

Attachment C

Engagement Report (REF)



Engagement report

Review of environmental factors for Gunyama Park
Stage 2 and George Julius Avenue North

December 2023

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Background

A portion of land has now become available in Zetland that allows the City to complete Gunyama Park. This report provides an overview of feedback we received during recent community consultation on the updated park design and review of environmental factors for the second stage of works.

The review of environmental factors details the impacts the project may have on the environment and steps to avoid, minimise and manage those impacts.

The park design has been updated based on feedback from targeted consultation we undertook in 2023. Elders from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community were consulted about the Indigenous interpretation proposed for the site. Local skaters were also consulted about the design for the skate space proposed for the park.

This project is part of our work to build new parks, upgrade existing ones and work with developers to provide more than 21 hectares of parks and playgrounds in the Green Square area.

Engagement summary

From 25 September to 23 October, we asked the community for feedback on the review of environmental (REF) factors for Gunyama Park Stage 2 and George Julius Avenue North.

Consultation on the plan provided an opportunity for stakeholders and the community to review and comment on the design.

Consultation activities included online engagement, a letter to residents and project signage around the site.

This report outlines the community engagement activities that took place to support the consultation and summarises the key findings from the consultation.

Purpose of the engagement

The purpose of the engagement was to:

- gather feedback from stakeholders and the community on the REF
 - determine the level of satisfaction with the revised design
 - update the local community on the design.
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Outcomes from the engagement

We received 34 submissions during the consultation period

31 submissions were via an online survey and 3 were received by email.

The Sydney Your Say page was visited 935 times during the consultation period and plans were downloaded 1,010 times.

Key findings

Subjects/topics raised in submissions

Several subjects/topics were raised in the feedback received. These were presented as concerns, suggestions and/or requests and are summarised below. All feedback received through both surveys and emails is captured below.

Topic	Total	City of Sydney Response
Support for the overall design	15	Great!
Concerns the lawn area will be used as an off-leash park	10	The lawn area will be designated on leash for dogs (with signage reflecting this)
Concerns the skatepark is not appropriate for the site due to the noise it will generate, the proximity to nearby facilities and the potential for antisocial behaviour	9	The skate park has been in the design since the DA was approved in 2017 The skate park will only be lit until 10pm. Anti social behaviour will be monitored and addressed if an issue
Would like some of the lawn area converted to a more nature, bushland space to deter it from becoming a dog park	4	In our community sessions we often hear the need for large open lawn areas as they provide for a variety of uses
Ensure there is enough shaded seating around the playground and skatepark	4	Yes, there is both seating in the shade and sun proposed throughout the playground and skate park
Include more noise mitigation features so nearby residents will not be impacted by the space	3	Noted. Planting will also be used at the park edges to address this issue
The skate park is too small and should be set back from the street more	2	The skate park is similar in size to what was approved in the DA. It has been brought forward toward the sports field and outdoor gym so the active use areas are consolidated
Reduce the amount of parking to encourage alternative modes of transport to the area	2	Not in project scope. The road network master plan for the precinct was finalised in 2015
Concern the cycleway does not adequately connect to existing infrastructure	1	This is dependant on adjacent properties developing their sites which will complete the road/ cycleway network

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Part of the park should be made off-leash	1	This park will be on leash for dogs. The nearest off leash parks are Nuffield Park and Joynton Park
The road connection of George Julius Avenue should be pedestrianised and not allow cars	1	Not in project scope. The road network master plan for the precinct was finalised in 2015
Consider multi-purpose facilities that can support sports such as badminton, tennis, volleyball etc.	1	Not included as part of this development
Include water play elements in the playground	1	This has been included
Have a playground suitable for ages 1-12	1	This age group is catered for in the design

Engagement activities

Overview of engagement

A Sydney Your Say webpage was created, along with an online survey. 1,100 letters were sent to residents in the area and key stakeholders were contacted.

1. Sydney Your Say webpage

A Sydney Your Say webpage, <https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/proposed-works-maintenance/feedback-updated-design-and-review-of-environmental-factors-gunyama-park> was created. The page included an electronic copy of the REF, survey and other key information about the consultation.

2. Online feedback form via Survey Monkey

The community and stakeholders were able to give feedback using an online feedback form. A link to the feedback form was provided on the Sydney Your Say website.

3. Consultation letter

A letter was posted to residents, inviting them to give feedback on the proposal. 100 letters were distributed.

4. Signage

Four signs were placed in the park directing people online to leave their feedback.