



TAURANGA LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Tauranga Domain, Cameron Road, Tauranga

21 October 2022

Attention Chelsea Brett, Hugh Hutchinson, Gareth Wallis

Tauranga City Council

RE: Tauranga Lawn Tennis Club response to submitted plans for a Stadium in Tauranga Domain.

Dear Chelsea,

It is disappointing that the first time the Tauranga Lawn Tennis Club (TLTC) sees what is finally proposed for Tauranga Domain is when the submission is given to council and subsequently approved by the commissioners. We believe all stakeholders should have been engaged and consulted at all stages.

Having read the document submitted to the Council on October 10, 2022 and working on the basis of the stadium going ahead, TLTC would like to make the following comments and requests.

1. The rearrangement of the tennis courts by removing courts 4 & 10 and moving the two courts to the croquet area as shown in your submission does not work for TLTC. Currently we have a world class centre which is used to hold national tournaments. The current configuration of courts works optimally from a player and spectator viewpoint. The proposed court arrangement will look like a dog's breakfast and function as badly.
2. Moving the two tennis courts will also be costly. The current lighting posts and floodlights will need moving, underground wiring will need to be moved, drainage will be damaged, new fencing required, new pathways and then reestablishment of flood lighting for the new courts, new drainage, new foundations built, new courts laid and all the other associated works. We are also concerned about the unknowns with moving courts to this area. eg wind effects, sunlight angles, moss build up on the courts. An estimate for this work of moving the two courts and establishing two new courts is ballpark around \$2 -3 million.
3. The submitted scheme has removed our current car parking and the shared parking we currently use in the main parking area. The drawings show some parking along our western fence line but this will be mostly taken by the stadium/exhibition staff and facility users. TLTC will have also no street parking on any weekday or any days when there is an event on in the stadium or the exhibition area. Our national tennis tournaments are often held on the same days as events in the park. Consequently, TLTC requests 50 dedicated carparks which are exclusive to TLTC. A suggested area is the grassed area accessed through the gates of the Tauranga Domain and close to our club house.

4. TLTC is always cognisant of new trends and new sports which will dovetail nicely with our tennis club. Pickle Ball is the fastest growing sport in NZ and TLTC wishes to add this to our sporting mix as a community sport. We would like to talk about space availability for 6 outdoor courts adjacent to our club area and how this will fit with any redevelopment plans.
5. The club still believes that Tauranga Domain should be retained as a green area for the future needs of a highly populated central Tauranga and offering community sports.

Kind regards,

Philip Brown (President) on behalf of the committee of the Tauranga Lawn Tennis Club.

Cc Hugh Hutchinson, Gareth Wallis, Anne Tolley, Gretchen Benvie (Tauranga Croquet Club),
Sandra McConchie (NZME)