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Engagement Feedback Table

Improving Hollis Park Playground, Newtown - Engagement Summary

From 17 May to 14 June 2019 we asked the community for feedback on a concept design for a plan to improve Hollis Park Playground, Newtown. We received a total of 34 submissions during the public exhibition period. A further 17 submissions were received during early engagement. A summary of the feedback received is provided below.

Subjects raised in submissions

Category	Subjects raised	Total	City of Sydney response
Play equipment	Do not install a sand pit - causes hygiene issues	10	This will be reviewed and incorporated into the developed design.
	Retain the boat	8	The current play equipment is approaching the end of its useful and safe life. A new boat will be incorporated into the developed design.
	More equipment for older children	5	The proposal will match the current play offering with elements and equipment that provide a similar experience. More dynamic/challenging pieces and experiences will be incorporated into the developed design.
	More passive equipment like benches in the playground	5	The proposal currently includes 6 bench seats, a picnic table setting, informal seating among nature play elements and a new turf area within the fenced playground. Further seating opportunities to support the playground can be investigated during the refinement of the design.
	The current equipment is good and doesn't need upgrading	4	The current play equipment is approaching the end of its useful and safe life. The proposal will match the current play offering with elements and equipment that provide a similar play experience. More dynamic pieces and experiences can be investigated during the refinement of the design.
	Likes and supports installation of a scramble wall	3	Noted.
	Skate ramps for older children	3	The proposal will provide a range of play experiences that cater to children of varying ages. Older children are encouraged to play together with younger children in an inclusive playground.

A skate ramp not suitable in this location given the limited size of the playground, the range of age groups that use the space, and the proximity to residents.

Install a see saw	3	The proposal will match the current play offering with elements and equipment that provide a similar play experience. More dynamic pieces and experiences can be investigated during the refinement of the design.
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Retain the toddler bucket swing	2	The current play equipment is approaching the end of its useful and safe life. The proposal will match the current play offering with elements and equipment that provide a similar play experience.
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Support the scooter track - extend if possible	2	The proposal will provide a range of play experiences that cater to children of varying ages. Older children are encouraged to play together with younger children in an inclusive playground. The scooter track will be further refined in the next project phase, however given the limited size of the playground, and the adjacent park paths available, an extension of the track within the playground may not be possible.
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More equipment that children of all ages will enjoy	2	The proposal will provide a range of play experiences that cater to children of varying ages. Older children are encouraged to play together with younger children in an inclusive playground. The proposal will match the current play offering with elements and equipment that provide a similar play experience.
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Install a basketball hoop	2	The proposal will provide a range of play experiences that cater to children of varying ages. Older children are encouraged to play together with younger children in an inclusive playground. A basketball hoop is not suitable in this location given the limited size of the playground, the range of age groups that use the space, and the proximity to residents.
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	Make the design fun and colourful	2	The proposal will achieve a balance between natural materials, textures and play experiences, and creating an exciting and inviting playground for children of all ages to enjoy.
	More equipment for younger children (straight slides are good)	2	The proposal will provide a range of play experiences that cater to children of varying ages, encouraging inclusive play. Specific equipment will be investigated further as the design concept is refined.
	More free play/adventure/nature play Use more natural materials	4	The proposal will bring more green character into the playground, and introduces nature-based play and sensory experiences for children.
	Concerns about attracting anti-social behaviour	2	Residents are encouraged to report all incidents of antisocial behaviour to NSW Police. This information will ensure Hollis Park is patrolled by Newtown Police
	Install a giant frog to climb on	1	The proposal will provide a range of play experiences that cater to children of varying ages, encouraging inclusive play. Specific equipment will be investigated further as the design concept is refined.
	Make sure the slides are safe	1	The playground will be compliant with current Australian standards.
	Support the installation of a sandpit	1	Noted
Materials/ Structures	Provision of shade of playground is well supported	4	There are three proposed shade structures over key play areas. In addition, the proposed new trees will complement the existing mature fig trees to provide additional shade.
	Improve lighting	3	The City does not light playgrounds at night. Lighting levels in adjacent areas will be assessed.
	Playground gate needs to be self closing	2	The proposal includes a new fence with gates. This feedback will be incorporated in design development.

	Add a treehouse	2	The proposal will provide a range of play experiences that cater to children of varying ages, encouraging inclusive play. Specific equipment will be investigated further as the design concept is refined.
	Install softfall through all of playground	2	The proposal will bring more green character into the playground. Softfall rubber will be installed in the fall zones of the play equipment.
	Too much rubber/soft fall	1	The proposal will bring more green character into the playground. Softfall rubber will be installed in the fall zones of the play equipment.
	Support the inclusion of sandstone elements	1	Noted
Layout	Improve accessibility	1	The proposal will resolve the existing level change by creating a new playground on one level, removing step access to and within the playground.
	Playground needs more pram parking	1	This will be reviewed and incorporated into the developed design.
Planting	Supports new tree	2	Noted.
	There are sufficient trees in Hollis Park	1	The proposal will bring more green character into the playground including new trees.
Construction/ Maintenance and operation	Concerned about length of construction and not being able to use the park	2	We will work to minimise the impact of these works including length of construction. At this point, we anticipate that the project will take 4-5 months, weather depending
	Install a bin in the playground and provide a recycling bin	2	This will be reviewed and incorporated into the developed design.
	Ensure park is well maintained once built	1	There are no works proposed to the broader Hollis Park as part of this playground upgrade. Playgrounds are visited daily by the City's maintenance staff for general checks and cleaning.

