

## Foster Recreation Park

# Summary of Submissions

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#### 1. Introduction

This report is a summary of the submissions received on the Draft Foster Recreation Park Master Plan (hereafter the 'Draft Master Plan'). It also contains a staff response and recommendations to the comments received. Information presented by submitters at the hearing session held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2013 has also been captured and incorporated into the report although this generally includes re-stated written submissions.

Public consultation ran for six weeks, between 16 September and 25 October. Three drop in sessions were held so that people could view the Draft Town Centre Master Plan as well as Draft Foster Recreation Park Master Plan, as well as the ask questions of staff, discuss their ideas and concerns, and make comments on the Plan. In total 136 people attended these sessions.

With respect to distribution, full copies of the Draft Master Plan were made available online and at all Council Service Centres and the Selwyn Aquatic Centre and Rolleston Community Centre, for the duration of the public consultation period. Full copies were also posted to a specific number of individuals and organisations, and were provided to others on request.

A shorter 'summary brochure' was also prepared and distributed to the letterboxes of approximately 5900 households within or close to Rolleston (Rolleston, West Melton, Weedons Reserve Rating Area). A feedback form was also included within the brochure and copies were also available at the Council Headquarters, Rolleston Community Centre, Aquatic Centre and Service Centres.

It is evident from submission responses that the brochure was used by many submitters to inform their comments on the Draft Master Plan, and the full project explanations or rationale may not have been as well understood by those submitters without having a look at the full Master Plan document.

#### Methodology

All feedback responses were entered into Surveymonkey. Not all submitters responded to all of the submission form questions.

160 submissions were received with 151 from residents and 9 from stakeholder organisations. Submissions were received from following organisations

- Rolleston Rugby Club
- Rolleston Softball Club
- Canterbury Basketball Association
- Mainland Football
- Weedons Reserve Committee
- Canterbury Rugby Football Union
- Sport Canterbury
- Rolleston Residents Association
- Bowls New Zealand

Almost half (47.8%) or 66 submitters of the 138 submitters who answered

the question on how they would usually travel to the Park live within walking distance of Foster Recreation Park (as they indicated that they would usually walk to the Park).

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Qualitative responses have been prepared into a series of tables, which are presented under the relevant heading or topic. Key points repeated by multiple respondents as well as one-off ideas from submitters are also included, to convey the nature and range of comments put forward about the Draft Master Plan.

#### 2. Quantitative Results

Only two quantitative questions were asked on the submission form as qualitative comment was primarily being sought for improvements to the Draft Master Plan.

## 2.1. Level of Support for the Master Plan

96% of submitters support the direction of the Draft Master Plan

#### Q1 Overall, do you support the direction of the Draft Foster Recreation Park Masterplan?

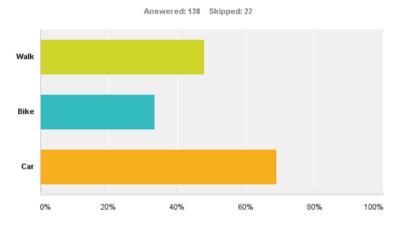


#### 2.2. Mode of transport to Foster Recreation Park

Submitters were asked to identify which modes of transport to Foster Recreation Park

- Almost half (47.8%) indicated that they would usually walk to the Park).
- A third (33.3%) would bike

#### Q2 How will you usually travel to Foster Recreation Park?



Just over two thirds (68.8%) would use a car.

## 4. Summary Of Stakeholder Organisation Issues and How Addressed

The issues raised in submissions from the nine stakeholder organisations are summarised in the table below with a comment on how these will be addressed. The full texts of the submissions are in the Appendix at the end of this report. Note that most of the organisations below also presented their submissions at the hearing held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2013 and the information in the following table captures any additional issues and responses.

Stakeholder Organisation	Summary of stakeholder issue	How it will be addressed
Mainland Football	SDC to consider re-prioritising an artificial surface for all-weather training and games as a stage 1 initiative. This will deliver quality training facility and winter capacity equivalent of 5 soil fields.  Collaborative shared arrangement for codes but not suitable for hockey \$800,000 capital cost and \$30,000 per annum for maintenance	Development of an artificial surfaced field will not deal with Saturday peak demand for concurrent use of multiple fields – the priority need. Artificial surfaced field has merit as a complementary development and is an option for the future as set out in the staging plan ( <i>Longer term 2024+</i> on p. 21). The planned 5 outdoor courts at high school are likely to be an artificial surface that can be used for football training as an interim measure.  Recommendation: No change to MP staging plan
Sport Canterbury	Sport Canterbury is about getting, and keeping, people engaged with sport and recreation. Commends SDC for its commitment to recreation and sport.  Strong alignment between the MP and the key planning principles of the spaces, places and people plan created by the Sport and Recreation Earthquake Leadership Group. Sport Canterbury supports the sharing of spaces and facilities by a number of codes working collaboratively, sharing resources, problems and solutions. The needs of the community will be serviced in a more efficient and effective way. The proximity of the high school is commended and adds to potential for more sharing. As a district experiencing the country's fastest population growth, on-going investment and enhancement into other locations such as Brookside Park will be vital moving forward.	Need for wider investment strategy beyond FRP such as Brookside and future reserves.  Recommendation: No change to MP as Future Land Use (need) is addressed on page 20. More detailed plans for enhancement at Brookside Park will be prepared to accommodate user changes identified in the MP.
Bowls New Zealand	There is no bowling club in Rolleston. In future the residents will want to play bowls without having to leave Rolleston. Bowls NZ would like to ultimately see provision for two bowling greens with initially one green (36.6x36.6 would allow for 8 rinks). A learners green would be a welcome addition; this could be the width of one rink but with an artificial surface. Also support FRP being a multi-sport facility and sports working under one umbrella, share social space, office/meeting rooms. A community club would need to be established but at this stage there is little point calling for expressions of interest from the community until there is an indication from SDC that there is land available for a club. A centrally situated club would suit the growing community and hopefully stop any other clubs being established in the area in the future. Bowls is a game that can be played by all ages, all abilities; it is a good sport for people with disabilities, it is a good family sport and a green would be an asset to the community.	The draft MP stated:  Bowls could be located in the future a Rolleston Recreation Reserve (p. 20, para.  9). The rationale was the predominantly older resident demographic in bowls would lend itself to being close to other amenities (library, community centre, medical, shopping) at Rolleston Reserve. However, potential to co-locate with the FRP clubroom as part of footprint between fields 1 and 2, particularly if indoor court facility is developed linked to the Aquatic Centre. In addition the Rolleston Reserve will come under increasing pressure to maximize available space for public use which will conflict with a fenced of bowling facility unless it replaces hard-court footprint. Locate at FRP broadens age profile of users.  Recommendation:  Update the MP to reflect the Bowls NZ preference for FRP.

