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Submissions

From: Hamish Ninham [REDACTED] on behalf of Hamish Ninham [REDACTED] <Hamish.Ninham@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au>
Sent on: Saturday, May 10, 2025 12:17:54 PM
To: dasubmissions@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Submission - D/2025/299 - 49 Henderson Road EVELEIGH NSW 2015 - Attention Judy Tran

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Hi Judy,

I'm writing to object to the demolition of the outdoor gym equipment at 49 Henderson Rd, Eveleigh. There's a shortage of outdoor exercise equipment in the area, with the skate park facilities being the only others for some distance. I use these facilities regularly and as a neighbour, I see that they're often in use, providing a great benefit to people who stop in for some exercise as they're passing by, or may not be able to afford a gym membership.

I hope you'll reconsider its removal.

Thanks,
Hamish

From: Planning Systems Admin <planningsystemsadmin@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au> on behalf of Planning Systems Admin <planningsystemsadmin@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au> <Planning Systems Admin <planningsystemsadmin@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au>>
Sent on: Monday, May 12, 2025 9:36:15 AM
To: DASubmissions <DASubmissions@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Submission - D/2025/299 - 49 Henderson Road EVELEIGH NSW 2015 - Attention Judy Tran

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From: Kiz Ruu [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, 10 May 2025 8:30 PM
To: DSubmissions <DSubmissions@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au>
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Hello Judy,

I write to you on as a property owner at 49 Henderson road. The plan to demolish this outdoor gym is abhorrent. This gym is frequently used by myself and many neighbours and locals within the area. To reduce essential resources to improve fitness and wellbeing in a neighbourhood is unjust and outrightly unacceptable.

Fitness is something that should be encouraged with as many facilities as possible. As a council, we should be encouraging people to exercise not reducing the availability of equipment areas to hinder this. This gym is vital for many people and I frequently see it being used. I think city of Sydney should outrightly reject this proposal to demolish this outside gym.

It is outrightly unjust to the neighbourhood to reduce facilities to improve fitness. People need avenues for fitness not reduced facilities.

I hope city of Sydney really reflects on this proposal and does NOT demolish this gym. I outrightly reject the proposed development: demolition of existing outdoor gym.

Kindest regards.

From: Alexander Payne [REDACTED] on behalf of Alexander Payne
[REDACTED] <Alexander.Payne@[REDACTED]>
Sent on: Monday, May 12, 2025 1:20:17 PM
To: dasubmissions@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Submission - D/2025/299 - 49 Henderson Road EVELEIGH NSW 2015 - Attention Judy Tran

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Dear Ms Tran,

I object to the above plans to remove the gym equipment on Henderson Road.

The assumption that people use the gym equipment at Technology Park is wrong. The technology park equipment is so basic it may as well not be there. All it has is a bar and a beam and that is it. Although the 49 Henderson Road equipment is also very basic, it is still better than what is at Tech Park/Commbank. If one is removed then the other must be significantly improved.

I also object to it supposedly costing 44k to remove some small poles and replace with turf but that's a different matter.

Kind Regards,
Alexander Payne
68 Kingsclear Road, Alexandria

From: [REDACTED]

Sent on: Monday, May 12, 2025 5:29:53 PM

To: City of Sydney <council@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au>

Subject: D/2025/299: Demolition of existing outdoor gym @ 49 Henderson Road, Eveleigh, NSW 2015

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To whom it may concern,

This outdoor gym is used by many people, and an asset to the community despite it not being upkeep by council. (I would dispute councils' reference to upkeep in the demolition letter, little has been done since it was installed over 25 year ago)

I live directly opposite, and my sons regularly use the space, I also regularly see many other people using it, at all times of the day. Even though there is another outdoor gym 400 metres away in the Technology Park, it is on private land and subject to private security guard rules and whims. I have personally witnessed said security guards removing an individual from the outdoor gym area for no good reason. This heavy-handed approach does not auger well and could be used by the Technology Park to exclude certain groups of more vulnerable people from the space. The technology park space is also "closed" after dark. This is also enforced by the private security guards.

