

PROJECT UPDATE PROPOSED LEASE AT GRANGE RECREATION RESERVE

Amended location for a proposed telecommunications lease in Grange Recreation Reserve.

Proposal background

In September 2024, we asked the community for feedback on a proposal from Amplitel (part of Telstra Group Ltd) to lease a small part of Grange Recreation Reserve for 20 years.

The request is in response to longstanding mobile coverage issues in the area. Subject to a development application, the exclusive lease area would provide for a telecommunications tower and fenced equipment shed.

The original site consisted of two separate areas of up to 60m², one for a 30.8m tower and another for the equipment shed. It was located between the two southern sports fields near the Fort Street car park. The location met the 100m buffer from homes, as required by a Council resolution in December 2021 to minimise impacts on residents.

What did the community say?

We received 337 responses from the community. Over half of the responses did not support the proposal. The main concerns were:

- The tower would not look good.
- Concerns about health effects.
- Potential interference with sports and recreation activities, and reserve access.

What has the Council decided?

On 9 December 2024, after reviewing community feedback and an alternative lease proposal from the applicant, Council agreed to invite further feedback on the updated location and site proposal before making any decision/s on the lease request.

What has changed?

- The amended site is 80m² and has been relocated 120m north near the storage shed and cricket nets (refer enclosed concept plan).
- It's proposed the area will be fenced and contain a 35m tower and equipment shed, together.
- No sports lighting needs to be relocated.

The amended location will still meet mobile coverage needs, has more tree cover to support screening of the tower from nearby homes and users, reduces interference with sport and recreation activities, and maintains the 100m buffer from homes. Example tower illustrations in the new location are enclosed.

How to Have Your Say

- View more details and submit your feedback online by scanning the QR code or visiting the Your Say Charles Sturt project page.
- Write to ATT: Engagement at **engagement@charlessturt.sa.gov.au** or City of Charles Sturt, PO Box 1, Woodville SA 5011.

We value your comments and advise that all feedback should be submitted by **Sunday, 16 March 2025**.