

Submissions received on Barnett Park lighting proposal

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Sub No.	Do you support the application by Ferrymead Bays Football Club to install more field lighting?	Do you have any comments?	First name	Last name	Name of organisation
40721	Yes		Ethan	Smith	
40724	Yes	Great for the community	Adam	Dowson	
40727	Yes		Jesse	Rogers	
40728	Yes	there shouldn't be any consultation, just get it done!! brilliant idea and hopefully more kids will have the chance to train in the winter months under lights	stu	bryce	
40730	Yes	My house backs on to Barnett park and the lights are no bother at all. I think it would be fabulous to have more lights so more players can train.	Katie	Daeche	
40732	Yes	Coaches volunteer their time. Often they are working, so in Winter with the short days it can be difficult to get to the ground after work and before it gets dark. Lights will help volunteers by giving teams a bigger window to train in. Grassroots sport is good for the community, it helps people get fit and being part of a team it creates friendship and responsibility. As a community we should be supporting projects like this.	Allan	Taunt	
40734	Yes		Stuart	Anderson	
40735	Yes	My kids train down there and it is so dark. We also walk our dog and it is very dark down the cave end.	Andrea	Wylie	
40736	Yes	Giving our youth the opportunity to play sport and train safely with suitable lighting is important for the community.	Don	Merrylees	Ferrymead Bays Football Club
40737	Yes		Paul	Russell	
40738	Yes	It gets dark early in the winter and children need to play sport. The lightening will make it safer for them to practice after 5.30pm	Lucy	Cottrell	
40739	Yes	Patchy lighting at the ends, restricts number of teams that can train. Impact on residents will not be materially different from now, and lights only on for short times.	Jess	Townshend	
40740	Yes	This will help bring younger players into the sport. if we want to grow football then we need support. Please help us better the grounds for future generations!	Greer	Smith	
40741	Yes	I support this 100% lets give the people the opportunity to keep moving in a safe space. I do wonder if Council should be upgrading the existing lighting posts to light up the entire field for them would be beneficial.	Trish	Keen	
40742	Yes	Yes, these fields need more lights. it is really important for local groups to be able to participate and get together like this.	Deb	Booth	
40743	Yes		shawn	love	

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40744	Yes	The football club is a great asset for the community. We need to be able to provide training facilities for all keen footballers in the Bays area. The park is so dark at night. It will provide a much safer environment for the kids who train at night.	Nadia	Marinelli	
40745	Yes		Ryan	Lightfoot	
40746	Yes	I think it is a very smart decision as they are already pushed for room with the amount of teams training. Installing these new lights would help by giving more space and light for the players to train in helping tie the community together by giving them more light making it safer so people feel more public creating a well lit community space.	Zachary	Taylor	
40747	Yes	as a member of ferrymead bays this would be huge because we have had trainings canceled as there's been a lack of space. also i live bordering barnett park and the lights have never disrupted the house or anything like it. overall this would be a great idea	sam	daeche	
40749	Yes		Diana	Willets	
40750	Yes	<p>We are very much a positive for the Lights to be installed.</p> <p>In our opinion -</p> <p>Great for young people in both Genders to be in physical and team sports.</p> <p>And in an age where we want people to spend less time in front of devices and more time outside so this must be better for our health systems.</p> <p>Positive for the local Ferrymead Bays Football club to have more facilities to offer current and future members and with more families moving into the area with the local school now open we must cater for prospective members of the Football Club.</p> <p>We think that Barnet Park being lit up at Night is quite nice and adds some “ feel better “ lightness to Winter nights.</p> <p>More use of a Public park , funded by ratepayers- to a fuller capacity.</p> <p>Then the park will attract more funds to upgrade toilets etc- that's a win win.</p> <p>Very sensible hours of use at 5.30 to 8:30.</p> <p>We offer full support to your council on this proposal and very happy for these points to be used in your meeting etc.</p>	Alan and Jo	South	
40751	Yes	The field becomes hard to train on past dusk and impairs training sessions. If there was more lighting training would be able to completed without hassles due to lack of light.	Emlyn	Williams	
