

Perth Football Club response to submissions on the advertised DA proposal for Lathlain

1. Perth Football Club (PFC) is pleased to see that 69 of the 108 submissions (64%) support the DA, a clear majority of support.
2. PFC is therefore disappointed that the Town of Victoria Park (ToVP) has seen fit to extend the consultation process in the face of this majority.
3. PFC notes that several of the 69 supporters attest to living or running businesses in close proximity to Lathlain Park and consider that the relocation of West Coast Eagles headquarters to Lathlain has re-activated the suburb and surrounds, to the great benefit of the community.
4. PFC acknowledges that several of the 39 objectors have raised concerns which will be considered by the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) in their determination of the DA proposal, notwithstanding that the most frequently quoted objections were the same as those raised in the initial community consultation process for the Lathlain Park Management Plan in 2016 – noise, traffic/parking, lights and antisocial behaviour.
5. PFC notes that many of the objectors have an issue with what they perceive as a 400% increase in matches or events given that PFC's expected 9-11 home games per season is perceived as up to 45 games per season due to an illogical interpretation of the range of frequency of additional games (WCE, AFLW and WAFLW). It is highly improbable that the maximum number in each frequency range would ever be achieved.
6. Given the recent increase in attendances at WAFL games, PFC is buoyed by the consultation's majority support for the club and its longstanding role as a community icon, which will be further enhanced when the planned redevelopment of the club's facilities is realised in the near future.