#### Rolleston Softball Club

Fast growing currently 226 members after only our second season. The club has affiliated with Rolleston Rugby Football Club (RRFC), purely because Club has no clubrooms of its own. We currently use the clubrooms during the softball season to encourage team building and development of youth within our club.

Primarily, this submission is for the proposed relocation of the Rolleston Softball Club to Brookside Park.

As a club, we are not against the development of Foster Park as sporting areas are needed for the development of sporting codes within the Selwyn District. Foster Park has the potential to accommodate many sporting codes, which is the main driver for many Rolleston based clubs.

Due to Rolleston Softball Club being allocated to Brookside Park without proper consultation, the Club submitted the following concerns:

- 1. The information provided about Brookside Park is very limited and vague as to what is proposed for Softball development on this Park. It does not explain in detail the council's contribution for Softball, in comparison to Foster Park where everything has been disclosed for development for other codes.
- 2. There is no space allocated for a Softball Skin Diamond. A premier diamond is a key aspect in the 5-year plan for our club. We have identified talent that we wish to remain in our sport and within Rolleston, and we need this facility to retain their talents.
- 3. A permanent diamond can be used for multiple events, not just for Rolleston Softball, but for national or even international tournaments.
- 4. Rolleston Softball Club has an Under 19 team that plays at Mainland Park (Home of Canterbury Softball) and at times will play on their skin diamond which teaches them a different dynamic, which is paramount to the development of our youth into premier grades.
- 5. We are not against the move to Brookside Park, however further consultation with the Rolleston Softball Club Committee is required. This is due to Selwyn District Council assuming that we would just follow RRFC and their clubrooms.
- 6. Over the last two years, we have built a beneficial relationship with RRFC that sees members from each code, playing both sports.
- 7. We prefer to stay independent, so that we stand as one identity under the banner of Canterbury Softball Association, who support our club's code of ethics and believe we are an integral part of development of softball within the Selwyn District.

These are only some of our concerns about the proposed move to Brookside Park. We believe that with further consultation between Selwyn District Council and Rolleston Softball Club these concerns of ours can be addressed.

Club was consulted through a questionnaire, follow-up face-to-face meeting and then a pre-release briefing along with other club stakeholder organisations. The Needs Analysis Report and summary in MP state that softball will *require at least doubling of current provision by 2021* (p. 19, para. 12)

Both FRP and Brookside were identified as options for softball with the intention of providing the Club with a choice of location as the Club was uncertain as to its preference during the consultation phase to prepare the draft MP. Feedback during the consultation was co-location with the Rolleston Rugby Club was advantageous for the Softball Club and this option was included in the MP (points 5, 6 & 7 of submission). The Club has not been allocated to Brookside or FRP. The MP can be amended to reflect the Club preference.

Brookside Park is an option to meet the needs of rugby by relocating the rugby clubrooms and share with touch, softball and cricket (artificial wickets) (p. 19, para. 17).

The land area required for football and its likely year round operation indicates that it is an anchor user of FRP, along with softball (p. 20, para 1)

The MP states potential for softball to share the skin diamond and safety fencing with Baseball

Baseball is an emerging sport and can share facilities with softball (p. 20, para. 8)

The current description provides flexibility appropriate for a MP (see below) and further consultation with the Club will be undertaken during the detailed development plan for Brookside Park (points 1, 3, 4 & 5 of submission).

Statements made at the hearing now indicate Brookside as a preference with appropriate facilities provided (Space for skin diamond and one running-line diamond.

Softball and athletics may wish to continue to co-locate with rugby and this can be accommodated at Brookside Park with marked track and field, marked grass diamonds plus backstop and side foul ball safety fencing. There is space for a skin diamond (with removable outfield fencing) in the future occupying part of the Park. Baseball is an emerging sport and could potentially share the diamonds with softball. The scale and location of any clubroom that compliments the existing facilities at the Park will need to be determined.

There is room at both Brookside and FRP to include a skin-diamond and this can be drawn in on concept plan once Club preference is known (point 2 of submission).

The Club can remain independent as a sovereign entity (point 7 of submission). However, the club will need to share facilities with other codes consistent with the vision, objectives and principles of the MP. The intent is for the sharing of clubroom facilities to optimize sustainability, land use and investment.

#### **Recommendations:**

Continue to consult with the club on plans and update the MP to reflect the Club preference in terms of FRP and/or Brookside.

Insert skin-diamond onto concept plan when location preference is known.

#### Rolleston Rugby Club

LIKE: New facilities. Favourable to some sport codes but not all. Sharing of school and community facilities.

DISLIKE: Revenue Identity Control Not enough fields for future growth Cost IMPROVEMENTS: Designated rugby field for growth or new club. (See draft plan for Brookside Park in Appendix).

A revised plan for the layout at Brookside Park has been prepared by the club including location of club rooms. Expectation that Council will pay for relocation of facilities from Rolleston Reserve to Brookside Park

Consultation feedback prior to drafting MP was preference to shift to Brookside. Club submission is too brief to comment beyond stating the intent is to manage demand for fields. Initial strongest demand is for football fields. Relocating football to planned larger land area with more fields at FRP reflected this demand. Over time the relative popularity between codes will be managed through allocation of fields at both Brookside and FRP.

Recommendation: Develop Brookside park plan to incorporate revised field layout and clubroom location.

Consider allocation of rugby fields at FRP as code demand becomes clearer

#### Canterbury Rugby Union

Rugby as the major winter sport in Canterbury, would clearly like to work closely with Selwyn District Council on this project in order to develop and help satisfy demands for rugby in Rolleston with possibility of second club.

