

11 May 2026

At the conclusion of the Corporate, Finance, Properties
and Tenders Committee

Environment and Climate Change Committee

Agenda

- 1. Confirmation of Minutes**
- 2. Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest**
- 3. Project Scope - Belmore Park Renewal**
- 4. Revised Project Scope - Surry Hills to Central Quietway**

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Item 1.
Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the following meetings of the Environment and Climate Change Committee are submitted for confirmation:

Meeting of 20 April 2026

Item 2.**Statement of Ethical Obligations**

In accordance with section 233A of the Local Government Act 1993, the Lord Mayor and Councillors are bound by the Oath or Affirmation of Office made at the start of the Council term to undertake their civic duties in the best interests of the people of the City of Sydney and the City of Sydney Council and to faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in them under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act, to the best of their ability and judgement.

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Item 3.

Project Scope - Belmore Park Renewal

File No: X113032

Summary

This report outlines the proposed scope of works for the renewal of Belmore Park, Haymarket. Belmore Park was identified as a priority in the City's Haymarket and Chinatown Revitalisation Strategy and the Haymarket and Chinatown Public Domain Plan, which Council endorsed in 2023. The strategy was developed after hearing from more than 1,150 people who contributed to the community's vision for the precinct.

The project brief is to revitalise the park to create a vibrant and welcoming open space in the heart of the city that is inclusive and accessible, while representing the unique and diverse cultural heritage of the area and local community. The project scope includes an increase in green space by reducing the overly complex path network, new lighting, additional seating, revitalisation of the turf, new irrigation to support new turf health, and re-imagining of the bandstand.

A draft concept plan was on public exhibition from 9 March to 6 April 2026. The community consultation process included exhibition on the City's website, letters distributed to the local area and several pop-up sessions held in the park at different times of day.

The exhibited park renewal works include a simplified pathway network to improve movement through the park and increase the useable lawn area. New irrigation will be implemented to support ongoing turf health. The bandstand structure will be re-imagined as an all-ages play space for the community to enjoy, as the existing bandstand is dilapidated and not accessible. Performances in the park will be enabled by the creation of a new gathering space, which will be universally accessible and provide the infrastructure to accommodate music, dance, protest and other activities. This new space also provides additional seating accessible from the pathways, while new lighting throughout the park will improve nighttime safety and user experience.

This report recommends that Council endorse the proposed scope of works for the renewal of Belmore Park, Haymarket.

Recommendation

It is resolved that Council endorse the project scope for the renewal of Belmore Park, Haymarket, as described in the subject report and shown in the Concept Plan at Attachment B to the subject report, for progression to relevant approvals, preparation of construction documentation, tender and construction.

Attachments

- Attachment A.** Location Plan and Site Photos
- Attachment B.** Concept Plan
- Attachment C.** Belmore Park Community Engagement Report
- Attachment D.** Schedule of Submissions and Responses

Background

1. Belmore Park is a 2.1ha public open space, located on the eastern edge of Chinatown, opposite Central Station. The park is bound on its eastern and western edges by high embankments that support road, light rail and heavy rail. The park is currently in poor condition with assets nearing the end of their useful life.
2. The Belmore Park Renewal project is part of Council's Delivery Plan and has a budget of \$18.9 million.
3. The land is Crown Land under management of the City of Sydney.
4. A Plan of Management (PoM) for Belmore Park was adopted by Council in March 2022.
5. The park is currently in need of renewal to ensure its paths and lighting levels are compliant with contemporary standards and codes and to address assets nearing the end of their useful life. The current bandstand also doesn't meet accessibility standards and is fenced off due to its poor condition.
6. The concept design builds on the lessons learnt from the Safer Cities: Her Way project completed in 2024 undertaken as part of a grant for TfNSW. This project aimed to improve the perception of safety for women and girls in public spaces. By improving lighting, increasing activation and strengthening local character, perceptions of safety were improved. The design team has incorporated these principles into the new design.

Concept Plan and Scope of Work

7. Council staff, in collaboration with external heritage professionals and supported by Council's Design Advisory Panel have developed a concept design for the park renewal.
8. The key principles for the renewal are:
 - (a) Improve quality and openness of park spaces: removal of underutilised pathways to expand green spaces and create larger park spaces.
 - (b) Organise pedestrian and cyclist movements: simplified pathways and a clearly marked shared zone will improve movement through the park and reduce clashes between pedestrians and cyclists.
 - (c) Encourage activation during the day and night: a new community gathering space, all-ages play space and better event infrastructure provide more reasons to come and stay in the park, whether it's for events, performances, rallies or just day-to-day use.
 - (d) Increase seating and amenity: install new accessible bench seats in the park that offer a variety of opportunities for people to sit in shade and sun. New seating walls are proposed on the sloped park edges to provide places for people to sit overlooking the park.

- (e) Improve night-time safety: the replacement of existing park lighting with new standard light poles along pathways and the inclusion of creative lighting to the play space will provide a safe and inviting night-time experience.
 - (f) Enhance the quality of park entries and edges: widening of park entries and new stone walls improve park entries and sightlines into the park.
9. The proposal described in Attachment B includes the following:
- (a) Simplified and upgraded pathways
 - (b) Upgraded lighting throughout the park
 - (c) Increased and improved green spaces and gardens
 - (d) Additional improved park furniture that is directly accessible from a path
 - (e) A new community gathering space
 - (f) Removal of the existing bandstand
 - (g) Interpretation of the bandstand as a play space
 - (h) New irrigation to lawn and garden areas
 - (i) Provision of power throughout park for events
 - (j) Updated shared zone markings on eastern pathway to manage pedestrian and cyclist movements through park.
10. The proposal is based on extensive research and consultation with internal stakeholders and external professionals.
11. The proposal has been discussed with Council's First Nations leadership team and Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council.
12. The proposal has been discussed with Council's Homelessness team.
13. The proposal has been presented to Council's Design Advisory Panel (DAP) on two occasions, 4 September 2025 and 12 February 2026.
14. The history of Belmore Park has been studied in detail and the reasoning for the proposed changes is set out below.

15. The layout and extent of Belmore Park have changed significantly since being dedicated for public recreation on 19 May 1868. The park originally extended to Elizabeth Street to the east. Since gazetted, there have been changes to the path network, a tram line was introduced then subsequently demolished, air raid trenches were constructed and demolished, and most significantly, the construction of the railway network severely truncated the eastern extent of the park.
16. The eastern pathway of Belmore Park is currently a Shared Path for cyclists and pedestrians. There is a clear point of conflict between these uses at Eddy Avenue and this issue has been a common theme throughout the community consultation.
17. The existing bandstand is proposed to be removed for several reasons. Firstly, the original 1910 structure has been heavily modified from its original configuration. The base was altered in the 1960s to raise its height and create a toilet and storage facility within (now disused and non-compliant with current standards). The original roof tiles have been replaced. The original stair has been demolished, as has the original handrail. The remaining fabric is in very poor condition, and temporary steel supports prop up the roof. The bandstand is currently fenced off due to its poor condition.
18. Secondly, the bandstand originally sat in the middle of the park. When the railway viaduct was constructed, the park lost a large section of its eastern side, leaving the bandstand in its current location against the railway structure. From a heritage perspective, the current location is not in keeping with its original intent as a focal point for the park.
19. Thirdly, reconstructing the bandstand to its original design would require the complete demolition of the existing structure and re-building with new materials. Council's Design Advisory Panel and heritage staff, as well as our external heritage advisor do not support this approach.
20. Fourthly, demolition and reconstruction would endanger a significant tree, the rare *Meryta denhamii* (endemic to New Caledonia) likely sourced by former Royal Botanic Gardens Director Charles Moore and part of the early park planting.
21. Finally, a reconstructed bandstand would still be inaccessible to people with mobility issues, which is not equitable or in accordance with our own Inclusive and Accessible Public Domain Policy.
22. Therefore, on balance, this report recommends that the function of the bandstand should be transferred to the new community gathering space which will be fully accessible. The form of the original bandstand will be celebrated through an interpretive play structure, which will be decoratively lit to accentuate its heritage silhouette.
23. The inclusion of an all-ages play space (for children, youth, adults and seniors) to reflect its inner-city urban demographic is identified as being desirable in this location as opposed to a playground catering only for children. The 2016 Open Space and Recreation Needs Study highlighted the lack of play opportunities in the city centre. The draft Study currently in preparation also identifies the need for additional city centre play opportunities for a broader age profile.
24. It is proposed that performances will be accommodated in a new multipurpose, accessible gathering space to the south of the existing bandstand.

25. The new community gathering space is conceived as a fully accessible, stage-like space terracing down into the park, creating a natural area for seating and watching performances. The gathering place will have infrastructure to support bands, protests, and night-time activity, ensuring the useful hours of the park are extended well into the evening.
26. In consultation with the internal stakeholder groups the proposed park design can cater for small events and markets, if desired.
27. Homelessness services that currently use the park will continue to do so in the new design. We are not proposing to provide additional power or sewerage services.
28. Belmore Park is a heritage listed park containing many mature, well-established trees across much of the site. A large number of these trees are listed on the City's Register of Significant Trees and are recognised as important assets under the Greening Sydney Strategy.
29. Provision of an urban billabong or water play area has been considered by the project team. Establishing an urban billabong would require excavation and disturbance of existing ground levels, which would likely impact these trees—features that are highly valued by the community. Instead, the plan aims to enhance biodiversity by increasing locally native species and strengthening habitat connectivity, with additional measures, such as nesting boxes, to be considered during the design development phase.
30. A Development Application will be lodged for the proposed works, which will provide the community with another opportunity to comment on the refined design.
31. A Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) will accompany the Development Application for the works in accordance with the Environmental Planning Assessment Act 1979 and the State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021.

Key Implications

Strategic Alignment - Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision

32. Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision renews the communities' vision for the sustainable development of the city to 2050. It includes 10 strategic directions to guide the future of the city, as well as 10 targets against which to measure progress. This plan is aligned with the following strategic directions and objectives:
 - (a) Direction 2 - A leading environmental performer - the proposal increases lawn area and retains significant trees within the park supporting the City's urban greening strategy to increase green and canopy cover.
 - (b) Direction 3 - Public places for all - the project aims to create an inviting, clean and safe public open space during the day and night by upgrading park lighting, additional accessible seating, an all-ages play space and a community gathering space for all to visit and enjoy. The project also opens opportunities to strengthen connections with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and culture through the design and use of these spaces.

- (c) Direction 5 - A city for walking, cycling and public transport - the project simplifies the pathway network to improve the way pedestrians and cyclists move through the park.
- (d) Direction 8 - A thriving cultural life - the proposal includes additional community spaces with the provision of power and wider paths to allow for cultural and creative events to take place.

Organisational Impact

- 33. Renewing Belmore Park will improve the quality of existing Council assets and mitigate risk to the City by repairing deteriorated park elements. The asset will require ongoing maintenance which will be factored into the LTFP. Additional uses of the park for community activations and other uses may also require additional organisational resources and this will need to be considered at the time of applications for such uses.

Risks

- 34. The risk of not implementing the scope of works includes further deterioration of the parks condition including pathways, edging, turf areas, non-compliant lighting, increased operational costs, reactive repairs and the requirement to fence off or remove assets presenting a risk.
- 35. This approach is within the City's risk appetite, which states:
 - (a) We acknowledge the diverse expectations of our stakeholders, including the community, ratepayers, regulatory bodies and elected officials. Our risk appetite considers stakeholder expectations and seeks to align infrastructure management practices with their needs, while maintaining a responsible and sustainable approach.
 - (b) We acknowledge our responsibility to protect and enhance the social and environmental wellbeing of our community. Our risk appetite emphasises the integration of sustainable practices into infrastructure asset management, considering environmental impacts, climate change resilience and community engagement.

Social / Cultural / Community

- 36. Located on Gadigal land, Belmore Park and the broader Central Precinct is significant to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as a place of convergence where meru (pathways or travelling/trading tracks) meet. Central Station, directly opposite the park, is a site of known Aboriginal employment with the development of the Railways from 1849 through to the 1960s. Belmore Park has been a meeting place for Aboriginal people coming to the city including members of the stolen generations looking to reconnect.
- 37. Belmore Park is connected to the diverse Asian communities in Haymarket. It has hosted numerous Lunar New Year events and connects to Chinatown and the precinct identified as Thaitown centred around Campbell Street.

38. Belmore Park, in more recent history, has played an important role as a place for social and cultural events. It holds significance to a wide range of communities within the Greater Sydney area that have participated in cultural activities or rallies highlighting social issues affecting First Nations, LGBTQIA+ communities, climate change, and various international conflicts.

Environmental

39. Increasing green spaces is in line with the City's Greening Sydney Strategy.
40. Irrigation is linked to the Environmental Strategy 2025-20; it helps support turf health and will be designed to ensure efficient water use.
41. Additional trees are being planted and significant trees retained as part of the work, supporting canopy coverage targets set out in the Greening Sydney Strategy and Urban Forest Strategy.

Financial Implications

42. There are sufficient funds in the 2025/26 capital works budget and forward estimates to complete the works included in this project
43. The approved total project budget for the Belmore Park Renewal is \$18.9M.

Relevant Legislation

44. Crown Land Management Act 2016. The requirements under the Crown Land Management Act have been complied with.
45. Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
46. Heritage Act 1977.
47. State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021.
48. Disability Discrimination Act 1992.
49. Native Title Act 1993.

Critical Dates / Time Frames

50. Current Program Dates:
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| (a) Council consideration of Concept Design | May 2026 |
| (b) Planning Approval | Late 2026 |
| (c) Design Consultancy procurement | Mid 2027 |
| (d) Detailed Design | Late 2027 |

(e)	Construction Contractor procurement	Mid 2028
(f)	Construction Start	Mid-Late 2028
(g)	Completion	Mid 2030

Options

51. Proceed with the progression of the improvement works as outlined in this subject report including relevant approvals, preparation of construction documentation, tender for construction.
52. Project does not proceed - this option is not recommended as the park needs renewal.

Public Consultation

53. Public consultation was undertaken for the concept design. For a detailed description of the consultation process and findings refer to Attachment C.
54. The public consultation involved the following:
 - (a) A webpage on Sydney Have Your Say showed the concept design from 9 March 2026 to 6 April 2026. The page was visited 2002 times during the consultation period. The page included an electronic copy of the concept design and survey which were both available in Thai and simplified Chinese. The concept design was downloaded 763 times during the consultation period (715 in English, 35 in simplified Chinese and 13 in Thai).
 - (b) The consultation was included in the Sydney Your Say e-newsletter to 3,997 subscribers.
 - (c) A letter was posted to owners, residents and businesses in properties surrounding the park, inviting them to give feedback on the proposal, 5,522 letters were distributed.
 - (d) Three pop-ups in the park were held at different times of day where people could share their views and talk to the design team.
55. We received 162 submissions: 139 surveys including 25 in Thai; 22 emails and one phone conversation. A range of businesses and community organisations provided feedback including Chinese Australian Historical Society, Thaitown Business and the Thai Community Association, Chinatown Action Committee, Orange Sky Australia, Link Up, St Vincent de Paul and BIKEast.
56. Overall, the proposed concept design for Belmore Park received very strong support with 92% of survey participants selecting support or strongly support in response to the question: 'Overall, do you support the proposed improvements to Belmore Park?'

57. Consultation participants were asked in the survey to what extent they supported the primary elements of the proposed design - all elements received strong support:
- (a) new lighting on main paths (97% Support/Strongly support)
 - (b) simpler path network and upgraded surfaces (94% Support/Strongly support)
 - (c) more seating (90% Support/Strongly support)
 - (d) larger open lawns and more garden beds (87% Support/Strongly support)
 - (e) new community gathering space (86% Support/Strongly support)
 - (f) the repurposing of the bandstand as a play space (70% Support/Strongly support)
58. Of the 139 survey submissions, 42 identified conflicts between people on bikes and pedestrians as being a priority issue.
59. Council will continue to advocate to Transport for NSW to accelerate the completion of the cycle network on Elizabeth Street to remove this conflict.
60. Since the community consultation the design team, in collaboration with Council's Cycling team, have further developed the design of the Shared Path to improve functionality and mitigate risks identified by the community. These developments will be detailed in the Development Application at a later date.
61. Refer to Attachment D for a detailed discussion of the City's responses to the main issues raised in the consultation.

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Attachment A

Location Plan and Site Photos

Attachment A: Location Plan and Site Photos



Attachment B

Concept Plan

Attachment B: Concept Plan



LEGEND

- 1. Public toilet
- 2. Improved access and sightlines at park entry points
- 3. New paths with more seating
- 4. Increased green space
- 5. Play space (bandstand interpretation)
- 6. Investigate pathway access to Railway Colonnade Drive
- 7. Simplified pathways with surface and lighting upgrades
- 8. New community gathering space
- 9. Power for events throughout park
- 10. Improved park edge to Eddy Avenue

- Lawn
- Gardens with new planting
- Play area soft fall
- Park benches
- Seating walls

Attachment B: Concept Plan



Attachment C

Belmore Park Community Engagement Report
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Engagement report – Belmore park renewal



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Overview

Project Background

Belmore Park is on Gadigal Country. It's an important historical park and a major connection point to Central station. It hosts regular political demonstrations and cultural gatherings, including Lunar New Year celebrations.

The park is a significant place with enduring connection for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, activism and cultural practice. Its closeness to Central station makes it an important place for members of the Stolen Generations.

Improving Belmore Park is a priority in our Haymarket and Chinatown revitalisation strategy and Haymarket and Chinatown public domain plan. We developed the strategy and plan after hearing from more than 1,150 people who contributed to the community's vision for Haymarket.

When we consulted the community, we heard that improving safety, sightlines and entrances to the park is important, along with reinterpreting the bandstand and the creative use of lighting.

We also heard that the park could be more inviting with better paths and cycleways, more seating and spaces for recreation. These improvements would encourage people to enjoy one of the bigger green spaces in Central Sydney.

In this consultation, which ran between the 9 March and the 6 April, we wanted to hear the community's views on our proposed improvements to Belmore Park. The plans were presented on the website as downloadable PDFs and in person at three pop-ups in the park.

The plans and feedback survey were made available in English, Simplified Chinese and Thai.

Key features of the design include:

- simpler paths with new surfaces
- better lighting for people to feel safer at night
- exploring ways to turn the bandstand into a fun play space
- a place for the community to meet and spend time together
- more greenery, planter beds and seating
- keeping all mature and healthy trees in the park.



Purpose of engagement

The purpose of this engagement was to notify and involve the community in the upgrade of Belmore Park. We consulted the local community to ensure their views were reflected in the upgrade.

Outcomes of engagement

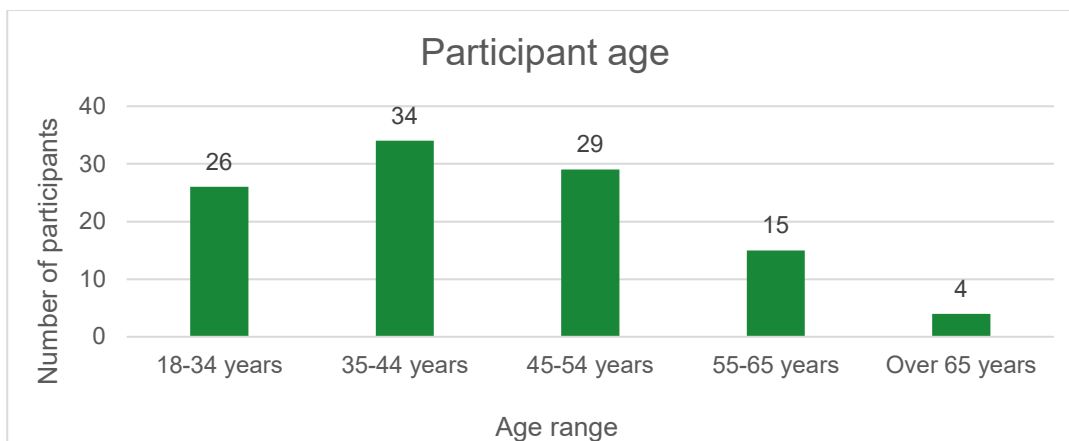
Quantity	Description of activity
162	Total submissions received
139	Survey submissions (114 surveys in English / 25 surveys in Thai)
22	Written submissions received via email
1	Phone submission
2002	Sydney Your Say webpage visits
715	Downloads of the concept design (in English)
35	Downloads of the concept design (in Simplified Chinese)
13	Downloads of the concept design (in Thai)

Demographic data

Demographic data was supplied by 108 participants.

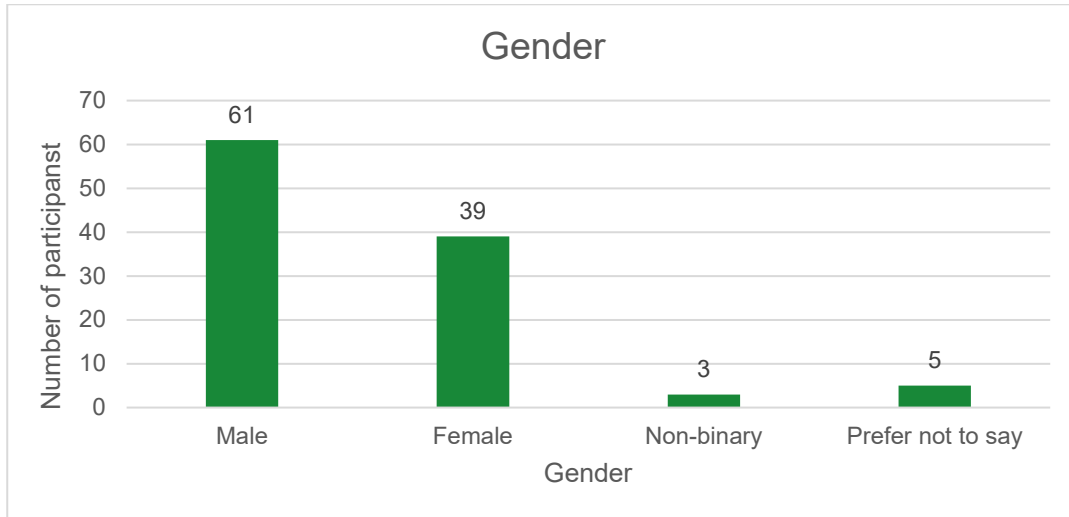
Age

A wide range of ages participated in the consultation. Ages ranged between 18 to over 65 years with the highest proportion of participants being in the 35-44 age range.



