Fact Sheet

Potential sale of Swifts Leagues Club

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What's happening?

Ipswich City Council (Council) is considering the potential sale of the land and facilities currently leased to Swifts Leagues Club (Swifts) at 95a Brisbane Road, Booval.

The potential sale would include the club house, bowls lawns and carpark area. The balance of Cameron Park would remain under Council ownership and management. The area proposed for sale is highlighted in the map on the right. The potential sale is based on the existing area operated by Swifts.

Have your say by 30 September 2022

Council and Swifts have engaged WSP Australia to conduct community consultation to collect feedback and understand community views on the potential sale.

Your feedback will help inform Council's decision on whether to sell the leased land to Swifts or continue the existing lease for the term of 20 years.

Provide your feedback through the online survey by scanning the QR code or visiting the website.

The WSP project team will also be available in the coming weeks to speak in person about the potential sale, or you can contact them on the details over the page.



Legend

Proposed sale of land leased by Swifts Leagues Club and facilities

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The Handmade Expo Market
Tulmur Place, Ipswich
Saturday 10 September, 10am - 12pm

Riverlink Shopping Centre, North Ipswich
Tuesday 13 September, 9am – 11am

Booval Shopping Centre, Booval
Wednesday 14 September, 3pm – 5pm

Cameron Park, Booval
Saturday 17 September 9am – 11am

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Why is Council considering selling the leagues club?

After decades of use, the Swifts Leagues Club needs significant rehabilitation and refurbishment to ensure it meets existing standards.

Major works to refurbish the facility to current standards will cost up to $7.4 million. This depends on allowances made for contingencies, preliminaries and hazardous materials, determined by a report by an external quantity surveyor. If Council continues to own the land, public funds will be required to complete the refurbishment in accordance with lease obligations.

Swifts has expressed interest in buying the land and has plans to refurbish the property at their own cost, to provide the Ipswich community with a contemporary sports club.

What happens if the property is sold to Swifts?

If the sale proceeds, Swifts will fund the refurbishment costs and upgrade the facility. Swifts will be required to lodge a Development Application with Council which considers building heights, noise, parking and visual amenity. The community will have further opportunities to comment on these changes during the Development Application process.

What happens if the property is not sold to Swifts?

The land and facilities at 95a Brisbane Road, Booval, have been leased to Swifts Leagues Club since September 2001 with the current agreement allowing them to continue the lease for another 20 years.

If the property is not sold to Swifts, the lease will be maintained, and Council will be required to continue to meet their obligations in accordance with the lease.

What happens next?

Following community consultation, Council will receive a report outlining feedback received on the potential sale. Council will use this information to help decide whether to sell the land to Swifts.

Council is committed to keeping the community up to date and will provide an update on the potential sale in the coming months.

Get in contact

Phone the WSP Project Team on 07 3368 6693 or send an email to communityengagement@wsp.com

More information

For more information about the proposed sale and consultation opportunities, visit shapeyouripswich.com.au/swiftssportsclub

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