

# **Attachment D**

<b>Engagement Feedback Table</b>
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## Improving James Hilder Reserve – Engagement Feedback Table

From 17 May to 14 June 2019, we asked the community for feedback on a concept design for a plan to improve James Hilder Reserve in Surry Hills. We received 11 submissions during the public exhibition period. A summary of the feedback received is provided below.

A table of the feedback received is below, with responses from the City provided for each subject raised. We have also included the total amount of times each subject was raised.

### Subjects raised in submissions

Category	Subjects raised	Total	City of Sydney's response
Play equipment	Scooter track is a good idea	1	The concept design has been updated to allow for circulation for pedestrians and scooters in and around the soft fall play area.
	Not a fan of skate/scooter path	1	
	Scooter track is not visible on the design	1	
	Consider incorporating water play e.g. Taylor Square - water fountains in ground.	1	Not being investigated for this site due to the ongoing maintenance requirements.
	Add more variety of play for wider age range including items to build strength and coordination (wooden moving bridge, monkey bars/climbing frame or ropes, flying fox)	1	A series of dynamic (moving), active (climbing), imaginative (shop front) and sensory (touch, smell, feel) play elements have been incorporated into the updated concept design.
	Growing number of 7-14 yr. olds in area E.g. two double swing sets (open seats).	1	Balancing beams and steppers in amongst sensory and fragrant planting has been included for children to explore.
	Consider a treehouse with fire pole, larger slide, rope climbing frame	1	
	Improve functionality to engage 6-12 yr. olds/more functional equipment for older children.	1	The updated concept design also includes a triple swing-set with toddler seat, standard swing and a nest swing. A double seesaw has also been incorporated to allow for dynamic and social play.
	Play inadequate for no. of families/children in this area. Could include more equipment like East Syd Community & Arts Centre Playground.	2	
	Include swing suitable for babies/toddlers	1	A large play tower with two different height platforms for children 0-12yrs has been included in the design, which will incorporate climbing nets, two different sized slides, a shop front and bridge element for children to run, climb and play on. A series of smaller stools and tables have been positioned in amongst new trees to provide a space for imaginative social play.
	-x2 double swing set with open seat swings -Two swings not enough	4	
	Include a space for games/performances		To be investigated during detail design.
	Steering wheel must be retained/replaced	1	To be investigated during detail design.
	Wall or space allocated for chalk drawing. Current black soft fall handy for this.	1	To be investigated during detail design.
Spinning wheel and abacus great for little kids	1	Due to size limitations of the current playground footprint, opportunity for	
Include a trampoline that's flush with the ground	1		

