

A PARK CLOSE TO HOME – MORELAND CITY COUNCIL

TINNING STREET ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY – PHASE 2

A Park Close to Home is an exciting project being undertaken by Moreland City Council to provide more local green space in high-density areas of Brunswick through the delivery of two new parks- one on Tinning St and one on West St. Phase 1 of consultation undertaken for the Tinning Street site, located at 55-61 Tinning Street, aimed to gather ideas and aspirations for the space to ensure the design is responsive to the needs of the local community. Phase 2 of consultation focused on receiving feedback on the park's draft concept plan. The main aim was to understand how well insights gained from Round 1 of consultation were executed in the concept plan.

Three consultation sessions have been undertaken with key stakeholders:

- > 2 x Community drop in sessions
- > Brunswick North Primary school engagement with students and parents at pick-up time

Further, an online 'have your say' platform was available via the Moreland website to gather feedback from those who were unable to attend one of the engagement sessions. Insights from this platform have been included in this report.

This report will provide an overview of activities undertaken through Phase 2 of the project and summarise feedback received on the draft concept plan. Raw data from individual sessions has been included as appendix in this report.

ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Consultation for Phase 2 of the project was predominately face to face and centred around receiving feedback on the park's draft concept plan. Staff from Moreland and CoDesign Studio talked through the draft plan with attendees using aerial plans of the site, artist illustrations and virtual reality to aid in their understanding. Once able to visualise the space, attendees were asked to comment on what they liked about the design and what they thought could be improved. Feedback was written on post-it notes and displayed adjacent to the relevant location.

ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW

Feedback from the final consultation sessions has been categorised into four areas of interest:

- > Things attendees like
- > Things that can be improved
- > Contentious issues
- > Additional insights and queries

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ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW (cont'd)

In general, the feedback received on the Tinning Street draft concept plan was positive. Based on the raw polling data from the 'Voting jars', where people placed a small pom-pom into jars marked 'Yes' or 'No', over 90% of people surveyed indicated that they like how the park plans are shaping up.

Things attendees like:

- > Nature play and incorporation of natural materials.
- > Open lawn space.
- > Trees and an increase in canopy cover.
- > Incorporation of native plantings in the park design specifically tree and plant species of the area.
- > Deciduous trees along the laneway to allow for winter sunlight.

Things that can be improved:

- > Positioning and arrangement of the play tower and BBQ/toilets. The majority of concerns came from residents in the area, predominantly those in the townhouses on the rear lane directly adjacent to the park. Their major concern was privacy in that the tower would look directly into their windows.
- > Incorporation of the area's unique identity into the park design e.g. ropes symbolising the heritage of the rope works, fruit trees and street art to reflect the areas cultural diversity. A number of attendees reflected that this park could be located anywhere in Melbourne. How can we make it more Brunswick specific?
- > A desire for play that would interest older children e.g. a rock-climbing wall or small ropes course, that would be challenging for a young teenager.
- > Remove the sandpit to discourage cat activity.
- > Request for a higher retaining wall and buffer at the back of the park to aid in reduced noise and improved privacy for residents.

Contentious:

- > Toilets received an equal amount of support and opposition. The major concerns came from residents in the area who believe this amenity would attract anti-social behaviour and cause people to stay late into the evening. Equally, there was strong support, specifically from families with young children, for this amenity, who believe that a toilet in a park space is absolutely necessary.
- > BBQ- similar to the toilets, concerns from residents around people spending extended periods of time in the park and late at night
- > Fencing- there where a lot of calls for the park to be fenced to keep children in and safe from the traffic. Equally, there was strong support for keeping it un-fenced and openly accessible from all directions.

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ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW (cont'd)

Additional insights and queries:

- > Is there a traffic management plan for the area?
- > Concerns around safety- the park attracting undesirable activities particularly after dark.
- > What will the lighting situation look like in the space?
- > Safety concerns during construction and mitigating the risk of asbestos removal in the factory demolition.