



A DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED

We are alerting you that a Development Application was recently submitted to the City of Swan. It is currently being reviewed by Planning staff. We have been advised that the application is for the two-storey concrete driving range, to be built on the 9th hole of the Lakes golf course.

As The Vines Residents and Ratepayers Association, representing the interests of our community, we are opposed to this application, and to the current redevelopment plans for The Vines Golf Course.

You should already be aware that the resort owners, The Vines (WA) Pty Ltd, have shown their intent to redevelop the resort's golfing facilities and also to change the use of some of the existing golfing areas into residential housing. This Development Application is the start of that process.

In summary, these are the key issues arising from the submission of this application:

- Building the concrete driving range sounds as though they are just putting a new golf facility into an existing golf facility but it immediately interferes with the existing golf course layout, including loss of the 9th hole, and opens the existing driving range land to be subdivided into high density over-55's housing.
- Once the changes to the golf course start, there is little chance of going back.
- The next steps of their current plan are to create an 18-hole short course out of part of the existing Lakes golf course, and also to redevelop holes 3 to 11 of the Ellenbrook course into housing. These steps will be funded from the concrete driving range and over-55's housing developments.

The overall consequences to our suburb include:

- Loss of green, open spaces.
- Destruction of important environmental ecosystems and impact to endangered species.
- Additional infrastructure load and emergency management challenges.
- Huge changes to our unique lifestyle.

We ask that you make a decision on where you stand on this redevelopment plan. We will continue to keep you informed and once the process permits the community to make comment on the application, we will provide the relevant details to you.

Please watch our Facebook page for updates and also regularly check your mailbox. We are not able to predict the exact timing of this process and the consultation period will be short, so we ask that you prepare your comments now and be ready to have your say. Please also assist by sharing this alert with neighbours and family.



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