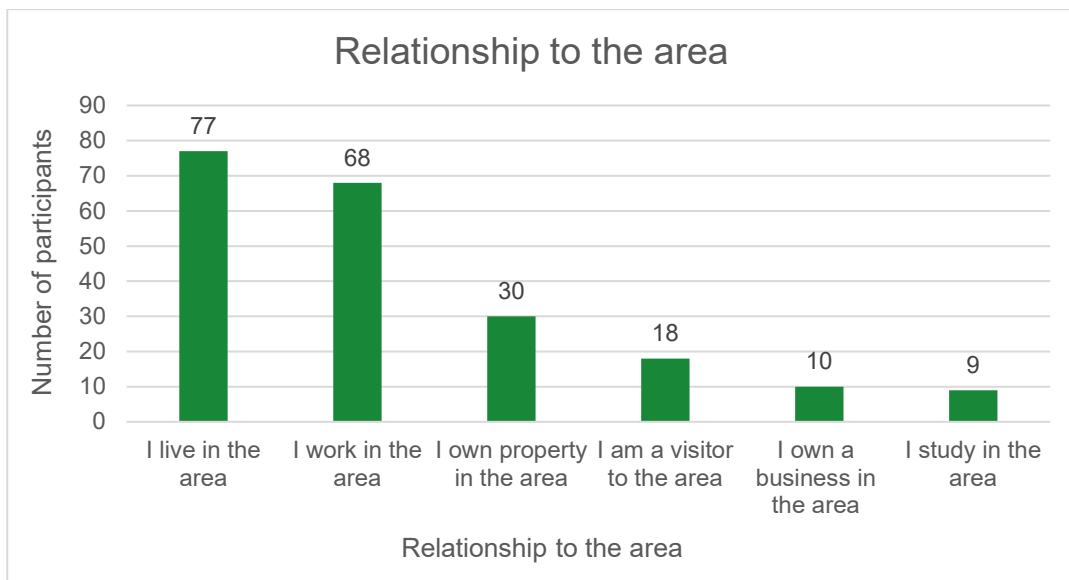
Gender

61 men and 39 women participated in the consultation. 3 people identified as non-binary and 5 participants preferred not to provide their gender.



Relationship to the area

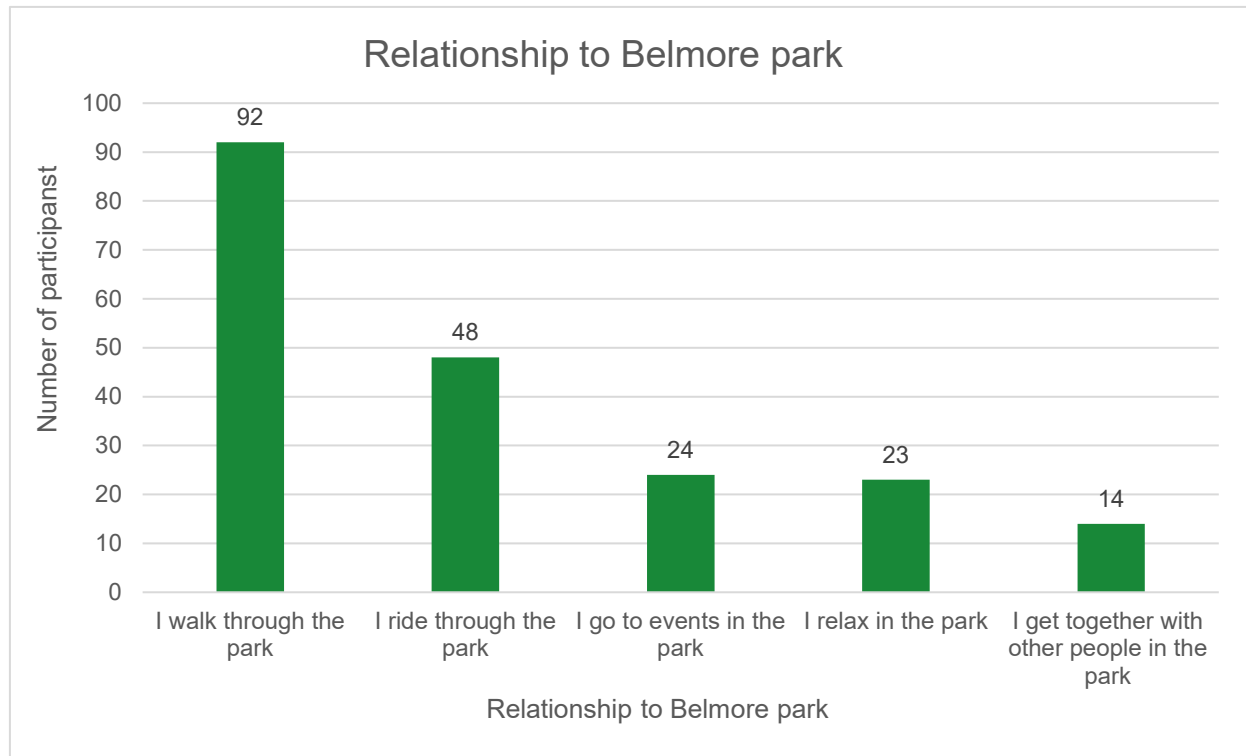
The majority of people that participated in the consultation lived in the area. This was followed closely by people that worked in the area. People were able to select more than one option.



The top four suburbs that participants live in are Surry Hills, Redfern, Haymarket and the CBD.

Relationship to Belmore park

The majority of people that participated in the consultation walk or cycle through Belmore park. People also identified as attending events, relaxing and socialising in the park. People were able to select more than one option.



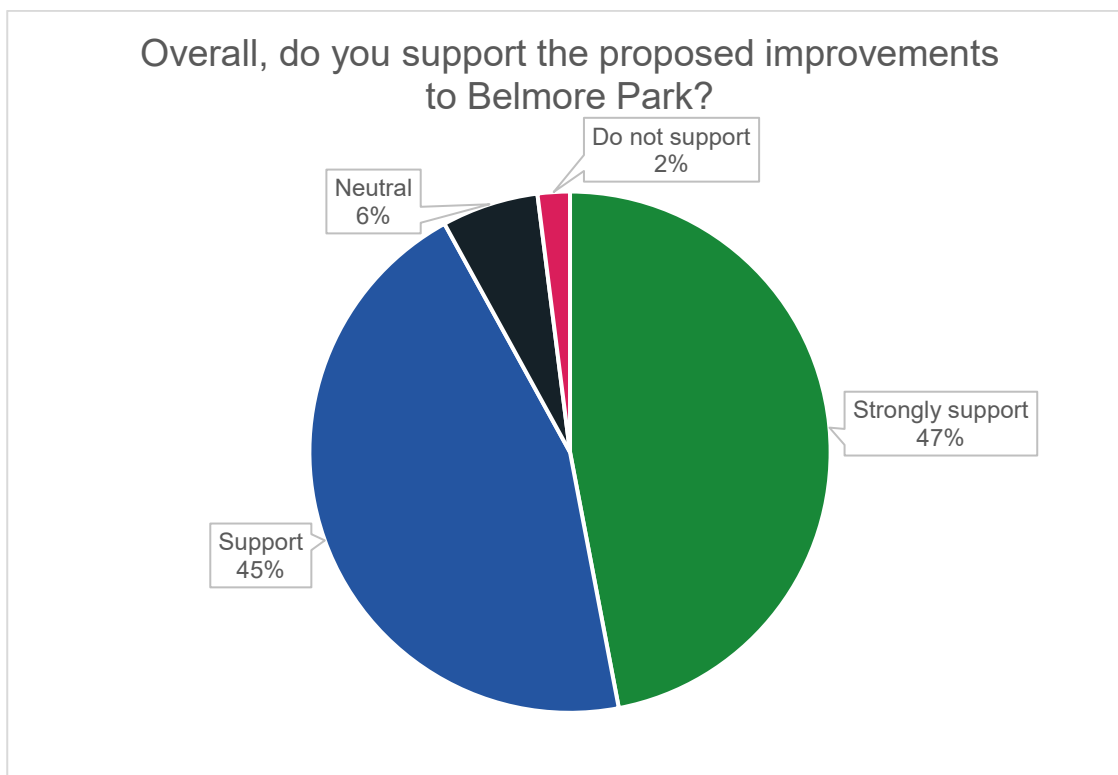
Submissions were received from individuals and a range of businesses and organisations, including:

- BIKEast
- Chinese Australian Historical Society
- Chinatown Action Committee
- Digital purpose
- International Student Navigator Australia
- Lady Chu
- Link Up Sydney
- Orange Sky Australia
- Pup dates
- Rung Peaung Trading P/L
- Splinter
- St Vincent De Paul
- Thaitown Business and the Thai Community Association
- Xytopia Architects

Key findings

Strong overall support for the proposed design

Overall, the proposed concept design for Belmore park receive very strong support with 92% of survey participants selecting support or strongly support in response to the question: 'Overall, do you support the proposed improvements to Belmore park?'



Support for the primary elements of the proposed design

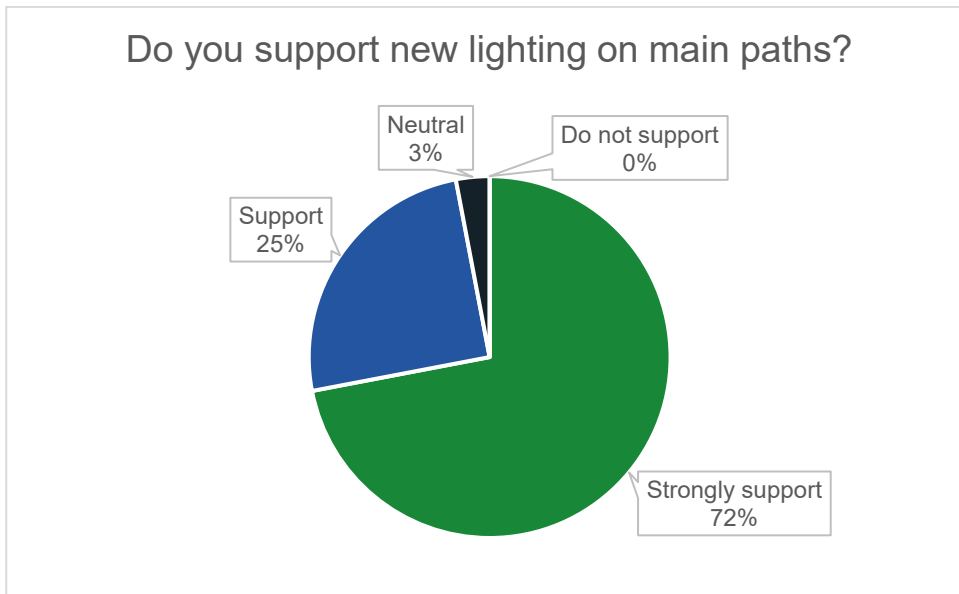
Consultation participants were asked in the survey to what extent they supported the primary elements of the proposed design - all elements received strong support.

- **New lighting on main paths** (97% Support/Strongly support)
- **Simpler path network and upgraded surfaces** (94% Support/Strongly support)
- **More seating** (90% Support/Strongly support)
- **Larger open lawns and more garden beds** (87% Support/Strongly support)
- **New community gathering space** (86% Support/Strongly support)
- **The interpretation of the bandstand as a play space** (70% Support/Strongly support)

The graphs to follow provide more information regarding the relative support for each element.

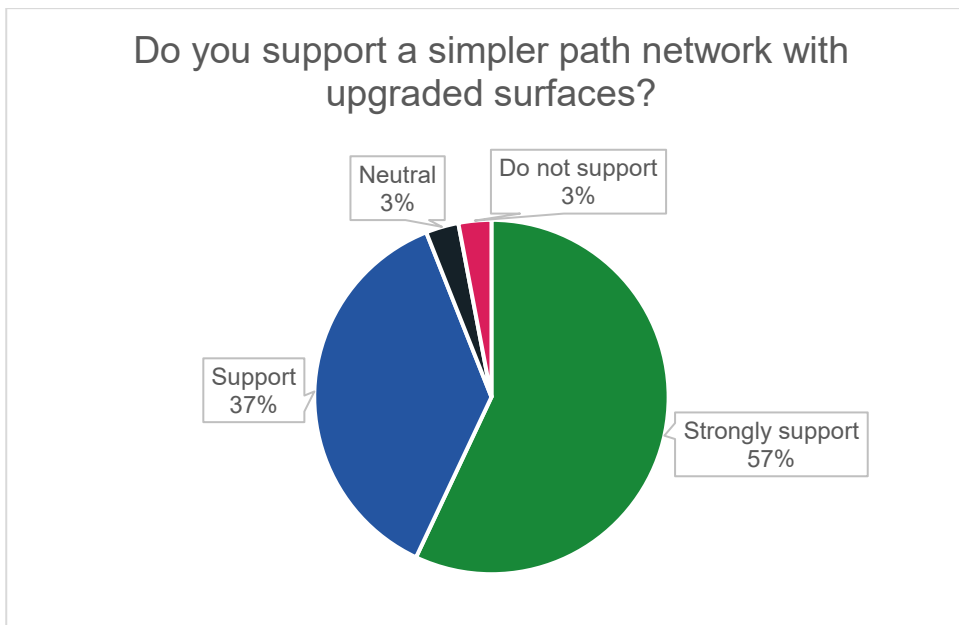
New lighting on main paths

New lighting on main paths received the highest percentage of support with 97% of people supporting or strongly supporting this element.



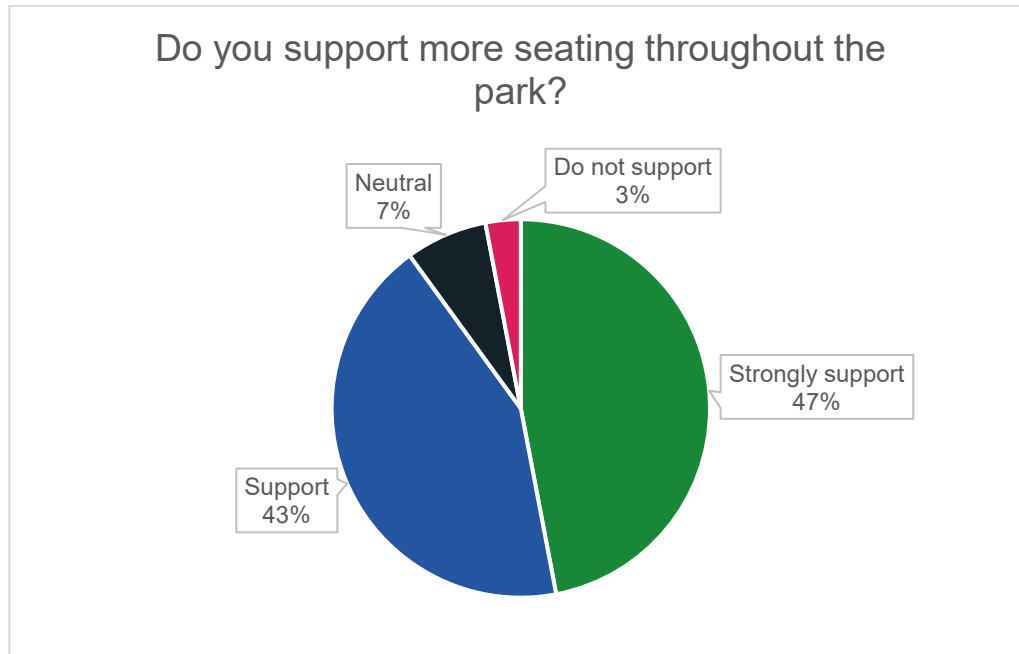
Simpler path network and upgraded surfaces

Simpler path network and upgraded surfaces was also strongly supported with 94% of people supporting or strongly supporting this element.



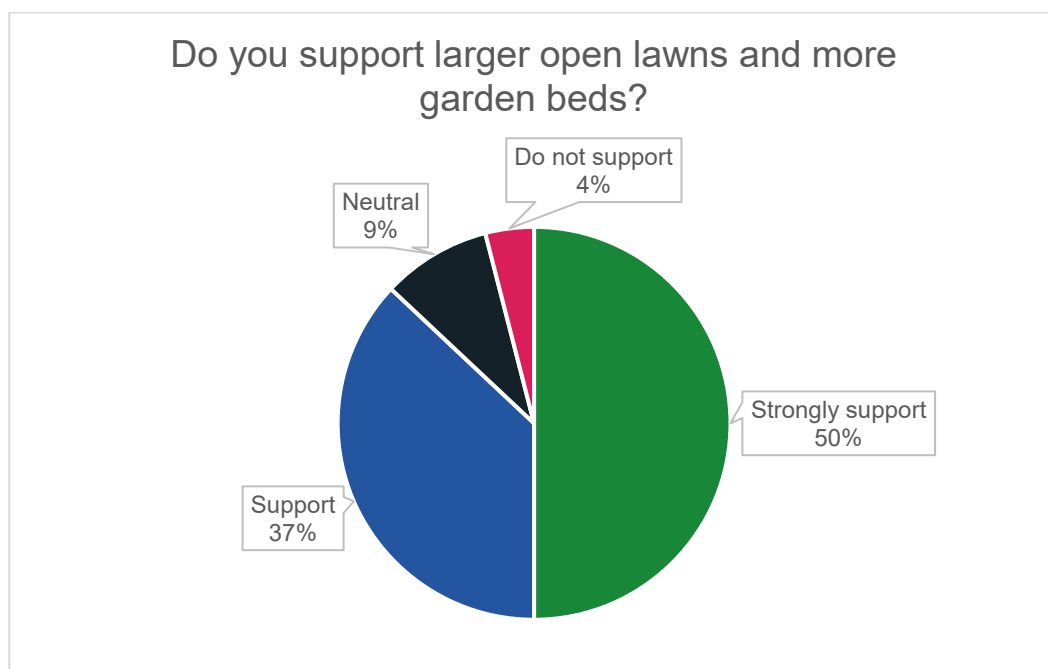
More seating

More seating was again an element that was strongly supported with 90% of people supporting or strongly supporting this.



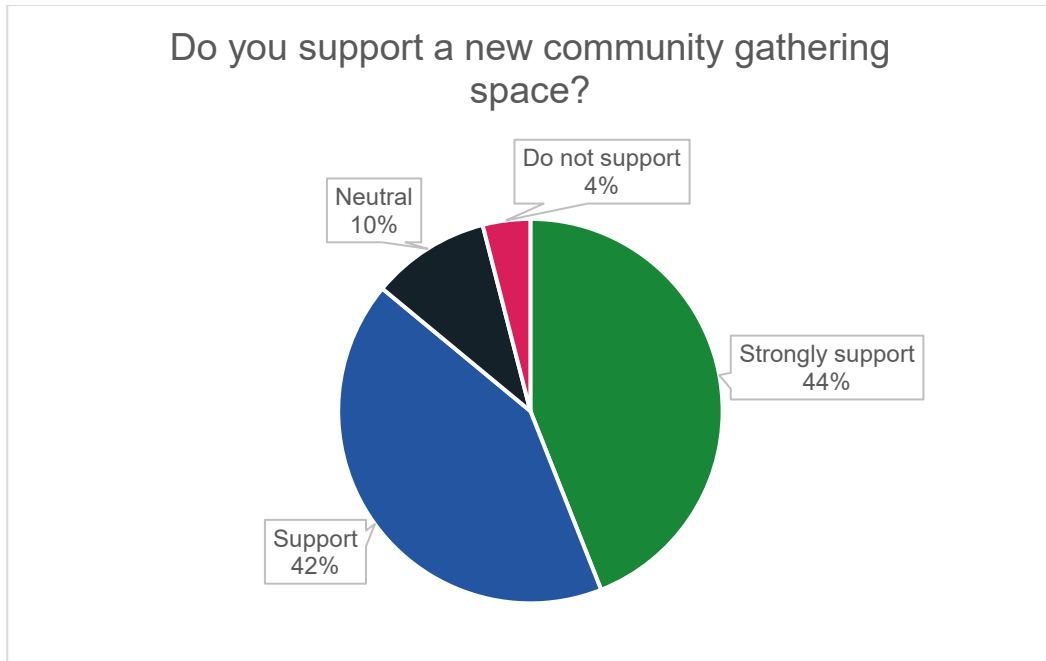
Larger open lawns and more garden beds

The concept of larger open lawns and more garden beds was also well received by consultation participants with 87% of people supporting or strongly supporting this aspect of the design.



