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**Subject:** Planning Proposal for part 4 Pennant Avenue, Gordon - Consideration of Public Exhibition and Public Hearing  
**Minute Number:** 184  
**Notes:**  
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**Resolved:**

(Moved: Councillors Lennon/Ward)

- A. That Council note that the report dated April 2022 on the Public Hearing Planning Proposal to reclassify 'Community' land to 'Operational' land, Part of No. 4 Pennant Avenue, Gordon, being the former Gordon Bowling Club site, provides, in section 5:

*"The oral and written submissions which were made to the Public Hearing have indicated that there is currently considerable use by local residents of the former Gordon Bowling Club site for a range of public recreation purposes...."*

*[T]he site of the former Gordon Bowling Club land is identified as being located in an area of West Gordon which is identified as Acquisition Priority Ranking 1 and 2 in the Council's Open Space Acquisition Strategy 2006 Report...*

*The site of the former Gordon Bowling Club is a valuable Council asset which potentially could be repurposed into a multifunctional public open space and community facility as it is already in Council's ownership; it is a large site of about 1.12 hectares; the topography of the site is relatively level or gently sloping and could be redeveloped as sporting fields and for other recreational purposes; the site has existing vehicular and pedestrian access via Pennant Avenue and pedestrian access via the pathway access handle to Bushlands Avenue as well as provision of an existing parking area for about 30 motor vehicles; the site has an existing club house, amenities and storage buildings.*

*Conversely, it would difficult and expensive for Council to purchase a comparable sized site to the former Gordon Bowling Club site that would be suitable for a large sized site for multipurpose recreational and community facilities in the West Gordon area....*

*In conclusion, it is my opinion as the Chairperson of the Public Hearing that Council should re-evaluate whether to proceed with the proposed reclassification of the site from "Community" to "Operational" land as a part of the overall Planning Proposal or, alternatively, investigate retaining the site as RE1 public recreation zone land under the Ku-ring-gai LEP and to remain classified as "Community" land to be repurposed as a multifunctional public recreational and community facility, including the potential for sports fields for the benefit of the local community."*

- B. That Council does not adopt the Planning Proposal to rezone and reclassify land at 4 Pennant Avenue, Gordon
- C. That staff investigate uses by other local councils of their former bowling club sites and report to Council on use of this site as a multifunctional public recreational and community facility, including the potential for sports fields for the benefit of Ku-ring-gai resident
- D. That staff investigate and report to Council on state and commonwealth money to fund the development of the preceding use, along with funding and other proposals made to staff by Ku-ring-gai residents and bodies

*For the Resolution:*                    *Councillors Kay, Lennon, Ngai, A. Taylor, G. Taylor and Ward*

*Against the Resolution:*            *The Mayor, Councillor Pettett, Councillors Smith, Spencer and Wheatley*

**CARRIED**

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