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MULTI-PURPOSE OUTDOOR YOUTH SPACE

Council will exhibit a multi-purpose outdoor youth space for community feedback following Tuesday night's Council Meeting.

The multi-purpose outdoor youth space is in response to Camden Council's Recreation Demand Study undertaken in 2013, which identified the need for the development of an outdoor youth facility to cater for high youth populations in Mount Annan, Narellan Vale and Currans Hill.

Birriwa Reserve, Mount Annan has been selected by Council as the preferred location, which is open to community comment as part of the exhibition. The location boasts a number of advantages including being centrally located to the target population including Currans Hill via the footbridge over Narellan Road, highly visible by traffic and pedestrians providing significant passive surveillance and in close proximity to other recreation facilities and food outlets.

The space proposes to include sports hard courts, outdoor exercise equipment and passive spaces.

Mayor of Camden, Councillor Lara Symkowiak said this outdoor space will be a fantastic asset for teenagers.

"This is just another facility that my Council is delivering to the community. This is in addition to other youth facilities including the PCYC in Elderslie and major upgrades to playgrounds at Chellaston Reserve in Camden and Currans Hill Park in Currans Hill."

"This youth space will provide a number of facilities that will cater to young people aged 12 – 17 years – which is something our area lacks. As a Council we have also identified that age appropriate equipment is also required throughout our LGA and this is one of our top 10 priorities".

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“The preferred location at Mount Annan is an excellent location given its proximity to Mount Annan Shopping Centre and Mount Annan Leisure Centre. The area proposed at Birriwa Reserve is currently vacant and the youth space will complement existing tennis courts, basketball courts, cricket nets, sportsgrounds and amenities in the surrounding area”.

“This is a fantastic plan and something I encourage the community to look at and provide feedback on”.

The multi-purpose outdoor youth space will be on public exhibition from Wednesday 5 November to Wednesday 3 December 2014.

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