- 1. Provision on Foster Recreation Park for:
- Two full sized senior playing fields (minimum one field with lights for matches)
- One full sized training field (with lights)
- Two junior fields
- At least one of the full sized rugby grounds be allocated within the Outdoor Sports Hub, either alongside the proposed indoor sports facilities, or adjacent to.
- Support for a floodlit artificial surface with shock absorbency
- 2. Relocation or construction cost for the Rolleston RFC clubrooms
- 3. A floodlit field at Brookside Park

See above regarding managing demand. Rolleston Rugby Club and Canterbury Rugby Union appear to agree on concerns regarding the future number of rugby fields but differ on location preferences.

Development of an artificial surfaced field will not deal with Saturday peak demand for concurrent use of multiple fields – the priority need. Artificial surfaced field has merit as a complementary development and is an option for the future as set out in the staging plan (*Longer term 2024+* on p. 21).

Intent is ultimately for all fields to be floodlit at FRP is described on pages 24 and 25. Need to amend MP to include description of Brookside Park flood lighting.

Recommendation: Amend MP to include floodlighting upgrade at Brookside Park. Expand on other enhancements required at Brookside to accommodate relocation of Rugby activities.

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#### Canterbury Basketball Association

Basketball is growing rapidly in Canterbury. The Association states 10% growth year on year over the past 3 years. Basketball is one of the fastest growing participation sports in New Zealand.

Data from the Recent Sport New Zealand's Young Person's survey has identified that Basketball is the number one sport that all boys and girls in all age brackets (5-18 years) want to either play more of or participate in for the first time. In addition, it is one of the top 10 participation sports for 11-18 year old boys and girls.

Basketball is fast becoming a year round sport with participation opportunities already occurring beyond the traditional season timelines. This, in combination with the push to include 3\*3 into the regular schedule of activities makes basketball a key user and significant stakeholder of such a facility. The Association operates a hub and spokes facility provision model and Rolleston is a significant spoke.

Canterbury Basketball Association urges the Selwyn District Council to consider not the current requirements, but to place confidence in the growth, demands and needs in the future and to plan and future proof in this phase. The Association urges the Selwyn District Council to reconsider the timing of the projects to ensure that indoor court space is developed in Stage 1.

3--4 indoor courts needed for hub and also request outdoor court space for 3 on 3.

The MP recognizes the need for indoor courts as follows:

Most comparable sized population centres in New Zealand have a multi-court indoor facility of at least 2 courts with many having 3, 4 or 5 courts. There is currently latent demand from basketball for a facility with 2-3 courts. The site selected will need the capacity to expand to up to 4 courts as population growth occurs and demand increases for indoor courts (p.20, para. 2)

Current provision of outdoor courts at Rolleston Reserve will over time convert to more informal recreation focus for pick up games of tennis, basketball and netball or shooting hoops (p.20, para. 4)

However, the critical shortfall in field sport provision to meet existing participation demands has been assessed as a higher priority. In addition, the significant cost of indoor faculties has meant a 2-stage development in the Second and Third five-year development phases have been recommended in the MP.

Recommendation: No change to the timing of indoor court development.

Rolleston Residents Association	Wilderness Areas; The Youth Park area; The sports fields and how they are set out; The planned clubrooms area (Will it be big enough?); The exercise/fitness area. Lack of toilets Lack of car parking spaces The proposed size of the youth park Have fitness stations around the tracks Ensure tracks are accessible for all - elderly people, bikes, prams etc. Big area for entertainment Water fountains for drinking	The submission is too brief to comment beyond a general comment that the MP addresses accessibility, fitness stations, parking, drinking fountains and toilet provision. Concerns regarding size of youth park and clubrooms and car park numbers can be clarified via further discussion with the Association but it believed these are of sufficient area/capacity to service the park.  Recommendation: Ensure toilet location are more clearly identified on the plan
Weedons Reserve Committee	LIKE: That Weedons will become the "hub" for cricket in Selwyn DISLIKE: Is there enough room? Park not big enough IMPROVEMENT: Enlargement for future development More sports catered for	The submission is too brief to comment beyond a general comment that the MP addresses future land needs on p. 20.  Recommendation: No change to MP as Future Land Use (need) is addressed on page 20.

## 5. Themes from comments by individuals

A plethora of different views were promoted in individual submissions but recurring themes were identifiable that can provide qualitative information for decision-making. A representative summary of submitters' views is presented in the following tables:

#### 5.1. Dislike

Even with 96% support for the overall direction of the Draft Master Plan there were some recurring messages from the comments about what submitters did not like about the Draft Master Plan.

Message	Typical Submission Comments - DISLIKE	Comment
Want it now	<ul> <li>Timeline bit hard for some sports to wait until 2024 for extra facilities especially with growth of some sporting codes.</li> <li>At this stage, there is not much that I dislike about the concept and plans for FRP. Timelines for its creation could be an issue as a lot of what is planned could be used now.</li> <li>To slow No rugby fields for school rugby need 3 No senior rugby fields need 2</li> <li>Some of the facilities will take some years to build such as artificial turf &amp; Clubrooms, these facilities are required now rather than in 3 or 4 years.</li> </ul>	Population growth and new settlers have higher expectations of infrastructure being in place (especially former city residents).  Affordability and funding constraints have driven timing in staging plan. Some projects may advance or be delayed depending on stakeholder motivation and momentum to pursue external funding.
		Recommendation: No change to MP
Concern FRP will <b>not be big enough</b> to meet future demand, especially with 'loss' of land to high school	<ul> <li>There is nothing to dislike my only concern is that it won't be big enough to cope with future growth</li> <li>High school land should be registered with more reserve land 'no net loss'</li> </ul>	This issue is addressed in the Future land Use section of the Draft Master Plan (p. 20) signalling additional land will be needed somewhere between 2031 and 2041

