ATTACHMENT B

SUMMARY OF WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED

Total of 1253 written comments were received:

1116 online through the survey monkey

137 by email or letter.

9 individuals amended their written comments following the supporting technical information being made available.

1238 individuals and associations/groups made comments (a lesser number that comments because some made both online and email comments).

1 of the comments was received late on 10 December, and we have accepted it.

Spread of support and opposition:

83% in support of Proposal

17% opposed

3 organisations didn't take a position

A) List of themes from comments, with some quotes

Identifying positive economic benefits:

Flow on benefits across the city of hosting major events, are anticipated – tourist nights, retail, visitors going to other activities. If lights were installed it would be a huge asset and encourage more international games and more revenue for Christchurch:

- Stimulating the greater regional economy and generate jobs
- Christchurch must look to the low hanging fruit and ensure we are going to support and diversify our economy
- Hospitality sector can add value to GDP without infrastructure change or capital expenditure
- If big events like the Women's Cricket World Cup were added to the equation, investment and stimulation in the Canterbury economy could happen instantaneously
- Ensuring our venues are world-class is key to attracting visitors and new residents
- Showcasing of Christchurch to rest of the world – helps re-establish Christchurch as an international city and gateway to the South Island
- Increasing and positive profile of Christchurch across NZ and internationally, which will support domestic and international visitor and tourism objectives
- Some quantification of benefits – for the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2021 matches alone, the city could expect an increase of 15,000 visitor nights and $2.9 million in visitor spending. (ChristchurchNZ) and the ICC Women's comments gives a figure of 13,700 visitor nights and 6.6 million spend for a semi-final or final

- The Proposal will not only draw visitors to Christchurch specifically to attend cricket matches, it will also allow for greater exposure and promotion of Christchurch and the South Island as destinations more generally
- The city has had its knocks over the past few years, so this would be another sign for a vibrant forward-looking city to install the lights and encourage more games to Hagley Oval.

Some questioned the economic benefits, and noted other costs e.g.

- The economic benefits of commercial cricket have been exaggerated in that little of the new funds generated will circulate in the Christchurch economy and only limited amounts will circulate in the New Zealand economy
- Costs of events – Canterbury District Health Board (CDHB) (although supporting the Proposal) notes the cost of planning, staff, communications and security.

Other activities are better for regeneration [i.e. priorities]

- Larger economic (and social benefits) for Christchurch would come from sustained domestic and overseas tourism, and development of the River Corridor
- Consider other venues – Lancaster Park, Lincoln, Rangiora, Ngā Puna Wai, Halswell Quarry Park, and use of the Red Zone
    - Jade Stadium in the medium term a viable home for Canterbury Cricket – i.e. reduce the current use of Hagley over next 2 years.

Unconditional support for the enhanced cricket venue

Many comments just support the Proposal and the potential for floodlights.

- Although some objections to the original resource consent clear that international cricket at Hagley Oval enjoys the support of the vast majority of Christchurch citizens - an asset of the city and not just a benefit to cricket – downsides minor comparted to benefits
- Christchurch is one of the great venues in NZ – it would be devastating if this "opportunity" was missed
- Value of maximising the use of the ground
- Really proud that since the upgrade in 2015, we have a world class cricket ground in the middle of the city. In the wake of the disasters we have had, it has been a great joy
- That we cannot use the "village green" field for test matches and night games at present does not make sense to me
- History of Hagley. A perfect place for cricket events in Christchurch. "It has always been a cricket venue"
- Christchurch needs first class facilities: lights are a must for Hagley Oval so that people will come to Christchurch
- Need competitive ability to host games and hence the value of a world class venue
- Ability to inspire youth and encourage sport, including women's cricket. Christchurch Metro Cricket Association – responsible for leadership, management and development of youth and adult cricket in Christchurch – 100% behind
- Some specifically about South Hagley versus North Hagley e.g:
    - The heritage of Christchurch lies in North Hagley Park and the botanical gardens and of course this sort of development would be out of place there, but take a walk in the park south of Riccarton Ave and you will see very few people when there are no sports games going on so I can't understand who will be really affected by this Proposal

- NZ Cricket have proven they can run games here with minimal disruption so I support the plan.

Conditional support for the enhanced cricket venue

- A comment sought appropriate requirements such as ensuring lights are directed downwards in as far as possible and that if LEDs are installed they do not exceed 3000K. This latter is to reduce the blue spectrum which is harmful to human health and nocturnal life.
- CDHB:
    - sought changes to the management plan – for parking
    - suggests any impact of the lights (and other aspects of the operation of Hagley Oval) on flight paths is investigated and resolved with the helicopter companies before approval is given to proceed
- Another individual commented that support for the Proposal was conditional on the same powers being used to provide parking for the hospital – both on the same time frame.

