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**To: Residents Surrounding Birchgrove Oval,  
Attendees at Consultation Meetings for Floodlight Upgrades  
And Sporting Clubs using Birchgrove Oval**

**PROPOSED FLOODLIGHTING UPGRADE BIRCHGROVE OVAL  
Council Reference:F05/00094**

I am writing to inform you of changes that have been made to the proposed floodlight upgrade design for Birchgrove Oval following concerns that were raised by community members at the consultation meeting held at Birchgrove Oval in November and the subsequent Birchgrove precinct meeting in December.

The enclosed diagram illustrates the proposed new locations and heights of the modified pole design and the reduced number of luminaires.

This modified design will form the basis of a Development Application which will be lodged at Council and publicly exhibited from 16 January in accordance with the EPA Act 1979. Residents are able to make written submissions on the proposal during the exhibition period.

In response to concerns raised at the two meetings, as well as the correspondence received at Council on this matter, the original design to bring the level of illumination up from the current 6 lux to the required Australian Standard of 50 lux has been modified as follows:

The number of poles remains at five however we have been able to reduce the height of three of the five poles from 25 metres down to 15 metres and the total number of luminaires from 20 down to 12.

Council's lighting consultants have investigated all possible locations for the poles and have recommended the proposed locations as these are the least obtrusive while still providing the required lighting levels.

The purpose of the floodlighting upgrade at Birchgrove Oval is to bring the lighting level up to the required Australian Standard to improve the safety for persons training at the oval and to spread the wear on the playing surface more

evenly. As well, the proposed lighting will virtually eliminate the current problems with light spilling into adjoining residences.

The proposed upgrade will not intensify the usage of the ground as the number of teams training at the ground in the winter season at present (44) is at the grounds capacity and therefore will not increase.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact the Manager - Parks & Streetscapes, Vince Cusumano on 9367-9013 or via e-mail on [vincec@lmc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:vincec@lmc.nsw.gov.au) or Roger Faulkner on 9367-9270 or on e-mail at [rogerf@lmc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:rogerf@lmc.nsw.gov.au)



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