Message	Typical Submission Comments - DISLIKE	Comment
Parking not seen as sufficient	<ul> <li>Doesn't look like enough car parking for the amount of areas.</li> <li>Lack of car parking spaces</li> <li>Plan does not seem to show adequate parking unless all along the roadside is to be used. Many of the outdoor areas will be well used in the winter months and no one wants to have to walk too far in wet, cold weather. When there is a big event it would seem the folk in Faringdon will have their streets used as parking.</li> <li>There is a massive lack on onsite parking. Take out a couple of sports fields and put in more parking. We don't want people parking in the residential areas outside our houses.</li> <li>Lack of Car Parking Each sports area needs its own car parking area I currently use the pool weekly, I normally walk, but on the occasion I have needed to take the car due to wet weather I found it impossible to get a park, example when I arrive @ 9.45am the car park is almost full or full. Which leaves me to park on the road, not ideal when you have a toddler and its wet. This will only get worse as more people use the pool and the facilities grow in the area.</li> </ul>	There are 716 off-road parking spaces in MP well distributed to provide parking close to fields. In comparison, Christchurch District Plan requires 15 parking spaces per field or 6 spaces per outdoor court. MP has generous provision in comparison.  Recommendation: No change to MP. Explore bringing extension of pool car park forward.
More provision for <b>dog</b> walking/exercise areas	<ul> <li>The dog park is often used by the Dog Training Club - it would be good if there were an additional area that was always available for use even when the Club is in the main dog park.</li> <li>Dog Park should be larger.</li> <li>There are more dogs than there is room to exercise them. Either the existing park needs to be extended at the expense of some of the sports fields or a second dog park needs to be established. Or loosen rules for dogs in the new parks i.e. allow off leash exercise.</li> <li>Dog Park is going to be a little small in 20 years time when there is a town of 20,000 to service! Perhaps some consideration to buying rural land nearby to add another dog park to Foster Rec Park.</li> <li>The dog park needs to be either extended or a second one created. At the moment there are 50kg dogs socialising with 1-2kg dogs and that is just asking for trouble (and several accidents have occurred around the country with large dogs killing/badly injuring small ones simply because of the size difference). Another dog park for small/old dogs wouldn't take up much more room and would be more sensible and safe.</li> </ul>	There is merit in considering a second off-leash exercise area with signage indicating it is for smaller dogs.  Recommendation: Indicate an area in MP for off-leash exercise for smaller dogs. Explore potential to extend the Dog Park once Goulds Rd is closed. Identify alternative sites in Rolleston for Dog Parks. Ensure public are aware of change to Dog Control Bylaw allowing dogs on parks under effective control.
Noise from events area	I would like to see [fields] # 11 & # 12 swap around. If # 11 is going to be used for concerts and outdoor sports tournament I think it would be better suited to where # 12 is. This would help with noise levels affecting Gould Road Residents	Images in MP have the recreation/events as one hub. This has caused confusion as several submitters have referred to fields 11 and 12 rather than fields 17-23 as the event hub.  Recommendation: Split recreation/events hub into separate events hub and a separate recreation hub (Foster Homestead)
Rugby at Brookside rather than at the 'main' park not seen as logical	I feel that all clubs should be present. The absence of the rugby club seems unusual also I believe a bowling clubs would be a great asset for the Rolleston community.	Rugby can be at FRP as fields will be allocated by Council according to demand with regular reviews.  Recommendation: No change
Naming as Foster Recreation Park not seen as appropriate	<ul> <li>Why call it 'Foster' Rec Park? Fosters were well paid for this land and name should be with community consultation.</li> <li>The name "Foster Recreation Park" is a boring name.</li> </ul>	Recommendation: No change

Message	Typical Submission Comments - DISLIKE	Comment
Doubt of workability of clubs sharing of clubrooms	<ul> <li>I am wary of how it will work clubs sharing one Pavilion/Space</li> <li>No mention of clubrooms/facilities for cricket, rugby or tennis club to call their own</li> </ul>	Sharing embedded in vision, objectives and principles of MP. Clubs in process of working through how, when and where they will be sharing facilities and other resources.  Recommendation: No change
Walking & cycling	<ul> <li>Lack of "Natural" environment for cycle and walking paths. It's always nice to walk and cycle through bush and feel really far away from an urban environment - think Bottle Lake Forrest, or even Deans Bush on the smaller scale.</li> </ul>	Potential for variety of cycling experiences at FRP. Wilderness areas designed to provide 'natural setting'.
	<ul> <li>It needs to have areas that people can use for walking and running. How about some exercise trails. We are not all young sports people, so the recreation area needs to give equal opportunity for 'low impact' fitness options.</li> <li>You've got plenty of playing fields now. Use it for something else. There are no mountain bike tracks around here that I know of. News flash here people, mountain bikers are usually people that have money that they could spend in Rolleston if there were suitable tracks here to attract them.</li> </ul>	Recommendation: Identify the former gravel pit as location for some technical riding tracks. Explain that Reids Pit is to be developed as off-road cycle track.
Goulds Road cul-de-sac and traffic volume causing a hazard with High School, Park and Aquatic Centre all at one location	<ul> <li>I think cutting off Goulds Rd could be a problem as it will send a lot more traffic past Clearview School or will send Faringdon residents on a massive detour round Springston-Rolleston Rd. I would like to keep Goulds Rd as a direct route to the new town centre but with improved roading/traffic signals around the intersection with Lowes Rd/Springston-Rolleston Rd area</li> <li>The idea of making Goulds Road a cul de sac is crazy! This should remain a main road and</li> </ul>	Higher traffic volumes will occur with mitigation to improve safety covered in MP. Traffic modelling shows Goulds Road as causing more congestion as fifth road at intersection.
	<ul> <li>should be widened now as it is very busy and dangerous.</li> <li>I think this will encourage cars to shortcut through residential areas (this is already a problem in some streets), particular if Rolleston Drive is a link from SH1 as proposed. If the cul de sac goes ahead provision for parking should be made at the dog park end of the proposed plan</li> <li>I live on Goulds Road, so I'm concerned about the possible increase in traffic due to this development.</li> </ul>	Recommendation: No change to MP, continue with cul-de-sac concept. More targeted consultation with affected properties on Goulds Rd to explain concept.
Landscape and plantings plus CPTED	<ul> <li>The large gum trees along Goulds Road are both ugly and a hazard as demonstrated in the recent storm. They should be felled or thinned now.</li> <li>Too many trees for safety reasons teenagers will go there and there needs to be clear visibility</li> </ul>	CPTED guidelines will be applied to detailed design in planting plan.  Recommendation: No change to MP. Plan to
	so to prevent any inappropriate behaviour as these people tend to hide in bushes and tree lined areas.	reduce height of gums is already in train. Install cameras for high risk areas.
<b>Toilet</b> provision is unclear and insufficient	No toilets are shown on the plan. A park this size needs 2 or 3 blocks.	Toilet provision is adequate.  Recommendation: No change to MP but clearly identify toilet locations in MP.
Concern <b>expansion of Aquatic Centre</b> is prevented by co-location of dry facilities	Is there room to extend the pool as needed, Hydroslides etc.	Aquatic Centre has provision for expansion towards Goulds Road.  Recommendation: No change to MP

