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**A Community Vision for Haymarket: What
we heard from you**

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October 2022

In August and September 2022, City of Sydney engaged with community members and stakeholders to understand what makes Haymarket special, the places that people love and what could be improved.

More than 1,150 people shared their ideas for the future of Haymarket including residents, property owners, workers, visitors, business associations, cultural groups and organisations.

When we asked what you would like Haymarket to be in the future, you described a vibrant, bustling place that celebrates diverse Asian cultures, a place that preserves its history and character while embracing contemporary forms of cultural expression.

91%

of survey respondents go to Haymarket for the restaurants and cafes

90%

of survey respondents would like to see more creative lighting across Haymarket

“A cultural village reflecting the Asian history and heritage of the area.”

“A 24/7 precinct, that is known for late night through to early morning trading for restaurants and bars. Lots of lights and vibrant, lots of people walking around.”

“It’d be great to include stories at sites or create artworks that illustrate the history of the area, whilst looking towards the future.”

You told us that Haymarket is special because you can:

- See diverse Asian cultures reflected on the streets and in public spaces
- Find authentic and affordable food
- Shop at affordable and unique Asian grocers
- Celebrate cultural heritage and connect with memories

Community representatives spoke as cultural custodians. They expressed a great sense of responsibility for the future of Haymarket and a desire to work together with the City of Sydney.

"The beautiful Chinatown gates, the history of the area and passionate multi-generational business owners."

"Wonderful selection of fruit and vegetables - especially Asian vegetables and fruit that can't be found at other shops around Sydney."

"Great memories of family and friends gathering for a meal in one of the many lovely restaurants."

You told us the places you love most in Haymarket are:

- Chinatown and Dixon Street including the Welcome Gates
- Paddy's Market and Market City
- Darling Quarter

Other important places include Thai Town, Emperor's Garden Cakes and Bakery, Capitol Theatre, Chinese Gardens of Friendship and the laneways.

Darling Quarter

"The new development brings a different, youthful vibrancy to the area – while still celebrating the Chinatown heritage."

Dixon Street

"It's the spiritual heart of Chinatown."

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"As a second generation Chinese Australian I have a strong sentimental attachment to the old Cantonese restaurants and bakeries that my grandparents used to take us to as children."

You told us you would like to improve



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- More lighting to create a safe and colourful atmosphere
- Greater range of quality, authentic and affordable food and retail options
- More outdoor dining options and public amenities like seating and public toilets
- Improved access to and connections within Haymarket
- Increased attractiveness of the area through street cleaning and maintenance
- Preservation of local character and cultural heritage
- Using the streetscape to bring colour and to celebrate diverse Asian cultures
- Extended trading hours and thriving nightlife

82%

of survey respondents think it is very important that Haymarket is culturally diverse, welcoming and safe

81%

of survey respondents think it is very important that Haymarket is pedestrian friendly

78%

of survey respondents would like more public art

83%

of survey respondents would like to see more events and activities on the street including outdoor dining

77%

of survey respondents would like to see existing buildings improved

69%

of survey respondents said cultural celebrations are very important to Haymarket