- Also one comment sought a bigger facility – "unless a large development of the entire ground is permitted – should stay in its current state as a village green style ground" The current facilities are not a suitable standard: no permanent toilets; difficult access for those with mobility issues and no places to shelter in the event of bad weather.

Opposition on social and environmental grounds

- Commercialisation of Hagley Park, including concern about precedent setting:
    - Current activities are incompatible with objectives of Hagley Park Management Plan
    - Visible advertising is inappropriate
    - Privatisation of land by stealth
    - Vehemently opposed "extremely detailed and complex justification of a Proposal whose intention is to increase the commercialisation of Hagley Park, contrary to its intended purpose".
    - Recovery is not an excuse for theft of public land by commercial enterprises.
    - All other commercial activity in Hagley Park is by special arrangement and very short term and remediated impacts.

- Lights:
    - Concern about glare from the lights as seen from the port hills at night
    - The lights would protrude above the tree line and aesthetics matter. "towering over the established trees"
    - Hagley should; be celebrated not destroyed [by lights - Flood lit night cricket has no part in 'village green'
    - If so "necessary" NZ Cricket should; raise the funds for telescopic ones
    - The Proposal is against the history, heritage and status of Hagley Park
    - Need to preserve the "green haven" "special character"
    - Park dominated by lights (If you pace 14.5m width and nearly 8m height of each of the heads rising above the trees… .., at least 90 lights per head) that is not unobtrusive on the landscape. These towers.. … will dominate the landscape
    - Happy for 4 retractable lights – not 6 permanent
    - Permanent encroachment in Hagley
    - More permissive than the Environment Court consented [when RMA matters considered]

- In contrast, some comments considered the impact of the lights (structures and light spill) minor, and one comment mentioned the safety benefit of lights.
    - I don't believe the lights (done well) would detract from the "village green" and family friendly feel
    - South Hagley Park is a Christchurch gem for these activities [family cycling and Saturday sport and cricket events] and six lighting towers around the beautiful Hagley Oval will in no way detract from this.
    - People use the paths that go around the outside and thorough the middle of the park. If you were walking around the outside of park, you probably would not even know they were there due to the trees.

- Other structures:
    - Signage more permissive – Canterbury Cricket Trust demands extensive advertising
    - Opposing TV camera scaffolding for the whole commercial season
    - Utility cabinets at the base of each tower appear to be the size of generous single-car garages (size given: 8m long, 3.5m wide, 2.5m high) with two having even larger structures. At the stated size calling them 'cabinets' is misleading; they are buildings. These are substantial and obtrusive structures for a supposedly 'village green' location.

- Lack of consideration of public interest

- Loss of quiet and unrestricted use of the Park
    - The Proposal does not meet the definition of regeneration. No evidence that large entertainment stadia have long-term benefits – generally ratepayers contribute to running costs
    - Another facility not required
    - Little benefit to suburban dwellers
    - Park is not for a few elite
    - Sport caters for a select group (be that cricket or any other sport) and there are effects on other park users.

- Congestion
    - Parking in an area that is already under significant pressure due to the close proximity of the hospital
    - Negative impact on those accessing metro sports and cycling and walking paths
    - Don't want crowds of up to 20,000 at Hagley Oval – crowded roads , parking - it is not suitable for regular high-profile international matches – recommend other venue if audience grows
    - Safety of staff at 10 pm change over for night matches
    - Access – parking and ambulances
    - The parking lot by the oval has been closed in the past during 'pack in /pack out' times and during games. Can Canterbury Cricket Trust guarantee that will not happen?
    - Local residents and the Al Noor mosque have no other access than Deans Ave – access issues for police, ambulances, fire engines and residents. Given street layout it is not possible to design/implement an effective traffic management plan.

- Concern there would be creep, meaning restrictions proposed would be overturned.

- The Hospital
    - General/multiple concerns about the impact on the hospital – noise, light /glare and parking - "Surely the needs to our least advantaged and most needy citizens take priority over those wishing to attend sporting fixtures?
    - The CDHB, although supporting noted need to manage older facilities with single glazing and opening windows at the hospital - will require rescheduling of sleep clinics. And others also noted patient disturbance (and helicopter matters commented on separately)
    - At night, it is claimed they will not disrupt sleep at the hospital with only a 10Lux limit. However, this is 3 times the light of twilight on clear nights,
    - Concern about safety for helicopters and flight paths
    - Emergency vehicle access when events were on