Message	Typical Submission Comments - DISLIKE	Comment
Too sport focused	20 playing fields seems slightly excessive - the sports area of FRP appears to be very well planned but I don't think we need 20 sports fields. Not everyone in Rolleston is sports oriented, which is why I feel that parks, walking and cycling, seating areas and maybe a fountain would be nice.	Overwhelming support for overall direction of MP infers balance between sport and passive recreation is about right.  Recommendation: No change to MP
Facilities that are not included	<ul> <li>Are there any shelters to be built around the sports fields?</li> <li>Lack of squash court facilities</li> </ul>	Shelters can be added (if proven as needed) once Park is operational. Plantings designed to provide some shelter.
		Squash courts can be added to planned indoor court facility during feasibility planning of facility.  Recommendation: No change to MP

## 5.2. Improvements

There were some recurring messages about what submitters would like to see in the way of improvements in the Draft Master Plan

Message	Typical Submission Comments - IMPROVEMENTS	Comment
Walking and cycling	<ul> <li>Consideration of using the Proposed Walkways adjacent to Goulds Road as access for Residents of Farringdon and ODP Area 10 to High School, Aquatic Centre, Township as an alternative to footpath on busy Goulds Road between Dynes Road and Shearalea Subdivision.</li> <li>We would encourage walking &amp; cycling tracks to be a priority to get developed &amp; up &amp; running, as there are no off-road cycling opportunities currently available.</li> <li>I would like to see the walking/cycling track round the outside and through the middle become a priority project so that the public can start making use of the land for recreational purposes immediately. At the moment we only have the option of walking around the houses.</li> <li>It would be very good if there was a mountain bike track around the park which families could ride with one or two technical parts for experience riders. Please refer to McLean's Island which is great asset. What would be great would be the use of the gravel pit. I don't think this would cost much.</li> </ul>	Strong message to deliver a viable network of walking and cycling tracks as part of Stage 1.  Recommendation:  Add to the Stage 1 development the establishment of walking/cycling track around perimeter of Park and link tracks to provide shorter loops. Amend Staging and implementation Programme as needed  Add to Stage 1 development the establishment of mini mountain bike park in former gravel pit (with some informal technical tracks). Amend Staging and implementation Programme as needed
<b>Dog park</b> extension or 2 <sup>nd</sup> dog exercise area	<ul> <li>Extension of the dog park with areas for small dogs and big dogs</li> <li>The dog park is our main concern, we use this area for the dogs most days, we think it is great but would like to see the water area / stream have a larger swimming area for the big dogs who like to swim, this area is very popular and could be improved, we have seen this at the Quarry where the swimming hole/pond is where everyone heads for. If a section could be fenced off for small dogs, I know a number of people have said this would make the park more user friendly (people and dogs).</li> </ul>	There is merit in considering a second off-leash exercise area with signage indicating it is for smaller dogs.  Recommendation: Indicate an area in MP for off-leash exercise for smaller dogs.  Explore potential to extend the Dog Park once Goulds Rd is closed. Identify alternative sites in Rolleston for Dog Parks.

Youth park	<ul> <li>Am unclear whether this includes a skate park, as it appears the existing one will disappear in this plan. Definite need for skate park for kids and youths.</li> </ul>	Consider skate provision along with feedback
	and plant 20 miles its or create painter in the and years.	from youth forum.  Recommendation: Add skate park as option to description of youth play zone.
Landscape & planting	• If the stock water race is made into a stream in the park, provision needs to be made for cleaning it. If stones are used to line it, as in the Faringdon subdivision, it will be very difficult to clean, and slime/algae build up will be a serious problem.	Strong theme to take care and be judicious in changes to trees. MP has balanced between wind shelter for sport and recreation users,
	<ul> <li>More shaded picnic areas and a proper garden with flowers. It doesn't have to be huge but at the moment Rolleston is really missing a space where all ages can enjoy a garden with flowers.</li> </ul>	CPTED principles, protecting potentials for gardens and dell areas.
	<ul> <li>Thin or remove gum trees Widening of Goulds Road and what about a water feature like a pond fed by the water race, as in the dog park or Waterford Mews on Lowes Road</li> </ul>	Use of waterways to enhance recreation and amenity value is another strong theme. MP provides for optimising this aspect.
	<ul><li>Retain trees</li><li>Botanic Reserve? Community garden? Food Forest?</li></ul>	Detailed landscape and planting plan will address these issues and suggestions.
	Just please put as much thought into landscaping / planting as any other part of the plan, and don't think that thickets of natives is the cheap and culturally sensitive way to go. Great to have areas of native planting for bird and insect life, but have these where they don't block sunlight, impede visibility from main roads / pathways (safety issues) or become a depository for rubbish. Invest in good specimen trees for their beauty and variety and appropriateness for public safety/visibility.	Recommendation: No change to MP.
Parking	<ul> <li>More parking or information on how much would be provided on current plan.</li> <li>There doesn't seem to be any parking close to the playing fields in area 11 and 12 at Faringdon end. Parents watching young children playing sport with toddlers / babies or/and grandparents often need to be in their car during games. Area 7 seems a logical car park area.</li> </ul>	There are 716 off-road parking spaces in MP well distributed to provide parking close to fields. In comparison, Christchurch District Plan requires 15 parking spaces per field or 6 spaces per outdoor court. MP has generous provision in comparison.
		Recommendation: No change to MP
Additional activities/ facilities	<ul> <li>Would like consideration be given to having a small area set aside for a Radio Controlled Car Racetrack, similar to what is at Ruapuna Speedway. It wouldn't take up much space but would cater for those in the community who enjoy this pastime.</li> <li>A bird aviary like Dunedin botanical gardens. A duck pond like Ashburton but with eels to feed</li> </ul>	Informal use of Park for Radio Controlled machines needs careful management to avoid conflict with other users. Prefer an alternative venue to be identified for this activity.
	as well as ducks Bike track to ride on Art sculptures that are interactive with water features.	Recommendation: No change to MP
	<ul> <li>A large gym is gold people. The gyms out here are crap, cold and expensive. They are a money-spinner if you do them correctly. Go through a snap fitness gym and think bigger scale. Gold!</li> </ul>	Squash courts can be added to the planned indoor court facility during feasibility planning of facility.
	Addition of squash courts Mini Golf	Recommendation: No change to MP
	<ul> <li>That indoor sports facilities include a gym and squash courts.</li> <li>Rugby league field</li> </ul>	A health & fitness centre is already identified in Second Five Years.
		Recommendation: The health & fitness centre be brought forward into First Five Years

