Responses to Questions raised at meeting between Department of Education and residents adjacent to Tristram Reserve – held at Beacon Hill Public School on Wednesday 14 March 2018.

1. Why is Council only allowing a buffer of 3m when the NSW Football guidelines recommend 5m? –

Football NSW only require a 5m buffer to accommodate technical areas. casein all other cases theminimum buffer area is 3m, and this is consistent with the location of the light poles in relation to the field.

1. The rear boundary setback does not comply -.

The lowest setback achieved in the lighting design is 5.8m between pole and rear boundaries, this is non-compliance of 20cm. This non-compliance can be addressed if required through the development assessment process if Council decides to proceed with the development.

1. Why aren't you looking at the Freshwater High’s field?

Council is examining all opportunities for utilising public assets for sportsfields and other facilities, including exploring the sportsfield at Freshwater High with the NSW Department of Education.

1. What is the maximum capacity for the use of sportsfields? Residents believe the sportsfield is already at maximum capacity?

35 hours is considered the sustainable amount of time that a sportsfield can handle. It is not a cap on use but rather a target to be achieved through the implementation of the sportsfield strategy. When all the actions of the strategy are achieved use should be around 35 hours excluding school use. This will vary from site to site based on the resilience of the field, season and demand.

1. Why is Council trying to better utilise this field, what are the drivers?

Council is committed to supplying enough sportsfield capacity to meet demand now and in the future. Council is committed to promoting a healthy and active lifestyle in the community

1. The Community wants to know what is the principal approval process

Given the land is not a dedicated public reserve, a development application is required to be lodged to seek approval to install the lights.

1. How is Council communicating and engaging with residents?

Council is sending a letter to the community to report back what they've heard, and the next steps. A community engagement report will be posted online once all the feedback has been received and analysed

1. Residents have safety concerns at stop signs and intersection where the road meets the car park meets the street

A customer request has been lodged with the relevant department of council to follow this up

1. Residents have concerns about noise pollution and abuse on local residents

The acoustic impact of the development is being assessed as part of the Review of Environment Factors which will be submitted as part of a development application if Council decides to proceed.

1. Do you think it's appropriate to have a football field 3m behind houses where children live, and for those who are undertaking HSC

The Department of Education supports the objectives of the Council’s Sportsground strategy to provide the community greater access to improved sportsgrounds and associated facilities. It is not an uncommon that parks and sportsfields are located close to residences. Council is currently undertaking a range of specialist studies to assess the impact as well as mitigation strategies. The Review of Environmental Factors will include comment on the acoustic impact of the development.

1. Why is Council not upgrading the current soccer field at Beacon Hill Oval?

Council has scheduled a major renewal of Beacon Hill Oval in the 2019-2020 financial year.

1. Injury and liability, questions on who owns the liability in the case of an accident?  
     
   The club who is using the field has to insure their players. Council is only liable if found negligent in its maintenance of the sportsfield.