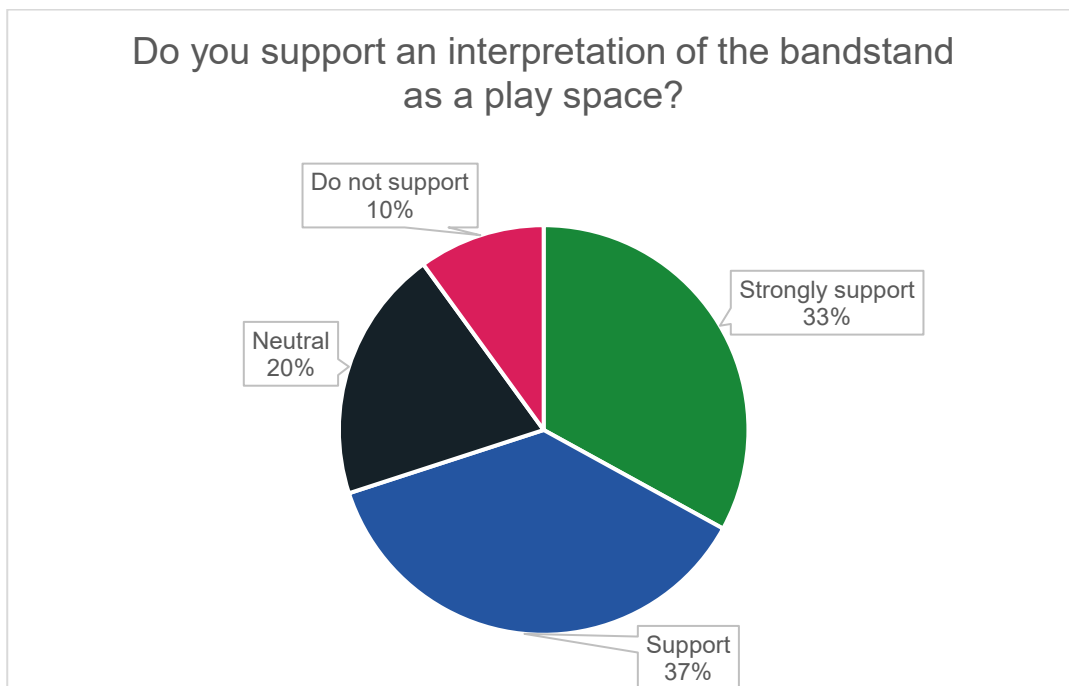
New community gathering space

The concept of a new community gathering space within the park was also well received with 86% of people supporting or strongly supporting this idea.



The interpreting of the bandstand as a play space

70% of consultation participants supported or strongly supported the concept of interpreting the bandstand as a play space.



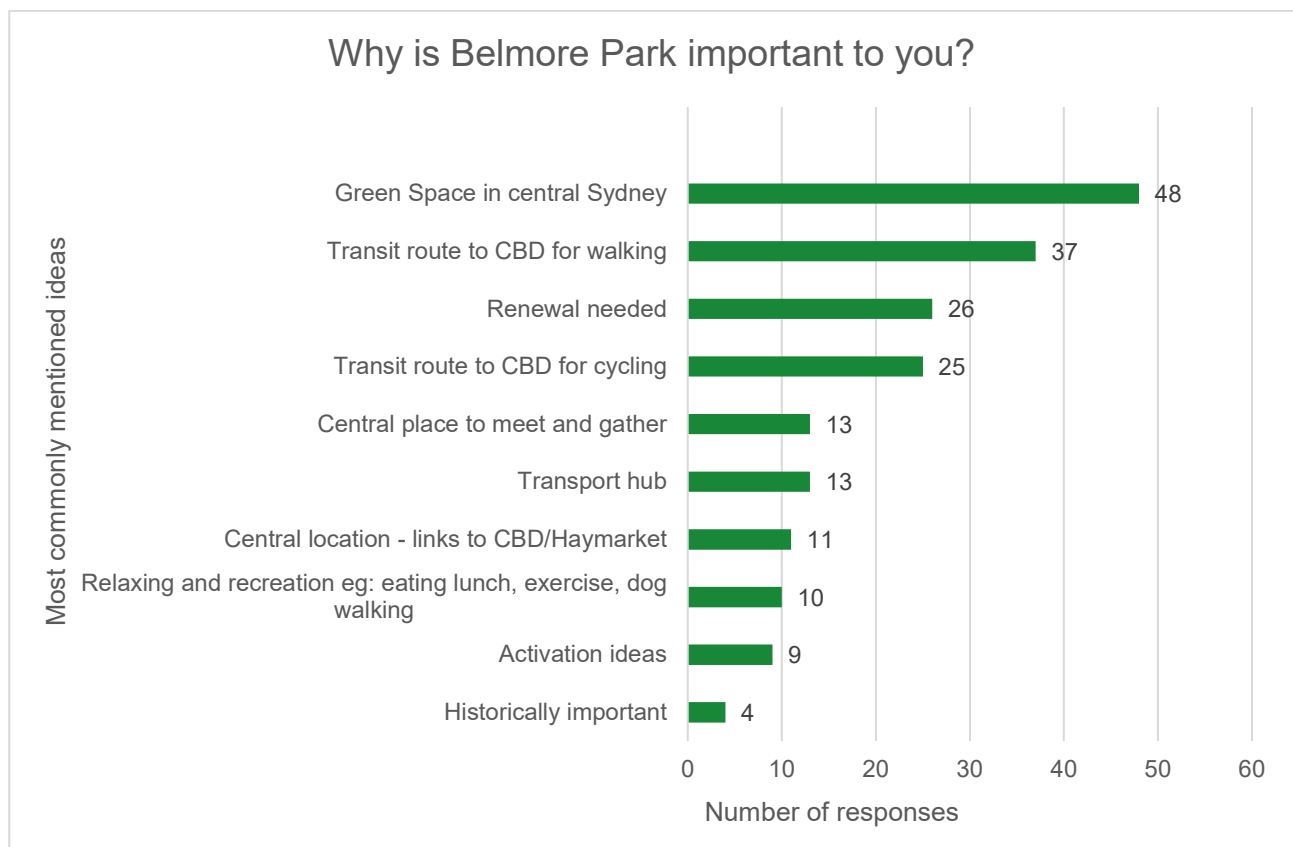
Written comments

Consultation participants provided written feedback both in the survey, via emails and over the phone. The following data summarises participant's ideas and concerns.

Survey data – written comments

In the survey participants were asked why Belmore park was important to them?

Why is Belmore park important to you?



Discussion of graphed themes

To follow is a summary of what people said in relation to the themes graphed in the table above.

People told us they consider Belmore park an important large green space in the centre of Sydney, providing a rare and essential “lung” for the city and home for wildlife. People appreciate its established shady trees and grassy lawns.

“I love the big old trees that give you shade during the summer, and even when it's pouring rain you can comfortably walk from Eddy Avenue to Hay Street without getting wet.”

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People told us that the park offers a leafy, quiet break from the ‘hustle and bustle’ of the city and that they use it to relax, eat lunch, exercise, meet up with people and walk their dogs.

Many people suggested Belmore park provides an important transit route from Central station trains and buses into the CBD and Haymarket for people walking and cycling.

People welcomed the renewal of the park and felt it was definitely in need of rejuvenation. Respondents suggested that it feels neglected and has unused potential. It could be cleaner, with better paths, and amenities like toilets. People suggested that it can feel unsafe, particularly at night. Safety associated with the movement of pedestrians and people riding was also noted and will be expanded on in the next section of this report.

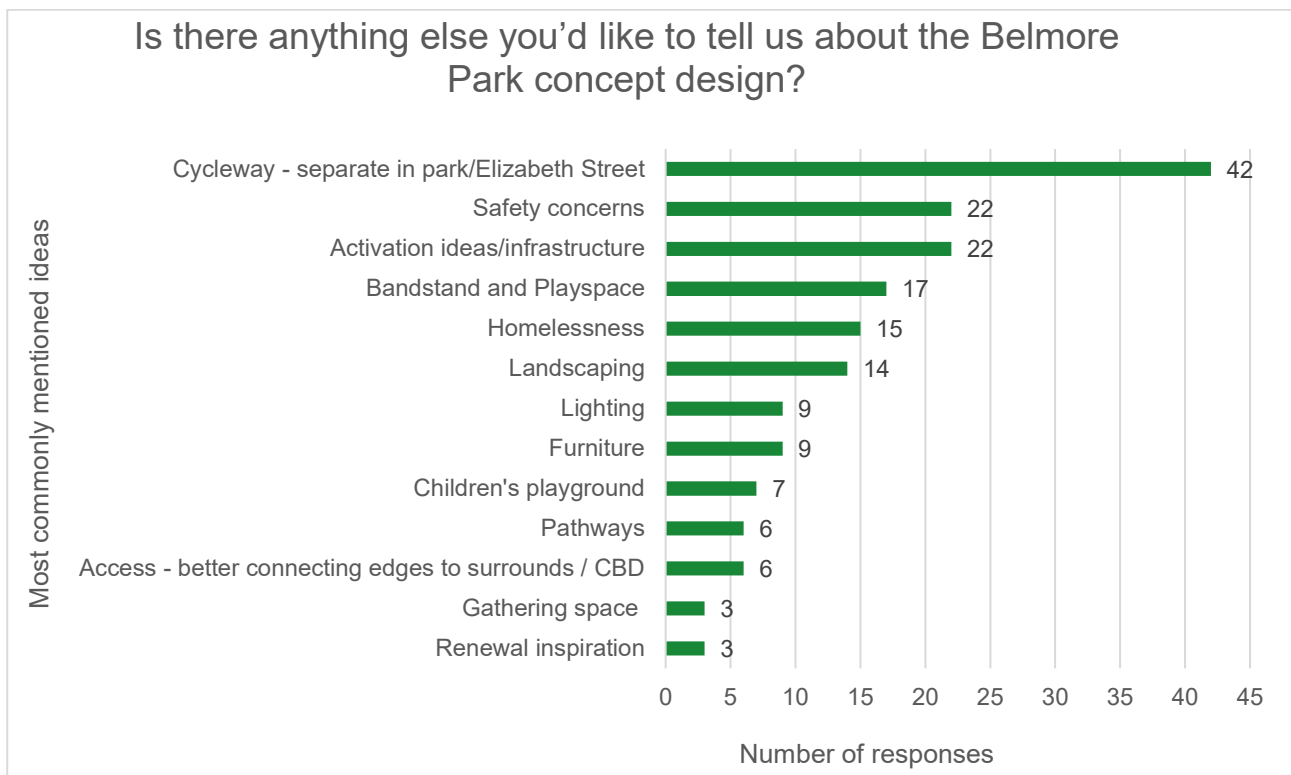
People considered that the renewal would increase the desire for people to spend time and linger in the park and this would be aided by activations, such as coffee carts or a café, gym equipment, power for musicians, a kids play area, dog park facilities and recreational equipment like ping-pong tables.

For many people Belmore park is an historically important place to connect – its central location making it a natural gathering place to meet friends or for the public to gather for rallies or cultural events, including for First Nations, the Chinese and Thai communities.

“This area is not just a public park. It is a very important space for different communities. It is used for holding cultural and traditional events, helping to build unity and harmony, and supporting ongoing economic activity.”

What do you want to tell us about the Belmore park concept design?

Survey participants were also given space to give us their thoughts specifically about the Belmore park concept design. The most commonly mentioned ideas are listed below.



Discussion of graphed themes

To follow is a summary of what people said in relation to the themes graphed in the table above.

Interaction of pedestrians and people on bikes in Belmore park (42 responses)

The most commonly mentioned concern amongst consultation participants is the current arrangement that sees people riding and pedestrians share space in the park. The current shared route along the eastern-most path of Belmore park was considered congested, confusing and dangerous for both pedestrians and cyclists. E-bikes were mentioned as being particularly dangerous due to the speed they travel (limiting of share-bike parking in the park was also mentioned via geofencing).

“I think it is very important to create separate bike lanes in the park or at least color lanes that the bikes know where to ride and people know where to walk. I walk to work every day through the park and I feel unsafe walking sometimes because I am not sure if there is a bike behind me.”

The entrance to the eastern shared path from Eddy Avenue was highlighted as a particular point of congestion (Location 2 in the concept plan).

“Location 2 in the concept plan is currently the worst point for cyclist/pedestrian contention. With many cyclists coming down the hill quickly, and large groups of pedestrians making it hard for cyclists to move fast enough to remain mounted on the uphill.”

Proposed solutions

Separate Cycleway through the park

Consultation participants proposed two primary solutions to this issue, both involving creating separate spaces for cyclists and pedestrians to travel through.

“This is a heavily used commuter cycling corridor and the conflict is a genuine safety issue - one I've experienced as both a cyclist and a pedestrian. The solution should be one of two things: dedicated separation within the eastern path if width allows, or investment in redirecting through-cyclists to Elizabeth/Castlereagh Street as the default commuter route. Mixing high-volume commuter cycling with a park designed for lingering and community use won't work.”

The most commonly mentioned solution was to create a separate cycleway along the eastern edge of Belmore park following the existing eastern-edge path line. Suggestions included:

- A two-way cycleway through the length of the park along the existing eastern path (widening the path eastwards if need be)
- Cycleway markings at high congestion points – particularly between the cycleway that joins Eddy Avenue and the entrance to the park's south easterly path.
- Separate cycling entry point from Eddy Avenue to the east of existing south eastern pedestrian entry, including the idea of a subway tunnel from existing cycleway that joins Eddy Avenue leading into the park, widening the entry to accommodate both modes of travel and markings to encourage cyclist to stay right and pedestrians left.

It was also noted that if it is to remain a shared path the paths should be widened (the width in Prince Alfred park was noted as being more successful). Better wayfinding and shared path marking and signage in the park was also suggested, including wayfinding directions to cycle lanes that connect the edges of the park to other parts of the city. Further to connections with other parts of the city it was noted that access from the Eddy Avenue cycleway to Pitt street, which leads into Haymarket, could be improved.

Separate Cycleway along Elizabeth Street

The other primary suggestion was to extend the existing bike lane that passes by the Chalmers street light rail stop so that it runs along Elizabeth Street, bypassing Belmore park altogether, and linking up with the existing cycle lane on Castlereagh Street via Hay Street or Campbell Street.

“Please extend a cycle path along Elizabeth St to Hay St, and then ban cyclists from using Belmore Park. This will improve safety for both cyclists and pedestrians and remove the feeling of Belmore Park being just a high-speed commuting thoroughfare, when it should be a calm destination.”

Safety concerns (22 responses)

The safety of Belmore park was raised as a concern. Separate from the safety issues related to interactions of cyclists and pedestrians, the majority of people writing about safety noted generally that Belmore park can feel unsafe.

Those that detailed their concerns more specifically mentioned that safety concerns are generated by the presence of homeless people and the poor surface of the paths.

People suggested path resurfacing, better lighting, CCTV surveillance and increased security patrols as ways safety could be improved in the park.

Activation ideas and supporting infrastructure (22 responses)

Consultation participants felt that Belmore park was underutilised and had great potential for activations and engagement. It was suggested that setting up volunteer community groups to promote events would be a good way to increase event attendance. It was noted that loud events such as protests and amplified music can disrupt local residents and that they should be notified of upcoming events.

Ideas for events:

- The park's proximity to the Thaitown Community and Chinatown Community mean it is a good location for community activities and cultural events.
- Pop-up Asian inspired eateries / twilight food market
- Free community classes such as yoga and Tai Chi
- Evening uses such as small cultural events, outdoor dining, theatre-related activities
- Its proximity to the Capitol Theatre and its location between the theatre district and Central Station, means the site is ideally positioned to support pre and post-theatre gathering

Infrastructure that supports activations and engagement:

- Elements that recognise Gadigal culture
- Elements that recognise cultures of Thaitown and Chinatown
- Art installations
- Accessible toilets
- Bubblers
- Improving ground surface and drainage
- Considering sufficient hardstand areas for event tents/gazebos
- Covered outdoor pavilion-like structures to improve the usability during and post rainy days
- Sufficient garbage bins and regular cleaning
- Outdoor gym equipment
- Larger playground for children

- Water features
- A vintage carousel
- Fenced-off area as a dog park
- Café or coffee cart
- Kiosk and / or news agency

The Bandstand and Playspace (17 responses)

The bandstand space was seen as an important part of activating Belmore park. The majority of the overall survey consultation participants (70%) were supportive or strongly supportive of the proposal to interpret the bandstand as a play space.

However, there were 10 people in the survey's comments sections who wanted the structure retained and renovated for use.

These people were concerned about the loss of the historical and heritage value of the bandstand architecture and the loss of its activation potential. Ideas for reuse expressed included:

- retain bandstand and use for live music - create green spaces and seating for audiences
- bandstand is a beautiful piece of history and architecture and should be converted into a café or restaurant
- restore and use as a seating area for a kiosk cafe nearby
- lighting the bandstand well can make this space feel safe at night
- retain and adapt existing Bandstand for daytime and evening use of the space, including for small-scale hospitality or social gatherings
- convert the bandstand into a temple

It was also suggested that further consultation was needed regarding the future of the bandstand, including with First Nations communities to determine interpretation. Other comments raised concerns that the playspace would be near the cycling route and this might be dangerous, while others suggested the inclusion of other elements like a slide or that the space be used for an outdoor gym or a vintage carousel.

Homelessness (15 responses)

The presence of homeless people in the park was noted in the written survey comments, with the majority of people advocating for their right to use the park and support services indicating it was an important place where they could connect with people in need of support.

Particular issues raised in support of homeless people were:

- ensure hostile architecture (specifically seating designed to be uncomfortable for sleeping) is not installed in the park
- suggestions that the upgrade can also be accompanied by further resources/consideration for community support services, eg: kiosk for support services to use to provide support, dedicated space for vehicles (with water and power) and ways for support vehicles to enter and leave the park safely.
- Concerns were raised about the displacement of homeless people during any planned renewal works in the park and how City of Sydney are planning for this

Those with concerns about the presence of people experiencing homelessness in Belmore park suggested:

- Extra seating would encourage more homeless people to come to the park
- Presence of homeless people reduces the appeal of the park for the wider public
- Presence of homeless people can make the park feel unsafe

Landscaping, lawns and planting (14 responses)

Suggestions for gardens and landscaping included the inclusion of colourful flowers, more trees and shade and an embracing of a “nature look”. The need to use non-allogenic planting was mentioned – in relation to this, the removal of London plane trees was also suggested.

It was suggested that there is sufficient current lawn and garden beds but that more considered interfaces between the soil and the footpath were required eg: low garden walls. It was also noted that some of the current tree planting drop seeds and become a slip hazard on the paths.

The community emphasised that Belmore park is also an important habitat for animals and this should be supported by the renewal:

It's also where a lot of locals gravitate to wildlife in the area. This plan needs to factor in water stations for the birds and fauna as well as catering to humans.

Similarly, a “bird area” was suggested: “A grassy patch. Some seating facing inwards. A water source.”

The shaded, damp nature of Belmore park’s ground surface was noted on a number of occasions and the need for better irrigation and drainage design was emphasised.

Lighting (9 responses)

The lighting plan for the park was well received with all comments in support. Additional suggestions included having lighting at multiple heights (overhead and at ground level):

“Lighting at various heights to improve night visibility and safety, with passive surveillance.”

People also mentioned the importance of using lighting for both safety and decoration.

“Halo lights around trees could be a good option to improve lighting and make the park more attractive at night.”

Furniture (9 responses)

The proposal for more seating was well received. People suggested more flexible seating arrangements would be good, with a mix of benches, tables and chairs and single seats. Chairs that were moveable was also suggested and seating options integrated into the gardens:

“I like the kind of chairs there are in Paris parks, metal movable ones so you can relax in them and move where the sun suits. Perhaps some more privacy for sitting around? I feel a bit exposed when sitting on the grass like everyone from work can see me as I lounge there.”

The need for picnic tables to encourage socialising was mentioned numerous times:

“...during the daytime I would really like to be able to sit at a picnic table to eat my lunch, rather than try and balance it on my knee. I often also like to sit in the park early in the morning and read the newspaper - that would be so much easier if there was a table to sit at. There doesn't have to be many of them, but just a few dotted around the park.”

“...a few picnic tables where people could eat and socialise, not just sit, would make the space even more welcoming”

A small number of people were concerned that more seating would encourage a larger number of homeless people to sleep in the park.

Children's playground (7 responses)

The current plan proposes the bandstand be interpreted as a play space and this was supported by 70% of the 139 survey participants. A small number of people (7) made comments suggesting that the renewal design include a specific children's playground saying this was needed in this part of the city and would encourage families to visit and spend time in the park.

"A playground would also be good — we take our kids out to dinner in Chinatown frequently and there's not really anywhere around this part of it for kids to run around."

"The city is in need of more playgrounds, with the nearest large playground to the CBD being Darling Harbour, which is not always an easy distance from all parts of the city."

"...please put a whole proper play space in the park near it [bandstand interpretation] so it's attractive for family picnics etc. & worth visiting. Prince Alfred Park nearby is also devoid of big great play facilities - aka a concept like at the Tramsheds or Darling Park. Given Belmore Park is often wet/damp it could be a splash area or wet play theme like at Glebe."

Pathways (6 responses)

The way people riding and walking interact on the paths was the most commonly discussed issue with respect to the path design. Other ideas raised by the community were:

- Support for renewal of pathway surfaces
- Current paths can get slippery in wet weather with seeds falling from trees
- Footpath paving similar to Hyde park should be considered
- Pathways should not be made any narrower
- Support was expressed for the proposed pathway access across Railway Colonnade Drive

Access – better connecting edges to surrounding city (6 responses)

Some people said that Belmore park felt closed-off from the surrounding city:

"Please prioritise as many open connections with the surrounding area as possible — despite being such a big space it feels a bit "closed off" and hard to get to, because of the fences along the eastern and western edges."

There was support for the existing plans to explore a pathway into Railway Colonnade Drive.

Other suggestions for creating better connecting edges to its surrounds were:

- pedestrianisation of Railway Colonnade drive
- a grande, wide staircase to access the Railway Colonnade drive on western side with seating, potential amphitheatre and exercise space

"The large roads surrounding Belmore park make it feel very disconnected from the city - sightlines to the park, removal of traffic (potentially through less lanes) or pedestrian links to the park must be implemented for any meaningful change of Belmore park to occur."

Gathering Space (3 responses)

The concept of a new gathering space for community entertainment and activities was strongly supported overall, and people expressed the need for ongoing consultation about its final form.