## 5.3. Word Use by Individual Submitters

There were recurring themes as described above and an analysis of the most frequently used words in responses from individual residents show some strong correlations with themes described above. Frequency of word use by individual submitters were as follows:

Use of Word	Theme
102	Walk, walking, walkways, track, tracks, bike, cycling
78	Park, parks
76	Sports
69	Dog, dogs
51	Recreation, recreational, play, playing
42	Parking
38	School
36	Family, kids, groups, children
32	Road
31	Fields
30	Space, spaces
27	Facilities, facility
23	Goulds
20	Pool
19	Trees
18	Community
17	Club, clubs
17	Small
16	Safe, safety
15	Traffic
12	Water
8	Public
8	Rugby

8	Squash
8	Wilderness

able (8) access (10) activities (15) area (68)
areas (27) around (19) become (7) better (9) bike (9) car (27)
centre (24) children (9) Club (10) clubs (7) community (18)
courts (13) current (8) cycling (12) development (11) dog (46)
dogs (23) enough (23) etc (13) events (10)
facilities (27) facility (10) family (9) fields (31) foster (12)
future (10) goulds (23) groups (8) hub (11) indoor (12) kids (10)
lack (9) large (16) main (11) needs (34) open (8) outdoor (9)
park (87) parking (42) parks (11)
people (26) perhaps (7) plan (22) play (15) playing (8) please (9)
pool (20) provision (12) public (8) recreation (21)
recreational (9) road (32) rolleston (34) rugby (9) safe (9)
safety (7) SChool (38) selwyn (15) small (17)
space (21) spaces (9) SportS (76) squash (8) swimming (8)
think (20) town (17) track (16) tracks (20) traffic (15)
trees (19) used (17) walk (9) walking (27) walkways (9)
water (12) wilderness (8)

# 6. APPENDIX: Stakeholder organisation submission (full text)

The following are the verbatim extracts from the submissions by stakeholder organisations. (Source: Survey Monkey export data)

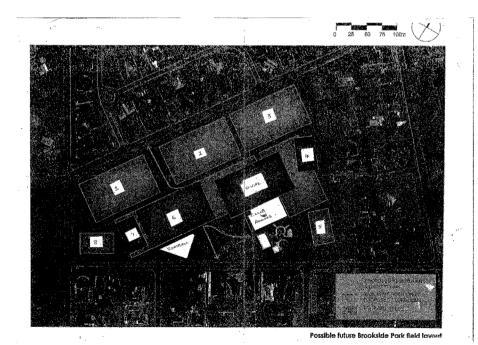
#### 6.1. Rolleston Rugby Club

LIKE: New facilities Favourable to some sport codes but not all Sharing of school and community facilities

DISLIKE: Revenue Identity Control Not enough fields for future growth Cost

IMPROVEMENTS: Designated rugby field for growth or new club. (Attached draft plans for Brookside Park).

Figure 1: Rolleston Rugby Club - Brookside Park concept plan



6.2. Canterbury Rugby Football Union

- 1. Provision on Foster Recreation Park for:
- a. Two full sized senior playing fields (minimum one field with lights for matches)
- b. One full sized training field (with lights)
- c. Two junior fields
- d. At least one of the full sized rugby grounds be allocated within the Outdoor Sports Hub, either alongside the proposed indoor sports facilities, or adjacent to.
- e. Support for a floodlit artificial surface with shock absorbency
- 2. Relocation or construction cost for the Rolleston RFC clubrooms
- 3. A floodlit field at Brookside Park Rugby as the major winter sport in Canterbury, would clearly like to work closely with Selwyn District Council on this project in order to develop and help satisfy demands for rugby in Rolleston.

#### 6.3. Softball

Rolleston Softball have made the following submission:

In addition to any individual submissions made from Rolleston Softball Club members, the committee members of the Rolleston Softball Club, make the following joint submission.

As a sporting club within the Selwyn District, we have currently 226 members after only our second season. Our playing fields are located at Rolleston Reserve. The club has affiliated with Rolleston Rugby Football Club (RRFC), purely because we have no clubrooms of our own. We currently use the clubrooms during the softball season to encourage team building and development of youth within our club.

Primarily, this submission is for the proposed relocation of the Rolleston Softball Club to Brookside Park.

As a club, we are not against the development of Foster Park as sporting areas are needed for the development of sporting codes within the Selwyn District. Foster Park has the potential to accommodate many sporting codes, which is the main driver for many Rolleston based clubs.