40753	Yes	The current lighting is inadequate, and poses health and safety risks to junior and youth players during football training.	Imre	Speizer	
40755	Yes	These lights would support more sport being played locally and allow our club to continue to flourish.	Johanna	Borella	
40756	Yes	There is not enough lighting for football training, we do not enjoy playing in the dark	Jacob	Sullivan	Ferrymead bays football team 15th grade team
40757	Yes	INSTALL MORE LIGHTING - WE DO NOT WANT TO PLAY/TRAIN IN THE DARK!	Osian	Jones	Ferrymead bays FC - 15th grade

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40759	Yes		Ben	Warner	
40762	Yes	Hours are very reasonable for activities and we should encourage sports and outdoors.	Peter	Cook	
40763	Yes	All Fields are well utilised all week during the football season, many of the teams train in dusk/dark and lighting would assist those teams on the farthest fields.	Jo	Koers	
40765	Yes	Full support from us & we live in the adjoining street. Long overdue.Lights great for the dog walkers in the winter too.	Matt	Hoole	
40766	Yes	This is desperately needed	Matthew	Aspinall	
40767	Yes	More lights are needed as there are too many teams needing times and spots to train	Paul	Mcneill	
40768	Yes	I would enjoy it for having a park to walk around at night in winter that is illuminated.	Lucy	Hope	
40769	Yes	It is really good and will help people enjoy sport	Anthony	Spencer	
40770	Yes	Good for football and extra lights turn off early so don't disturb	Jennifer	Spencer	
40771	Yes	As a resident who's property backs onto the park at 24 Wakatu Ave and who enjoys the night sky without the need to draw curtains I have no complaint so long as they remember to turn the lights OFF WHEN THEY LEAVE and the lights being placed on the western side do NOT shine on or into my house.	Alan	Truscott	
40773	Yes	The better the lighting is, the more people can use the fields in the evenings. This is a great idea.	Tascha	Lawry	
40776	Yes		E	Cameron	
40781	Yes	My support is totally conditional an experienced lighting designer being engaged to design the new lights and modify the existing luminaires on the existing poles to eliminate upward spill light. The new lights should utilise 3000K LEDs and use 'flat glass', zero degrees tilt luminaires. This protect light pollution and minimise effects on the environment. The existing lights must be adjusted down. They are currently aimed far too high and spilling most of their light output into the sky. I noted this recently when coming down John Britten Reserve at night and had to shield my eyes from the disability glare caused by the Barnett Park lights. This is wasting energy and detrimental to the night sky, birds and insect. I do not support this application if the existing lights are not adjusted.	John	Forrester	
40783	Yes	It gets quite dark at training in winter months.	Sarah	Jenkinson	
40784	Yes	The current flood light setup is not fit for purpose. These additional lights are required and I don't really see any adverse effects.	Matt	Cockcroft	
40785	Yes	This is really needed as football is a winter sport and it would make all the difference	Moira	Koster	
40786	Yes	Without lighting it is making it impossible to train during the winter months . There are lots of teams wanting to train and we can't all train during daylight so lights would be a great investment.	Joanne	Lilley	
40788	Yes	Needs more lights there	Bryce	Calvert	
40789	Yes		Blayne	Slabbert	
40790	Yes	We regularly play soccer at the park and current lighting is not sufficient.	Kate	Hodgins	
40791	Yes	There are normally a couple of teams who train at the far right of the pitches due to lack of space, there is are no lights at all down there...would be great to install a couple down that end too if possible	Gina	Russell	
40795	Yes	Feedback from players and coaches is that the current lighting is insufficient - they're the ones out there training on cold, dark winter evenings, so it only seems fair that they have lighting fit for purpose.	Jenny	Cunningham	

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40796	Yes	I support this proposal. As there is a lot of players at Ferrymead Bays who will benefit from having better lights. The hours of operation seem fair to me.	Brett	Hales	
40799	Yes	Ferrymead Bays Football Club provides valuable activities for young men and women and the extra lights will enhance that experience.	Humphrey	Archer	
40803	Yes	The Redcliffs Residents Association supports this proposal provided that there is no spill of light to distract or dazzle motorists descending Cave Terrace, as this is currently an issue. We hope that Council will directly contact the immediate neighbours of the park in Moncks Spur and Wakatu Avenue for comment also.	Redcliffs	Residents Association	Redcliffs Residents Association