Renewal inspiration (3 responses)

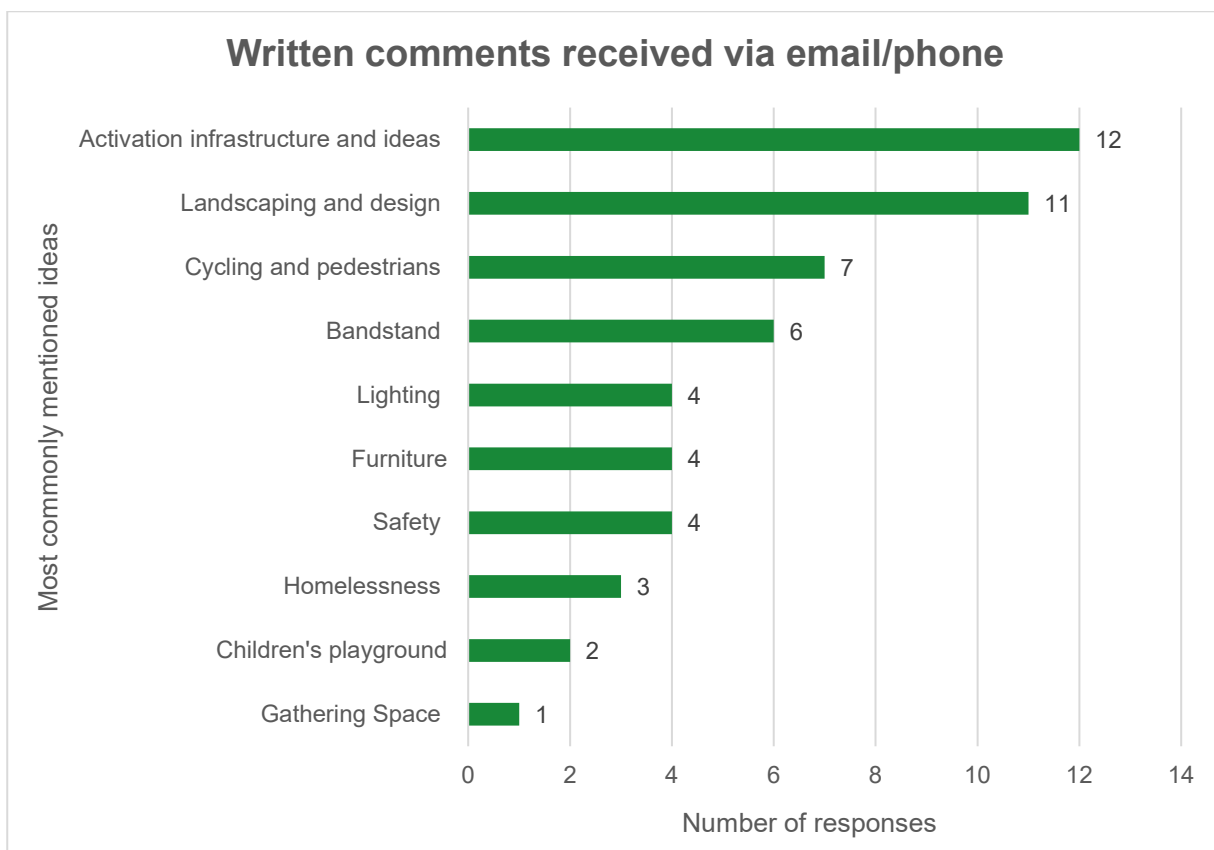
The community is excited about the prospect of the Belmore park renewal, as evidenced by the strong overall support expressed for the proposed concept design. Beyond the specific park elements already discussed, people suggested a number of overarching ideas as inspirational:

“Sydney could develop a similar concept to “Lau Pa Sat” in Singapore, also look to the Old Quarter in Hanoi where folks of all ages come together for healthy leisure (no alcohol, just good clean fun) and everyone is welcome!”

“Make sure you blend Asian town vibes with Gadigal country...Look how you did Darling Square and Sydney park for some inspiration.”

Written comments received via email

22 written submissions were received via email and one via phone. The themes raised are discussed as follows:



Activation infrastructure and ideas (12 responses)

Many community members who emailed submissions provided suggestions about ways the activation of Belmore park could be enriched through supporting infrastructure, wayfinding signage and plaques outlining its relationship to other parts of Sydney, its history, as well as providing ideas for events that would engage the public and encourage people to stay for longer in the park.

Wayfinding signage

Community members noted the role Belmore park plays as an arrival hub for people entering Sydney. As such they emphasised the importance of clear, multilingual signage and pedestrian pathways that guide people into the surrounding areas including areas of Haymarket (eg: Chinatown and Thaitown).

It was noted that Belmore park could be a welcoming arrival point for international students and visitors, with clearer orientation and access to nearby places of interest and amenities.

Public art, plaques and interpretive signage

Community members highlighted the deep and varied history of Belmore park to many people of diverse cultural backgrounds. It was suggested that public art, plaques, interpretive signage or digital storytelling in the park was one way to ensure that these histories were meaningfully acknowledge and celebrated in a way that was visible, engaging and future-focused.

It was noted that these artworks and histories should be developed in collaboration with community members and artists from the particular communities the works are celebrating and that there should be opportunities for intergenerational voices, particularly elders and youth to contribute to the vision for the park.

Specific suggestions included:

- First Nations sculptures and artworks
- Interpretive signage about the history of First Nations people and the Stolen Generations
- Interpretive signage about the long-standing presence of Chinese Australians in the area – early Chinese market gardeners, merchants, community leaders, and the evolution of Chinatown as a cultural precinct.
- Artworks by Chinese Australian artists that reflect the community's historical and contemporary contributions to Sydney
- Paving pattern and sculptural forms that reference traditional Chinese symbolism
- Collaborative projects that engage local community groups, schools, and cultural organisations.
- A plaque detailing the park's early colonial history – including early uses of the space, history of the name, and changes over time.
- Water feature: striking fountain (eg Hyde park), or modest fountain, waterfall element, or reflective pond

Recreational infrastructure

- Table tennis tables, large chess sets
- Space for small-scale circus performances and/or children's pantomimes
- Space for regular public talks and presentations by thought leaders for the general public
- Open, flexible central area to support community use, including small-scale events and cultural activities e.g. Asia Live 2026, food festivals, cultural celebrations, aligned with Haymarket's character
- Multiple public pull-up bars and other fitness equipment, including at northern end
- Dog drinking fountain (see Harmony park in Surry Hills)
- Small dog park
- Bubblers
- Public toilets: safe, accessible and inclusive amenities, including baby-change facilities

Landscaping and design (11 responses)

Community members made suggestions about the parks landscaping with respect to its trees, plantings and overall design.

Trees, gardens and plantings

- Recommend selective tree removals and/or pruning to increase solar access
- Seasonal gardens and floral displays
- A focus on Australian native and Indigenous plants such as Grevillea and Kangaroo paws
- Manicured lawns showcasing colourful flowers
- Plantings that reference traditional Chinese symbolism
- Native endemic species should be planted on the Western end of Belmore Park to connect with existing planting on Barlow Street to support biodiversity.
- Enhance existing plantings and sandstone edge lines, maintaining integrity of what exists now, in its 'original' state
- Plant out Western hill (Pitt Street end) with more endemic native plants and the Eastern hill (Elisabeth Street end), including understory plantings of small herbage and grasses. Maintaining small strip of lawn nearest existing paths, for overflow of people in events, rallies, lunchtime sunshine
- Maintaining existing lawn areas for simplest of maintenance (circular or oval), maintaining existing continuity of landscapes of interflowing spaces into the Rotunda area to lower Lawns
- Control the habitats of birds to manage overall population but not to eliminate them

Overall design

- New paved viewing and meeting area at south end of the park facing Central station - landmark meeting point, photo opportunity, and potential viewing area for visual projection displays and activations, such as Vivid.
- Lawns and paths to enhance beauty and coherence, similar to the strong spatial structure found in Hyde Park
- Re-establish the historic features of the original 19th-century design including diagonal pathways, a central fountain, and stone pillar entrances.
- Pedestrian-friendly design into and through park
- Access should be improved from Central Station, reduce car lanes on Eddy Ave.

Cycling and pedestrians (7 responses)

Similarly to feedback from survey respondents the primary concern was the challenges of cyclist and pedestrian interaction in the park, which people characterised as congested and unsafe. The solutions suggested, mirror those discussed earlier in this report:

- A separated cycle path that connects Eddy Avenue to Castlereagh Street on the eastern edge of the park. This included suggestions for a cycleway where the current eastern path is, physically separated, or visually distinct from, the pedestrian zone; as well as a separate cycleway further east of the existing path closest to the railway overpass
- The eastern pathway that connects Eddy Avenue to Castlereagh Street should have clear delineation for pedestrians and cyclists

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- Institute bike 'traffic-calming' measures to reduce the speed of bikes traveling through Belmore park to protect pedestrian safety. The point was made that cyclists need to be reminded of the 10km per hour speed limit
- Reorganising the transition at the lights on Eddy Avenue as the dedicated bike lane turns into a shared lane which runs into Belmore park along the eastern path. As in survey feedback this was identified as a particular “chokepoint” which interrupts the flow of traffic.

Bandstand (6 responses)

The people who made written submissions about the Bandstand primarily felt that it should be restored and activated. People made the following suggestions:

- Restore and activate the historic rotunda pavilion as a focal point within the park
- Bandstand could be an Indigenous café offering food made from bush tucker
- Consider options that celebrate the Bandstand's heritage and respect its significant fabric
- Rotunda should be restored and utilized for music and cultural purposes - as a Cultural Arts Performing Space or Display Space of Community Projects
- The design of the new recreational facility, be it a play space or other facility should consider potential integration of the bandstand, ensuring that any intervention respects and enhances its heritage significance
- Adaptive reuse of the bandstand as an interactive or shaded gathering point

Lighting (4 responses)

Community feedback suggested that lighting was important for safety and for creating a welcoming and comfortable atmosphere. Feedback suggested warm light rather than cool tones should be used and made the point that lighting should take into account the potential disturbance to birds and other animals that live in the park.

Lighting ideas were:

- Use subtle uplighting of mature trees at night
- Use warm white lighting rather than harsh cool white tones
- Use solar-powered tree lighting for enhancement and visual effect of 'Avenues of trees' at night
- Focus on well-placed, low-glare pole-mounted fixtures for visibility and sense of safety needed at night, while avoiding unnecessary light spill and support the park's biodiversity
- Catenary lighting, while visually appealing, may disturb birds that nest in the park

Furniture (4 responses)

Some people suggested the need for more flexible seating and table options and bins that cannot be opened by the general public. Specific suggestions were:

- Picnic tables or small reading tables placed in quieter pockets of the park
- more group-friendly seating (bench seating with tables, or curved and/or rounded seating arrangements)
- movable chairs
- garbage bins that can't be opened by the general public

Safety (4 responses)

Safety was again raised as a concern in Belmore park with specific suggestions to improve safety as follows:

- Improve solar access and light in the park by thinning the tree canopy
- Improve sightlines by trimming shrubbery (particularly at the North-West entry point)
- Improve path surface which currently pose tripping risks
- Have a small police presence patrol the park
- People should have a licence to protest in the park
- Install CCTV cameras in the park

Homelessness (3 responses)

Some community members emphasised the need to support people experiencing homelessness, during construction and after the upgrades have been completed.

“Homeless people are members of the public too but often parks are designed in ways that either ignore or deliberately discourage them from using the space.”

People made the following comments:

- That the renewal should provide a clearer dedicated space for the homeless people
- The renewal process should include a clear approach for supporting those who currently rely on the park as their home
- Homeless people should not be merely displaced during renewal but be provided pathways into accommodation
- Homelessness services highlighted their needs such as: safe access for two vans via established pathways or solid ground, access to water and space for grey water evacuation and provision of two power points.

“Our primary interest is ensuring that the park remains a functional, inclusive, and safe environment for all community members, including those experiencing homelessness and hardship.”

Children's Playground (2 responses)

Two people suggested the inclusion of a children's playground, one person suggesting the northern end of the park under the London Plane Trees as a good location.

Gathering Space (1 response)

“The inclusion of a community gathering space is supported. However, a more sympathetic, tiered seating arrangement, designed in an amphitheatre style is likely to offer greater practicality and comfort for group activities than relying solely on lawn areas.”

Pop-ups in Belmore Park

Summary of Pop-ups in Belmore Park

During the consultation period we held three pop-ups in Belmore Park. We scheduled these for times of peak usage: Early morning (8am – 9:30am), lunchtime (12pm-2pm) and evening (4pm – 6pm).

We spoke to a range of park users but especially commuters walking and riding through the park, local residents walking their dogs, office workers walking through the park or eating lunch and homelessness service providers.

At the pop-ups the plans were printed on large boards and members of the community engagement and project design teams were present to speak with the community. The pop-ups were a great opportunity to explain in person to the community the proposed renewal of the park.

Many community members took flyers and said they intended to fill in a survey or email us their feedback and distribute to colleagues. An overview of topics discussed is listed below with the feedback and concerns being in line with feedback gathered via surveys and emails.

The community were generally positive about the proposals and appreciative of improvements being made to the park. People felt that Belmore Park was an important green space within the CBD that was in need of renewal and had great potential.

Specific topics included:

- Address conflict between pedestrians and cyclists
- Great to see more seating / comfortable park spaces for office workers
- Suggestions for movable chairs and tables so people could eat in comfort
- Supportive of improved lighting, particularly decorative lighting
- Positive to have an open-air platform for small events
- Supportive of removing gardens on the western edge of the park to improve sight lines.
- Bandstand – the majority of feedback was positive about the proposed play space. However, some a small number of people suggested that the building should be retained as a café or a community space with options for activities like ping-pong tables.
- Homelessness services explained ongoing need for vehicle access, access to water, power and water disposal in the delivery of their services.

Appendices

Appendix A: Communications overview

The following is a snapshot of the outcomes of communications activities undertaken to support the consultation. Activities reached a range of audience segments via City of Sydney channels.

Activity	Outcome
Sydney Your Say webpage	1. 2002 views.
City of Sydney Lord Mayor letter	2. Delivered to 5522 owners, residents and businesses within a 450-metre radius of the park on 9 March 2026.
On-site signage	3. On-site signage was erected in various locations around the park.
Sydney Your Say e-news	4. Consultation was included in the Sydney Your Say e-newsletter on March 12 to 3997 subscribers.
Haymarket Precinct page e-news	5. Consultation was listed on the Haymarket Precinct page on 9 March and included in the Haymarket precinct newsletter on 24 March, sent to 448 subscribers.
Stakeholder emails	6. Email notifications about the consultation were sent to 665 stakeholders on 10 March.
Social media	7. Social media posts were made on 11 March, 2026 (Instagram -10,039 views, facebook - 5710 views and LinkedIn - 2306 members reached) and on March 23 (Instagram – 42,598 views, Facebook - 6,145 views).

Appendix B: Communications activities

Sydney Your Say web page:

The screenshot shows a blue header with the text "Proposed works & maintenance" in white. Below this is the main title "Your feedback on plans to renew Belmore Park in Haymarket" in large white font. A sub-header reads: "We plan to renew Belmore Park opposite Central Station. Our plans include better lighting, pathways and new gathering and play spaces." A green button labeled "Haymarket" is visible. Below the header is a dark blue box with a speech bubble icon and the text "Open for feedback". It states: "We invite your feedback on plans to renew this park." and "PUBLIC CONSULTATION PERIOD 9 March 2026 to 6 April 2026".

What we're doing

We want to hear your views on our proposed improvements to Belmore Park. Your feedback will help with the continued revitalisation of the Haymarket area.

Community feedback has helped us to develop the Belmore Park concept design.

Key features of the design include:

- simpler paths with new surfaces
- better lighting for people to feel safer at night
- exploring ways to turn the bandstand into a fun play space
- a place for the community to meet and spend time together
- more greenery, planter beds and seating
- keeping all mature and healthy trees in the park.

We're investigating improving access to the park on the western side, with more paths and seating.

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Why we're doing this

Belmore Park is on Gadigal Country. It's an [important historical park](#) and a major connection point to Central station. It hosts regular political demonstrations and cultural gatherings, including Lunar New Year celebrations.

The park is a significant place with enduring connection for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, activism and cultural practice. Its closeness to Central station makes it an important place for members of the Stolen Generations.

Improving Belmore Park is a priority in our [Haymarket and Chinatown revitalisation strategy](#) and [Haymarket and Chinatown public domain plan](#). We developed the strategy and plan after hearing from more than 1,150 people who contributed to the [community's vision for Haymarket](#).

When we consulted the community, we heard that improving safety, sightlines and entrances to the park is important, along with reinterpreting the bandstand and the creative use of lighting.

We also heard that the park could be more inviting with better paths and cycleways, more seating and spaces for recreation. These improvements would encourage people to enjoy one of the bigger green spaces in Central Sydney.

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The website material was translated into Simplified Chinese:

欢迎就 Haymarket 的 Belmore 公园改造计划提出您的意见

我们计划对位于中央火车站对面的 Belmore 公园进行改造升级。改造内容包括加强照明、优化步道，并打造新的聚会与活动空间。

我们正在开展的工作

我们诚邀您分享对拟议的 Belmore 公园改造方案的看法。您的反馈将有助于 Haymarket 地区的持续振兴。

社区居民的反馈帮助我们制订了 Belmore 公园的概念设计方案。设计的要点包括：

- 简化步道布局，并铺设全新路面
- 加强照明，让行人在夜间感到安心
- 探索将乐队演奏亭改造为有趣的活动空间的可能性
- 打造一个方便社区居民相聚交流、共享时光的空间
- 增加绿化植被、栽培床和座椅设施
- 保留公园内所有成熟且健康的树木。

我们也正在设法改善公园西侧的出入口条件，增加步道和座椅。

为什么要进行这项改造

Belmore 公园位于 Gadigal 族群的传统土地上。这是一座具有重要历史意义的公园，也是连接中央火车站的重要节点。公园经常举办政治集会和文化活动，包括农历新年庆祝活动。

这座公园与原住民和托雷斯海峡岛民有着深厚而持久的文化与历史联系，是开展社会和文化活动的重要场所。由于毗邻中央火车站，这里对“被偷走的一代”的成员也具有重大意义。

改造 Belmore 公园是我们的《Haymarket 和唐人街复兴战略》以及《Haymarket 和唐人街公共空间规划》中的首要项目。《战略》和《规划》是在听取了超过 1,150 名社区成员意见后制定的，他们也曾为 Haymarket 的社区愿景建言献策。

在社区咨询过程中，我们了解到大家十分重视改善公园的安全性、视野和出入口，以及重新诠释乐队演奏亭的功能和采用具有创意的照明。

社区反馈中也提到改善步道和自行车道、增加座椅和休闲活动空间，可以让公园变得更加便利、舒适、诱人。这些改进将有助于吸引更多市民前来享受这片位于悉尼市中心的重要绿地。

The website material was translated into Thai:

ความคิดเห็นของคุณต่อแผนการปรับปรุงสวนสาธารณะ Belmore Park ในย่าน Haymarket

เรามีแผนจะปรับปรุงและพัฒนาสวนสาธารณะ Belmore Park ซึ่งตั้งอยู่ตรงข้ามสถานี Central Station โดยแผนงานของเราประกอบด้วยปรับปรุงระบบไฟส่องสว่าง ทางเดินภายในสวน รวมถึงการสร้างพื้นที่ใหม่สำหรับการพบปะสังสรรค์และพื้นที่เล่นสำหรับเด็ก

สิ่งที่เรากำลังดำเนินการ

เราต้องการรับฟังความคิดเห็นของคุณเกี่ยวกับข้อเสนอการปรับปรุง Belmore Park ความคิดเห็นของคุณจะช่วยสนับสนุนการฟื้นฟูและพัฒนาพื้นที่ Haymarket อย่างต่อเนื่อง

ความคิดเห็นจากชุมชนได้ช่วยให้เราพัฒนาแนวคิดการออกแบบของ Belmore Park องค์ประกอบสำคัญของการออกแบบประกอบด้วย:

- ทางเดินที่เรียบง่ายขึ้น พร้อมพื้นผิวใหม่
- ระบบไฟส่องสว่างที่ดีขึ้น เพื่อให้บริการประชาชนรู้สึกปลอดภัยมากขึ้นในเวลากลางคืน
- เพื่อพิจารณาเปลี่ยนเวทีดนตรี (Bandstand) ให้เป็นพื้นที่เล่นที่สนุกสนาน
- พื้นที่สำหรับให้ชุมชนได้พบปะและใช้เวลาร่วมกัน
- เพิ่มพื้นที่สีเขียว แปลงปลูกต้นไม้ และที่นั่ง
- คู่อริक्षाต้นไม้ใหญ่ที่แข็งแรงสมบูรณ์ทั้งหมดภายในสวนสาธารณะไว้เหมือนเดิม

เรายังกำลังศึกษาความเป็นไปได้ในการปรับปรุงการเดินทางเข้าสู่สวนสาธารณะทางฝั่งตะวันตก โดยเพิ่มทางเดินและที่นั่งใหม่มากขึ้น

ทำไมเราจึงดำเนินโครงการนี้

Belmore Park ตั้งอยู่บนดินแดนของชาว Gadigal เป็นสวนสาธารณะทางประวัติศาสตร์ที่สำคัญ และเป็นจุดเชื่อมต่อหลักกับสถานี Central Station ที่นี่เป็นสถานที่จัดการชุมนุมทางการเมืองและกิจกรรมทางวัฒนธรรมอย่างสม่ำเสมอ รวมถึงการเฉลิมฉลองต้อนรับปีใหม่ทางจันทรคติ

สวนแห่งนี้เป็นสถานที่ที่มีความสำคัญอย่างยิ่ง และมีความเชื่อมโยงอย่างต่อเนื่องกับชาวอะบอริจินและชาวเกาะของแคนทอร์เรส การเคลื่อนไหวทางสังคม และการปฏิบัติทางวัฒนธรรม ความใกล้ชิดกับสถานี Central Station ทำให้ที่นี่เป็นสถานที่สำคัญสำหรับสมาชิกของกลุ่มคนที่ถูกพรากจากครอบครัว (Stolen Generations) ด้วย

การปรับปรุง Belmore Park เป็นหนึ่งสิ่งสำคัญของกลยุทธ์การฟื้นฟูย่าน Haymarket และ Chinatown รวมถึงแผนพัฒนาสาธารณะสมบัติของ Haymarket และ Chinatown เราได้พัฒนากลยุทธ์และแผนเหล่านี้หลังจากรับฟังความคิดเห็นจากประชาชนกว่า 1,150 คน ที่รวมกันบอกเล่าวิสัยทัศน์ของชุมชนที่มีต่ออนาคตของย่าน Haymarket

จากการปรึกษาหารือกับชุมชน เราทราบว่าพวกเขามองเห็นความต้องการให้เพิ่มความปลอดภัย การปรับปรุงทัศนวิสัย และการพัฒนาทางเข้าออกสวนเป็นสิ่งสำคัญ รวมถึงการดีความและฟื้นฟูเวทีดนตรี (bandstand) และการใช้แสงไฟอย่างสร้างสรรค์

เรายังได้รับข้อเสนอแนะว่าสวนจะน่าเที่ยวมากขึ้นอีก ด้วยการปรับปรุงทางเดินและเส้นทางจักรยาน เพิ่มที่นั่งพักผ่อน และจัดสรรพื้นที่สำหรับกิจกรรมสันทนาการ การปรับปรุงเหล่านี้จะช่วยส่งเสริมให้ผู้คนเข้ามาใช้งานและเพลิดเพลินกับหนึ่งในพื้นที่สีเขียวขนาดใหญ่ใจกลางซิดนีย์

How you can give feedback

Consultation closes at 5pm on Monday 6 April 2026.

