

Item 7.1 Petition against a flying fox at TT Buckingham Reserve

Questions:

Councillor Clark: Flying foxes make a 'whoosh' noise as they go through, as this is proposed to be installed in close proximity to residents, has a noise assessment been carried out? If not are officers going to carry out an assessment prior to installation, given the feedback received by surrounding residents?

Councillor Crawford: Is it budgeted to have the Flying Fox automatically lock as a process?

Responses:

The works to install the flying fox had been scheduled to occur in January. The commencement of the works was deferred until after the Council meeting on 1 February to enable the petitioners concerns to be heard by Council. As Council has reaffirmed its decision the flying fox construction has begun out on site. We will monitor noise and amenity complaints at the site and look at further actions dependent on this.

It would cost \$7,300 annually to lock and unlock the flying fox every day, this is not currently budgeted.

**Please note: answers to any questions in Public Question Time and Councillor Question Time which were answered at the meeting are included in the minutes of that meeting.*