40804	Yes	I am a member of the football club and I have been waiting for more lights to be installed to Barnett park forever. When we train it is so dark and is only really practical to train on the one side of the field because that's where the lights let off the most beam. I personally think it would be a very useful and great idea to install new lights as it would allow so much more area and teams to train and spread out through the space that we would have.	Renee	Maddigan	
40810	Yes	<p>Participation in football has increased 30% over the past 10 years.</p> <p>The sport & its clubs are doing fantastic jobs in getting more people more active, however, the access to facilities has not grown in this period to the same extent.</p> <p>This has created a huge shortage in facilities availability for youngsters to train appropriately and stay engaged in the sport of choice.</p> <p>The additional lights at Barnett Park provides one small opportunity to assist a club who has the availability of training as their single biggest and has to turn away players from having space available to train in the middle of the week.</p> <p>There are already lights available at the park, but not enough for the size of club and number of youngsters wanting to participate, outside of the senior social teams wanting to keep active.</p> <p>It is a club shared by the community. A club who switched on their existing lights last week in support of searching for a young missing girl and a club who will continue to give positive experiences for many years to come for the people of the area.</p> <p>The additional lights will not increase disturbance due to existing training, but will enhance the opportunity for more people to be more active!</p> <p>Please support this small venture to enhance your community club and a park that has multi-purpose use.</p>	Alan	Walker	Ferrymead Bays FC
40811	Yes	The current lighting is substandard and needs upgrading. Currently, only a small part of the field can be used & new lighting will help to make full use of the pitches and practices better quality	Greg	Irvine	
40812	Yes	The lights are currently inadequate for football training	Marcos	van Dam	
40813	Yes		Brent	Archer	
40814	Yes	supporting local sporting clubs is great for the community	Ruben	bunting	
40815	Yes	Better Changing sheds at the club.	Rebecca	Bennett	
40816	Yes	<p>I support the installation of new lights with modern distribution control.</p> <p>I do have an issue that the lights are being installed at a substandard field which should be addressed at the same</p>	Neil	Egan	

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		<p>time as any lighting installation. There is a constant issue with slope runoff saturating the west side of the field and adjacent side line grass, which needs to be addressed to protect the extra training area and main pitch. I suspect foundation light pole design would need to accommodate any ground issues here.</p> <p>The light pole design and locations should also accommodate any future requirements and upgrades such as evening games on the No.1 pitch. With the requirement for more all weather quality football pitches in Christchurch, future requirements should also be discussed with Mainland Football. Lets make sure the new installed infrastructure is sufficient for future needs.</p>			
40817	Yes	This needs to be done as soon as possible.	Darrin	Bruce	
40818	Yes	My son trains on the back field on Thursday nights. There are no lights so there trainings are very limited. There is no space for them in lighted fields as they are taken by other teams. We have good pitches but can't use them for what they are intended.	Nick	Tabak	Ferrymead bays football club 14th grade div 1
40819	Yes		Tony	Boon	
40820	Yes		Ian	timpson	
40821	Yes		Michael	Schrader	
40822	Yes	Having played and coached at the club for 20 years I have first hand experience of the limited nature of the current field lighting. Training opportunities are limited in the evening which results in a poor experience for players. Better lighting equals more participation and greater engagement with the sport and the club. From a playing perspective, having light equally distributed from both sides would really help with reducing shadows which can make it difficult to follow the flight of the ball etc. We often set up training in areas with poor lighting which can increase the risk of injury so it would be great to see this improved.	Damian	Simpson	Ferrymead Bays FC
40823	Yes		Denise	Bruce	