Due to Rolleston Softball Club being allocated to Brookside Park without proper consultation, we submit the following concerns:

- 1. The information provided about Brookside Park is very limited and vague as to what is proposed for Softball development on this Park. It does not explain in detail the council's contribution for Softball, in comparison to Foster Park where everything has been disclosed for development for other codes.
- 2. There is no space allocated for a Softball Skin Diamond. A premier diamond is a key aspect in the 5-year plan for our club. We have identified talent that we wish to remain in our sport and within Rolleston, and we need this facility to retain their talents.
- 3. A permanent diamond can be used for multiple events, not just for Rolleston Softball, but for national or even international tournaments.
- 4. Rolleston Softball Club has an Under 19 team that plays at Mainland Park (Home of Canterbury Softball) and at times will play on their skindiamond that teaches them a different dynamic, which is paramount to the development of our youth into premier grades.
- 5. We are not against the move to Brookside Park, however further consultation with the Rolleston Softball Club Committee is required. This is due to Selwyn District Council assuming that we would just follow RRFC and their clubrooms.
- 6. Over the last two years, we have built a beneficial relationship with RRFC that sees members from each code, playing both sports.
- 7. We prefer to stay independent, so that we stand as one identity under the banner of Canterbury Softball Association, who support our club's

code of ethics and believe we are an integral part of development of softball within the Selwyn District.

8. Another key aspect of our 5-year plan is to have satellite clubs within the Selwyn District (for example Darfield, Lincoln, Prebbleton, Leeston) which has the complete backing of CEO Cheryl Kemp, Canterbury Softball Association (CSA) so that CSA may have a Selwyn District based competition.

These are only some of our concerns about the proposed move to Brookside Park. We believe that with further consultation between Selwyn District Council and Rolleston Softball Club these concerns of ours can be addressed.

#### 6.4. Bowls

Bowling Green Bowls New Zealand is aware that there is no bowling club in Rolleston and see that in the future the local community will want to be able to play bowls without having to leave Rolleston and would like to see provision for a bowling green and club facilities at Foster Park. If situated near the main facility the administration of a club could be done by a central administration office within the Foster Park facility. Quality green keeping is vital for a quality bowling club but this could be done by the collective central body, this would eliminate the need for equipment but also buildings to house the gear. The greens would need sun shade and toilets near by. Ideally two greens would be desirable but initially one green; 36.6x36.6 would allow for 8 rinks but provision for expansion would be important. A learners green would be a welcome addition; this could be the width of one rink but with an artificial surface, this would provide an area for young people could learn the basics without the risk of damaging the grass/weed green. This would provide a learning surface for youngsters so very useful for schools. A club would need to be established but at this stage there is little point calling for expressions of interest from the community until there is an indication from SDC that there is land available for a club. This is an opportunity to establish a community style club where all ages would be

catered for, the normal interclub competition bowls would be available but many to the other Bowls New Zealand brands of 'pay for play' or community bowls could be developed so the club would have a very big community focus. A centrally situated club would suit the growing community and hopefully stop any other clubs being established in the area in the future. Bowls is a game that can be played by all ages, all abilities; it is a good sport for people with disabilities, it is a good family sport and a green would be an asset to the community

DISLIKE: There is nothing to dislike my only concern is that it won't be big enough to cope with future growth

LIKE: The fact that this will be a multi sport facility and sports will work under one umbrella, share social space, there would be room for office/meeting rooms and it will provide a facility for sport to be played and watched in Rolleston

#### 6.5. Sport Canterbury

- 1.0 Executive Summary Sport Canterbury is about getting, and keeping, people engaged with sport and recreation. Since February 2011 the Trust has played a critical role in being an active 'voice' for the sport and recreation community. We have worked alongside Sport New Zealand and the Christchurch City Council (Sport and Recreation Leadership Group) with contributions from Selwyn District Council in developing the "Spaces and Places Plan for Sport and Recreation in Greater Christchurch". Key planning principles identified within the plan place significant emphasis of co-location, hubbing and partnerships. These planning principles are relevant to not only a greater Christchurch context (as the "Spaces and Places Plan" highlights), but also at a community level where collaboration across sports clubs and other community groups offer opportunities to service sport and recreation needs within their own community in a more effective manner.
- 2.0 Key Planning Principles Sport Canterbury acknowledges the strong resemblances between the draft plan of Foster Recreation Park and the key planning principles of the spaces, places and people plan created by the Sport and Recreation Earthquake Leadership Group. Foster Recreation

Park will be a world class, accessible recreation space, encouraging community participation while attracting major events for sport and recreation to the local and wider community. We would like to see a number of sporting codes working together in this shared space (hub facility) to better shape sport and recreation opportunities offered to the community. Sport Canterbury support the Foster Recreation Park Plan for shared spaces and facilities. By having a number of different codes working collaboratively, sharing resources, problems and solutions the needs of the community will be serviced in a more efficient and effective way.

- 3.0 Proximity to High School Sport Canterbury strongly supports the geographical positioning of Foster Park being in close proximity to the new high school. Synergies between sport in education has many positive benefits including better attendance, classroom behaviour and student engagement as well as sport being a great vehicle to build the students' core values. Sport Canterbury supports a healthy relationship between the new school and surrounding sports clubs with the possibility of the clubs working in and alongside the school to facilitate sport and recreation. This will support a seamless transition into lifelong sport and recreation participation.
- 4.0 Other Community Spaces Sport Canterbury would like to emphasize the continued importance of providing spaces and places for sport and recreation within the wider Rolleston and Selwyn District community. As a district experiencing the country's fastest population growth, on-going investment and enhancement into other locations such as Brookside Park will be vital moving forward.
- 5.0 Conclusion Sport has a critical role to play in greater Christchurch's recovery. Sport Canterbury commends the Selwyn District for their commitment to recovery and enhancement of sport and recreation through the proposed Foster Recreation Park development. This will ultimately support Selwyn resident's commitment to lifetime sport and physical activity participation. Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Draft Master Plan of Foster Recreation Park; we look forward to speaking to you further on our views.

#### 6.6. Mainland Football

With the projected growth of Selwyn District, Mainland Football see the SDC Foster Park Master Plan being vital to the future for the club and the sport by providing access to participants from areas as far afield as Darfield, Lincoln, West Melton etc. With introduction of an artificial surface at ASB Football Park, as well as the recent installation of these pitches across cities in NZ. we understand implicitly the benefits they derive. They offer the key to a growth future. We encourage an artificial surface being installed at stage 1 as it will have tremendous community value for sport in general. Importantly the statistics speak for themselves and the benefits are unparalleled. We cannot underestimate the importance of quality training facilities in relation to participant enjoyment and with each pitch doing the job of up to 5 soil based fields, we urge SDC to consider re-prioritising an artificial surface as a stage 1 initiative. It will very quickly eliminate winter woes. Well done on producing the Draft Master Plan which has many benefits for sport in the region.

