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Mr John Owen
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Dear Mr Owen

Re: DA 2006/432 Shore Playing Fields, Northbridge

The Association was very disappointed about the conditions attached to Council's decision on December 11 2006 to grant Deferred Commencement Consent to Shore School's DA for the redevelopment of its playing fields at Northbridge. In particular, we are very concerned that Council did not accept its Council officers' original recommendation that Playing Field E should be made available for parking for Shore's home GPS games.

In its submission to Council in July 2006, the Association strongly recommended the use of Playing Field E, in response to unprecedented community anger about the unacceptable parking and traffic problems imposed on nearby residents over many years by Shore's Saturday sporting events. The Association received numerous letters and verbal comments from these residents, several of whom also spoke at the Association's general meeting in July 2006, at which the Shore headmaster was a guest speaker.

We believe that Council may have seriously under-estimated the community's feeling about this issue, which involves most Saturday sport, not only home GPS rugby games.

We note that under Condition 1(h), Council has required Shore to expand the use of Playing Field G for additional parking at the eastern end. We would like to keep our members informed about this work, although we suspect it may provide only a marginal increase in parking. We therefore request that the Association be informed about the progress of this work at an appropriate stage after the plans are submitted by Shore.

Yours sincerely,

Malcolm Lye
Secretary

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