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Improving Kings Lane Reserve, Darlinghurst - Engagement Summary

From 17 May to 14 June 2019 we asked the community for feedback on a concept design for a plan to improve Kings Lane Reserve, Darlinghurst. We received a total of 14 submissions during the public exhibition period. A summary of the feedback received is provided below.

Subjects raised in submissions

| Category | Subjects raised | Total | City of Sydney response |
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| Trees/Planting | Remove trees that drop needles (Casaurinas) - their needles cause a lot of problems in neighbouring properties | 4 | Additional tree removal other than that that required for the proposed work is not supported as it is in contradiction to Section 4.2 of the Urban Forest Strategy. |
| | Remove more trees to allow more light - day and night | 2 | The proposed tree removal will allow some additional light to enter the laneway. Additional tree removal other than that required for the proposed work is not supported. |
| | Use native plants | 1 | Due to the high level of shade and the growth habits of the existing canopy trees, the species variety for ground covers is quite limited. Where possible native plants will be specified. Where not possible hardy, drought and shade tolerant planting will be provided. |
| | Consider edible plants | 1 | Due to the low light levels in the park this is not currently being considered. |
| | Trees provide greenery to adjoining properties | 1 | Noted. |
| | Don't remove any trees | 1 | Tree removal is required as they are structurally impacting on the existing sandstone wall. The proposed new wall, path and stair alignment require some additional trees to be removed as they will be impacted by the proposed works. |
| Materials/Structure | Install a better fence to stop being able to see into other properties | 1 | Opportunity to replace the existing fence will be investigated in the detailed design phase. |
| | More lighting is needed in the reserve | 1 | Lighting is proposed to the upgraded stairs. Additional lighting is not supported due to the proximity to adjacent residents and with consideration of anti-social behaviour in the |

lane. This has been confirmed by SafeCity's and in consultation with the Client and CITO.

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| | Install signs so different plants and trees can be identified | 1 | This request has been forwarded onto the relevant teams for consideration. |
| | Install a covered street library | 1 | The City does not currently have a program for installation of street libraries. More information can be found at https://streetlibrary.org.au/ |
| | Ensure waterproofing is installed against any existing properties | 1 | All works will be designed and installed such that they do not have any impact on adjacent properties. This will include appropriate waterproofing behind walls and garden beds. |
| | The water meter has been stolen and needs to be replaced | 1 | This has been reported to the <i>relevant teams for consideration</i> |
| Layout | Location of the stairs will reduce privacy for properties on the northern side - reconsider location of path and stairs | 1 | The proposed alignment allows for improved sightlines and access to the laneway. Options to provide some additional screening between the stairs and the property will be investigated during the detailed design phase. |
| | Widen the path to match new stairs | 1 | The path width is considered adequate for the current usage of the lane. Widening the path is not currently being considered due to potential further impact on the existing trees. |
| | Consider steep grade of the park and access to the park | 1 | Significant changes to the grading of the site is not possible due to the significant level change from top to bottom. The proposed levels will be refined during detailed design phase to ensure that the new condition improves the existing condition and access. |
| | Implement measures to deter people from illegally dumping | 1 | These upgrade works aim to improve the amenity and use of this lane, in-turn aiming to reduce the anti-social behaviour such as illegal dumping. Illegal dumping can be reported at https://online.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/ReportIssue or by calling 9265 9333. |
| | Reconfigure the reserve to be a nature breezeway | 1 | Kings Lane provides a pedestrian connection between Thomson and Bourke Street. This lane reflects the fine grain street pattern of |

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| | | | Darlinghurst. Removing this access is not being considered as part of this scope. |
| | The proposed new pavement at Thomson Street will provide additional areas for anti-social behaviour as there is protection from the rain. Recommend this be planted. | 1 | Layout and extent of pavement to be refined in detailed design phase. |
| Out of Scope | Install public art in the reserve | 1 | This has been forwarded relevant teams for consideration. The City is guided by the 'City Art Public Art Strategy' in the implementation of public art across the city. |
| Other | Graffiti is an ongoing issue | 1 | Noted. To report graffiti please contact the City of Sydney on 9265 9333 or at https://online.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/ReportIssue |

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 upgrade were to them. The results are below.

| | NOT IMPORTANT | IMPORTANT | VERY IMPORTANT | TOTAL RESPONDENTS |
|---|---------------|-------------|----------------|-------------------|
| New sandstone clad retaining wall | 18.18% 2 | 45.45% 5 | 36.36% 4 | 11 |
| Wider steps, new handrails and lighting | 18.18% 2 | 18.18% 2 | 63.64% 7 | 11 |
| Targeted tree removal to improve pedestrian safety and structural impacts to wall | 9.09% 1 | 18.18% 2 | 72.73% 8 | 11 |
| New robust planting throughout garden beds | 9.09% 1 | 9.09% 1 | 81.82% 9 | 11 |
| New paving | 18.18% 2 | 18.18% 2 | 63.64% 7 | 11 |