① Complete our survey

You'll need to log in with a City of Sydney account to complete the survey. If you don't have an account, it's easy to create one.

填写我们的简短问卷

您需要使用悉尼市政府账户登录后才能填写问卷。如果您还没有账户，创建步骤很简单。
打开问卷调查后，选择您所需的语言。

ทำแบบสำรวจสั้น ๆ ของเรา

คุณจำเป็นต้องเข้าสู่ระบบด้วยบัญชี City of Sydney เพื่อตอบแบบสำรวจนี้ หากทำแล้วยังไม่มีบัญชี ก็สามารถสมัครได้อย่างง่ายดาย
หลังจากเปิดแบบสอบถามแล้ว คุณสามารถเลือกภาษาที่คุณต้องการได้

② Email or post your feedback

You can give your feedback by email to sydneyyoursay@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au or post to:

Gareth Jenkins
Senior Community Engagement Coordinator
City of Sydney
456 Kent Street
Sydney NSW 2000

③ Attend a pop-up in the park

Come along to a pop-up session in Belmore Park where you can find out more about the project and share your views with us:

- Tuesday 17 March, 4pm to 6:30pm
- Wednesday 18 March, 12pm to 2:30pm
- Thursday 19 March, 8am to 9:30am

Other ways you can give feedback

Talk to us in person	✓
If you are Deaf or have complex communication needs	✓
If you need an Interpreter	✓

Concept Design:

The Belmore Park concept design was made available as a downloadable PDF from the webpage in English, Simplified Chinese and Thai:

Belmore Park renewal



Why we're renewing Belmore Park

Belmore Park is on Gadigal Country. It's an important historical park and a major connection point to Central station. Belmore Park is a substantial green space in Central Sydney. It hosts regular political demonstrations and cultural gatherings, including Lunar New Year celebrations.

Belmore Park is a significant place with enduring connection for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, activism and cultural practice. Its closeness to Central station makes the park an important place for members of the Stolen Generations.

Renewing Belmore Park is a priority in our Haymarket and Chinatown revitalisation strategy and Haymarket and Chinatown public domain plan, which Council endorsed in 2023. We developed the strategy and plan after hearing from more than 1,150 people who contributed to the community's vision for the precinct.

What we've heard from the community

You've told us you would like to see:

1. Improved safety through lighting and activity
2. Better sightlines at entrances
3. Activation of the park through improved pathways and cycleways
4. Exploring bandstand uses with creative lighting
5. More seating and recreational spaces to encourage people to enjoy the park
6. Improved event infrastructure through the provision of power



Belmore Park, 1923 View looking south toward Central station

"Still doesn't feel safe at night. Maybe improve lighting"

"A place you hurry through instead of lingering in to appreciate the greenery"

"Make it unique and special"

"Make it more welcoming for people to enjoy"

Site plans

Existing site plan

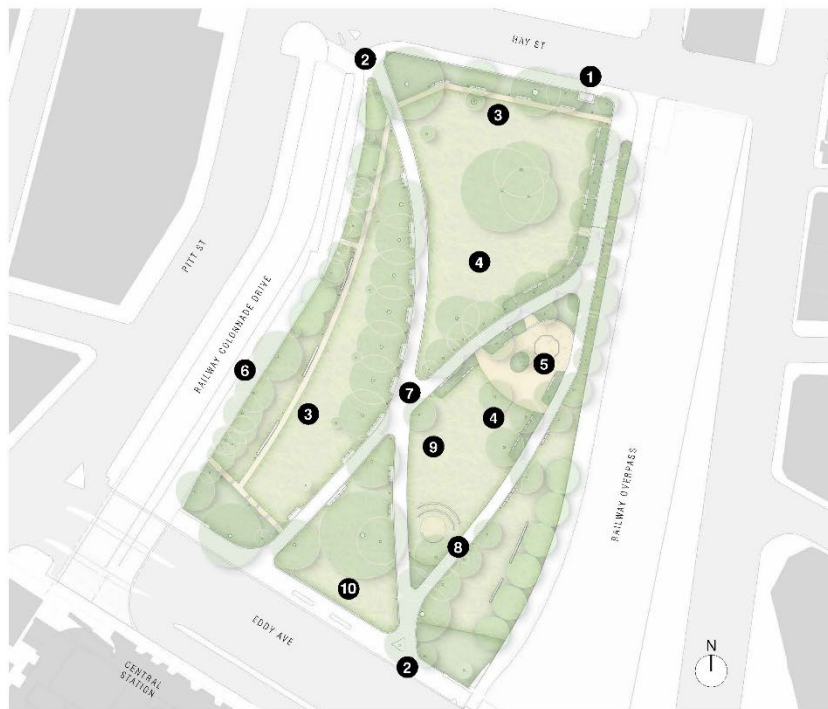
- ❶ Future public toilet
- ❷ Existing kiosk
- ❸ Existing bandstand
- ❹ Hardstand area
- ❺ Bus stop



Proposed site plan

- ❶ Public toilet
- ❷ Improved access and sightlines at park entry points
- ❸ New paths with more seating
- ❹ Increased lawn areas
- ❺ Play space (bandstand interpretation)
- ❻ Investigate pathway access to Railway Colonnade Drive
- ❼ Simplified pathways with surface and lighting upgrades
- ❽ New community gathering space
- ❾ Power for events throughout park
- ❿ Improved park edge to Eddy Ave

- Lawn
- Gardens with new planting
- Play area soft fall
- ▬ Park benches
- ▬ Seating walls



Key design ideas



Artist impression of indicative gathering space - nighttime

Simpler paths, more lawn & gardens

Includes:

- better paths to make moving through the park easier
- larger lawn areas
- more gardens with new planting



Creating a destination

Includes:

- exploring an interpretation of the bandstand as a play space
- a new gathering space for everyday use and events
- bench seating in new gardens
- paved areas for moveable chairs and tables
- provision of power for events



Key design ideas



Artist impression of indicative play space - nighttime

A safe and memorable night-time experience

Includes:

- better park lighting for safety
- unique and creative lighting design for gathering space and play space
- better event infrastructure for night-time activities



More park seating

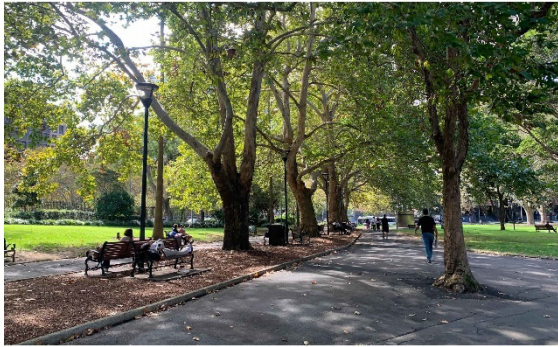
Includes:

- more park benches
- sandstone seat walls
- areas for moveable chairs and tables



Belmore park concept design in Thai

การฟื้นฟูสวนสาธารณะ Belmore Park



ทำไมเราจึงกำลังฟื้นฟู Belmore Park

Belmore Park เป็นสวนสาธารณะขนาดใหญ่ที่มีพื้นที่ประมาณ 100 เฮกตาร์ ตั้งอยู่ในย่าน Belmore ซึ่งอยู่ทางใต้ของเมืองซิดนีย์ สวนสาธารณะแห่งนี้มีพื้นที่ส่วนใหญ่เป็นพื้นที่สีเขียวที่ร่มรื่นและมีต้นไม้ใหญ่จำนวนมาก สวนสาธารณะแห่งนี้มีพื้นที่ส่วนใหญ่เป็นพื้นที่สีเขียวที่ร่มรื่นและมีต้นไม้ใหญ่จำนวนมาก



Belmore Park, 1923 บนถนนสายที่ตัดผ่าน Central Station

เราจับฟังเสียงจากชุมชนมาได้อย่างไร

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แผนสถานที่

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ความคิดการออกแบบหลัก



จินตนาการถึงสวนสาธารณะที่ใหม่และดีขึ้น

เส้นทางที่ง่ายขึ้น สนามและสวนที่เพิ่มขึ้น

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Belmore park concept design in Simplified Chinese

Belmore 公园改造计划



为什么要对 Belmore 公园进行改造

Belmore 公园位于 Sydney 历史悠久的核心地带，是悉尼最古老且最具象征意义的公园。自悉尼建城以来，Belmore 公园一直是悉尼市中心一个重要的公共空间，承载着悉尼的历史和文化记忆，也是悉尼市民休闲娱乐的重要场所。

Belmore 公园历史悠久，是悉尼最古老的公园之一。它见证了悉尼从一个小渔村发展成为一个国际大都市的过程。公园内有许多具有历史价值的建筑和景观，是悉尼历史文化名城的重要组成部分。

改造 Belmore 公园的目的是为了提升公园的景观品质，增加公园的公共空间，改善公园的步行和骑行环境，以及为市民提供更多的休闲娱乐设施。改造后的 Belmore 公园将成为悉尼市中心的一个新的公共空间，为市民提供更多的休闲娱乐场所。



Belmore 公园，1923 年（俯瞰图中中央火车站）

我们从社区听到的意见

社区成员希望看到以下改进：

1. 增加步行和骑行的安全设施
2. 改善公园出入口的标识
3. 增加步行和骑行的安全设施
4. 增加步行和骑行的安全设施
5. 增加步行和骑行的安全设施
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场地平面图

当前的场地平面图

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拟议场地平面图

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主要设计理念



公园夜间景观效果图

简化步道布局，增加草坪和花园

- 简化步道布局，增加草坪和花园
- 增加步行和骑行的安全设施
- 增加步行和骑行的安全设施

打造具有吸引力的公共空间

- 增加步行和骑行的安全设施
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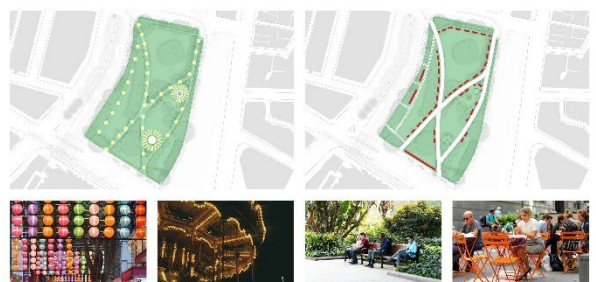
公园夜间景观效果图

提供安全且令人难以忘怀的晚间体验

- 增加步行和骑行的安全设施
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Engagement report – Belmore park renewal

Survey: The consultation survey was accessible from the consultation webpage in English, Simplified Chinese and Thai. The survey was also supplied in hard-copy to community members.

Belmore Park renewal - concept design community engagement

Belmore Park Upgrade

We want to hear your views on our proposed plans to improve Belmore Park. Your feedback will help with the continued revitalisation of this area.

* 1. Overall, do you support the proposed improvements to Belmore Park?

Do not support Neutral Support Strongly support

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* 2. Do you support more seating throughout the park?

Do not support Neutral Support Strongly support

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* 3. Do you support new lighting on main paths?

Do not support Neutral Support Strongly support

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* 4. Do you support a simpler path network with upgraded surfaces?

Do not support Neutral Support Strongly support

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* 5. Do you support larger open lawns and more garden beds?

Do not support Neutral Support Strongly support

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* 6. Do you support an interpretation of the bandstand as a play space?

Do not support Neutral Support Strongly support

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* 7. Do you support a new community gathering space?

Do not support Neutral Support Strongly support

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8. Please tell us why Belmore Park is important to you?

9. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us about the Belmore Park concept design?

10. What is your relationship to Belmore Park (select as many as are applicable)

- ☐ I walk through Belmore Park
- ☐ I ride through Belmore Park
- ☐ I relax in Belmore Park
- ☐ I get together with other people in Belmore Park
- ☐ I go to events in Belmore Park
- ☐ I don't go to Belmore Park
- ☐ Other (please specify)

11. Contact details - Name:

12. Contact details - Email address:

13. If answering on behalf of an organisation or business - Organisation/Business Name:

14. If answering on behalf of an organisation or business - email address (if different from above):

15. What is your age? (select one)

- ☐ I am under 16 and have permission from my parent/guardian to complete this survey
- ☐ 16 to 19
- ☐ 20 to 29
- ☐ 30 to 39
- ☐ 40 to 49
- ☐ 50 to 59
- ☐ 60 to 69
- ☐ 70 to 79
- ☐ 80 or older
- ☐ Prefer not to say

16. What is your identified gender? (select one)

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ X (intersex, trans or gender non-binary)
- ☐ Prefer not to say

The contact information will be held by the City of Sydney and not shared with any third parties, in line with our [privacy management plan](#).

Privacy and personal information protection notice

Purpose: Collect community feedback on a concept design for renewing Belmore Park.

Recipients: City of Sydney staff/contractors.

Supply: Voluntary.

Access/Correction: City of Sydney, 456 Kent St, Sydney, 9265 9333.

Storage: Council's record management system in line with our [privacy management plan](#). Responses are stored temporarily on a third-party service called SurveyMonkey ([terms of use](#) and [privacy policy](#)).

This consultation was included in Sydney Your Say E-newsletter on March 12, 2026.

Sydney Your Say

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Image: City of Sydney

Renewing Belmore Park opposite Central station

Our plans include better lighting, pathways and new gathering and play spaces. Your feedback will help with the continued revitalisation of the Haymarket area.

Have your say by Monday 6 April.

[Read more](#)

This consultation was included in Haymarket Precinct E-newsletter on March 24, 2026.



Belmore Park. Image: Will Jones.

Renewing Belmore Park

We want to hear your views on proposed changes to this important historical park, a major connection point to Central station and the broader Haymarket precinct.

Planned upgrades include better lighting, pathways, more greenery and new gathering and play spaces. These improvements are part of our [Haymarket and Chinatown revitalisation strategy](#) and [Haymarket and Chinatown public domain plan](#).

See the concept design and have your say by 6 April.

[Learn more](#)

On-site signage was displayed in the park

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Have your say

Tell us what you think of our new designs for Belmore Park.

We plan to rejuvenate Belmore Park to make it more beautiful, safe and suitable for events.

We'd like to hear what you think of our proposed designs.

Your feedback will contribute to the revitalisation of the Haymarket area.

Take the online survey or email us by 5pm, 6 April

For more information, contact
Ana Carrillo Restrepo
02 9265 9333
sydneyoursay@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

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A5 flyers promoting the consultation were distributed at pop-ups:

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Thanks for helping to make Sydney better.

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Pop-ups in Belmore park: three pop-ups were held in Belmore park where the consultation boards were on display and members of staff present to speak with community members.



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Consultation Letter

A consultation notification letter from the Lord Mayor was delivered to 5522 owners, residents and businesses within a 450-metre radius of the park on 9 March 2026.



The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor of Sydney
CLOVER MOORE AO

9 March 2026

Your feedback on Belmore Park, Haymarket
欢迎就 Haymarket 的 Belmore 公园改造计划提出您的意见
ตามความเห็นของท่านเกี่ยวกับ Belmore Park ใน Haymarket

I write to invite your feedback on the City of Sydney's proposal to renew Belmore Park.

When we developed our Haymarket and Chinatown revitalisation strategy and Haymarket public domain plan, we heard from the community that improving Belmore Park is a priority. Council endorsed these plans in 2023.

We used this feedback to develop our proposal for Belmore Park, which includes:

- Simplified path networks and upgraded surfaces
- Better lighting
- Exploring an interpretation of the bandstand as a play space
- Exploring solutions to minimise conflicts between people walking and riding
- A new community gathering space
- More greenery, planter beds and seating.

All mature and healthy trees will be retained.

How to give feedback

The proposed design is on the back of this letter. You can give your feedback at sydneyyoursay.com.au until 5pm on Monday 6 April 2026.

For more information, please contact Ana Carrillo Restrepo, Delivery Manager City Design, on 02 9265 9333 or at sydneyyoursay@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au.

如何提交您的意见

本信背面附有拟议设计方案。您可在 2026 年 4 月 6 日（星期一）下午 5 点前访问 sydneyyoursay.com.au 提交意见。

如需了解更多信息，请联系 City Design 项目交付经理 Ana Carrillo Restrepo，电话 02 9265 9333，或发送邮件至 sydneyyoursay@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

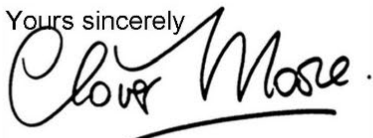
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วิธีการแสดงความคิดเห็น

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สอบถามรายละเอียดเพิ่มเติมกรุณาติดต่อคุณ Ana Carrillo Restrepo ผู้จัดการการส่งมอบผลงาน ฝ่ายการออกแบบของเมืองได้ที่เบอร์ 02 9265 9333 หรือที่ sydneyyoursay@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



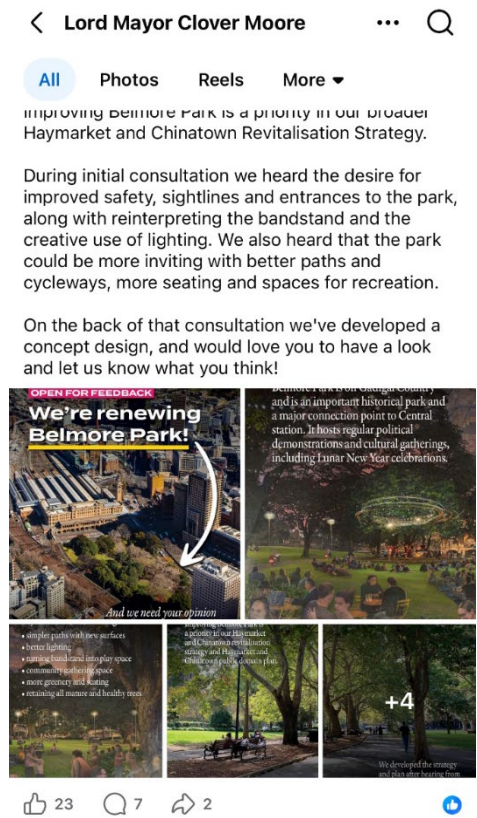
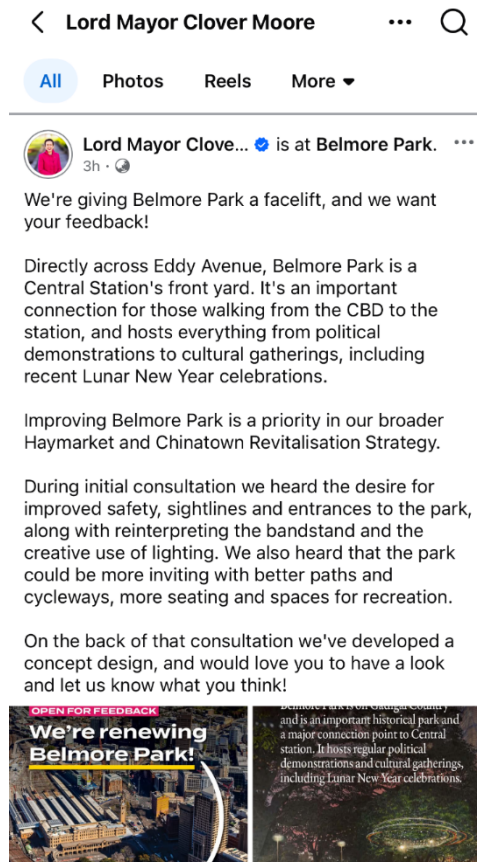
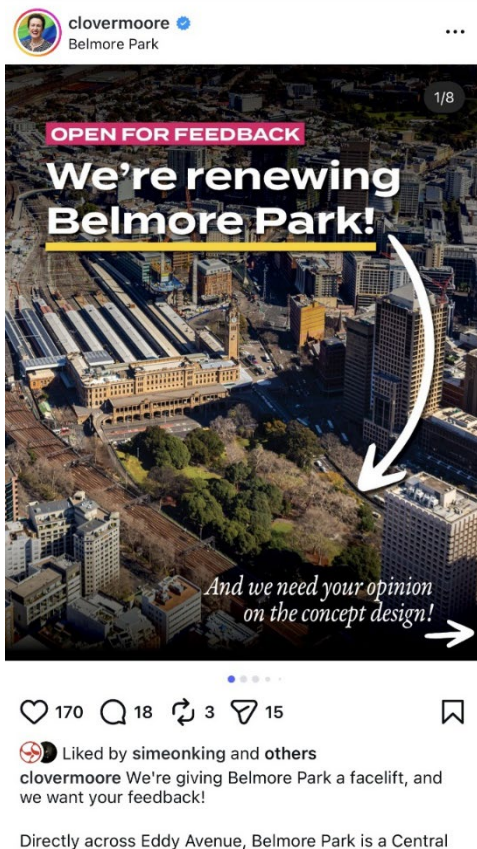
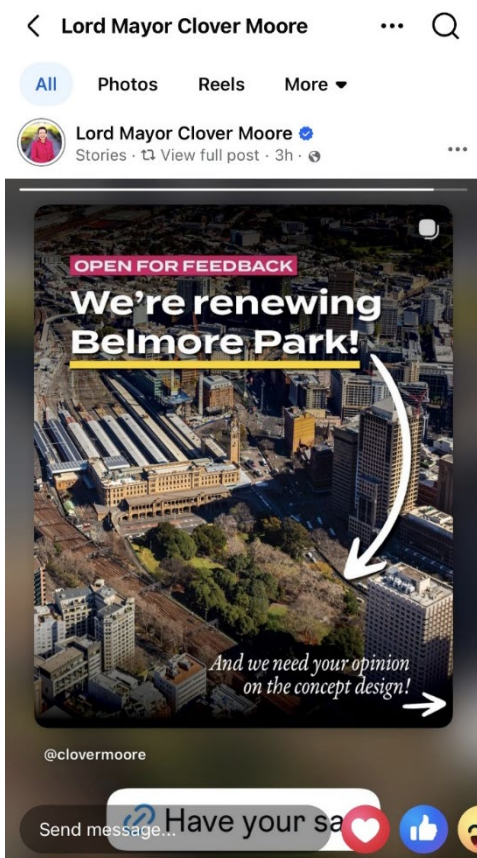
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Lord Mayor of Sydney