40825	Yes	<p>Having had a child coached for the club for a number of years through age groups from 4 years old to senior, it is very obvious the facilities are not adequate for the changing face of the game. Most training is done after dark and involves increasingly more organised coaches with higher training frequencies. The club is at a severe disadvantage city wide on the facilities it has access to.</p> <p>It also feels unsafe to have your child playing a half dark environment.</p>	Daniel	Godden	
40826	Yes	awesome to upgrade facilities	chris	murphy	
40827	Yes	<p>This is a very well utilised park, but it's simply too dark over the winter months to make full use of it.</p> <p>Given the growth in the playing numbers at the club, additional lighting (both sides) would significantly increase the effective capacity of the park, making training much more enjoyable for those teams that are allocated the areas with less or no lighting.</p>	James	Koers	
40828	Yes		Jack	Osborne	
40829	Yes	Excellent idea. Great asset for the football club and players!! Need to promote kids in sport and this will ensure better playing conditions.	Rachel	Hair	
40830	Yes	Would be great to see new lights as very dark for practise with current lighting	Cameron	Evans	
40831	Yes		Harriette	Jolly	

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40832	Yes		Paul	Drummond	
40833	Yes	Will help local sports teams complete their training - all our girls football teams train there often in the dark.	Sarina	Powrie	
40834	Yes		Ken	Powrie	
40835	Yes		Tony	Joseph	
40836	Yes	Safety and access for the sports teams during winter is paramount for the kids practicing. It's challenging for the football players to access the space without the change	Shane	Bishop	
40837	Yes	My daughter would love to be able to practice with more light and therefore more space	Jasmine	Bishop	
40839	Yes		Lesley	Rumball	
40840	Yes		Kerri	Boon	
40841	Yes		Fleur	Keeley	
40842	Yes	A great resource for the ever growing club and to get kids active and out if trouble.	Nita	Young	
40843	Yes	I play football there every week, lights would benefit all the teams that 'try' to train there in the evenings. It is really hard to train/play properly with most of us sticking to one part of the pitch. In addition, there could be up to 4-5 teams training at once (Wednesday evenings), squished on one side of the park, the addition of lights would mean that we utilize the whole width of the park. It is rather dangerous for the council to not have the park safely lit up, the lack of lights is an extreme safety hazard.	Sera	Thompson	
40844	Yes	The club definitely needs more lighting especially in the middle of winter quite early on when there is insufficient playing area for all the junior teams to have decent lighting to practice in.	vaughan	taylor	
40861	Yes		Mark	East	
40863	Yes	This will be a great asset for the community	Tamara	Kemp	
40864	Yes		Debbie	Dunlop	
40865	Yes	This is a great idea. I am 100% behind the proposal that will allow evening sports. These are not on late and are great for the public.	Quentin	McKie	
40873	Yes	At present the lights at Barnett Park are completely insufficient and training is downright problematic and dangerous for older members/players. It is about time that Council bloody well spent money on football grounds in the city.	john	quealy	Ferrymead Football
40876	Yes	It's great for the community being able to use the grounds during the winter months in the dark.	Jonny	Graham	
40883	Yes		Scott	McCrae	
40889	Yes		Kim	Gormack	
40890	Yes		Julian	Gormack	
40911	Yes	Considered upgrading existing lighting such that it achieves the same directional light distribution	Sam	Hammond	
40924	Yes	As a long time member of Ferrymead bays I hate the fact the lights are only on one side of the field. When playing towards the lights, you can't tell people apart - they're all just silhouettes. Also, the lit side of the pitches gets more churned up in winter as no-one used the dark side.	Neil	Savage	Ferrymead Bays
40927	Yes	No problems with additional lighting as both the hours of operation and the spread of the lights are reasonable. Also good to see the increased popularity of football.	John and Kate	Entwisle	

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40930	Yes	We back onto the park and love hearing and seeing sport played at night.	Donna	Thomson	
40731	No	Redcliffs is my hometown and I object to this happening as I feel the light will badly affect the natural surroundings and change the natural surroundings with unnatural lighting	Greg	Dowson	
40748	No	I live above Barnett Park and over the years many of times they are left on & come through your blinds which leaves you awake for the night as we sleep in a front room. Not ideal not happy with what they have now.	Sarah	McDonagh	
