



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

FRANK SMITH PARK OVAL

## PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE COMMUNITY LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN CLASSIFICATION

### Why are Council considering amending the classification?

On 4 April 2023, the City of Onkaparinga Strategic Directions Committee considered a report on the Future Use of Frank Smith Park for Organised Sport, where it resolved:

- To undertake community engagement to seek community sentiment to amend the Sportsground Community Land Management Plan to include the oval area in Frank Smith Park to allow lower impact organised sport.

This recommendation was endorsed after extensive consultation with community and key stakeholders on the future use of Frank Smith Park for organised sport.

Previous reporting and community engagement can be viewed [here](#).

### What are the current and proposed classifications?

Under the existing Community Land Management Plan (CLMP) Frank Smith Park is classified as:

- **Reserve**, further subcategorised as **Developed Reserve** in the Community Land Management Plan for Reserves.

If the amendment does go ahead, we will closely monitor any impacts that may arise. The turf playing fields/oval within Frank Smith Park would be classified under the Community Land Management Plan for **Sportsgrounds**.

### What use is permitted under the current reserve classification?

The Community Land Management Plan for Reserves provides for a range of recreation and community activity within reserves and also works of an operational nature. Based on core objectives of this plan, the uses permitted on any land covered by the Management Plan are:

- The casual playing of games and informal sporting activities and the construction of facilities to cater for these activities.
- Passive recreational activities and pastimes and the construction of facilities to cater for these activities.
- The construction of community facilities and use of those facilities to allow individuals and groups to come together for social, community, educational, cultural, leisure and welfare activities.
- The granting of long-term Leases for both public and private recreation.
- The provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities
- The granting of a Permit or Licence under Sections 200 and 202 of the Local Government Act 1999

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## What use is permitted under the proposed SPORTGROUND classification?

The Community Land Management Plan for Sportsgrounds provides for a range of quality leisure, recreation, and sporting pursuits as well as works of an operational nature. Based on the objectives of this plan, the uses permitted on any land covered by this Management Plan are:

- The playing of organised and informal sporting games and the construction of facilities to cater for these activities.
- Passive recreational activities and pastimes and the construction of facilities to cater for these activities.
- The construction of community facilities and use of those facilities to allow individuals and groups to come together for social, community, educational, cultural, leisure and welfare activities.
- The generating of Leases for community facilities.
- The provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities.
- The granting of a Permit or Licence under Sections 200 and 202 of the Local Government Act 1999 for activities appropriate to the objectives for the Sportsgrounds category.

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## What will the amendment mean for Frank Smith Park oval?

Amending the classification of the oval area within Frank Smith Park will allow the use of the oval turf for sporting clubs to utilise it for sporting purposes.

It is proposed Council allow the use of the oval and turf pitches within Frank Smith Park for use by lower impact sports. This is in keeping with findings from previous community engagement

The oval is currently used for school sport. The proposed CLMP change aims to increase its use where suitable e.g. as an overflow venue, without increasing the impact of sport use.

High impact sport and supporting infrastructure such as clubrooms is not proposed or being considered for the park.

Use of the oval for sport would be managed through strict conditional permits and monitored for impacts.

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## What area of Frank Smith Park is affected by the proposed amendment?

It is proposed that the oval area (approximately 20% of the park) be included under the Sportsground classification of the Community Land Management Plan. See [map](#).

The area outside of the oval area will remain under the Reserve classification of the CLMP.

Council's Parks and Natural Resources and Sustainability teams are undertaking an Ecological Linkages Study (to be completed in June 2023) which includes Frank Smith Park. It is anticipated that following the study, a review of the CLMP category for the conservation areas in Frank Smith Park will be undertaken with consideration of council's management approaches to biodiversity and conservation as well as the value placed on the natural amenity by community.

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## How can I have my Say?

Public consultation will take place from 14 June until 10 July 2023. We are seeking feedback from the community, special interest groups and local residents, and invite feedback via our [Your Say Website](#)

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## FURTHER INFORMATION

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