- LEGEND**
1. LARGER LAWNS WITH MORE SEATING & GARDEN BEDS
 2. PLAY SPACE (BANDSTAND INTERPRETATION)
 3. SIMPLIFIED PATHWAY NETWORK WITH UPGRADED LIGHTING
 4. INVESTIGATE PATHWAY ACCESS TO RAILWAY COLONADE DRIVE
 5. NEW COMMUNITY GATHERING SPACE
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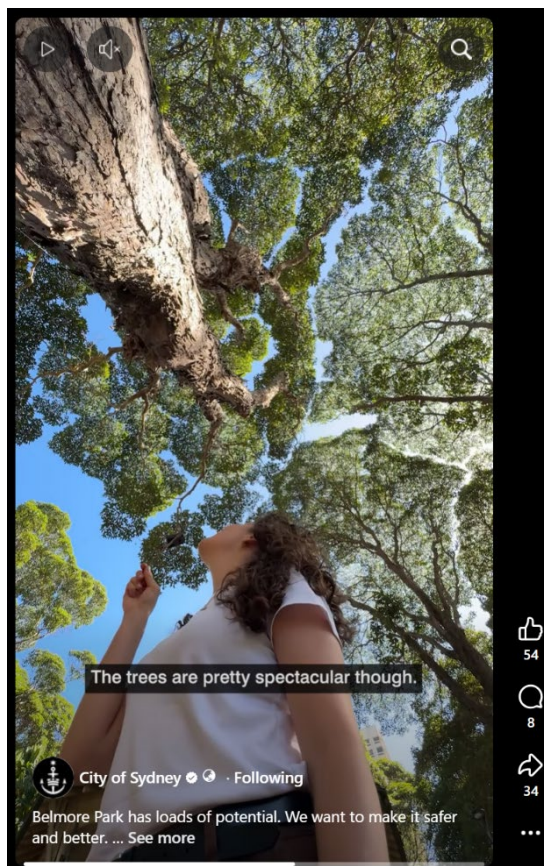
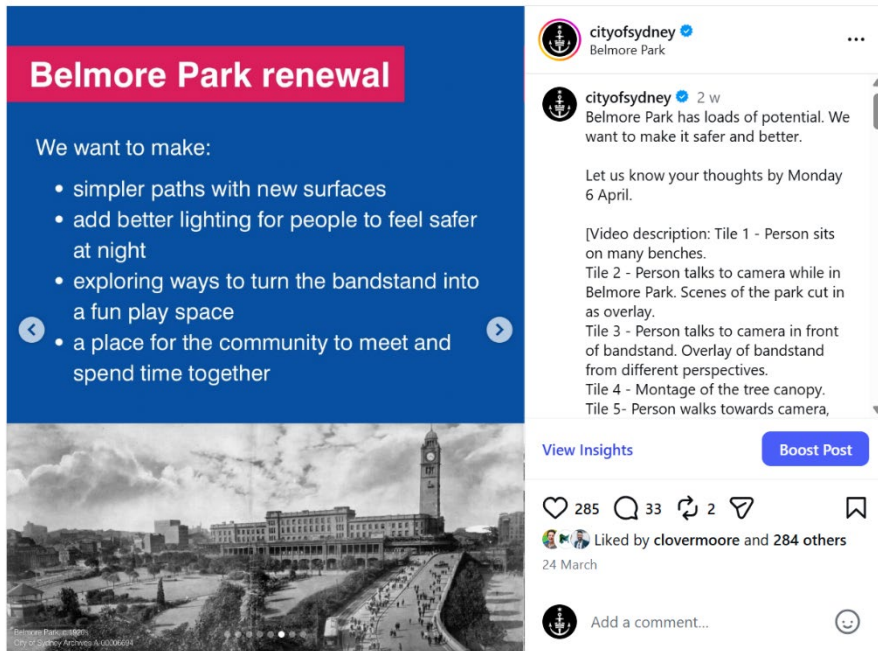
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Social media posts were made on Instagram, facebook and linkedin on 11 March, 2026.



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Social media posts were made on Instagram and facebook and linkedin on 23 March, 2026.



Attachment D

Schedule of Submissions and Responses
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Belmore Park Renewal

Summary of Written Submissions Received During Public Exhibition Period

9 March – 6 April 2026

The count includes data from 162 total submissions (139 surveys, 22 written submissions and 1 phone submission).

Note:

- Submissions from emails and surveys are grouped according to topic.
- # is shorthand for number of times mentioned
- Where several topics have been provided in a single survey, they have been separated and collated by topic
- Organisations that provided a written submission by email have been discussed separately; counts for these are included in the topics. Those organisations that participated in the survey have been included in the general themes.

Item no	Issue	Response / Action	#	Design review in the next phase
Consultation Comments – Individual submissions - Online forms and emails				
	Park Renewal: Supportive			
1	General support for the park upgrade works including the works shown. Specific comments noted how important the trees and green space are to the community and how timely this upgrade was for this community.	Noted.	33	

	Furniture - Drinking fountains			
2.1	Respondents requested upgraded drinking fountains in the park. One specifically requested a unit with a bottle refill station.	A new drinking fountain with a dog drinking bowl will be provided within the park.	4	Y
	Furniture – Bins			
2.2	Respondents sought assurance that adequate bins would be provided in the upgrade works. Design bins to limit access.	All existing bins will be replaced with new city standard bins for parks. Quantities and locations will be reviewed in the next design phase.		Y
	Furniture - seating not supported			
2.3	Respondents expressed opposition to additional seating, citing concerns that it may encourage loitering, sleeping or camping in the area. This was specifically related to past negative interactions.	Additional seating has been overwhelming supported in the survey results. The design allows for seating for all people while also recognising people experiencing homelessness have the same rights as any member of the public to be in public places. The City of Sydney's homelessness strategy for parks, outlined in "A City for All: Homelessness Action Plan," focuses on a compassionate, collaborative approach that treats rough sleepers with dignity while managing public spaces.	2	N
	Furniture - Outdoor Gym			
2.4	Respondents supported the inclusion of outdoor gym equipment, citing its success in other Sydney parks and limited availability in the CBD. Suggested elements included pull-up bars, with increased physical activity also expected to improve safety through passive surveillance.	The City seeks to ensure an equitable distribution of fitness and gym facilities across the Local Government Area (LGA). As an outdoor fitness area already exists within Prince Alfred Park, priority will be given to other areas of the LGA that currently lack access to such facilities.	3	N
	Furniture - Picnic Tables			
2.5	Respondents requested the provision of picnic tables to allow people to comfortably sit and eat during the daytime, specifically more group-friendly seating that make it easier for small teams to sit together.	The proposal incorporates a variety of new seating including benches, seat walls and amphitheatre style seating. Clustered or group seating (such as moveable tables and chairs) will be further investigated in the next design phase.	5	Y

	Furniture – Games Tables			
2.6	Provide a table tennis table, outdoor chess or game tables.	The design incorporates a range of furniture to support social interaction and informal activities such as games. The concept design also includes an all-ages play element, intended to encourage longer stays and increased use of the park.	1	N
	Cycling – Removing E- Bikes			
3.1	Respondent requested that e-bikes be excluded from the area, citing concerns that motorised or powered devices are incompatible with pedestrian safety.	The City of Sydney supports the use of e-bikes as a sustainable transport option and treats legal e-bikes the same as conventional bicycles. E-bikes are permitted on roads, cycleways, shared paths and in parks where cycling is allowed, provided riders travel at safe speeds and give priority to pedestrians in shared spaces. High-powered or modified e-bikes that do not meet NSW legal standards are not permitted in public spaces.	1	N/A
	Cycling – Safety issues and Shared Path Design			
3.2	Respondents raised safety concerns regarding cycling through the park, noting frequent conflicts between people riding and pedestrians on shared paths. Both pedestrians and people on bikes indicated that the current shared path arrangement is not working effectively and was considered inadequate for the volume of users. Safety concerns were raised in relation to high cycling speeds, including e-bikes, and near-misses or collisions with pedestrians Suggestions included widening paths, improving lighting, clearer line marking and signage, clearly separated walking and cycling zones, improved lighting, and renewed path surfaces. There were requests for clearer path markings or the provision of a dedicated cycling route.	The park includes a designated shared path on the eastern edge of the park, which is a path that is shared by people walking and people riding bikes. This existing shared path is proposed to be widened to provide more space for users without impacting on existing park trees. New lighting is proposed along this shared path. CoS will explore additional measures in the shared path design to improve safety for people walking and riding to optimise user behaviour, improve safety and comfort for all park users.	33	Y

	Cycling – Shared Path – Eddy Avenue Entry			
3.3	Respondents identified the south-eastern (Eddy Avenue) entry as a significant safety concern for both pedestrians and people riding. - Poor visibility, steep gradients and tight corners were noted as contributing to risk, particularly for people on bikes. - The shared path at this entry point was described as congested and unsafe during peak periods. - Rough pavement conditions were raised as an additional issue affecting safety and accessibility. - Several respondents suggested a dedicated or separated cycling route along the eastern edge of the park to better accommodate people on bikes commuting from Central Station into the city. Conflicts between pedestrians and people on bikes between the Eddy Avenue signals and the park entry were also identified.	The steep gradient at the Eddy Avenue Entry is an existing condition that cannot be modified without impacting on existing established trees. The concept plan has widened the Eddy Avenue park entrance where possible, subject to retaining existing trees. CoS will explore additional measures in the shared path design to improve safety for people walking and riding. Eddy Avenue signals and the park entry The existing footpath between the Belmore Park entry and signalised crossing is bounded by Sydney Terminal and Central Railway Station sandstone walls and the bridge columns associated with State Heritage listed item (SHR No.01255). There is limited capacity to modify these structures. CoS continues to advocate for TfNSW to extend the Elizabeth St cycleway. This would provide a dedicated separated cycle way that connects to the Castlereagh St cycleway, thereby reducing need for people to use the Belmore Park Shared Path.	6	Y
	Cycling – Elizabeth Street Cycleway			
3.4	Several respondents suggested redirecting through-cyclists to a continuous Elizabeth Street–Castlereagh Street cycleway as the preferred commuter route.	CoS continues to advocate for TfNSW to extend the Elizabeth St cycleway. This would provide a dedicated separated cycle way that connects to the Castlereagh St cycleway, reducing the need for people to use the Belmore Park Shared Path.	5	N/A
	Cycling: Separated Cycleway within Belmore Park			
3.5	Some respondents requested a separated cycleway within the park.	Separated cycleways with raised kerbs or hard barriers are usually placed on streets or along the edges of parks, not within parks themselves. They are avoided in parks due to the risk of trips and falls for pedestrians, and their impact of users	32	N

	Shared paths were considered by some respondents to be ineffective for accommodating high volumes of fast-moving commuters on bicycles and pedestrians. One respondent included an image showing a separated bike path with kerb edges on the eastern edge of the park. There was also a suggestion for a subway tunnel for bikes under the light rail.	with disabilities and with strollers. Shared paths also provide maintenance and emergency access. The concept plan widens the existing shared path where possible, without impacting on existing park trees. CoS will be exploring additional design measures in the design development phase of the project to improve the operation of the shared path, optimise user behaviour and improve safety and comfort for all park users. CoS does not own or manage land where the light rail corridor is located. The City continues to advocate for TFNSW to extend the Elizabeth St cycleway. This would provide a dedicated separated cycle way that connects to the Castlereagh St cycleway, thereby reducing need for people to use the Belmore Park Shared Path.		
Cycling – Wider Context				
3.6	Although outside the project area, a respondent raised concerns about congestion along the cycle lanes near the Chalmers Street–Central light rail stop. The shared space was described as overcrowded, with dismounting requirements considered impractical given the route's role as a key cycling connection	As part of one of the CoS' cycling strategy it is proposed to build an alternative cycling connection on Randle and Elizabeth streets. This eliminates conflicts and removes requirement for people riding to navigate through pedestrian zones. The proposal has recently been exhibited and responses to this consultation are currently under evaluation and review	2	N/A
Cycling – Playground and Seating Proximity				
3.7	Proximity of the playground to the shared path.	The proposed play element is designed as an interpretation of the heritage bandstand and positioned close to the existing bandstand footprint. The eastern edge of the playground is separated from most of the shared path by a seating wall and gardens. The interface between the play space and the shared path will be further reviewed and refined during the design development phase to ensure safety.	2	Y
3.8	Proximity of seating adjacent to the shared path.	The design development phase will include further testing of seating near or adjacent to the shared path to minimise conflicts.	1	Y

Trees – Native trees				
4.1	More trees to provide increased shade and help mitigate heat impacts	Belmore Park has many established trees and over 60% canopy cover. The concept plan proposes additional tree planting along the eastern edge of the park. In the next stage of the project, CoS will be developing a long-term plan for tree planting, that explores opportunities for future tree planting.	1	Y
4.2	More native trees to support local wildlife.	In the next stage of the project, CoS will be developing a long-term plan for tree planting (succession strategy) including capacity for planting native trees that support habitat for native fauna.	3	Y
Trees: Pruning				
4.3	Current management of the park's trees, noting that historical Edwardian design principles emphasised controlled pruning and selective tree removal to maintain open, light-filled pathways. Also there were concerns that additional low-level planting may contribute to a dark and unwelcoming atmosphere.	Belmore Park contains a significant collection of mid to late 19th century and early 20th century tree plantings. Many of these trees are listed in the City of Sydney Register of Significant Trees. Trees are managed in accordance with the City's Tree Management and Donation Policy. They are inspected annually and pruned as required to manage or improve their health and structure and to maintain adequate clearances from surrounding built infrastructure. The concept plan proposes a limited number of selective tree removals for specimens in poor health. These removals will be offset by additional tree plantings in accordance with the City's 'Greening Sydney Strategy' and canopy targets. A succession planting strategy will be developed for future management of the park's trees. This will aim to balance requirements for amenity, such as solar access and shade provision. Low level planting will be provided to specific zones: at entries, adjacent to busy adjoining streets and high traffic paths. This low scale planting allows for sight lines to be retained.	1	N

Trees: Removals				
4.4	Removal of plane trees from Belmore Park.	The plane trees in Belmore Park are some of the oldest in the park and are listed as 'Individual Scheduled Trees' on the City's 'Register of Significant Trees'. Through its 'Greening Sydney Strategy' the City aims to protect and retain trees across the Local Government Area. The plane trees will be retained as part of the renewal project for Belmore Park. A succession planting strategy will be developed for future management of the trees, that will explore the potential replacement of this species when older specimens decline in health requiring removal.	2	N
Gardens				
5.1	Provide seasonal gardens and floral displays Create more defined garden beds or mulched planting areas beneath trees rather lawn.	The design provides additional garden beds throughout the park to help define key spaces and entrances. The planting palette will be further developed in the next project phase, with an emphasis on incorporating flowering species for seasonal colour. Overall, the scheme delivers more clearly defined gardens, predominantly located beneath existing trees.	2	Y
Gardens: Not supportive				
5.2	I'm not so sure we need gardens that need to be maintained over making the spaces functional and helpful to wildlife and people.	New gardens will provide amenity, as well as provide improved habitat for native birds.	1	N
Bandstand – retain and upgrade				
6.1	Retention of the bandstand in its current form. Feedback supported restoring the bandstand's original performance function and enhancing the surrounding area with additional green space and seating for audiences, while preserving its heritage character.	CoS undertook an in-depth review of the bandstand, including the condition and potential changes to the building's fabric and condition as well as its capacity to hold events. Bandstand Condition The original 1910 structure has been heavily modified, with substantial changes from the 1960's onwards including lifting	13	N

		the brick base to incorporate a council depot, the replacement of the roof tiles, and the demolition of the original stair and balustrades. The remaining fabric is in poor condition and needs temporary steel supports to prop up the roof. Restoring the original fabric is very expensive and the extent of the original fabric has been substantially reduced with successive changes over time. Impact on significant tree Reconstructing the bandstand in its current location would require removal of one of the park's oldest and most significant trees. This tree - <i>Meryta denhamii</i>, is located against the brick base on the southern side of the bandstand and was likely sourced by former Royal Botanic Gardens Director Charles Moore. This highly significant tree is among the oldest specimens in the park and is listed on the City of Sydney Register of Significant Trees. Bandstand Location The bandstand was originally located more centrally within the park, surrounded by expansive lawn areas. The construction of the railway viaduct in 1917 altered the spatial arrangements, reducing adjacent lawn areas. The bandstand lost its central prominence within the park and the capacity to accommodate audiences was altered/reduced. Over time, dense tree planting has significantly obstructed views to and from the bandstand, making it difficult for audiences to see performances. Bandstand accessibility The current bandstand structure does not meet accessibility standards of the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA) or the City's Inclusive and Accessible Public Domain Policy. Upgrading the bandstand to be accessible would require installation of a ramp or lift, which is financially prohibitive		
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		considering the condition of the existing structure and would alter the appearance of the bandstand substantially. In response to the above, the design proposes a new community gathering space for functions and performances—in the south of the park: it is positioned overlooking a lawn area for audiences to gather. This new space will be universally accessible, in accordance with the City's Inclusive and Accessible Public Domain Policy. The form and cultural significance of the original bandstand will be acknowledged and celebrated through a new all ages play structure interpreting the existing bandstand form.		
Bandstand – Remove				
6.2	The bandstand is outdated and supported its removal as part of the park renewal.	Noted.	1	N
Bandstand – retain and adaptive reuse				
6.3	The bandstand should be retained and converted into a café or small dining facility.	The adaptive reuse of the ground floor of the existing bandstand as a café was explored. However, due to the limited internal space and close proximity to an existing kiosk, the option was not considered commercially viable. It is also noted that the City of Sydney has experienced challenges leasing café tenancies within parks, which can result in vacant premises. A play element was therefore considered a more appropriate use, with the potential to attract families and children and increase activity and passive surveillance within the park.	4	N
	Convert the bandstand into temple.	This type of facility is not a compatible land uses for the park, as identified within the Belmore Park Plan of Management.	1	N
Play - additional play				
7.1	Respondents requested the inclusion of a larger playground, noting a shortage of play spaces within the city and the	The design balances the protection of lawns, trees and green space with the provision of facilities that cater to a diverse	9	N

	importance of providing facilities that support family visits, picnics, and longer stays in the park.	range of users. The inclusion of a play element, such as an all-ages multi-swing located at the former bandstand site, responds to the park's unique character while maintaining key sightlines across the park. Further design development will explore opportunities to enhance play value through surface treatments and detailing, while retaining capacity for events, open gathering spaces, and generous lawn and tree areas.		
Play – Not supportive				
7.2	Not supportive of a play element	The play element addresses a specific need as identified in City's 2016 Open Space and Recreation Needs Study. This highlighted the lack of play opportunities in the city centre beside the Darling Harbour playground. The draft Study currently in preparation also identifies the need for additional city centre play opportunities.	3	N
Paths - Supportive				
8.1	General support for upgrades to paths. Support the western path and connection to Railway Colonnade Drive.	Noted	6	N/A
8.2	Inclusion of a wide staircase to western side of the park	The concept design includes a path with steps connecting to the south-western edge of Railway Colonnade Drive. It is 2m wide and designed to improve access while retaining lawns on this embankment.	1	N
Paths – Widths				
8.3	Do not make paths any narrower.	The proposed paths have been widened throughout to allow for improved circulation in the park.	1	Y
Paths – Additional paving				
8.4	Provide larger paved spaces for gatherings, either in the centre of the park or along Eddy Avenue	The concept design provides for two paved areas within the park. This includes a paved platform as part of a new community gathering space and a paved space adjacent to a new play area. The extent will be further reviewed in design development.	1	Y

