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OVAL REALIGNMENT UPDATE 2

18 February 2022

Since the last update at the end of January the conversation has advanced slowly with contributions from a further 18 people.

Firstly The pegging of the proposed realignment will firstly be implemented by marking the formal Boundary between the Heritage Trail Reserve and the Recreation Reserve. The Football Oval would sit within the Recreation Reserve, and will be pegged later.

Secondly the conversation has reached a stage where some additional information is required and so an interim update is to be presented at the DCRA Meeting 28 February 2022 and subsequently reported back to groups, with further work planned. Nevertheless what is clear from the conversation so far can be summarised in the following points

1. There is a genuine interest in ensuring there is room for young people to play sport and so develop their; potential, confidence, skills and sense of “Belonging” to the special community of Darlington.
2. The sense of place is important so any changes in use of the Reserve for football and cricket needs to be accompanied by reassurances that other users and residents will have their interests accommodated [as reports suggest they are currently].
3. There are a number of items of work which are important for the Oval to be returned to a suitable venue for all users and interests
 - a. Upgrade the reticulation to the Oval to enable more even water spread [Shire plans have been in place for some time for this to happen]
 - b. Make the oval surface safe, level and better draining. Reshape the Oval surface on the Northern side once roots removed, to enable new safe surface grass to be planted and also ensure stormwater discharges into drains along the northern boundary, NOT the oval
 - c. Grubb out the Pine tree stumps on the Northern bank [risk of European Borer infestation] and the subsurface roots that lie under the oval

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- d. Realign and upgrade the Northern side drains that end behind the Cricket nets, progress along the Northern boundary of the Oval and that start from behind and in-front of the Tennis courts, so they don't discharge onto the oval.
 - e. This drainage work could involve the removal of the remaining Pine tree on the Northern boundary
4. The Quality of lighting at Darlington means that many of the Footy teams will always train at Boya Oval.
5. There is an important concern to preserve the arrangement whereby current teams can continue at the venue and widening the Oval provides the buffer zones required by the various National guidelines.
6. Information around any Traffic and Parking changes associated with additional use of the Oval needs to be provided.

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