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Community Consultation
Rymill Park/Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) Draft Master Plan & CLMP
City of Adelaide
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The South East Residents Association (SECRA) is in general agreement with the draft Master Plan and the Community Land Management Plan (CLMP) for Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) and has the following comments.

It is pleasing to see that an inclusive play space and toilet block that meets the needs of all is proposed. Additional disabled parking should be provided in the existing car park adjacent to the Bowling Club to cater for those persons using the inclusive play space. Also it is considered that the number of unrestricted permit parks within that car park should be reduced to provide more short term parks for use by the general public using the park. In order to cater for those persons playing bowls some of the 3 hour parks could allow permit parking during specific times.

If possible SECRA would like the existing play space to be retained until the new play space is established.

As some children may be concerned by dogs being within the fenced play space, even if they are on leash, SECRA is of the view that it would be better to have dogs excluded from the play space.

There are differing views on the lake within the park as some persons prefer the current ornamental lake while others prefer a more natural looking lake. Perhaps a lake could be developed that incorporates an area of native vegetation together with an area for recreational activities. The issue of how to seal the lake also needs to be addressed as a liner similar to that currently in place would not be suitable for vegetation. It may therefore be necessary to excavate the lake and line the lake with clay. To have the lake rely upon harvesting, cleaning and recycling stormwater from the city's eastern catchment area as suggested could mean that it becomes a wetland that would have changing water levels and could even dry up. It is considered that this would be undesirable in Rymill Park and the maintaining of a constant water level using GAP water as is currently done would be preferable.

Also horses should not be permitted to gallop through the lake as currently occurs during the annual Horse Trials.

The Draft Master Plan states "Embrace events and activities night and day" and the Adelaide Park Lands Events Management Plan 2016-2020 categorises Rymill Park as a 'Premium' park which is suitable for a broad range of events including arts and culture, live music, community events and events of iconic international or national significance. With the increase in high rise residential developments in the vicinity of Rymill Park events involving loud music should not be permitted.

SECRA is concerned that on occasions some of these events require the closure of the Park Lands Trail, sometimes for many weeks. Your attention is drawn to the attached letter dated 2 January 2019 to the Lord Mayor that Council investigate the keeping of the Park Lands Trail open through Rundle and Rymill Parks during the Fringe. To ensure the continuity of the Trail during such events there could be fences on either side through the event area (with manned crossing gates) or well defined off road detours provided around the event. Also while not actually in Rymill Park a pedestrian safety refuge should be placed in the centre of the very wide Rundle Road where the Park Lands Trail crosses as is provided on Bartels Road and Wakefield Road.

SECRA does not support a increase in hard surfaces within the park except those that are necessary for wheelchairs and prams.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Master Plan and the Community Land Management Plan (CLMP) for Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14).

Yours sincerely

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The Lord Mayor
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Dear Lord Mayor

During the Fringe, events have expanded in Rundle Park and the northern section of Rymill Park and now extend from East Terrace to Fullarton Road. During this period when there are many visitors to Adelaide's unique Park Lands the trail that surrounds the city is closed through this part of the Park Lands.

While it is acknowledged that sections of the Park Lands Trail in this area may need to be closed during the setting up and dismantling of infrastructure associated with the Garden of Unearthly Delights and Gluttony Food and Wine Festival because of safety issues SECRA is of the view that the Park Lands Trail should continue to be accessible through this area at other times. This could be achieved by fencing this section of the Park Lands Trail and providing gateways, manned if required, to allow patrons to access from one side of the Trail to the other.

SECRA requests that Council investigate the keeping of the Park Lands Trail open through Rundle and Rymill Parks during the Fringe. While this may not be possible during the next Fringe because lease arrangements may already be in place future leases during the Fringe should include the requirement for the Park Lands Trail to be fenced and kept open. In any event the Park Lands Trail should be kept open for as many hours as possible each day.

Also, as has been raised by SECRA with the previous City of Adelaide Council and State Government, SECRA is of the view that the redevelopment of the vacated RAH site provides a once in a life time opportunity to link the Park Lands trail at the corner of North Terrace and East Terrace with a wooded continuous trail linking the River Torrens Riverbank. The attached letter to the Premier is provided for your information.

It is therefore requested that the City of Adelaide Council negotiate with the State Government to provide a wooded grassed Park Lands corridor, incorporating the Park Lands Trail, through the vacated RAH site to link the eastern Park Lands with the River Torrens Linear Park.

Regards



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