Dear Resident,

Bardon Latrobe Football Club recognises that with a growing Brisbane population, there is more pressure being put on sporting facilities across the city to accommodate new members, including our own. We also recognise that this has led to impacts to some local residents. At our core, we are a Club for the community and of the community, run solely on the time and energy of volunteers. We are part of this wonderful community and are working hard to minimise the impacts of the Club’s activities.

Approximately 80% of our members are under 18 with 63% aged 10 or below. Half of our members are little kids under 10.  We are delighted to support the local community with 40% of the Club’s members living in Bardon and another 43% live in the directly adjacent suburbs.

As you may be aware, the Club undertook a survey earlier this year of both our members and the surrounding community to gain an understanding of different viewpoints and feedback on a range of ideas to help assist the Club with future planning initiatives. We wish to thank those residents who have provided feedback and suggestions; we appreciate your time and interest in our Club. In the feedback, some key issues were raised by the community which we would like to acknowledge.

1. Parking activity within the carpark and along David Avenue – the Club is working with Council to improve car parking at Bowman Park and ways to manage illegal car parking on David Ave.
2. Light glare and duration of use – the Club is looking at upgrading the lighting and incorporating an automated control technology system.
3. Evening noise from training, games, and post-training/game activities – the Club will continue to adhere to the Clubs operating hours when scheduling activities to manage noise, as well as investigating use of additional venues.
4. More soccer fields – the Club is looking at reconfiguration of existing playing surfaces to better utilise space and reduce wear and tear on the fields, including improved irrigation.

Some of these potential solutions cost a substantial amount of money, or are not within the control of the Club (eg falling within the Council’s remit), so they may take some time to realise. We wish we could fast-track these solutions, however in the mean time we ask for patience and supportive communication.

A variety of additional concerns have also been raised recently, however the Club would like to reassure residents that there are NO plans to expand the existing playing fields or to alter public access to the park and green space.  Further information and responses to other concerns can be found in the table below.

If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch with us through our Community Liaison Officers at community.liaison@bardonlatrobe.org.au. They will aim to reply within seven working days.

Regards,

Michael Watts

Bardon Latrobe Football Club President