Park Drainage				
9.1	Re-grade to improve drainage. The ground needs to be replaced with concrete for walkways and tent areas at the event. (translation from Thai)	All park grading and drainage will be reviewed in the design development phase of the project. Paths will be paved, and new paved areas are proposed as described above.	2	Y
Activation - Café				
10.1	Provide a café or food and beverage outlet within the park with seating.	Refer comments above. It is noted that the City of Sydney has experienced challenges leasing café tenancies within parks, which can result in vacant premises and is therefore not proposing an additional café, kiosk or commercial outlet in the current proposal.	8	N
Activation - Events				
10.2	Allow for events in the park including cultural events, markets, small acoustic events, festivals, nighttime use, children's pantomimes, cultural activities e.g. Asia Live 2026, food festivals, cultural celebrations, aligned with Haymarket's character.	In general the proposed design supports a greater capacity for performances in the park. One of the key components of the proposed upgrade is a new community gathering space which incorporates a raised platform with amphitheatre-style seating overlooking an open lawn. This facilities capacity for more small events and performances. Increased paved areas around the proposed play structure provide additional space for gathering and smaller activities. The CoS is exploring capacity for other activations such as markets on paths and within in paved areas. This would be subject to careful review to ensure sufficient asset protection, particularly for landscape and turf areas.	17	Y
10.3	Provide notifications to residents in advance of large temporary performances.	The City of Sydney's Events in Parks Policy requires notification to residents for certain outdoor temporary activations designated as high impact.	1	N/A

Events: Not supportive				
10.4	Not supportive of weekly protests or additional large events.	Belmore Park plays an important role as a place for protests. This role will be retained. The City of Sydney does not approve or refuse protests as a matter of free speech.	1	N
Lighting – Supportive				
11.1	Respondents expressed support for lighting proposal..	Support has been noted.	12	N/A
Lighting - Decorative				
11.2	This included additional recommendations for halo lights around trees	Decorative lighting will be further explored during the design development phase, with the aim of enhancing the pedestrian experience and improving perceptions of safety.	3	Y
11.3	Warm white lighting is recommended to create a more welcoming, comfortable atmosphere, improving the park's perceived safety and approachability in the evenings compared to harsh cool white lighting.	The light colour quality will be explored in the design development phase of the project, with the aim of enhancing user experience, overall safety and improving habitat outcomes.	1	Y
Signage				
12.1	Provide directional signage.	As part of the design development the City will include placement of wayfinding and park signage in line with the City's wayfinding and park signage guidelines.	3	Y
12.2	Interpretative signage Install a plaque detailing the park's early colonial history as the Police Paddock (pre-1868), including its use for Police Barracks and the Devonshire Street Cemetery.	The City's park signage includes historical information for each park. Content for the signage is developed by the City's historians. New park signage will be installed as part of the renewal project.	1	Y

	- Feature official dedication details (1868–1900) on the plaque, marking its formal designation for public recreation on 19 May 1868. - Include information about the park's naming after Somerset Richard Lowry-Corry, the 4th Earl of Belmore and then Governor of New South Wales. - A map replicating the 19th-century design should be exhibited in the park.			
Homelessness – support				
13.1	Respondents emphasised the importance of retaining the park as a meeting place and a location for outreach and support services, including food vans and other assistance programs. Feedback supported setting aside a dedicated, well-serviced space for support vehicles, including access to water and power. Respondents sought clarity on how people experiencing homelessness who use Belmore Park overnight are being considered in the renewal. There was support for providing clearer, designated spaces for people experiencing homelessness within the park. Respondents emphasised that park design should be inclusive and avoid approaches that unintentionally ignore or discourage use by vulnerable groups.	CoS will work with support services to ensure a welcoming and inclusive space for those experiencing homelessness, loneliness or disconnection from the community. The City of Sydney's Homelessness Strategy for parks focuses on a compassionate, collaborative approach that treats rough sleepers with dignity while managing public spaces. The design allows for seating for all people while also recognising people experiencing homelessness have the same rights as any member of the public to be in public places.	10	Y
13.2	How long will the works take to complete, as this impacts day and night services.	The City of Sydney acknowledges the importance of the homeless support services in the park. The City of Sydney's homeless liaison team will notify all services and review alternative locations to minimise disruption during construction.	1	N/A
Fauna and Habitat				
14.1	Discourage people feeding pigeons. Develop plan to manage pigeons, seagulls, and Ibises.	The City of Sydney discourages the feeding of birds in parks and public spaces. City guidance states that feeding birds and other wildlife can cause harm by making animals unwell,	2	N/A

		encouraging disease and dependency, and disrupting natural behaviour and ecological balance. Where appropriate, this guidance is reinforced through park signage.		
14.2	Improve habitat opportunities for native species including native tree planting, additional native groundcovers and shrubs and water fountains for birds.	There are no plans to include water features for birds. However, the plan seeks to improve biodiversity by increasing locally native species and strengthening habitat connectivity, with additional measures—such as the potential inclusion of nesting boxes—to be explored during the design development phase.	5	Y
Dogs				
15.1	Provide a fenced dog park.	The park is currently designated as an on-leash park. The City's approach is to integrate off-leash dog walking together with other recreational activities, rather than to create enclosed spaces for the exclusive use of dogs. Fencing can have aesthetic impacts and create access barriers by restricting pedestrian flow into and through open spaces, which would be particularly problematic in this park with its high levels of pedestrians and cyclists.	3	N
15.2	Provide a dog drinking fountain similar to the one installed in Harmony Park in Surry Hills.	A new drinking fountain with a dog drinking bowl will be provided within the park	1	Y
Public toilets				
16	Build more public restrooms	A public toilet is proposed in the northern edge of the park on the Hay Street frontage. The planned automated public toilets are inclusive (all gender wheelchair accessible) and include fold-up baby change table.	4	N/A
Art				
17.1	Confirm whether red milkcrate design is to be provided.	The Milk Crate artwork (The Pavillion) is not in any future plans for Belmore Park.	1	N/A
17.2	Provide additional art installations.	All forms of interpretation and art will be investigated in the next phase.	3	N

Cultural identity				
18.1	Explore opportunities to explore Asian identity in the park, and promote	The City recognises the importance of Belmore Park to the local community particularly the with Chinese and Thai communities. The inclusion of a new gathering space allows for community events promoting local cultures in the area. The design development phase will explore the inclusion of cultural identity within the key design elements of the park including lighting.	7	Y
18.2	Opportunity to incorporate First Nation's history and identity into the park. Suggestions included • Indigenous sculptures • information about the Stolen Generation and indigenous history. • planting Indigenous flora • a circular yarning circle. • Indigenous café in the bandstand • First Nations plaque	The City recognises the importance of Belmore Park to First Nations communities. This will be explored in the next phases of the project. All forms of interpretation including signage and art will be investigated in the next phase. Any First Nations interpretation will be done with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. Adaptive reuse of the bandstand as a café is not viable due to the limited internal space. It is also noted that the City of Sydney has experienced challenges leasing café tenancies within parks, which can result in vacant premises. There are cafes close by to the park.	5	Y
Water feature				
19	Introduce a water feature	The concept design does not include a water features at this stage.	2	N
Safety				
20.1	General comments that people feeling unsafe in the park	The park incorporates a range of measures to improve safety and encourage greater activity. These include improved lighting, upgraded paving, clearer sightlines, and play elements that provide more reasons for people to stay in the park.	13	Y
20.2	Can CCTV be installed in the park.	There is CCTV in the park at the southern entry and in the centre of the park. These will be retained. There is good coverage of the park with the current provision and there are no plans to provide additional cameras.	2	N

20.3	Provide a small police presence in the park providing an assurance of security and protection.	Policing and law enforcement activities are the responsibility of NSW Police Force and are guided by their internal operational policies, risk assessments and resource availability. The City of Sydney does not have a role in directing, managing or advising NSW Police on their operational responses, including decisions relating to police presence in specific locations. CCTV is currently installed in the park, and the City's security monitors the park.	1	N
Maintenance and Access				
20.4	Ensuring the area is consistently free of rubbish and well-maintained	The City's parks and greening maintenance team performs regular checks and maintenance in all parks within the Local Government area. As an iconic park, Belmore Park is maintained and cleaned more regularly.	3	N/A
20.5	Provide access for service vehicles to enter and exit safely.	The simplified and widened paths in the proposed concept design accommodate safe access for service vehicles.	1	Y
Wider Context				
21.1	Provide alternative design to Eddy Avenue to create a green forecourt to Central Station	Eddy Avenue currently accommodates general traffic lanes, bus lanes and the light rail corridor. Any changes to the existing road carriageway or layout are subject to approval by the relevant approval authority, Transport for NSW. The City of Sydney is currently investigating longer-term proposals for Eddy Avenue to improve its amenity and relationship with Central Station, and should circumstances change, any future proposals would be subject to the appropriate planning and approval processes.	1	N/A
21.2	A full pedestrianisation of Railway Colonnade Drive would be superb and perfectly fitting of a central station, as opposed to the parking lot it currently is. It would provide a great link between Central Station and Belmore Park, given that so much space around central station is currently dedicated to car traffic.	CoS has advocated for the pedestrianisation of Railway Colonnade Drive as illustrated in the proposal for Central Square in <i>Sustainable Sydney 2030–2050: Continuing the Vision</i> . This land is owned by NSW Government and is subject to a separate approval process. This is a long term vision.	1	N/A

21.3	Remove boundary fences to improve access.	Fences along the western park boundary are being investigated to be removed to improve access to Railway Colonnade Drive.	1	Y
Item no	Issue	Response / Action	#	Design review in the next phase
Organisations				
Orange Sky				
22	Orange Sky Australia supports people experiencing homelessness or hardship through access to free laundry and shower services, as well as the opportunity for regular connection. Currently the service operates at Belmore Park every Sunday from 9am to 12pm, with two vans and a volunteer team of at least six people, 10-12 loads of washing and 6-8 showers per shift. Orange Sky Australia serve 15+ "friends" (clients) weekly, plus a further 2-3 who visit for conversation/ social connection. Around 80% of our clients are regulars, and 60-70% are experiencing homelessness. Many of these individuals also utilize our other services across the CBD throughout the week. Recommendations - Orange Sky is happy to work with the council to assess alternative potential setups within the park - Safe access for two vans via established pathways or solid ground.	Council's Homelessness Action Plan 2020 aims to ensure the public domain is safe and accessible for all and aims to connect people with services and improve the safety and well-being of people sleeping rough and/or begging. CoS will work with support services to ensure a welcoming and inclusive space for those experiencing homelessness, loneliness or disconnection from the community. Park paths have been expanded. These will provide capacity for access for vans as required. Specific location for these will be assessed in the design development process. New drinking fountains will provided in the park, and will be accessible to everyone, including people experiencing homelessness. New public toilets are to be provided at the Hay Street frontage and provide universal access for all users. Power will be provided for events and other managed uses; access would be subject to approval by the City of Sydney. The CoS does not anticipate providing additional sewer points in the park due to sanitation and health risks. City of Sydney's <i>Mobile Voluntary Services Policy and Guidelines</i> identifies that mobile voluntary services need to be delivered in accordance with all relevant legislation including requirements for waste, and that any equipment used be self-contained, safe, and		Y

	• Access to a fresh water source (tap) and ideally a wastewater sewer point (or suitable garden/flower bed area for grey water evacuation). • Access to two power points to charge the vans and run appliances for the duration of the shift. • Address increased number and speed of bicycles and e-bikes through the park which pose risks for pedestrians particularly those with mobility issues and will be carrying heavy bags of laundry.	compliant with relevant legislation. Mobile voluntary services are responsible for the collection, removal and lawful disposal of all waste generated by their activities. The park includes a designated shared path on the eastern edge of the park, which is a path that is shared by people walking and people riding bikes. This shared path has been widened to provide more space for users, without impacting on existing park trees.		
Chinese Australian Historical Society (CAHS)				
23	The Chinese Australian Historical Society recognises Belmore Park as a place of significant cultural value, reflecting the aesthetic, historical, social and spiritual importance of Chinese culture in line with the Burra Charter. The park has long been a key gathering place for Chinese Australians and continues to function as an important gateway to Haymarket and Chinatown, contributing to Sydney's broader multicultural history. The 2023 <i>Chinatown Thematic History</i> recognises the evolution and boundaries of Chinatown as a key historical theme and identifies Belmore Park as a rare surviving physical link to its second phase. The study highlights the need for further research into Belmore Park's intangible heritage, such as historic routes for parades, gatherings and protests, and the expansion of oral histories to better understand the park's role—particularly in relation to the Belmore Markets and its later function as a gateway to Chinatown—to inform future design proposals Recommendations	The City of Sydney acknowledges the importance of Belmore Park as an important heritage site within the Haymarket and Chinatown Precinct. As part of this scope, and informed by Belmore Park Heritage Study 2012, the City of Sydney will be preparing a Heritage Impact statement which will address Belmore Park's historic connections, role and significance to Chinese cultural heritage. The City of Sydney have worked closely with Heritage Specialists to develop the plan, including the proposals for the bandstand, path layouts and protection of significant trees including the London Planes. The plan retains the curved path adjacent to the London Planes and increases seating along this spine. All existing trees are retained and protected, and green space has been expanded by simplifying paths. All existing plane trees are protected. The original 1910 Bandstand has been heavily modified, with substantial changes from the 1960's onwards including lifting the brick base to incorporate a council depot, the replacement of the roof tiles, and the demolition of the original stair and balustrades. The remaining fabric is in poor condition and needs temporary steel supports to prop up the roof. The extent of the original fabric has been substantially reduced with		Y

	• The design should express Belmore Park's historic connection to Haymarket and Chinatown, acknowledging its role in 19th-century commerce and trade. • Demonstrate response to the park's two most defining elements – the bandstand, and the wide western pathway with London Planes • Review heritage significance related to ▪ importance of the place to Aboriginal people ▪ the integral connection of the park to the Belmore Markets ▪ the significance of the parkland's layout, bandstand and plantings • Ensure that the park's upgrade meaningfully incorporates and interprets its Chinese heritage. • Consider options that celebrate Bandstand's heritage and fabric. • Install interpretive signage or digital storytelling elements that highlight the long-standing presence of Chinese Australians in the area. • Include narratives about early Chinese market gardeners, merchants, community leaders, and the evolution of Chinatown as a cultural precinct. • Consider interpretation of parkland's Chinese history through paving patterns, plantings, or sculptural forms. • Ensure new elements are recognisable and subservient to any significant heritage fabric. • Commission Chinese Australian artists to create works that reflect the community's historical and contemporary contributions to Sydney. • Consider collaborative projects that engage local community groups, schools, and cultural organisations. • Establishing a structured consultation process	successive changes over time. The current bandstand is fenced off and not able to be used. Reconstruction of the bandstand would require removal of a heritage listed significant tree. The current bandstand structure does not meet accessibility standards of the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA) or the City's Inclusive and Accessible Public Domain Policy. The concept plan provides a new accessible space that can allow for performance's to be reinstated into the park. This has capacity to support additional community and cultural events The bandstand will be reinterpreted as a play structure. We note the community's vision and passion to explore the cultural heritage of the precinct and the park. This will be explored in the next phases of the project. All forms of interpretation and art will be investigated in the next phase.		
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Chinatown Action Committee (CAC)				
24	CAC comprises a diverse group of people, businesses and organisations who share a common commitment to the revitalisation of Sydney's Chinatown. CAC aims to strengthen Chinatown's identity as a vibrant cultural destination, support local businesses to thrive, advocate for thoughtful planning and investment, and ensure the precinct remains a welcoming place for residents, workers, and visitors. Recommendations Connecting to Country and Chinese Connections - The park's design should meaningfully acknowledge and celebrate these histories, ensuring that both cultural narratives are visible, respected, and woven into the character of the new park. Consideration of People Experiencing Homelessness - Belmore Park is a place of residence for many people experiencing homelessness. It is important that the renewal process includes a clear approach for supporting those who currently rely on the park as their home. Public Toilet - The plan notes a "public toilet" but provides no detail on the number or type of facilities. Clear information is needed to confirm that the design will deliver safe, accessible and inclusive amenities, including baby-change facilities. Existing Bandstand and proposed Play Space - Clarification is needed on whether the bandstand itself has been assessed for adaptive reuse. Is the proposal to provide a play space based on an open space, sports and outdoor recreation needs assessment. The design of the play space should consider potential integration of the bandstand, ensuring that any	Connecting to Country and Chinese Connections The City recognises the importance of Belmore Park to the local community including First Nations, Chinese and Thai communities. We note the community's vision and passion to explore the cultural heritage of the precinct and the park. This will be explored in the next phases of the project. All forms of interpretation and art will be investigated in the next phase. Consideration of People Experiencing Homelessness CoS will work with support services to ensure a welcoming and inclusive space for those experiencing homelessness, loneliness or disconnection from the community. Public Toilet A public toilet is proposed in the northern edge of the park on the Hay Street frontage. The planned automated public toilets are inclusive (all gender wheelchair accessible) and include fold-up baby change table. Existing Bandstand and proposed Play Space The City of Sydney have worked closely with Heritage Specialists to develop the plan, including the proposals for the bandstand. The original 1910 Bandstand has been heavily modified, with substantial changes from the 1960's onwards including lifting the brick base to incorporate a council depot, the replacement of the roof tiles, and the demolition of the original stair and balustrades. The remaining fabric is in poor condition and needs temporary steel supports to prop up the roof. The extent of the original fabric has been substantially reduced with successive changes over time. The current bandstand is fenced off and not able to be used. Reconstruction of the bandstand would require removal of a heritage listed significant tree. The current bandstand structure		Y

	intervention respects and enhances its heritage significance. - bandstand should be seen as an opportunity to anchor the new recreational facility with a distinctive character Existing Trees and perception of safety - existing trees significantly overshadows the park, contributing to a perception that the space is dark and unsafe. - Has an arboricultural assessment been undertaken to determine the health and structural condition of these trees, and to identify whether selective pruning could be implemented to improve daylight penetration while still preserving habitat values for local fauna? Community Gathering Space - The inclusion of a community gathering space is supported. However, a more sympathetic, tiered seating arrangement, designed in an amphitheatre style is likely to offer greater practicality and comfort for group activities than relying solely on lawn areas. Park Lighting and Biodiversity - Catenary lighting, while visually appealing, is unlikely to be suitable here as light levels and height may disturb birds. A simpler approach focused on well-placed, low-glare pole mounted fixtures Wayfinding and Connectivity to Chinatown - Belmore Park serves as a primary gateway between Central Station and Chinatown. The detailed design should incorporate clear, multilingual wayfinding signage and intuitive pedestrian pathways that guide people from Central Station through the park and into Chinatown.	does not meet accessibility standards of the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA) or the City's Inclusive and Accessible Public Domain Policy. The concept plan provides a new accessible space that can allow for performance's to be reinstated into the park. This has capacity to support additional community and cultural events The City of Sydney's Open Space and Recreation Needs Study highlights the need for more play in the city. The inclusion of a play structure, that is sensitively integrated into this heritage park would provide capacity for families and people of all ages to access play in the city centre. Existing Trees and perception of safety Belmore Park's trees have been assessed and are managed in accordance with the City's Tree Management and Donation Policy. They are inspected annually and pruned as required to manage or improve their health and structure and to maintain adequate clearances from surrounding built infrastructure. Community Gathering Space The inclusion of a new gathering space allows for community events. This incorporates tiered amphitheatre seating. Decorative lighting will be further explored during the design development phase, with the aim of enhancing the pedestrian experience and improving perceptions of safety. The light colour quality will be explored in the design development phase of the project, with the aim improving habitat outcomes. As part of the design development the City will include placement of wayfinding and park signage in line with the City's wayfinding and park signage guidelines		
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International Student Navigator Australia (ISNA)				
25	- Consolidating primary pedestrian paths to improve flow and sightlines, while maintaining greenery. - Creating a more open, flexible central area would support community use, including small-scale events and cultural activities e.g. Asia Live 2026, food festivals, cultural celebrations, aligned with Haymarket's character. - Adaptive reuse of the bandstand. - Better signage.	The plan proposes to consolidate paths to improve access and create improved park spaces. The inclusion of a new gathering space allows for community events. Refer notes above regarding the bandstand. As part of the design development the City will include placement of wayfinding and park signage in line with the City's wayfinding and park signage guidelines		Y

Item 4.

Revised Project Scope - Surry Hills to Central Quietway

File No: X102084

Summary

On 17 March 2025, Council resolved to endorse the project scope and budget for the Surry Hills to Central Quietway (the Quietway) subject to some amendments.

Following Council endorsement of the project scope, the City has received further feedback from local residents regarding existing traffic circulation in the precinct and it is proposed to expand the scope of the Quietway project to include:

- (a) re-opening Holt Street at Devonshire Street as a Shared Zone and
- (b) changing Adelaide Place from one-way northbound to one-way southbound.

In addition to the above it is also recommended to include the provision of designated bike parking areas at several locations along the Quietway route.

This report details the revised project scope It also outlines the cost implications of the additional scope above and relocating the pedestrian crossing in Riley Street as per the March 2025 Resolution of Council.

Recommendation

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) endorse the revised project scope for the Surry Hills to Central Quietway, as described in the subject report for the purpose of proceeding to community consultation (for works at Holt Street and Adelaide Place), design development, documentation and construction; and
- (B) note the financial implications detailed in the subject report.

Attachments

- Attachment A.** Resolution of Council - 17 March 2025 - Project Scope - Surry Hills to Central Quietway
- Attachment B.** Updated Drawings - Quietway at Riley Street (Original Endorsed Scope)
- Attachment C.** Drawings - Additional Scope (Holt Street and Adelaide Place)
- Attachment D.** Drawings - Additional Scope (Designated Bike Parking Areas)

Background

1. In March 2025, Council approved the concept design and budget for the Surry Hills to Central Quietway project (the Quietway) subject to amendments.
2. The proposed Quietway will run along Cooper and Arthur Streets in Surry Hills and will form a key east-west route, connecting Elizabeth Street at Central Station with Moore Park. The route was identified in the planned bike network included in the adopted Cycling Strategy and Action Plan 2018-2030.
3. The Quietway proposal was considered by the Local Pedestrian, Cycling, Traffic Calming and Transport Forum at its February 2026 meeting.