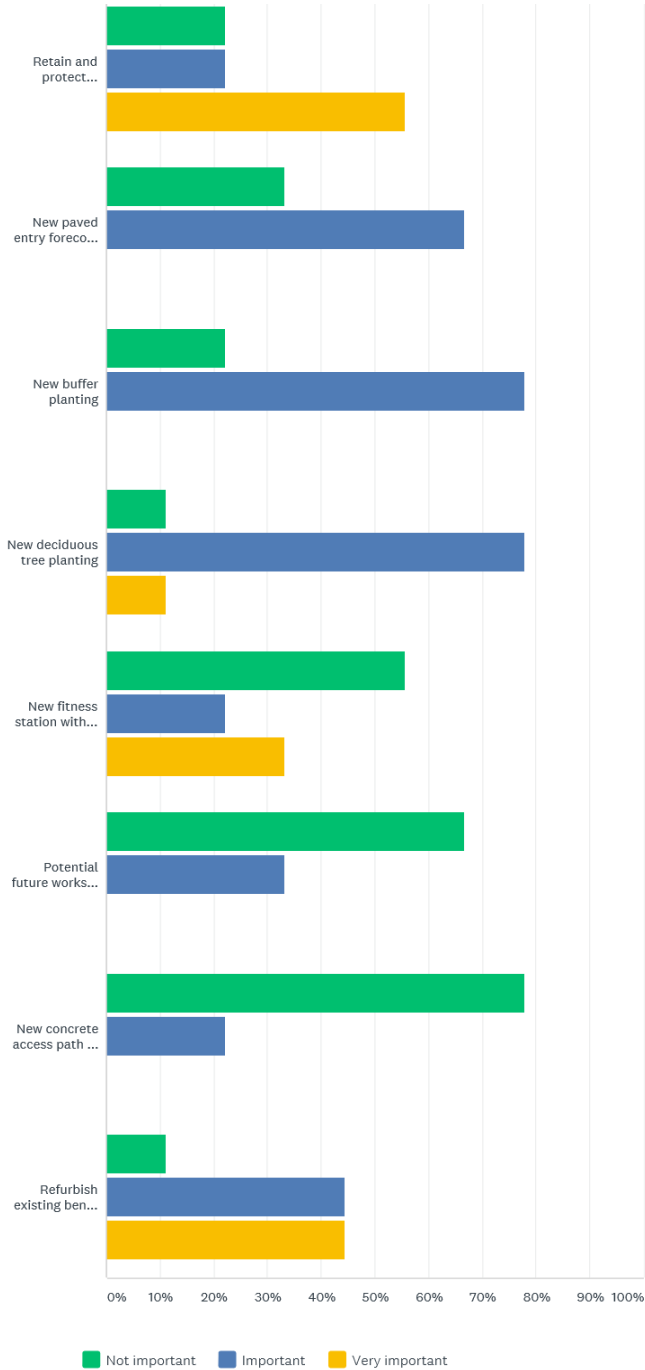
	Request flying fox (bark soft fall)	2	multiple dynamic (moving) elements is not possible due to the required fall zones. The incorporation of swings and a play tower with climbing nets and a bridge element has been prioritised in the updated concept design.
	Suggest more natural material for play equipment rather than plastic.	1	To be further investigated in Detail Design
<b>Layout</b>	Harmony Park may be better for fitness station.	1	Feedback to be passed onto the Parks Team for consideration.
	Increase size of playground. Play area should be extended to whole S/E to S/W corner of reserve	1	While the playground footprint may have reduced, the play offering has been increased from what is existing. The proposal aims to use the footprint of the existing playground and maintain greenspace within the park.
	Improve topography/design to reduce inaccessible areas near residential fence lines.	1	A footpath has been proposed along the southern residential boundary to improve access for residents.  Regarding the park/topography does not fall part of this scope of works.
	Make mobility accessible for wheelchairs, prams, etc. (stairs restrict mobility access).	1	The surface treatment within the playground area is proposed to be resurfaced to ensure flush and level transitions into and around the playground.  Footpath widening along Samuel Street and a new paved forecourt into the park from Campbell Street, has also been proposed into the updated concept design, to improve access and circulation into and around the park.
<b>Materials /structures</b>	Shade structure: -Support shade feature -Would need to incorporate shade cloth or 'evergreen foliage' for adequate coverage. -Create shade, unbearably hot in warmer months	5	The concept design includes a shade structure, which will shade the play equipment. New mature trees have also been proposed to assist with shade coverage.
	-Support inclusion of a new water bubbler - Include 1 water bubbler in playground, not 2 out in Reserve	3	One water bubbler has been proposed near the playground in the updated concept design.
	Fencing to the playground is essential.	2	New fencing has been proposed to the entire perimeter of the playground. The City of Sydney's standard park fencing detail will be used to ensure consistency and better maintainability across the City's parks.
	Shame to replace beautifully crafted fence with generic looking fence.	1	
	Issues with height of existing fence. Estonian House slightly higher than park - consider taller plants along this edge to mitigate this visual issue.	1	Noted. Buffer planting has been proposed along the eastern boundary fence to address privacy issues and to soften edge.
	Gym equipment requests: - Make it simple and non-bulky.	2	To be further investigated in detail design.