40758	No	I live on Moncks Spur Road and those lights are so bright that my blackout curtains do not block the light. Occasionally those field lights have been left on all night and at other times they have stayed on until well after 10 pm. That is too late. Maybe the lights could have a deflector on the top to keep the light from spilling up the hillside. I feel sorry for the people living right next to that park.	Elizabeth	Kaye	
40881	No	The existing light towers make a horrible droning / buzzing noise when they are on, is there a way to ensure any new lights do not do the same? I also don't agree with having the new lights on the western side of the field, I think this is unnecessary, the current lights on the eastern side already fill the full width of the field and even into the surrounding bush. It is unavoidable that these proposed new lights will cast light directly into the houses on the Eastern side, especially at they are significantly taller than the existing lights. The proposed new lights on the eastern side will easily fill the remainder of the field without excessive light fill into homes.	Jayde	Drumm	
40925	No	I live on Wakatu Ave on the opposite side to the park and it's already VERY light when the flood lights are on it lights up our bedroom even with blackout curtains I work shifts and sometimes need to sleep at odd hours.	Zoe	Brownley	
40928	No	We do not support the application because of the reasons outlined below (not in any particular order) 1. Physical structure of the proposed lights 2. Our experience with Ferrymead Bays Football Club (FBFC) at and following the installation of the existing lights. 3. Behaviour (care of the Park and consideration for others) 4. Impact on the Park 5. Impact on us and the enjoyment of living at our property. We note the Christchurch City Council guidelines for the use of Sports Fields includes - Be considerate of neighbouring properties - If a ball goes into a neighbouring property seek permission prior to retrieving it. Failure to do so is trespassing. - Collect all rubbish after games and training. If the provided rubbish bins are full take any extra rubbish and dispose	Don & Leanne	Kennedy	

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	<p>of it appropriately.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Keep away from areas that are showing damage. <p>1. Physical structure of the proposed lights</p> <p>We are concerned about the physical structure of the lights and the impact they will have on our outlook year round. It appears the majority are intended to be placed to the northwest outlook from our house. We have invested in our deck area and spend a lot of time throughout the year on the deck overlooking the park. The light structures would have a detrimental visual impact on us for the whole year that cannot be minimised. In contrast their time of use (a maximum of 390 hours per years) is minimal compared to a permanent year round impact to us.</p> <p>2. Experience with FBFC</p> <p>We supported the original lights application years ago and encouraged our reluctant neighbours to agree as we thought it was good to facilitate physical activity and opportunities for children. We now regret doing that. We feel we were misled by the FBFC. At the time of the original application, we and neighbours that have now moved away, feel we were misled on light location. In addition, we also feel we were misled by the level of games to be played over the weekends immediately in front of our house and the impact that would have on us. There are multiple games played over the weekends directly in front of our house, the noise volume is often high and intrusive plus the other impacts noted further below. This did not happen before the lights went in.</p> <p>A foot note here is that on the 10th August we met the FBFC reps at the “walk up” in the Park and openly expressed our concerns. Their response to some of the issues that will be outlined below was we have told the club members that is not acceptable. We consider this is a weak response. Leaders need to do more than tell once or twice, they need to live and be seen to live the values and expectations, they need to have systems in place to mitigate issues and risks, they need to position themselves to call out the inappropriate behaviour holding people accountable and reward/acknowledge the good behaviour.</p> <p>3. Behaviour (care of the Park and consideration for others)</p> <p>The FBFC use of the Park facility demonstrates a lack of respect for the facilities and neighbours. We have experienced inconsiderate, verging on anti-social behaviour since the lights went in. The installation of the lights and increased use of the facilities seem to be linked. For example the issues we have experienced just this year have included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- urination on a neighbour’s fence (in daylight)- rubbish left behind including used bandages, sporting tape, empty drink bottles, food wrappers, beer bottle caps (adults will consume alcohol on the field after games)- poor language- high noise volume over an extended period of time			
