

Ewen Park

I have requested an investigation into alternative surfacing for the car park that's to be built in Ewen Park for a number of reasons that have been expressed by a significant number of residents:

Firstly, it will be a large car park and they are concerned that it will not be an aesthetic construction and will not provide a better view of the river than tennis courts.

Secondly, that there will be an increase in storm water runoff which will pollute the river with oils left by cars.

Finally, if the surfaces are tarred or concreted we will see a continuance of anti-social behaviour like cars doing wheelies, prostitution and drug use. We will also see a continuance of dumping. If the car park looks more like the rest of the park then we believe it will assist in deterring such behaviour.

Train Services

The new timetable for 2009 offers no relief for inner west commuters. It offers no incentive for travellers to use public transport on weekends or evenings and indeed during peak hours when the service to key Canterbury LGA stations is less than adequate.

If you compare services at a small North Shore Line station such as Killara you'll find it gets double of the services on our line. Campsie only has half the services at nights and weekends as does Killara.

Therefore I believe we should be arguing strongly for not only no decrease in services but an increase in services. Especially a return of our evening and weekend services which were taken away in 2006 because there weren't enough drivers and never returned when more drivers were trained.