With the closing of the outdoor gym at 49 Henderson Road, activity on the Technology Park outdoor gym will increase. In my view this will exacerbate interference by the private security guards of people exercising their lawful right to peacefully enjoy the space.

Additionally, with the constant increase of people in the area, valuable outdoor spaces like these are extremely important for community. I would like to see the council upgrade the equipment or tell me where they will be installing more equipment nearby for community use that is not closed after dark and condition of use not enforced by private security.

Kind regards,

Nichola Jephcott

From: William Stewart [REDACTED] on behalf of William Stewart

[REDACTED] <William Stewart [REDACTED]>

Sent on: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 8:18:48 AM

To: council@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

Subject: D/2025/299 49 Henderson Road Eveleigh

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Hey there - I saw there was a DA Application to remove the gym on Henderson road. Just wanted to contact you guys to say that I use it and would love it to be upgraded, rather than removed :)

Thanks,
Will

From: Patrick Carrigan-Grant <[REDACTED]> on behalf of Patrick Carrigan-Grant
<[REDACTED]>
Sent on: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 4:56:39 PM
To: dasubmissions@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Submission - D/2025/299 - 49 Henderson Road EVELEIGH NSW 2015 - Attention Judy Tran

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G'day,

I was very disappointed to learn of the development proposal to demolish the outdoor gym at 49 Henderson Road, Eveleigh.

Apart from being physically closest to me I still prefer this aging gym to the nearby South Eveleigh gym (which is poorly implemented and of poor quality).

I would ideally love to this area upgraded in the same vein as the better implemented James Hilder Reserve in Surry Hills or Turruwul Park in Roseberry.

Thank you for your time - Patrick

From: Tommy.BC <[REDACTED]> on behalf of Tommy.BC
<Tommy.BC [REDACTED]>

Sent on: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 2:49:26 PM

To: City of Sydney <council@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au>

Subject: D/2025/299 49 Henderson Road Eveleigh

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Please do not demolish the outdoor gym. Upgrade do not remove

From: Axel Bonde [REDACTED] on behalf of Axel Bonde [REDACTED] <Axel.Bonde [REDACTED]>

Sent on: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 8:30:41 PM

To: dasubmissions@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

Subject: Submission - D/2025/299 - 49 Henderson Road EVELEIGH NSW 2015 - Attention Judy Tran

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Dear Judy Tran,

Please see my following statement and reasons for objecting to the proposed development D/2025/299.

I am Paul Axel Bonde and a local from Gibbons Street and have lived here for 10 years. I have used the subject outdoor gym in D/2025/299 for most of these years, almost weekly since 2019 (weather permitting). I respect the decision of the owners of strata plan 77095 have taken in consenting to this application and I have reviewed the application and all supportive documents available as at 14.05.2025.

Overall, the proposal is subjective. The Statement of Environmental Effects by HMUP only raises one material condition of the physical equipment that does not have to do with appearance (subjective) or usage (experience). That single material condition is deteriorating softfall. For your information, the softfall ground only started to deteriorate after the heavy storms gradually during 2020-2022. I replace the pieces flushed away softfall material as often as I can find, and it would not take much to top up the softfall. Given that softfall per cubic metre is usually in the few hundred dollars, refilling will still be a much more economical option than demolition for many years. The other equipment is very stable and practical and I have seen it used by children, adults and elders alike. No pieces of equipment were not noted as safety a concern in the statement of environmental effects. As a disclaimer, I have nothing against the new gym constructed in the Australian Technology Park some 300m to the east. It is clean, has good equipment, it is well lit at night, and I frequent it as well. However, I must compare the two outdoor gym locations when relevant (I am referring to them as the "older" and "newer" gym below).

