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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**Questions on Notice Paper No 6****09 MAY 2025****Question No. 420****MISS LAURA NUTTALL MLA:** To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation

In relation to the planned Stromlo District Playing fields, what considerations have been given to concerns expressed by the community of (a) interactions between runoff from artificial turf and Holden's Creek, (b) recent reports of Gang Gang Cockatoo sightings in some of the trees likely to be removed for this oval development, (c) sentiment that adequate consultation has not been done about the impact of traffic and parking changes on nearby residents and (d) a lack of clarity over who will be using the grounds.

YVETTE BERRY MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- (a) The proposed design of the synthetic sportsground includes barriers along the fence line to limit the migration of artificial turf and infill into any nearby waterway. Regular maintenance of the synthetic grass fields, undertaken with a synthetic grass grooming machine, also reduces the risk of any materials migrating away from field. Additionally, an organic infill material has also been adopted as part of the design for the synthetic grass fields at Stromlo.
- (b) As part of the preliminary planning and design process for the Stromlo District Playing Fields, an Environmental Significance Opinion (ESO) was approved by the Conservator of Flora and Fauna in March 2024. The ESO approval stated the proposed District Playing Fields are unlikely to cause a significant adverse environmental impact provided the works are undertaken in a manner consistent with a range of conditions and mitigation measures. The full ESO, inclusive of development conditions, can be found [here](#).
- (c) Both Swallowtail Road and Cotter Road are arterial roads and have a design capacity of over 6,000 vehicles per day. The expected traffic generation of the site will generally occur outside of peak traffic times. Based on this and the population density of the surrounding areas and the predicted traffic generation of the proposed development, the Traffic Impact Assessment Report submitted as part of the Development Application concluded it would have minimal impact to the surrounding road network.

There are 222 parking spots proposed for the site with additional overflow parking available for peak periods. As is the case at other District Playing Fields, there may be limited occasions

where onsite parking is at capacity and therefore participants may use available on-street parking in the area or other parking areas within Stromlo Forest Park.

- (d) The early planning and design of the Stromlo District Playing Fields has been undertaken in consultation with numerous outdoor field sports, including football, rugby union, rugby league, AFL and cricket. Once the facility has been constructed, TCCS – Sport and Recreation Facilities will work with the relevant outdoor sports to finalise the necessary sportsground booking requirements for training and match play activities. As is the case for all district playing fields across the ACT, the Stromlo District Playing Fields will be a community asset and available for public use when not hired for formal sport and recreation activities.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



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