Anoulack Chanthivong MP

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Dear Lindy,

I write in relation to my campaign for a district park in Midlothian Reserve, St Andrews.

In its State of Play Strategy (2016-2036), Council identified Midlothian Reserve as a suitable location for a district park. The strategy recommended enhancing Midlothian Reserve to a district park within 3-5 years.

Six years later, residents are still waiting for a district park to cater to families in St Andrews and Bow Bowing.

Within days of launching my campaign, more than 160 residents signed an online petition calling on Council to build a district park in Midlothian Reserve, with people from St Andrews and Bow Bowing continuing to add their name on a daily basis.

The overwhelming response highlights the importance of parks and recreational activities for local families. I have included a range of comments overleaf from my constituents who want to see action from Council to enhance play options in their area.

Ratepayers in St Andrews and Bow Bowing rightly expect Council to adhere to the recommendations in the State of Play Strategy (2016-2036) and build quality play spaces for local families.

I request that my correspondence on this matter be tabled at the next Council meeting. I look forward to your advice on the matters raised above.

Yours sincerely,

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Unedited comments from residents who signed my online petition calling on Campbelltown City Council to build a district park in Midlothian Reserve, St Andrews

1. We desperately need a good park.
2. Please fund it and build it.
3. I moved here in 2008. I wrote to the local MP for this project. Big vacant land no paths for walk or bike riding. I now have grandkids so maybe if this is done they can use instead of me going to new estates for their parks.
4. Need good park and playground for the grandkids, long overdue and thanks Anoulack for driving this.
5. I hope you can make a nice play ground for all ages specially for the little ones.
6. As a father of a 6 months old baby a district park would be ideal to take my family to and enjoy the outdoors. Having a district park close to our house would make it so much easier to take my family out to enjoy some sunshine and fresh air and meet new people in the neighbourhood.
7. I have lived in St. Andrews for over 30 years I took my girls to the park and now my grandkids a revamp would be wonderful it has been a long over due I pray this happens.
8. Hi , this is a great idea! I'd also like a paved footpath from Midlothian St onto St Andrews Road for safer access to the local school & local St. Andrews shopping Centre
9. This would be a great asset for the local community with children, also consider adding exercise equipment for adults & water bubbler, as the area is frequently used for walking & the exercise equipment would encourage healthy behaviours in the community.
10. Too long to wait for action. Need it now.
11. We need more parks and less housing. Do it for the kids!!
12. Our children have a need for more outdoor recreational activities which will encourage better health and fitness and more desire to spend less time hopefully on electronic media. (We can only wish!)
13. This would be great for families in this area.
14. I have 3 young kids who will love this park!
15. As there are more children in St Andrews area particularly on Midlothian Road, this is a very good proposal to build and upgrade the Midlothian Reserve so that all children can enjoy playing where possible closer to their home, I hope that the Campbelltown city Council will consider this proposal in positive way and make it happen so that all the kids in this area will enjoy outdoor activities rather than sit and watch TV at home, Thanks
16. Let the district park be built for our younger generations who not only getting lazier and lazier but most importantly they're getting obese because these computer games. They need to get moving and exercise to be able to get fit and healthy.
17. I wish will get the families park including a playground and fitness machines Very soooooon

18. I would LOVE an upgrade of this Park. My Daughter is 2 and I find most things are way too big for her to use. So would love for the equipment to cater to all ages. Fencing would be amazing too as well as more seating, shade, shelter, toilets, nature play and barbecues would be great too! We're very close to this Park and would definitely use it much more often if it had a better range of equipment and facilities. Really hoping to see a change here soon.

19. I support construction of a district park at St Andrews.

20. District park in Midlothian Reserve is urgently required. We put through the original plans to council for this many years ago with no results or very little. That is how the play equipment got there.

21. I support Mr Chanthivong's petition for a district park to cater families in St Andrews and Bow Bowing

22. My kids would love a new park close to home to play at.

23. Anoulack, you have my support.

24. Hurry and build it, the council doesn't seem to care about the people around here.

25. We really need this in our area

26. A district park is much needed for the kids of St Andrews and Bow Bowing as there is more and more young families looking to use local amenities. We have to drive to Ingleburn for a good park

27. My kids have been using this park for years. With the dynamic of more young families moving into St Andrews this is really needed. Also needed is a safer way for children to cross Campbeltown Rd to/from Bow Bowing.

28. This is just up the road from my house and for too long this beautiful open space has been neglected. St Andrews is a prominent and sort after suburb to live in and we deserve a good space for families to congregate and play. So much potential here.

29. We have to commute to either Campbelltown or glenquarie to go to a good clean family park.

30. We are a young family with 2 small children under 5 years old and we would love to have a new exciting park like our neighbouring areas.

31. It is a good proposal and I fully endorse it

32. We have 2 young children and would like a nice new park like all the areas around us have

33. We really need a new park, this park is getting boring for the kids.

34. This is fantastic news. I have always wished for something special like this in St Andrews. I have driven, and every other suburb has parks, except for St Andrews. Our parks here are just land. I wish there was something close to home. My kids grew up here. Only my 4 year old and probably my 9 year old will get to enjoy these new facilities. My other 2 kids are 15 and 17. Great decision Anoulack and good luck. Thanks

35. 100% with u

36. Long overdue

37. A great park in St Andrews would be amazing.

38. This would be amazing. We live not too far from here and would love this. Thank you.

39. This will benefit the community.

40. This park is long overdue and would be a great asset to the community.

41. Really it is important idea

42. We need a kids park

43. It would be best place for district park

44. Very good Idea and will be helpfull to grow our children. Definately supporting

45. Totally support building more services for kids activities

46. We want the park for our family and the community

47. It's great idea to have big good park around All family happy with that Thanks

48. Please build park

49. I have lived here for almost 40 years and both my adult children used to play in the park. I now have grandchildren and would love to see the park update not only for them, but all the other children that go there to play. A bike/walking track would be a great addition as well, as I can see the older generation doing laps around the park, instead of walking on our roads with the influx of traffic we now have.

50. My family have been wanting this for so long, we would love to have drinking fountains and lighting at night

51. Yes. I'd like a park to spend some quality time with family on weekends.

52. How about making a way for Bow Bowing residents and kids to get there so they don't have to cross a 4 lane roundabout aswell!

53. Bow bowing Park is well overdue an upgrade. Plenty of room to put a walking track and children play area

54. We would also love to see council make use of the park in bow bowing which most of the greenery goes unused. A lovely walking track extending the existing one and play equipment would be great for the suburb

55. This would be great for the area, especially as there are lots of families with young children

56. We really need that. Thanks Mr. Honorable MP

57. Great idea hoping that it well go a head

58. Park please Closest decent park is in Macquarie fields