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Bayside Council

Submission on DA-2017/179 - Cooks Cove Southern Precinct

Attention: Marta M Gonzalez-Valdes, Coordinator Major Assessment Team

Dear Ms Gonzalez-Valdes and assessment team,

I strongly object to DA-2017/179. The Southern Precinct of Cooks Cove is public land and should remain so. A growing population needs more green space and not less. Below are my concerns with the proposal, apart from the obvious loss of public access.

* Numerous playing fields would be lost. I understand that some playing fields are planned for the current golf course site but those would only partially offset the loss.
* Path connectivity would be reduced, especially bicycle path connectivity and especially from the West Botany Road side.
* Spring Street Wetland and the surrounding wooded area would be destroyed.
* I expect that having golf lawns close to the main Landing Lights Wetland lake will be detrimental to the wetland and the migratory birds that use it.
* The potential to have more than a narrow ribbon of landscaped parklands would be lost.
* The potential to have both the old paths and the new paths would be lost.

I don't accept that we can't have upgrades to the Southern Precinct without giving most of it away. With higher densities coming to Arncliffe and Banksia, there should be enough additional income for Bayside Council to improve the precinct.

I also don't accept that giving away almost all of the Southern Precinct is necessary so that the development plans for the current golf course site can go ahead. That does not mean that I approve of those development plans.

Please reject Development Application DA-2017/179.

Yours Sincerely,

John Smith, XX/1/2017