	Change the off leash hours in winter	1	Dogs are not permitted inside or near playground areas. There are no works proposed to the broader Hollis Park as part of this playground upgrade.
Other	Update bubbler and include dog bowl. Add more bubblers	2	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.
	Do not extend the footprint of proposed playground any further into the park	1	This will be reviewed and incorporated into the developed design.
	No need for picnic facilities at the cost of green space	1	The proposal will provide a small picnic lawn area within the fenced playground, in response to
Outside of Scope <i>All feedback received outside the project scope has been passed to the relevant teams for consideration.</i>	Build a community garden in Hollis Park	5	Community Gardens Coordinator can be contacted on 9265 9333 or at council@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au
	Install an exercise area with equipment in Hollis Park	3	
	More seating and tables for picnic in Hollis Park	3	
	Install a water play area with good drainage	2	
	Beehive	1	
	Provide more public toilets in the area	1	

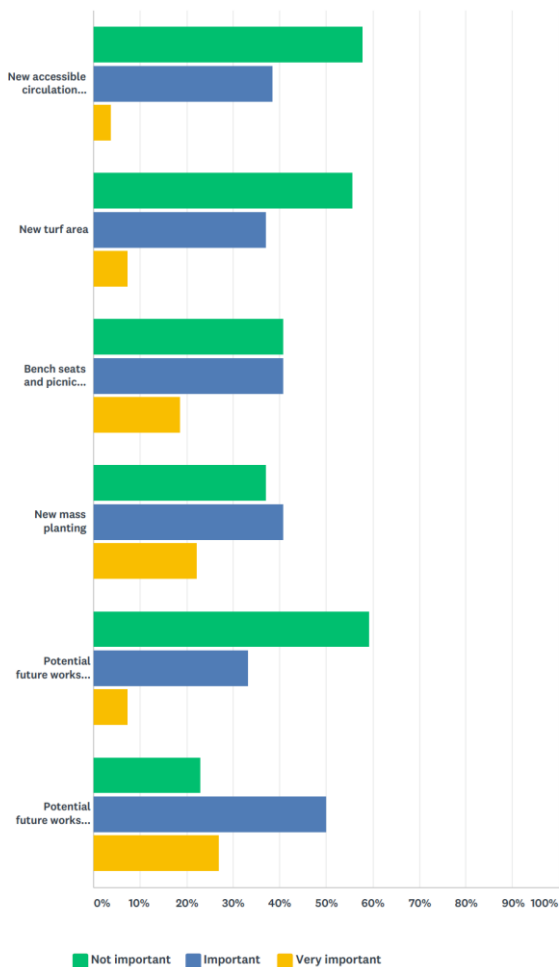
Install a roller skating rink 1

Install a tennis court 1

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 accessible circulation path	57.69% 15	38.46% 10	3.85% 1	26
New turf area	55.56% 15	37.04% 10	7.41% 2	27
Bench seats and picnic table with benches	40.74% 11	40.74% 11	18.52% 5	27
New mass planting	37.04% 10	40.74% 11	22.22% 6	27
Potential future works: resurface bitumen footpath	59.26% 16	33.33% 9	7.41% 2	27
Potential future works: new trees along circulation path	23.08% 6	50.00% 13	26.92% 7	26



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	TOTAL	SCORE
Two new slides of different lengths	23.81% 5	19.05% 4	9.52% 2	4.76% 1	14.29% 3	19.05% 4	4.76% 1	4.76% 1	0.00% 0	21	6.33
New rubber climbing mound	10.00% 2	10.00% 2	20.00% 4	10.00% 2	20.00% 4	10.00% 2	10.00% 2	5.00% 1	5.00% 1	20	5.55
New climbing structure	9.52% 2	4.76% 1	9.52% 2	28.57% 6	23.81% 5	14.29% 3	9.52% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	21	5.67
Sandstone fort in sandpit	4.76% 1	0.00% 0	14.29% 3	9.52% 2	4.76% 1	4.76% 1	14.29% 3	4.76% 1	42.86% 9	21	3.38
Scramble wall with planting	4.55% 1	22.73% 5	0.00% 0	9.09% 2	13.64% 3	27.27% 6	4.55% 1	13.64% 3	4.55% 1	22	5.00
New swings	9.09% 2	22.73% 5	9.09% 2	18.18% 4	4.55% 1	9.09% 2	9.09% 2	13.64% 3	4.55% 1	22	5.55
New playground fence and gates	22.73% 5	18.18% 4	9.09% 2	0.00% 0	4.55% 1	4.55% 1	13.64% 3	18.18% 4	9.09% 2	22	5.41
New scooter challenge track	9.09% 2	4.55% 1	27.27% 6	9.09% 2	4.55% 1	0.00% 0	18.18% 4	13.64% 3	13.64% 3	22	4.82
New accessible entry to playground	13.64% 3	4.55% 1	9.09% 2	13.64% 3	13.64% 3	4.55% 1	9.09% 2	18.18% 4	13.64% 3	22	4.68

Q4 Can you rank your favourite part of the new playground from 1-9? (1 = favourite, 9 = least favourite) (optional)

Answered: 23 Skipped: 4

