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**Submission to GLG report.**

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In our original submission we highlighted the need for sporting facilities to be made available within the PPC81 application and we note in **GLG 2.2 iii. Neighbourhood OSA (pocket park) for informal recreational activities and community uses(walking ,running, cycling, relaxing, socialising, picnics). Size and location not determined at this time.**

Our thoughts have not changed on this aspect and we believe the tripartite groups stance of not competing with Dargaville township infrastructure is seriously flawed.

In reading the Independent expert Assessment produced by GLG (Global Leisure Group) they acknowledge that there should be facilities provided.

In our first submission we were looking at opportunities for Tamariki and Rangatahi to engage in sporting and recreational activities in terms of open spaces allowing them to get out and play games and undertake recreational activities with freedom from confined spaces. We did not extend our thoughts in this to indoor facilities.

**In 2.3 of the GLG report** they devote significant time to actual sports teams, I believe these figures are understated and do not in adults in the figures.

These sports teams may in time be a by product of our submission stance to provide adequate facilities

**2.4 GLG report “utilising hubs”.** I have seen numerous reports from GLG over the past 10 years that refer to Hub and spoke models so am a little perplexed at their change of stance in this instance of hub only.

We acknowledge the importance to the Dargaville area of Sportsville and this provision of recreational facilities would not impact on Sportsville.

### **3 Assessment and recommended provision**

**Recommended provision and or any variation from that provided/proposed taking into account Hauora for future residents of TDA11 with a youth emphasis.**

**The commitment to the active transport off-road paved shared pathway link between Dargaville and the proposed subdivision has major implications from a recreation and sport provision perspective. It means subdivision residents will be able to access the recreation and sport provision in Dargaville without requiring a car, including whanau, rangatahi and many tamariki. Accordingly, our assessment and recommendations take provision of this link into account.**

The active transport off-road paved shared pathway link between Dargaville and the proposed subdivision has been highlighted and so we need to ensure the commissioners understand the undertaking involved of this shared pathway. During the hearing one of the many applicant

consultants mentioned that the shared pathway would in all likelihood be placed over the current roadside drain. Again still very close to the speedway that is officially a State highway. I bring to your attention that from the current intersection at Awakino Point North Road to the Awakino East Road there are approximately 13 Power Poles of which 9 are situated in the drain that was suggested will become the pathway. The cost of this pathway will become astronomical given today's cost overruns. If this project were to proceed this shared pathway cost must be covered completely by the applicant and in our opinion should be undertaken prior to other development occurring.

**GLG recommend in 4 G and H the following**

**g) We recommend that this provision be integrated and be co-located within the Hauora Hub in a roughly rectangular area of about 3,500 sqm (70m by 50m) to accommodate a combination of paved court area and a flat open grass area**

**h) We recommend the paved court area should be a minimum of 20m by 20m. It would be used for casual activities such as practicing shooting goals or hoops or pick-up games of 3x3 basketball. It is a multi-purpose area used for a variety of sports and games with several features installed such as 3x3 basketball backboard, tennis volley wall, netball hoop. If the area was larger (20m by 40m) it could at times have portable skate, scooter and bike structures located on a part of it.**

We believe that while this is an improvement on the original plan with nothing in it, it still falls short of suitability in terms of size for creating and active and healthy lifestyles in the population.

A 50 metre by 70 metre area with a 20 by 20 concrete area is not enough area for say a pick up softball or cricket game where balls can be hit rather large distances, let alone multiple games being played by different groups simultaneously.

As I indicated we speaking at the hearing while this application is trying to provide more housing we need to be mindful of people that may live in these homes. They need to be provided adequate facilities to enhance their lives and not hold them back.

**6 a) An area of approximately 500 sqm (one section size) should be set aside for this purpose and be located to ensure all residences have a walking distance/ journey of a few minutes to a park space. The location is important to allow for as short a walking distance as possible to all residential homes within this subdivision. b) The Pocket Park should be focused on whanau with pre-school and junior primary age tamariki c) A small playground area with nearby seating or picnic tables for whanau groups d) A grass area for learning basic skills such as catching, passing or kicking a ball or games of chase.**

22.36 metres square is very small.

## **Summary**

**In our opinion there are too many gaps in this plan to proceed unless the commissioners have the power to dictate what the applicant needs to provide to the proposed community.**

**We believe the applicants request for the PPC81 be declined.**