with toilet facilities, as with those locations we would expect users to conduct them selves appropriately at this site. As this site is already being utilised, we currently have no evidence to contradict this.</p>
17	<p>I am in full support of the Empire Park - Free Play Zone Trial. It sounds like a fantastic initiative for the older kids around Floreat and will stop them ripping up native bush to make jumps and ride on sand.</p>	<p>Supportive</p>	<p>Will add a level of protection to our more prominent native bushland by encouraging users to utilise this location.</p>
18	<p>I wish to confirm my support for the 12 month trial of the Free Play Zone at Empire Park. The area of the park required by the kids is a small part of the park and leaves ample space for the other users. Furthermore in my view the impact of this play zone on the environment and plants and animals is no more or less than that caused by having dogs off leads and domestic cats. This type of outdoor activity is so important for the mental wellbeing of our kids and also the development of our kids as they grow into the leaders of tomorrow</p>	<p>Supportive</p>	<p>Ideal for the mental wellbeing and personal development of the young people in the town.</p>
19	<p>As a resident of the Town, I would like to give my support of this great initiative and request that this play zone to be made permanent.</p> <p>In this day and age, it is so important that our children have the opportunity to have free play that is interesting enough to lure them away from screens. Getting them out into nature with their friends is great for their mental health and provides them an opportunity to be away from the sterile "soft matted" play centres, like when we were kids.</p> <p>I would like to thank the Council for supporting this play zone, Maggie Dent would be proud!</p>	<p>Supportive</p>	<p>Ideal for the mental wellbeing and personal development of the young people in the town.</p>
20	<p>I would like to provide my family's unwavering support for the proposed 'free play zone and bike trail' as supported by Mayor Keri Shannon. To share this land with our youth is imperative to the mental health and well-being of our next generation. All children deserve more space, free play and unhindered time in nature to explore, exercise, create and socialise.</p> <p>This would be another opportunity for Town of Cambridge to shine as leaders in providing beautiful green space for all, in a safe, natural setting.</p> <p>Thank you for making the right choice and an investment in our most precious resource on earth - our children.</p>	<p>Supportive</p>	<p>Ideal for the mental wellbeing and personal development of the young people in the town.</p>



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ATTACHMENT 2 OF 5 TO ITEM 10.4

PROPOSED DETERMINATION

DETERMINATION:

ATTACHMENT 2

“Schedule 2

DETERMINATIONS

The following determinations are to be taken to have been made by the local government under clause 2.1 of the *Town of Cambridge Local Government and Public Property Local Law 2017*.

PART 1 – PRELIMINARY

1.1 Definitions:

In this determination unless the context otherwise requires –

‘local law’ means the *Town of Cambridge Local Government and Public Property Local Law 2017*;

‘local government property’ means anything which belongs to, is owned by or is under the care, control or management of the local government, and includes any flora and fauna thereon;

‘reserve’ means any land —

- (a) which belongs to the local government that is zoned as and, used for, recreational purposes;
- (b) of which the local government is the management body under the *Land Administration Act 1997*; or
- (c) which is an ‘otherwise unvested facility’ within the meaning of section 3.53 of the Act;

‘vehicle’ includes —

- (a) every conveyance and every object capable of being propelled or drawn on wheels, tracks or otherwise; and
- (b) an animal being ridden or driven, but excludes —
 - (i) a wheel-chair or any device designed for use by physically impaired persons;
 - (ii) a pram, a stroller or similar device;
 - (iii) a boat; and
 - (iv) a shopping trolley;

1.2 Interpretation:

Unless the context otherwise requires, where a term is used but not defined in a determination and that term is defined in the local law then the term shall have the meaning given to it in the local law.

PART 2 – DETERMINATIONS

Vehicles allowed on local government property

1. A person shall not without the consent of the Council —

- (a) bring, ride or drive a vehicle onto local government property, or reserve, or a portion thereof or permit any person to bring, ride or drive a vehicle onto local government property, or reserve, or a portion, except on or over such parts of the local government property as is set aside as an area for such use.

2. This Determination is effective from 1 January 2022 until 31 December 2022

Dated this day of 2021.

