

28<sup>th</sup> July 2011  
Open Letter  
Bombay Community

Dear members of the Bombay community,

***“A family focused facility that enhances the quality of sport, recreation and cultural opportunities for Bombay and the wider communities”***

This letter and the attached aerial layout are to update you on progress in respect of the proposed Bombay Community Multisport Development. Copies of all these documents can be found on the Bombay School website [www.bombay.school.nz](http://www.bombay.school.nz).

We are nearing the completion of a full feasibility study on the proposed development. Funding for the study has been secured from the Auckland Council, Local Community Board and Lotteries Commission. This study will support a full submission to the Franklin Local Board and Auckland Council as part of their planning process as well as other potential development partners.

Over the next week we are looking to ensure that the Franklin Local Board and Auckland Council are aware at a high level of what our full submission is likely to be based on so they can factor this into their planning process. At this stage we are making the following requests:

1. Council purchases the 15 hectares of new land adjoining the existing Bombay War Memorial Trust ground for three future sports fields.
2. Council takes ownership of both the new land purchase and the land currently owned by the Bombay War Memorial Trust and Bombay Rugby Club.
3. In return for the transfer to Council of the land currently owned by the Bombay War Memorial Trust and Bombay Rugby Club Council upgrades the existing fields to higher quality sand based fields.
4. In return for the transfer of the Trust and Club land Council will also provide capital funding towards the development of the new community multisport facility and associated hard courts.
5. Council negotiates a sports fields' lease agreement with the Bombay Community Trust.
6. Council assists in ensuring better traffic management and safer access from the Bombay School to the Multisport grounds and facilities.
7. Council provides funding to develop the new land into 3 sports fields with associated site works.

The aerial layout of the proposed development shows the current preferred layout option for the multisport facility, fields, hard-court space and car parking.

One of the major aspects of the above is the transfer of the existing land owned by the Trust and Rugby Club into Council ownership. For a number of reasons this has emerged as the preferred option at this stage. If you would like more of an explanation round this please contact us.

Having established the above allows us to start moving forward with more detail around the development's layout, the multisport facility schedule of spaces, governance structures, preliminary costings and business plan.

Next week we will be updating the Local Community Board and Auckland Council on our progress as part of our submission into the Local Plan.

Members of the community may also make a submission on the proposed development for consideration by the Local Board in their draft local board plan. **NOTE: SUBMISSIONS MUST BE MADE BEFORE 5PM 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2011.**

You can make a submission by visiting the Auckland Council website or follow the below link.

<http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/EN/AboutCouncil/PlansPoliciesPublications/localboardplans/haveyoursay/Pages/submissionform.aspx>

To assist you we have placed a draft copy of a submission on the school website that members of the community may adopt, amend and / or copy. For those who would like support in making a submission Gayle Buchanan is available to assist.

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As always if you have any questions please contact us.

Kind regards

Ron Dawbin, Peter Maxwell and Dave Roberts

Trustees of the Bombay War Memorial Sports Grounds Trust

# Preliminary Site Masterplan



## Legend:-

-  Proposed new hub
-  Replacement tennis courts
-  Proposed new netball courts
-  Proposed new playing fields
-  Existing site
-  Proposed new land



## Advantages of Location of the Proposed New Multisport Building

Existing rugby pitches retained (with remodelling).

Optimal viewing and sightlines over main rugby field, tennis courts and netball courts.

Views over the harbour and city can be maximised - which will be an attractive component function business.

Proposed building footprint and access can be optimised by utilising 'in ground' space (at Ground level) while providing level access to upper floor, via retaining.

Ability to keep all sports operational while developing multisport facility.

Multisport facility will not shade the tennis courts or fields for majority of the day and year.

Ability to develop netball courts as backup car parking space when not in use.

Potential for future expansion of building (towards the south) without loss of playing surfaces.

Good on-site car parking opportunities retained.

Building location not compromised if the adjoining land is purchased (better connections – closer)

## Community Support for Bombay Multisport Facility – Local Board Submission

**Question asked in Local Board Submission form: I agree with the following priorities proposed within the draft Local Board plan:**

I support the following priorities of the draft plan;

***‘Develop new quality multi-sports and community facilities \$10million’***

I also support that a portion of the \$10 million dollars identified towards multiport facilities by the Local Board be targeted to the Bombay Multisport development.

**Question asked in Local Board Submission form: Please list any other priorities you think are more important than the ones in the draft local board plan:**

I support the Bombay Community Multisport Entity’s following recommendations to be included within the Franklin Local Board Plan.

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