	-Most crucial elements include chin-up/pull-up bars, dip bars, rowing bars		
	Community garden and in place of fitness station	1	This is not part of the scope for this work. For information about how to start a community garden please visit <a href="https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/community/participation/community-gardens">https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/community/participation/community-gardens</a>
	Community garden: -Raised community veggie garden along back of park - Instead of fitness station	3	
	New soft fall is paramount. Include a continuous surface with concealed joins, not tiles	1	New softfall will be included as part of these works. The design proposes a continuous softfall surface with minimal joins.
	Include integrated seating with shelter	1	The updated concept design includes additional bench seating throughout the park and playground, including a continuous seating wall to the edge of the playground, including beneath the new shade structure.
	Request plenty of bench seating	2	
	Request for paid BBQ station	1	This is not part of the scope for this work. We have passed this feedback onto the Parks Team for consideration.
	Request for more bins	1	This is not part of the scope for this work. We have passed this feedback onto the Parks Team for consideration.
	Request to create mural along eastern boundary fence to celebrate Estonian community/ connect them with broader Sydney. Estonian House. Committee members would like to assist with play/mural design	1	To be further investigated in detail design.
	Strengthen signage about where owners can exercise their animals. Owners ignore current signs.	1	This feedback will be passed onto the Signage and Wayfinding Team for consideration. Signage will be getting upgraded following these works.
	Add a toilet here or at Harmony Park.	1	This is not part of the scope for this work.  All feedback received outside the project scope has been passed to the relevant teams for consideration.
	Request dog poo bags	1	This is not part of the scope for this work.  All feedback received outside the project scope has been passed to the relevant teams for consideration.
	Water station for dogs	1	This is not part of the scope for this work.  All feedback received outside the project scope has been passed to the relevant teams for consideration.
<b>Planting</b>	Consider removing tree overhanging playground - frequently drops large sticks/branches	1	One (1) of the two (2) Tallowood trees within the playground area are being removed as part of this scope of works due to poor health. The other larger Tallowood tree is to be retained, as an

			Arborist has reviewed this tree and deemed it to be in good health.  We will pass on this information to the Parks Team For consideration.
	Increase planting within the park, including the addition of a buffer zone to encourage native fauna and flora. Include planting that will attract butterflies, bees and birds.	4	To be investigated further in detail design.
	Consider including Birch Trees.	2	To be investigated further in detail design.
	-The big trees are lovely, provide natural shade (can you work with them?)	1	Only one (1) small Tallowwood Tree is being removed due to poor health. All other trees are being retained and protected.  Twelve (12) new trees have been proposed in the concept design.
<b>Other</b>	Problem with pigeons: -Get rid of/relocate pigeons -Clean up pigeon droppings around the park and footpath, near pedestrian crossing.	4	This is not part of the scope for this work.  All feedback received outside the project scope has been passed to the relevant teams for consideration.
	It is important the park is safe for children, safe from cars, dogs and suspicious characters.	1	Fencing has been proposed to the entire perimeter of the playground, to ensure children are protected from the street and to keep dogs out of the play area.
	Areas hidden from road can be a source of broken glass/other litter.	1	The concept design incorporates best practise and aims to improve sightlines and passive surveillance into the park.
	Dog restrictions: - Dog free park - Restrict presence of domestic animals in Reserve - On-leash for dogs. Dogs serviced at Harmony Park	3	This is not part of the scope for this work.  All feedback received outside the project scope has been passed to the relevant teams for consideration.
	Incorporate local aboriginal, culturally appropriate designs into the reserve.	1	This is not part of the scope for this work.  All feedback received outside the project scope has been passed to the relevant teams for consideration.
<b>Outside of scope issues</b>	Stair access at South-western end of park is not accessible to all. Central footway is an inefficient use of space and duplicates function of street paths.	1	This is not part of the scope for this work.  All feedback received outside the project scope has been passed to the relevant teams for consideration.