Reasons for objecting the proposed development:

1. **Personal health** : last year I slipped a disc which led to much pain down the sciatic nerve. Using the older gym has been very important for my recovery and I need to continually use this to keep the pain away. Especially by decompressing my spine with the handlebars. My physio said, if it weren't for my habits (of which this gym plays a huge role), my back would have felt much worse. The outdoor gym handlebars are by far the most popular equipment for other people who use the outdoor gym, and given the less crowding anyone no matter how shy or outgoing can use it immediately. However, on warm and sunny days I have queued or taken turns using the handlebars, thus showing how popular it is. On a personal level, the removal of this gym would be a devastating disappointment.
2. **Condition** : the older gym equipment is stable and safe. It certainly has lost some paint, but that is a vestige of its usefulness. It is also decently lit at night. The concerns in the SEE regarding softfall can be fixed with topping up, costing us less than the demolition.
3. **Exercise:** the older gym is not redundant as an exercise location. It is on many joggers' and exerciser's paths from and to nearby suburbs (consider a jog around Everleigh passing through Erko, Newtown, Darlington, Redfern via the community access bridge, Waterloo, Alexandria, and Eveleigh itself via technology park and its green areas). It is a great exercise and rest spot. I personally use it 2-3 times a week (weather permitting), even if it is dark outside. The gym offers a sunnier and more peaceful exercising environment than the newer gym near, which has less sunlight, stronger winds and more traffic noise.
4. **Community:** the older gym is not redundant as a recreational area. It offers a much better privacy and tranquillity than the newer gym near Commonwealth Bank. It is frequented by locals playing, eating lunch and workers taking a break. You can notice on the nearby workers (both long term office workers and short

term tradies and builders) who are crowded out from the newer gym and seek more peace and privacy that the older gym offers. Consider that removing the older gym will either push away those who prefer it from recreational activities or make the newer gym more crowded.

5. **Scope:** In my opinion the Affected Properties Report does not take into account enough properties, as the gym location is within a five-minute jog from many more residents, to the east and especially south for residents in Alexandria. Any Affected Properties Report could not take into account all stakeholders as tradies and construction workers (who might not reside nearby and have seen the DA notifications) use the older gym for health, fitness as well as a social meeting point. More than once have I seen people having lunch here, sitting in the equipment, grass or concrete blocks. I also note that the garbage mostly comes from the bin chickens eating out the nearby bins and not takeaway food containers.

Please consider my concerns when making a determination, prolong the older gym's lifespan as much as possible.

Thank you,

From: John [REDACTED] on behalf of John [REDACTED] > <John [REDACTED]>

Sent on: Friday, May 16, 2025 1:16:46 PM

To: City of Sydney <council@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au>

Subject: D/2025/299 49 Henderson Road Eveleigh

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Dear there,

I see there is plan to demolish the outdoor gym at 49 Henderson Rd Eveleigh. It's so disappointing seeing this as this little gym had been playing important role in my neck health. Several years ago I was diagnosed having cervical spine problems with dick coming out. Doctor told me it's important you exercise the muscles around shoulder and neck so as to hold your spine firmly in order to reduce pain. I work in office around South Eveleigh and have been using this little outdoor gym basically every day. And doing so has brought positive change to my health. The facility is old but it is still working, and the wood Pilar brings some sense of nature as well. I don't expect you upgrade it but at less keep it. Demolishing such a small gym won't creat much more space for anything but would remove a near and dear facility for those living and working around.

Thanks.

From: Nicklas Jansen <[REDACTED]> on behalf of Nicklas Jansen

[REDACTED] <Nicklas.Jansen@[REDACTED]>

Sent on: Saturday, May 17, 2025 4:33:08 PM

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I strongly object to the demolition of this outdoor gym as myself and my roommates all use it regularly. I believe money would be much better spent upgrading the facility as this will greatly benefit the whole community. Please don't destroy this gym.

Kind regards,

Nick Jansen

Sent from my iPhone