

Canterbury

District Health Board

Te Poari Hauora o Waitaha

Submission on Hagley Oval

To: Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet

Submitter: Canterbury District Health Board

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Proposal: A proposal under section 71 of the Greater Christchurch Regeneration Act 2016 to change the CCC District Plan to provide for the use and operation of Hagley Oval, including permitting six permanent light poles and structures and increasing match days.

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Details of submitter

1. Canterbury District Health Board (Canterbury DHB).
2. We welcome the opportunity to comment on the Hagley Oval consultation .

CDHB's interest in this consultation

3. The future health of our population is reliant on hospitals and health services operating effectively, and on a responsive environment where all sectors work collaboratively to improve health outcomes.
4. The Canterbury DHB has a strong interest in ensuring Hagley Oval, and the areas adjacent to it, function optimally given the close proximity of Hagley Oval to the Canterbury DHB-run main Christchurch Hospital campus.
5. Since Hagley Oval was developed, the Canterbury DHB has worked alongside the Canterbury Cricket Trust (CCT) and other agencies to address shared operational issues. The Canterbury DHB wishes to ensure that these operational considerations continue to be addressed to the DHB's satisfaction in the future.
6. While health care services are an important determinant of health, health is also influenced by a wide range of factors beyond the health sector. The Canterbury DHB is responsible for promoting the reduction of adverse environmental effects on the health of people and communities and to improve, promote and protect their health pursuant to the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000 and the Health Act 1956.
7. As part of this role, the Canterbury DHB supports healthy environments including sport and recreation facilities that enable increased physical activity and greater leisure opportunities and wishes to ensure that these are accessible to all. The Canterbury DHB notes the information from the 2018 Canterbury Wellbeing

Survey that loss of outdoor sport and active recreation facilities continues to be among the negative impacts of the earthquakes with one in five still impacted.¹

Main issues from the Canterbury DHB perspective

8. The Canterbury DHB notes that Hagley Oval's development was identified as an Anchor Project in the Recovery Plan to contribute to the recovery and regeneration of greater Christchurch.
9. The Canterbury DHB therefore supports the Minister to exercise her powers under section 67 of the GCR Act to seek public comment on this proposal.
10. Since 2015, the Canterbury DHB has had a positive experience in working with the CCT planning group and other agencies in managing cricket matches at Hagley Oval. The Canterbury DHB believes that, provided the rule changes and processes (including the development of event management plans) outlined in Appendix 1 are implemented, any 'business as usual' operational issues should be able to be addressed through collaborative planning.
11. There are, however, some NEW issues that arise due to the changes proposed in terms of the lights, night time matches, and increased number of events that we wish the Minister to be aware of. All of these will require more detailed planning, including scenario testing, and will have resource implications for the Canterbury DHB.

Lights

12. It is not expected that light from the lighting towers will impact the hospital campus directly.
13. There are, however, potential safety considerations relating to the height of the lighting towers and their impact on helicopters. It is envisaged that somewhere in the region of 1000 aircraft movements will occur annually at Hagley Park helipad and the new hospital helipad. The Canterbury DHB is still planning for precise

¹ <https://www.cph.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/CantyWellbeingSurveyMay2018.pdf>

flight paths to the new hospital helipad and will need to consider the impacts of this proposal should it proceed.

14. The Canterbury DHB wishes to be reassured that helicopter movements will not be adversely affected by the lighting towers. We suggest that any impact of the lights (and any other aspects of the operation of Hagley Oval) on flight paths is investigated and resolved with the helicopter companies before approval is given to proceed.

- a) We support GCH Aviation who are requesting 3D models be provided showing the towers and current trees and surrounding buildings to clarify any potential safety issues.
- b) The Canterbury DHB has also identified a potential issue that one of the lights may directly face one or other helipad and this may be a safety consideration that needs investigating.

Media drones

15. There is an existing process to clear helicopter flight paths of drones during matches. The additional event days, and higher profile of matches, will increase the frequency that the Canterbury DHB will need to initiate this step in the helicopter landing or taking off process.

Night time matches

16. While the new Canterbury DHB hospital facilities are sound insulated by double glazing and non-opening windows, there may be issues related to noise of night time matches with the older facilities which have single glazing and opening windows. For example, this may require the rescheduling of sleep clinics around night matches.

17. There will be impacts on Canterbury DHB staff accessing the hospital during night matches.

- a) Parking may be more difficult to obtain than normal from the night before the match through to the day after the match with traffic

management plans limiting access to Riccarton Avenue to Riccarton Road.

- b) The safety of staff walking through the park at shift changeover at 10pm (when night matches are ending and alcohol affected people are leaving the game) will need to be managed.

18. There is also the potential for people leaving the match (who may be alcohol affected) to place themselves or others at risk walking across the Hagley Park helipad.

Increased number of events, some with more people

19. Parking in the vicinity of the hospital will be impacted by the increased number of events, some with more people. The Canterbury DHB has previously noted that the existing Canterbury DHB Mobility Car Parks can be inappropriately used by cricket match attendees (disabled or not).

20. Traffic management issues will be greater, with access to the hospital by ambulance and the public in emergencies potentially being compromised. Similarly, there may be problems with midwives reaching women in labour at the hospital in time.

Key resource implications for Canterbury DHB

21. Considering the issues above will require additional resources by the Canterbury DHB, including the following examples.

- a) More planning and more staff input will be required more frequently to manage the increased frequency of large events impacting the hospital.
- b) More staff (e.g security) will be required during night matches.
- c) Increased communications resources will be required to advise staff, patients and visitors of any changes to business as usual.
- d) Emergency Department staffing increases will be required to plan for more 'walk-ins' and possible serious injuries that St Johns considers beyond general practice 24/hour services.

- e) Increased security staffing on hospital premises will be required to manage alcohol affected people and people cutting through the hospital grounds.

22. There is the potential for cricket attendees inappropriately using Canterbury DHB resources, including the Hospital Shuttle and toilets in hospital or outpatient buildings.

Appendix 1 suggestions

23. The Canterbury DHB has a number of suggested changes to the proposed amendments to the District Plan including:

- a) 18.4.2.8.f.iii. Consider adding to the list of all other temporary facilities, a first aid station.
- b) 18.4.2.9 c i – Change the word ‘confirm’ to ‘negotiate’
- c) 18.4.2.9.f.iii. Events management plan (transport)
 - o O. - “to ensure that convenient and accessible parking is provided for” suggest continuing “mobility impaired people who display valid mobility permits in their vehicles”.
 - o Suggest adding “P. – to provide suitable pick off and drop off facilities for taxis, including maxi-taxis.”

Summary

24. In summary, the Canterbury DHB supports the Minister accepting the proposal with all of the detail included in the plan changes outlined in Appendix 1 and the changes suggested above, notwithstanding the increased resource implications that will result for the Canterbury DHB.

25. The Canterbury DHB wishes to highlight our request to alter the wording of 18.4.2.9 c i that will require the CCT to negotiate (rather than confirm) arrangements with relevant agencies so we are confident of our ability to work through issues and develop solutions in a collaborative manner that will work for all parties.

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