**ACT NOW IF YOU DON’T WANT TO SEE YOUR ENOGGERA CREEK PARKLAND DESTROYED BY COUNCIL’S SHORT SIGHTED PLAN.**

Hi Neighbour

If you aren’t aware, there are some major developments proposed for not just the Ballymore precinct but also the Enoggera Creek precinct which have all just started to come to light as they have just released a draft plan this last week gone.

If you live in the suburbs of Windsor, Wilston, Newmarket, Herston and Kelvin Grove this plan will have a significant negative effect on your homes, house prices and lifestyle and there is an urgency to act because the council have given an unreasonable deadline of **Friday 9 April 2021** to oppose the plan hence the urgency of this letterbox drop.

The details of the plan can be found by going to the Brisbane City Council website and searching for Enoggera Creek Sport and Recreation Precinct.

So far there has been a large community meeting in Wilston representing a unanimous rejection of the plan with many residents concerned about the negative impacts to their local area of the park. Unfortunately when taken to 3 BCC meetings this weekend, it became evident that the BCC is not interested in listening to the residents without us needing to take this to higher authorities.

**The problems come under 4 major areas.**

1. A loss of green space. Much of the development will remove grasslands in favour of parking and hard courts that only favour sporting groups, worsen runoff for increase flooding, create hotter reflected temperatures and will remove trees and negatively affect wildlife.
2. An increase in traffic to residential areas which are only accessed by Butterfield St and Herston Rd on the south of the creek, and Newmarket Rd on the north of the creek. In particular Herston Rd and Butterfield St are already congested due to having to service the Royal Brisbane Hospital, Kevin Grove Schools, QUT and Ballymore.
3. Car Parks replacing Parklands. Parking is being planned for greenspace areas backing right onto people’s fence lines. This will bring more traffic, lose green space, add excessive lighting and noise and increase crime. It will also bring more hospital parking to the suburbs during weekdays.
4. Poor community consultation. The BCC has acted poorly in releasing this just before Easter when people are going away and they have given a ridiculously short time to oppose the plan. Their online feedback is limited in what you can write and it is skewed to being positive. They have avoided face to face community feedback and the 3 sessions that were attended were created as a PR stunt with no-one taking notes to feedback to council. They have acted sneakily, unprofessionally and cannot be trusted. They have even shafted some sports such as Softball in favour of other sports and have not consulted with all the sporting groups. Many of the sporting ground changes have not been requested or wanted by the various sport groups.

**What you can do.**

1. Join the Facebook page titled Enoggera Creek Precinct: Wilston, Windsor, Newmarket, Herston, Kelvin Grove to follow all the updates
2. Attend a community meeting at Langley Ave Wilston 31 March 2021 7pm
3. Sign a petition that is currently being drafted and will be posted to the FB page very soon
4. Sign the existing Ballymore opposition petition linked here or from the Herston & Kelvin Grove Community facebook page. <https://me.getup.org.au/petitions/keep-ballymore-green-stop-a-major-commercial-development-in-our-backyard?bucket&source=facebook-share-button&time=1616539853&utm_campaign&utm_source=facebook&share=adff36b6-d6f3-4daa-9f60-ca22b611428e&fbclid=IwAR1oi4SkiU4wvthI6P2GRJKI3uihYh7q61wmD4jJCMpvIJGlAWiWsy-GT9E>
5. Fill out the survey on the Enoggera precinct BCC website and only mark your response as Strongly against the plan. Please have friends and family do the same. https://feedback.brisbane.qld.gov.au/jfe/form/SV\_1NEaDzWHAmaPtZ4
6. Start writing to the local and state representatives.

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Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner <https://forms.brisbane.qld.gov.au/about-council/governance-strategy/councillors-wards/lord-mayor/contact-lord-mayor>

Federal MP Trevor Evans [Trevor.Evans.MP@aph.gov.au](mailto:Trevor.Evans.MP@aph.gov.au)

State Govt Member Jimmy Sullivan ALP [Stafford@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:Stafford@parliament.qld.gov.au)

Cr Peter Matic – Paddington ward (Herston Kelvin Grove) [paddington.ward@bcc.qld.gov.au](mailto:paddington.ward@bcc.qld.gov.au)

We hope we can truly protect this unique green space so close to the CBD. I can guarantee you that visitor families who come here for sport will not respect our suburb or care about our plights so we need to stand together to be vocal.