#### 6.7. Canterbury Basketball Association

DISLIKE: The association also urges the Selwyn District Council to reconsider the timing of the projects to ensure that indoor court space is developed in Stage 1.

IMPROVEMENTS: 1.0 Executive Summary Canterbury Basketball Association is a not for profit organisation incorporated to foster, encourage and develop the sport of basketball in the greater Christchurch region with particular emphasis to those of a lower socio-economic group and youth participation. With over 4,000 members, Canterbury Basketball is fortunate in having a large membership base of people wanting to play basketball in the community.

Canterbury Basketball acknowledges and commends the commitment of the Selwyn District Council and associated planners for continuing to realise and recognise the importance of sport and recreation to the region. We have provided submissions to both the Spaces and Places Plan and the

Christchurch City Council Central City Plan in support of the planning principles of co-location, hubbing and partnerships.

2.0 Basketball's needs in the next 10 to 30 years Canterbury Basketball has experienced an average 10% growth year on year over the last 3 years, despite the earthquakes. In 2013 there are 593 registered teams from year 3 upwards involved in some formal basketball competition being run either by or on behalf of the Canterbury Basketball Association. In addition the Association administers representative programmes from under 12 upwards and in 2013 it is anticipated the Association will have supported 39 teams to regional tournaments, 12 teams to zonal tournaments and 10 teams to National tournaments. Currently Basketball in the greater Christchurch region is delivered via a hub and spokes model. However, since the 2010 and 2011 earthquakes the Association has been reliant on the spokes that have been developed. Going forward the spokes are important to maintain our community involvement, however the spokes are no longer capable of coping with demands of our main competitions. In addition, without the development of a true multi court facilities, the Association is unable to host any level of Basketball New Zealand tournament which in turn forces our representative players to continue to travel outside of Christchurch, on a user pays basis. With the significant growth occurring within the Selwyn District, these issues need to be considered seriously. In addition, the Canterbury Basketball Association urges the Selwyn District Council to consider not the current requirements, but to place confidence in the growth. demands and needs in the future and to plan and future proof in this phase. The association also urges the Selwyn District Council to reconsider the timing of the projects to ensure that indoor court space is developed in Stage 1.

3.0 Why is Basketball a key stakeholder? Basketball is one of the fastest growing participation sports in New Zealand. Data from the Recent Sport New Zealand's Young Person's survey has identified that Basketball is the number one sport that all boys and girls in all age brackets (5-18 years) want to either play more of or participate in for the first time. In addition, it is one of the top 10 participation sports for 11-18 year old boys and girls. Basketball is fast becoming a year round sport with participation opportunities already occurring beyond the traditional season timelines.

This, in combination with the push to include 3\*3 into the regular schedule of activities makes basketball a key user and significant stakeholder of such a facility. In addition, the growth of 3\*3 as an outdoor sport, makes Basketball an interested stakeholder in outdoor court space. Again emphasis in the design and planning of such spaces should ensure that function is viewed as the driver of the project and while the Association acknowledges that "form" is important, if the spaces are not user friendly they will be come under utilised.

Basketball is now a year round sport with the Association involved in leagues and competitions from February through to December. Basketball is delivered throughout Canterbury from year 3 onwards and the Canterbury Basketball Association enters an elite women's team, the Wildcats, in the National Women's Basketball Championship. Canterbury Basketball Association is one of the largest and most successful Associations in New Zealand. In 2013, five out of ten teams sent to Nationals finished in the top 6. Over the last twelve months we have had 20 players achieve national honours from Under 14 upwards and with the newly aligned National Tournaments Calendar we will be sending away even better prepared Canterbury teams to National tournaments. However, Canterbury Basketball Association, despite this success, struggles to find court space to enable us to deliver all of the activity In addition, anecdotal evidence supports the view that the cities that have community sports venues with sufficient court numbers creates an atmosphere that is attractive from both a player and supporters perspective.

4.0 Links to the Rolleston Town Centre Master Plan. The Association would also like to urge the Selwyn District Council to ensure that the development of appropriate infrastructure is timely and considered. Attention should be given to the provision of accommodation facilities within the Rolleston Community to enable events to be hosted in addition to community-based activities. The Association also urges the council to ensure that the community can be self sufficient to ensure that the maximum economic benefit is gained if and when regional and national events are hosted.

5.0 Recommendations If Basketball is to use the facility, significant representation during the planning stage is essential to ensure that design

requirements such as flooring specifications and dimensions are considered and applied. The dimensions of a basketball court fit inside a netball court. Canterbury Basketball Association requires a high quality, multi-use facility close to the City to support the hubs and spokes model we are promoting while also providing a base for our growing community activities. Access would be required for both community activities as well as training for representative teams throughout the vear. Should the council choose to future proof in the initial stages, and if this were done in Stage 1 of the development, it would also enable the association to use the facility as a host for regional tournaments and activities. That priority for the courts should be for regular and consistent access for community sports participation in an environment that is safe, attractive and comfortable for all involved. A focus on the ease of access for participants is paramount as this adds to the experience. Ensure affordable access to the facilities for users over the life if the facility by minimising the operational costs through quality design and construction. In addition it is recommended that the facility be managed in such a way that sufficient income is generated to meet the operational and maintenance costs.

5.0 Conclusion The Association reinforces its long held view that even before the earthquake events of 2010 and 2011, there was an acknowledged and significant shortage of indoor court space within the Canterbury region. While the remediation of Cowles Stadium has provided an eastern spoke and increased total court numbers across the city, the situation is dire and we urge the decision makers to ensure that the development of Sports Hubs is undertaken with urgency and that consultation with those key tenant sports such as basketball and netball is planned, considered and timely to ensure that the facility is developed with a view to the future needs and anticipated growth not based on current or past usage. The provision of a multi-purpose indoor sport centre recognised for both meeting the needs of the community as well as an importance economic addition to the District and City through the provision of space to allow for the hosting of sporting events that attract visitors from outside of the region to attend and/or participate in events of local or national sporting significance.

Appendix A Sports Hall Floor Size Dimensions and courts per sport were provided but not repeated here as these will be needed at feasibility stage of new facility.