The Common Seal of the)
Town of Cambridge was)
affixed by authority of a)
resolution of the Council)
in the presence of -)

.....
KERI SHANNON
MAYOR

.....
JOHN GIORGI, JP
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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ATTACHMENT 3 OF 5 TO ITEM 10.4

FREEPLAY PARK SIGN

EMPIRE PARK FREEPLAY ZONE TRIAL

Activities Approved within the 'Freeplay' zone

'Freeplay' is not defined in the local law and can be described as "when children have full freedom to play in whatever way they want. ... During free play time, children can express themselves in the way that they choose depending on the day, time and situation they are in". To avoid any ambiguity and for the purpose of this determination, 'Freeplay' primarily includes the riding of bicycles.

1. All other activities permitted within Parks and Reserves as stipulated within the Local Government and Public Property Local Law 2017 with the addition of;
2. The use of soil provided by the Town for the creation of small bike jumps within the designated area.

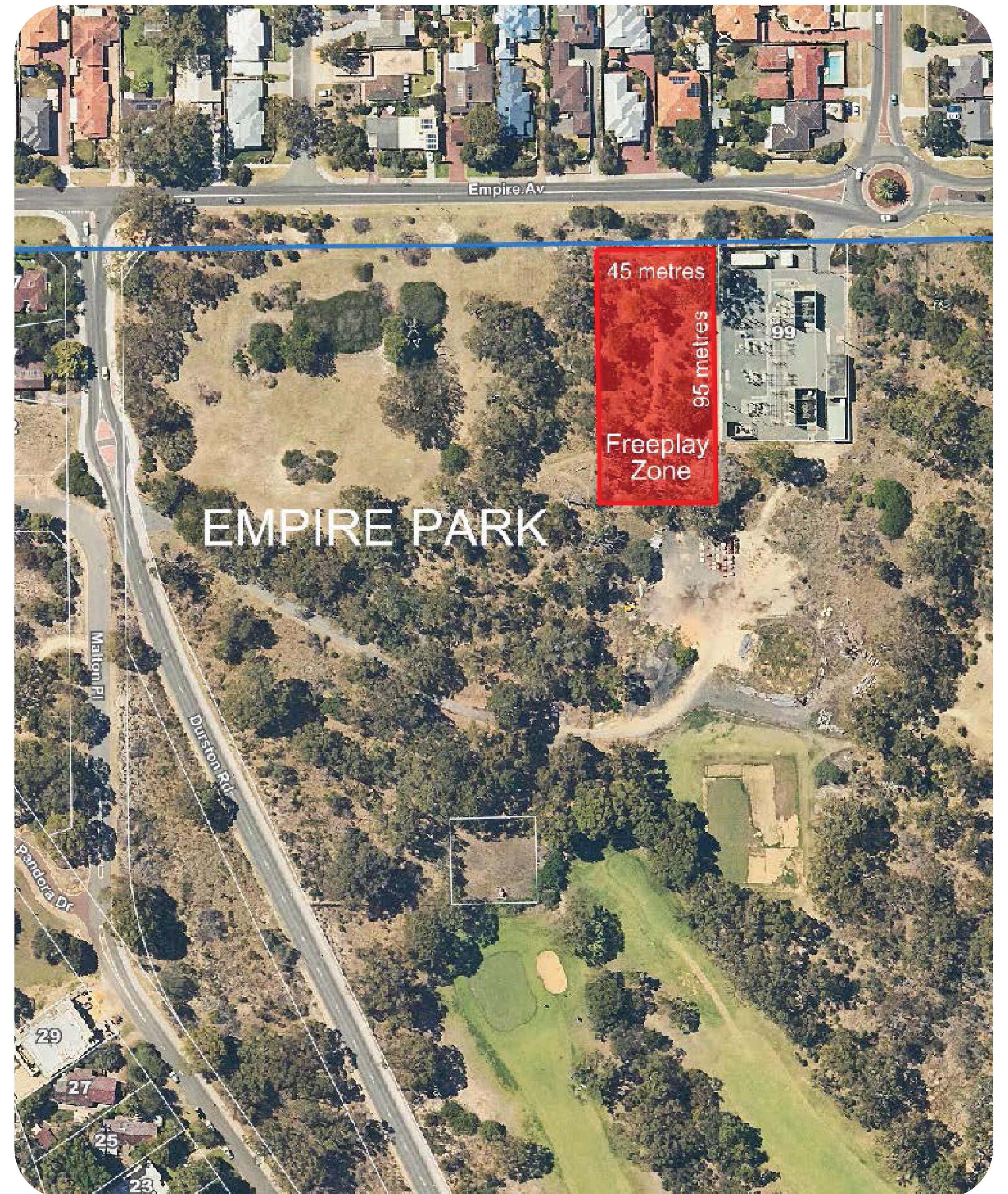
Activities Not Permitted

1. The digging of natural soils within the reserve (IE - No digging/excavating)
2. Building of any structures (other than jumps out of the imported soil provided by the Town)
3. Damage, destruction or removal of any vegetation for any reason

Other Information

Contact the Town to request additional soil from the Town and to report any concerns which include but not limited to the breach of the activities not permitted above.

For further information or report issues to the Town please scan





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PUBLIC NOTICE/LETTER

PUBLIC NOTICE



Local Government Act 1995

Town of Cambridge

Local Government and Public Property Local Law 2017 – Proposed Determination

Pursuant to Part 2, Divisions 1, clause 2.1 of the Town of Cambridge *Local Government and Public Property Local Law 2017*, public notice is hereby given that at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 23 November 2021, Council resolved that it proposes to make the following determination:

Determination for a portion of Empire Park (fronting Empire Road):

Purpose of the Determination:

The purpose of the determination is to set aside a part of the land for a trial period of up to 12 months, up to 31 December 2022, to allow persons (children), to use this part of the land for the purpose of bike riding and 'freeplay'. *For the purpose of this Determination, 'freeplay' primarily includes the riding of bicycles and associated play activities such as making bicycle jumps.*

