

ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY – CONCEPT PLAN FEEDBACK

This report provides an overview of feedback received from Phase 2 of the project, hearing people's responses to the Draft Concept Plan in May this year. The full range of feedback posted on the website during this latest phase, is included as appendix in this report.

ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Following on from the first round of feedback, consultation for Phase 2 of the project has been conducted via the Conversations Moreland website, receiving feedback on the draft concept plan proposals for upgrading of playground and park.

During April 2022, post cards were distributed by letter box to residents in the area, notifying of community engagement on the draft concept plan and inviting people to submit feedback through the website, by email or telephone. Those registered to follow the web page for Anderson Park were sent email advising of this. A total of 19 responses was received, with 11 households providing feedback.

ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW

Feedback from Phase 2 consultation has been categorised into four main responses to what was proposed in the draft concept plan:

- > Things people like
- > Things that can be improved
- > Things that could be included
- > Additional insights and queries

In general, the feedback received is positive in relation to the overall concept plan, even though many of the responses had reservations about what has not been included in the proposals. These echo the sorts of requests expressed in the initial feedback, with people asking for inclusion of toilets, shade/shelter, as well as more active recreation such as basketball, fitness stations or other.

While there was a clear appreciation for replacement of the bluestone cobbled path with a more pedestrian friendly surface, this was qualified: some critical of the bluestone banding in concrete; others looking for more re-use of salvaged bluestone elsewhere in the park.

Things people like:

- > Upgrading of existing cobblestone path provides improved surface for all users
- > Park fencing is very welcome
- > Playground improvements now cater for older kids with inclusion of ropes play
- > Increased seating and picnic table is appreciated
- > Good to see old unused pergola removed

Things that can be improved:

- > Garden plantings – more tree planting, trees for shade; lush, colourful garden beds
- > Native plantings - native tree and groundcovers preferred to European/exotic
- > Lawn – more seating around lawn, create social spaces for young people
- > Landscape – re-use Bluestone from existing path, raised garden bed edging
- > Paths – improvement to paths is positive but appearance of Bluestone banding in concrete is questionable
- > Furniture – more seats under shade, have some seats face into the park, not the street; provide picnic settings with tables
- > Playground – include a Toddler swing; replace swing set with Basket swing to encourage social play, use by less-abled

Things that could be included:

- > Shade/Shelter – provide shadecloth to play space; provide shade for seating; install shelter for picnic area
- > Screening – re-use Bluestone from existing path, build noise barrier along Lygon Street
- > Toilets – some suggest a toilet in this park space is highly desirable (3 of 19 responses)
- > Playground – include water play, include a mound for kids to run up and down
- > Lighting – a request for colourful lighting of the play space to encourage night-time use
- > Older park users – provide raised seating for ease of use; tailored workout equipment
- > Other recreation facilities – include a basketball half-court; provide fitness/exercise stations

Additional insights and queries:

- > Safety – concern that tree planting along southern edge of park will attract undesirable activities
- > Park expansion – Council encouraged to purchase adjacent property to create more park space

NEXT STEPS

Feedback from Phase 2 engagement indicates overall acceptance of the Draft Concept Plan, with some reservations about aspects of what is proposed and calls for additional elements to be included.

The Draft Concept Plan has been amended to include changes that reflect feedback received, which are highlighted in colour on the Final Concept Plan that is being placed on the project website. In addition, it is necessary for us to remove the tall Poplar tree on the western side of the reserve. Upon a follow-up inspection since the Arborist report in 2021, it was found to have significant internal decay in the trunk column. This renders the tree unsafe, and it will be removed as part of the upgrade works. The Poplar tree will be replaced with a fast-growing deciduous tree, to provide summer shade while allowing winter sun to the play and picnic area.

The Final Concept Plan will be available on the Conversations Moreland website for a few weeks, for people to provide further comment. Preliminary upgrade works are scheduled to commence on site from mid-September 2022. Works are planned for completion in November 2022.

APPENDIX to Phase 2 Engagement Summary

We Are Upgrading Anderson Park - Phase 2 Engagement

Title/Question What are your thoughts on the upgrading proposals in Draft Concept Plan?

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Contribution

ID	Date Submitted	Screen Name	Response
34644	May 24, 2022, 08:35 AM	Mfoster	It would be great if at least one swing is baby/toddler friendly, if possible. And a basketball ring would be awesome.
33991	May 19, 2022, 02:47 PM	Vicki Hambling	Need toilets and shade
33990	May 19, 2022, 02:45 PM	Vicki Hambling	Toddler swing? A mound for kids to run up and down? waterplay?
32996	May 14, 2022, 07:33 PM	Jasper	I would love to see a basketball hoop in the park!
32958	May 13, 2022, 06:34 PM	local physio	Please consider: Shade over seating for sun protection, ParkFit equipment for grown ups, Seats higher from ground for elderly to rise easily
32693	May 10, 2022, 06:59 PM	Daniel	Looks good, covers the most pressing needs (even footpath, fencing and more seating) and the new play space now caters for older kids.
32362	May 09, 2022, 01:56 PM	SGN	I would like to see seating used around the lawn used to create a more social space, young people love coming together on the sunny lawn.
32361	May 09, 2022, 01:51 PM	SGN	I would like to see the swing set replaced with a basket swing. These are better for kids with a disability and create more social play.
32334	May 03, 2022, 01:25 PM	ParkUser	Use the Open Space Reserve fund and buy the land to the west. The contributions from past developments should go to this.
32333	May 03, 2022, 01:23 PM	ParkUser	Extend the park to the west. Buy the property using Open Space contribution reserve. Compulsory required if needed.
32332	May 03, 2022, 01:22 PM	ParkUser	Needs more lights. Put coloured lights over the play area (like cnr Russell st and Lonsdale st). Kids would love this at night in summer.
32331	May 03, 2022, 01:21 PM	ParkUser	Reuse the path bluestone and build noise barrier along Lygon Street. Put transparent screens above the bluestone.
32330	May 03, 2022, 01:19 PM	ParkUser	Where is the shade cloth? Where is the seats for grandparents to sit and watch over their grandkids. Be SUNSMART (for all generations).
32329	May 03, 2022, 01:17 PM	Simone	Bluestone path has to go, but combing it with concrete is ugly. Can the bluestone be used another way eg part of landscaping or gardens
32328	May 03, 2022, 01:16 PM	ParkUser	Any plantings along the south brick wall (along the building line) is not wise. In the past it was a dumping ground for syringes...etc
32325	May 03, 2022, 12:12 PM	Karen	Love the fencing. Great to get rid of the unused pergola area and yippee, a new path that u can actually walk on. Good job!
32321	May 03, 2022, 08:30 AM	Kel	Doesn't offer much for older kids / adults. How about a half court basketball hoop and a calisthenics workout station - encourage activity
32319	May 02, 2022, 10:36 PM	Jess	play equipment should be accessible for younger pre-school kids, who tend to use the current playground. rope play is tricky for this age.
32300	Apr 29, 2022, 05:48 PM	SJR	Increase picnic seating. More new tree & shade tree planting and colorful lush garden bed locations. Toilet would be very beneficial.
32246	Apr 22, 2022, 09:09 PM	Grania	The FAQs as to why there will be no toilets tell us nothing. With the petrol station gone, the toiletless park is unusable for many families
32245	Apr 22, 2022, 09:03 PM	Grania	The path needs to be smoother but the proposed concrete with blue stone bands is very ugly and destroys the beauty of the path.