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	<p>- We have had people climb our fence into our garden to retrieve balls. Our backyard is secure as we have a dog.</p> <p>- The FBFC persist in congregating on the sideline immediately outside our house which means that for the whole season the area is bare dirt devoid of grass.</p> <p>In addition, within the last couple of years we have had a window broken and despite assurance from the individual who retrieved the ball no reparation was made.</p> <p>Late last season a BBQ was in action on the edge of the field with fat simply tipped on the ground and food scraps and tissues etc left on the ground with no consideration for other Park users.</p> <p>There have been many issues in prior years of a similar theme to those mentioned above.</p> <p>We have been heavily involved in sports clubs in the past that have utilised public amenities so have some understanding of the complexities in running sports clubs reliant on public facilities with long term residential neighbours. At the end of each use we (the club members and some of our supporters) would always scout the area for rubbish and pick it up even if it was not ours. We tried to be always mindful of our impact on others. We probably weren't perfect, but we consistently tried. We also instilled in our club members the value of respect in terms of the use of the facilities and consideration for others. We have not seen this behaviour evidenced by the FBFC other than by one couple in earlier years that used to walk the fields and pick up rubbish. They are no longer involved.</p> <p>The FBFC have committed to change in the past - but it hasn't happened. In past years we requested the soccer players and sideline people be mindful of their language (especially when there are young children around) and to pick up their rubbish.</p> <p>4. Impact on the Park</p> <p>The increased use since the lights went in also appears to have had a detrimental affect on the grounds over winter. It is now more pugged and less user friendly for other Park users during winter.</p> <p>More use of the Park, 5 nights per week for up to 3 hours per night will only exacerbate these issues.</p> <p>5. Impact on us</p> <p>If the application is approved, we can expect a greater number of players on the fields every week night and therefore those properties neighbouring the park will experience the same issues listed above to a greater extent.</p> <p>We bought our home in 1999 with the bush outlook, space and serenity of the Park being key aspects of that decision. We accept that areas develop and change over time. However, the proposed development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- will have permanent visual impact 100% of the year- is intended to have increased activity (and noise) for six months of the year, Monday to Friday, 3 hours per night plus			
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	<p>- the existing weekend daytime use,</p> <p>- with the increased use, will likely result in more field damage</p> <p>This all seems unreasonable to us. It will impact our enjoyment of our immediate and wider home environment.</p> <p>We feel more strongly given our experience to date with the FBFC, their care of the Park and consideration for others in the years since the first lights were installed.</p> <p>Don now purposely avoids the front of the property on weekend afternoons or walking our dog in the Park later on weekend afternoons as the he finds the lack of consideration, the noise, language, residual rubbish and care for the Park distressing.</p> <p>6. Summary</p> <p>Over many years the FBFC has shown a disregard for the guidelines of use of Christchurch City Council Park facilities, care for the Park and consideration for others so should not be entitled or allowed to have increased use and further detrimental impact on us as neighbours and our enjoyment of our property.</p> <p>Regardless of the outcome of the application we would appreciate the use of the fields for weekend games be reduced – the main issue is the men’s games with regard to noise and language.</p> <p>We seek this due to the lack of respect and consideration shown to date and as stated above the resulting negative impact on our quiet enjoyment of our property.</p> <p>7. Next Steps</p> <p>If there is a possibility to address the decisioning authority in person, then we would appreciate that being made available to us.</p> <p>Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to express our views and concerns.</p>			
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