## Online feedback form - rating elements of the proposed upgrade

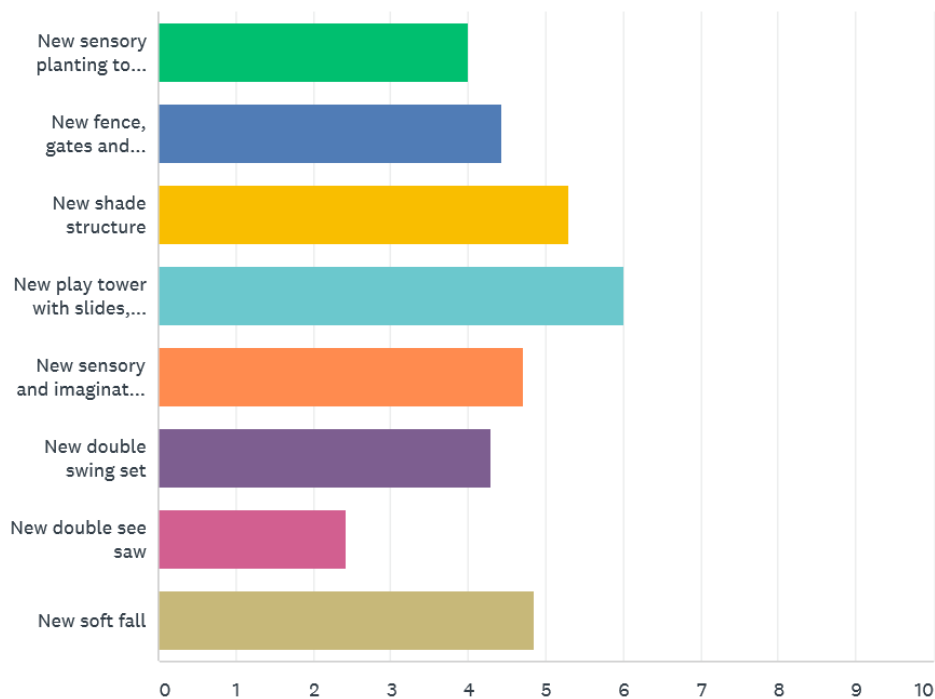
Respondents who completed the online feedback form were asked to rate how important elements of the proposed design were to them. The results are below.



	NOT IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	VERY IMPORTANT	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
Retain and protect existing trees	22.22% 2	22.22% 2	55.56% 5	9
New paved entry forecourt to Campbell Street	33.33% 3	66.67% 6	0.00% 0	9
New buffer planting	22.22% 2	77.78% 7	0.00% 0	9
New deciduous tree planting	11.11% 1	77.78% 7	11.11% 1	9
New fitness station with upper body, lower body and balance rope equipment	55.56% 5	22.22% 2	33.33% 3	9
Potential future works: proposed footpath widening and new retaining wall	66.67% 6	33.33% 3	0.00% 0	9
New concrete access path to residential boundary	77.78% 7	22.22% 2	0.00% 0	9
Refurbish existing bench seats	11.11% 1	44.44% 4	44.44% 4	9

### Online feedback form – ranking favourite parts of the proposed new playground

Respondents who completed the online feedback form were also asked to rank their favourite parts of the new playground from 1-3 (1 = favourite, 3 = least favourite). This question was made optional. The results are below.



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTAL	SCORE
▼ New sensory planting to playground edge	14.29% 1	14.29% 1	0.00% 0	14.29% 1	0.00% 0	28.57% 2	0.00% 0	28.57% 2	7	4.00
▼ New fence, gates and sitting wall to playground perimeter	0.00% 0	14.29% 1	28.57% 2	14.29% 1	14.29% 1	0.00% 0	14.29% 1	14.29% 1	7	4.43
▼ New shade structure	14.29% 1	14.29% 1	28.57% 2	14.29% 1	14.29% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	14.29% 1	7	5.29
▼ New play tower with slides, cubby, climbing nets and imaginative play panels	57.14% 4	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	14.29% 1	14.29% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	14.29% 1	7	6.00
▼ New sensory and imaginative play panels including textured surfaces, social play tables and stools	14.29% 1	14.29% 1	14.29% 1	0.00% 0	28.57% 2	0.00% 0	28.57% 2	0.00% 0	7	4.71
▼ New double swing set	0.00% 0	14.29% 1	14.29% 1	28.57% 2	0.00% 0	14.29% 1	28.57% 2	0.00% 0	7	4.29
▼ New double see saw	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	57.14% 4	28.57% 2	14.29% 1	7	2.43
▼ New soft fall	0.00% 0	28.57% 2	14.29% 1	14.29% 1	28.57% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	14.29% 1	7	4.86