Support of Section 71 process

- Fast and efficient
- Allows for women's world cup events

Opposition on process grounds

- The proposal circumvents the RMA as an expedient way of meeting a deadline to host a cricket ground – improper use
- The time for urgency has passed. "The reasoning put forward of "emergency planning" is absolutely farcical ".. excuse of the Women's world cup, for which NZ cricket will have had ample notice, certainly does not fall into that category"
- It is inconsistent with the vision of the Hagley Park Management Plan – "iconic inner city open space areas for the city of Christchurch."
- Approving the Proposal would have a destabilising effect on the general accord of what is considered best for the Hagley Park
- Although changes are not proposed to the Hagley Park Management Plan the Proposal would not be consistent with the general settings, requiring a fresh Management Plan to accommodate the "new reality of Hagley Oval" [if the Proposal was successful] "out of kilter with HPMP"
- It was a "devious, dishonest and cynical way to override rights" - "planning by stealth" "It appears as though they have focused entirely on ways to avoid lawful procedure by misuse of emergency powers granted to Regenerate Christchurch after the earthquakes."
- It undermines the decision of the Environment Court (2013) and associated 85 consent condition
- Spirit of Act total missed
- Concern about other than Christchurch residents involved - "Opinions from outside Christchurch and Canterbury should be excluded from this discussion" and some note "unacceptable" lobbying by Canterbury Cricket Trust
- Many feeling disempowered – "Feels like a David and Goliath situation".

- Specific mention from independent chairperson of Council's Hagley Park Reference Group ("HPRG") set up to "provide a sounding board for community views and preferences in relation to proposed uses, developments, events, and activities taking place within the boundaries of Hagley Park….and....assist and enhance Council's decision making processes … "– very unhappy with the process - about lack of involvement, information withheld and haste.
- Members: Council, Ngāi Tahu, the Department of Conservation, Sport Canterbury, the Christchurch Civic Trust, Heritage NZ, the Christchurch Youth Council, Community Board, Residents Groups
- Agree with lights for international matches – but the Council should keep control over events – so oppose the Proposal
- Am hoping those decision makers considering our submissions, put equal weighting to those with less significant public profile and political influence, and hear our voices as well
- Concern that the Anchor project status was inappropriate (some referenced with strong feeling) 'The backdoors procedure by Canterbury Cricket was obvious in 2013. Most of us were still fighting our own personal battles following the earthquakes while they snuck that one through'
- The fact that an extension of time had to be granted due to lack of information forthcoming from the council is a concern.

<u>Other Matters raised</u>

- Agree not using polo grounds for parking is good
- The Proposal is against NZ's zero carbon objectives
- Day/night games work best in stadiums. Keep Hagley Oval traditional 'point of difference'. (from a cricket fan)
- Area covered by Hagley Oval expanded from resource consent
- The Greater Christchurch Regeneration Act 2016 excluded Hagley Park and gave the Hagley Park Management Plan primacy
    - So that should mean that Regenerate Christchurch should not now be involved in any way with Hagley Park.
    - The Greater Christchurch Regeneration Act 2016 was only passed after the Hon. Dr Megan Woods moved an amendment, carried unanimously, that excluded Hagley Park
- Daytime is the best time for spectators to experience a true village green atmosphere and appreciate elite women's cricket. Whatever their time zones it is also the best time, between overs, to capture for overseas viewers enticing glimpses of the recreational public taonga of Hagley Park and the Botanical Gardens.
- "Appropriate use of open space" is not in the definition of the Greater Christchurch Regeneration Act 2016 "urban renewal." In fact, open space is not interchangeable with public open space. [from comment in opposition]

- Heritage
    - The Proposal is contrary to the intention of the heritage provisions formulated for Highly Significant heritage in the Christchurch District Plan… will negatively impact the heritage values of the Cricket Pavilion and Setting and Hagley Park (provided with several pages of technical evidence)
    - Note Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga states it does not have significant concerns about the heritage status
- The East
    - I do not know why areas that are in great need of regeneration and consideration, such as in the East, are not considered for some of these projects.
    - The part of Christchurch most in need of regeneration is the east. Lancaster Park, the traditional home of cricket in Christchurch, is in the east, and has recently become available and is looking for a tenant
- Technical engineering issues – structures e.g. significant wind loading on lighting towers causing harmonic oscillations with this height of lighting structure, under varying wind velocities – can be unmanageable. 'are no obvious measures in the design of the lighting heads to deaden or counteract wind generated noise, which was in the past, a constant source of annoyance in the area about 'Lancaster' Park."

Views from Strategic Partners

Comments were received from Christchurch City Council and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (including a separate letter from the Upoko of Ngāi Tūāhuriri). Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri is clearly in support of the Proposal, emphasizing the economic benefits. The comment from Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu is primarily that the comments from Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri are given consideration. The City Council's comment does not take a position as it acknowledges different objectives.