Effect of the Determination:

The effect of this determination will allow persons (children) to use this part of the land for the purpose of bike riding and 'freeplay'

Further Information:

A copy of the proposed determination may be inspected at or obtained from the Town's Administration Centre at 1 Bold Park Drive, Floreat, between 8am and 5pm Monday to Friday, and at Cambridge Library at 99 The Boulevard, Floreat during normal opening hours.

A copy may be viewed on the Town's website at www.cambridge.wa.gov.au/notices

Enquiries:

Enquiries and further information concerning the proposed determination can be made to Mr Andrew Head Manager of Parks and Natural Environment on telephone (08) 9347 6000.

Submissions:

Written submissions about the proposed determination can be made to the Chief Executive Officer, Town of Cambridge, PO Box 15, Floreat WA 6014 or mail@cambridge.wa.gov.au up to and including **12 noon on Monday, 20 December 2021.**

Consideration of Submissions:

All submissions will be reported to the Council meeting to be held on 21 December 2021 for consideration

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Giorgi'.

John Giorgi, JP
Chief Executive Officer

More Information





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PHOTOS SUPPLIED AS PART OF SUBMISSION

Photos supplied as part of the submissions





26th May 2019
Track coming down from
Empire Avenue. Looked
beautiful



25 May 2021
Looking towards lawn area. Three days
after the palette jump was built this
trench was dug. The fallen down tree
shown in a previous photo is gone.



Track from Empire Road
13 December 2021
Not so beautiful



22 May 2021
Looking towards lawn
area



20th May 2019
The fallen down tree had to be cut in half and part of it removed as the children were using it for a jump. Digging earth to pile on each side of it. Blue tongue lizards used to live under there. This track is now around 2 metres wide, due to the bob cat cleaning up the mess left by the children.



Approx mid 2020



Sunday 12 December 2021



22 May 2021
Near lawn area start of track heading toward Empire Road





17th May 2020
Cut off the lawn area



17th May 2020. The grass tree to the left used to be alive pre covid. A hole was dug near it and roots were damaged causing it to die.



Track from Empire Road 13 December 2021.
Grass trees have been cut back.



Litter left by the Children



Empire Road track
15th June 2020



Empire Road Track,
15 June 2020.
Unrecognisable



Along side the lawn
area
June 2020



Empire Road Track
27 May 2020



Empire Road Track
18 May 2021



Pre Covid
Tracks were narrow