Endorsed Project Scope (March 2025)

4. The project scope endorsed by Council in March 2025 comprises a series of treatments for traffic calming and improved street conditions along the route including:
 - (a) Separated contraflow cycleways flowing one-way eastbound on sections of Cooper and Arthur Streets.
 - (b) Conversion of sections of Cooper and Arthur Streets to one-way traffic. Westbound.
 - (c) Widening footpaths for shorter crossing distances in key locations for people walking and improving pram ramps.
 - (d) New garden beds and trees.
 - (e) Minor lighting and storm water drainage works as required to implement the above.
5. The scope of works endorsed by Council was subject to the following amendment:
 - (a) relocation of the existing raised zebra crossing at Riley Street, near Collins Street, to cross Riley Street at Arthur Street, which will result in a net increase of 3 car spaces.

Additional Project Scope

6. The CBD and South East Light Rail project implemented by Transport for NSW saw the closure of Holt and Waterloo Streets at their intersections with Devonshire Street.
7. Since the road closures were implemented in 2019, residents have advised that trucks increasingly use the narrow Steel Street and Adelaide Place. During consultation for the Quietway, residents expressed their concerns that this will worsen when Cooper Street is made one-way as part of the Surry Hills to Central Cycleway.

8. In response to these concerns, it is proposed to expand the scope of the Quietway project to include the following additional scope:
 - (a) re-open Holt Street to traffic in a one-way direction entering from Devonshire Street and
 - (b) change Adelaide Place between Devonshire Street and Adelaide Street from one-way northbound to one-way southbound.

Holt Street

9. The re-opening of Holt Street as a shared zone will include:
 - (a) Relocation of the existing walls and stairs.
 - (b) Reconstruction of kerbs and the provision of new vehicle-grade paving.
 - (c) Additional lighting, furniture and planting to support a Shared Zone environment.
 - (d) The removal of one tree and localised pruning to other trees to meet vertical clearance requirements.
10. It is anticipated that the changes will reduce vehicle numbers on Adelaide Place and Steel Street.

Adelaide Place

11. Converting Adelaide Place to one-way south bound will include:
 - (a) Changes to signage and line-marking;
 - (b) Realignment of kerbs at the intersection to facilitate vehicle turning into Devonshire Street; and
 - (c) Installation of a kerb barrier along the Light Rail corridor.
12. The proposed change in direction will require banning heavy vehicles, including garbage trucks, from Adelaide Place. This is required as traffic analysis shows that larger vehicles, including trucks, would not be able to turn out of Adelaide Place without encroaching onto the road corridor.
13. Transport for NSW support for the change is contingent on the City installing a kerb barrier along the Light Rail corridor to prevent vehicle encroachment.

Designated Bike Parking Areas

14. Designated bike parking areas are being provided across the LGA to decrease clutter and footpath impacts from the increasing number of share bikes and food delivery bikes.
15. It is proposed to utilise the opportunity provided by this project to provide designated bike parking at 5 locations along the Quietway route.

Key Implications

Strategic Alignment - Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision

16. Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision renews the communities' vision for the sustainable development of the city to 2050. It includes 10 strategic directions to guide the future of the city, as well as 10 targets against which to measure progress. This report is aligned with the following strategic directions and objectives:
 - (a) Direction 5 - A city for walking, cycling and public transport.
 - (i) The objectives related to this proposal are:
 - street space is reallocated for people, places and planting
 - more people ride more because it is an attractive, convenient and safe option for everyday transport
 - freight, servicing and parking will be managed to support the efficient functioning of the city while improving the amenity of city spaces.
 - (ii) The 2050 outcome is the city is greener and calmer, with more space for people on the streets – including footpaths and cycleways. More people choose to walk, ride and use public transport.

Organisational Impact

17. The project will create additional assets, such as new civil infrastructure and pavement markings, signs and garden beds, which will require ongoing maintenance and funding in the Long-Term Financial Plan.

Risks

18. Risks associated with the proposal have been considered through the concept design and consultation phases. These include safety for people walking, riding and driving, environmental and economic impacts, and community concerns. The risks will be further addressed in the forthcoming design development and documentation phases.
19. A Road Safety Audit (RSA) will be carried out on the concept design to identify risks associated with the proposal and amendments to the design as required to improve on road safety aspects. Further RSAs, and design amendments, will be carried out at the completion of the design and construction stages.
20. This approach is within the City's risk appetite, which states:
 - (a) We acknowledge that some financial risks may be necessary to achieve our goals, particularly when investing in new initiatives that align with our strategic objectives. We carefully evaluate financial options and risks and consider the potential impact on our financial position, cash flow, and overall stability.
 - (b) We acknowledge our responsibility to protect and enhance the social and environmental wellbeing of our community. Our risk appetite emphasises the integration of sustainable practices into infrastructure asset management, considering environmental impacts, climate change resilience and community engagement.

Environmental

21. This project aligns with the City of Sydney's environment performance objectives and targets. Key initiatives include:
 - (a) Construction Waste - all recyclable construction waste will be diverted from landfill in line with the City's Recycling and Waste Policies.
 - (b) Materials - materials adopted for this project are in line with standard City of Sydney approved products, which are selected from responsible manufacturers and sourced within Australia.

Financial Implications

22. There are funds with the 2025/26 capital works budget and the Long-Term Financial Plan for the Quietway, however, additional funds are required in the 2026/27 Long Term Financial Plan to deliver the additional scope.
23. The approved budget of \$3,120,456 was allocated based on a preliminary concept design for the original Surry Hills to Central Quietway scope only.
24. The budget does not allow for the proposed reconfiguration of the Quietway's intersection with Riley Street, or the proposed changes to Holt Street and Adelaide Place, and the designated bike parking areas.
25. There are insufficient funds in the approved budget to deliver the revised scope recommended in this report.
26. The shortfall between the budget and forecast costs is \$1,967,544.
27. If additional Council funds are not allocated for Holt and Adelaide Place, the proposal will not proceed.
28. The total forecast project cost is largely based on a quantity surveyor's cost estimates and references costs from similar projects. Revised cost estimates will be obtained throughout the remaining design process.
29. The revised project budget is reflected in the draft 2026/27 Long Term Financial Plan, proposed for public exhibition concurrently with this report.
30. The City has accepted funding of \$600,000 from the NSW Government through Transport for NSW's Active Transport Program towards the design phase of the Quietway project. The City receives reimbursement of actual expenses up to \$600,000.
31. The City has applied for \$2,000,000 from the NSW Government through Transport for NSW's Active Transport Program to be used towards the construction phase of the Quietway project. A response from Transport for NSW is expected in mid-2026. These funds will help offset the cost of the project to the City. Should Transport for NSW not approve the funding application, the timing of project delivery may need to be reconsidered.

32. The upgrade of assets owned by third parties, such as Ausgrid lighting, will be recognised as expenditure within the City's operating budget for the relevant financial year in which they occur.

Relevant Legislation

33. Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act) (Part 5). The scope of works will be reviewed by a planner to assess consent requirements for the project under the EP&A Act. A Review of Environmental Factors (REF) has been completed.
34. Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021.

Critical Dates / Time Frames

35. It is proposed that the additional scope be incorporated into the forthcoming construction of the Quietway project.
36. Key dates for the project are:

Milestone	Target dates
Community Consultation (Holt and Adelaide)	June 2026
Design completion (Quietway)	June 2026
Local Pedestrian, Cycling, Traffic Calming and Transport Forum (Holt and Adelaide)	October 2026
Design completion (Holt and Adelaide)	November 2026
Construction	Late 2026 to late 2027

Options

37. Alternative options to address the concerns raised by local community members were reviewed. These included re-opening Waterloo Street rather than Holt Street. This option is not recommended as Holt Street provides a more direct route to the precinct for most expected trip types. Further, reopening of Waterloo Street would also require more tree removal and a higher volume of demolition and rebuild work.

Public Consultation

38. Further to the earlier public consultation on the Quietway, as outlined in the March 2025 report to Council, it is proposed to undertake community consultation on the Holt Street and Adelaide Place proposal in June 2026, pending Council approval. Refer Attachment C.
39. Transport for NSW did not raise any objections to the proposed changes at Holt Street and Adelaide Place, subject to the condition that vehicles turning from Adelaide Place into Devonshire Street do not encroach onto the Permanent Light Rail Corridor.
40. The community will be notified by letter drop approximately 2 weeks ahead of construction commencement.

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Chief Operating Officer

David Baker, Design Manager

Attachment A

**Resolution of Council -
17 March 2025 - Project Scope -
Surry Hills to Central Quietway**

Resolution of Council

17 March 2025

Item 7.4

Project Scope - Surry Hills to Central Quietway

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) approve the revised concept design for the Surry Hills to Central Quietway project, as described in the subject report, and shown in Attachment D to the subject report for proceeding to design development, documentation and construction tender, subject to the following amendmentL
 - (i) relocation of the existing raised zebra crossing at Riley Street, near Collins Street, to cross Riley Street at Arthur Street, which will result in a net increase of 3 car spaces;
- (B) note that a raised threshold with a Continuous Footpath Treatment across Arthur Street is proposed in the Revised Concept Design as shown in Attachment D to the subject report;
- (C) note that approvals under the Roads Act 1993 will be required and sought during the detailed design phase;
- (D) note the estimated project costs as detailed in Confidential Attachment F to the subject report; and
- (E) note that the City has design stage funding from the NSW Government and that the City will apply for construction stage funding.

Carried unanimously.

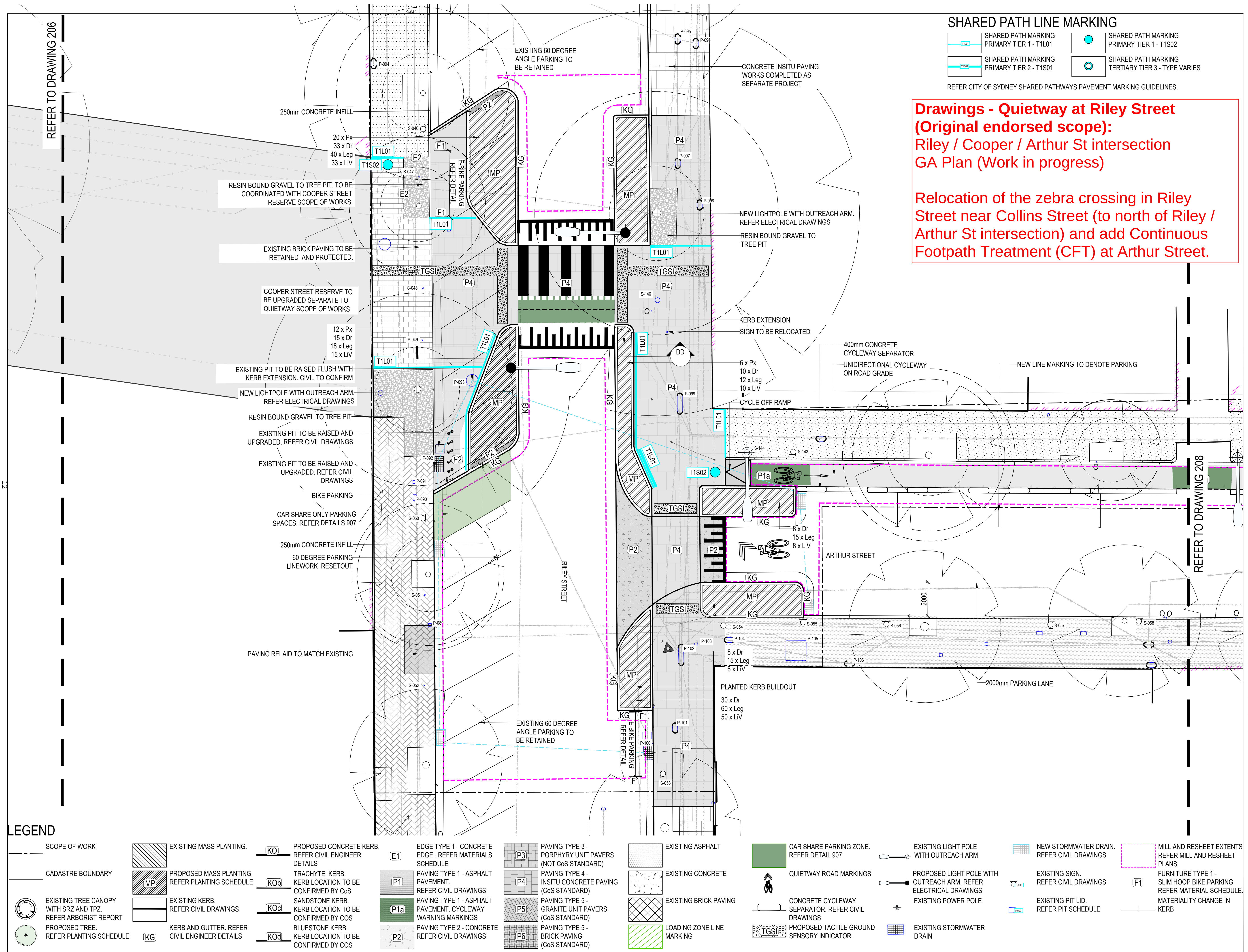
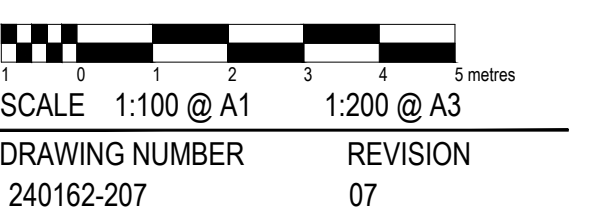
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Attachment B

**Updated Drawings -
Quietway at Riley Street
(Original Endorsed Scope)**

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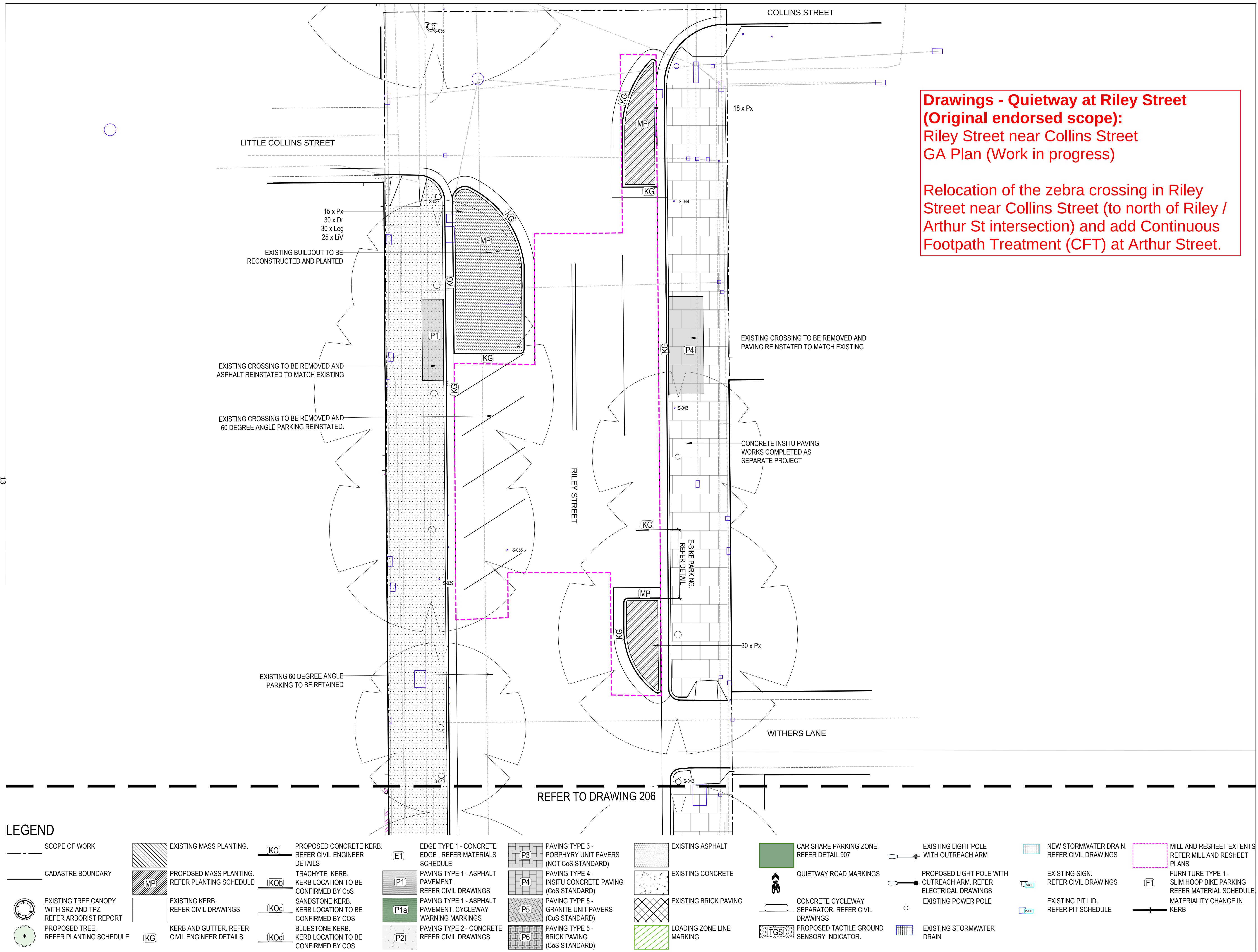
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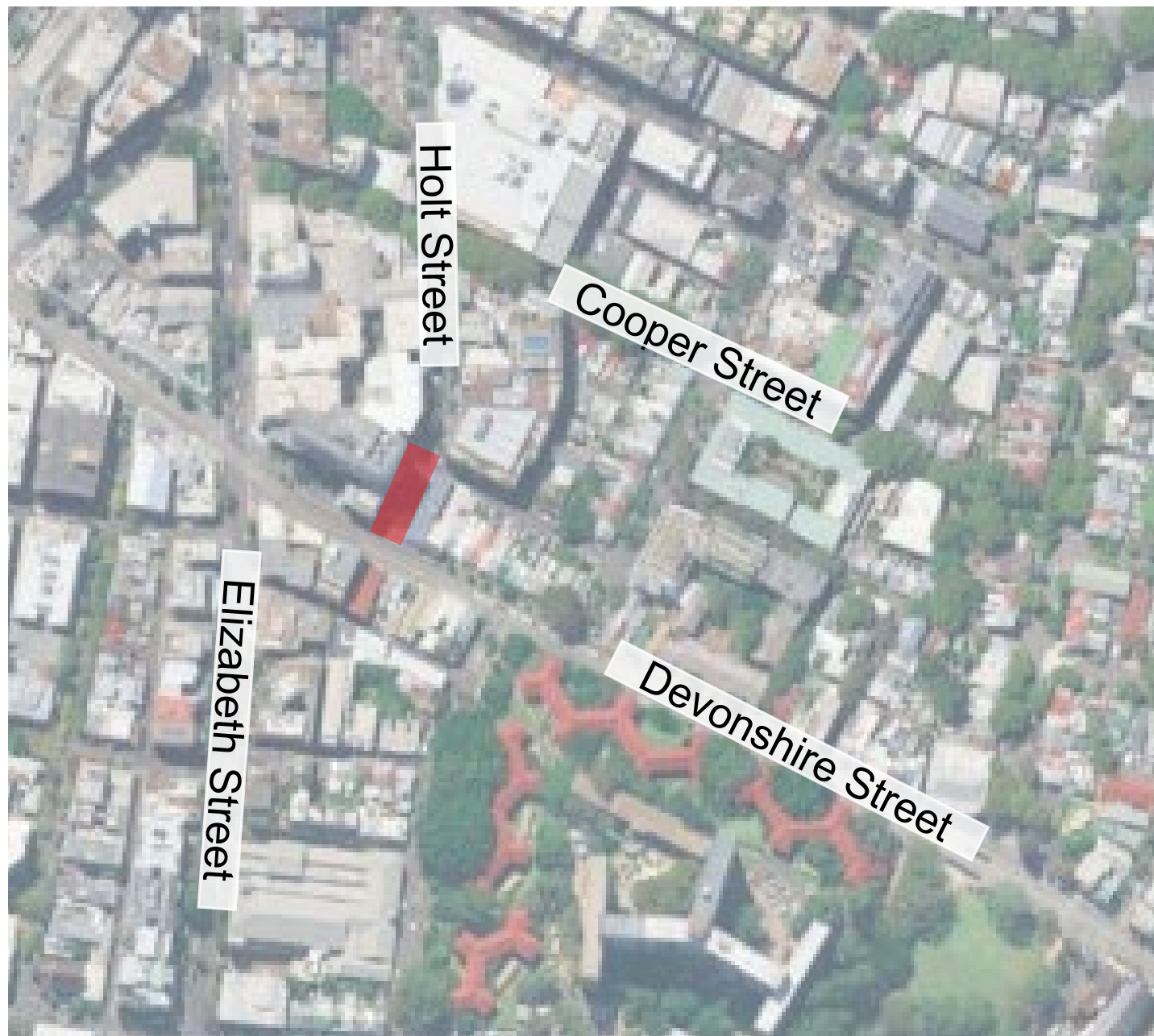


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Attachment C

**Drawings - Additional Scope
(Holt Street and Adelaide Place)**



Location plan

Additional Project Scope:
Holt St at Devonshire St
Consultation Boards (Work in progress)

Conversion of Holt St at Devonshire St to a Shared Zone (ie, re-open to traffic).

Holt Street Scope of Works

In response to community requests, We have developed a new concept design for the existing road closure at the intersection of Holt Street and Devonshire Street.

The proposal includes, reopening Holt Street to vehicles in a one-way northbound shared zone environment with people walking and riding.

¹⁵ New garden beds, furniture and fixtures delineate the wide shared zone space for user safety and comfort.

We invite your feedback on the proposed concept design.



Artist impression of the new Holt Street shared zone, view from Devonshire Street



Example of new bench seating



Example of bollard stools



Example of shared zone paving



Example of new inground planting beds

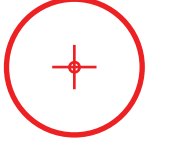
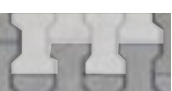
Holt Street and Adelaide Place - Proposed works

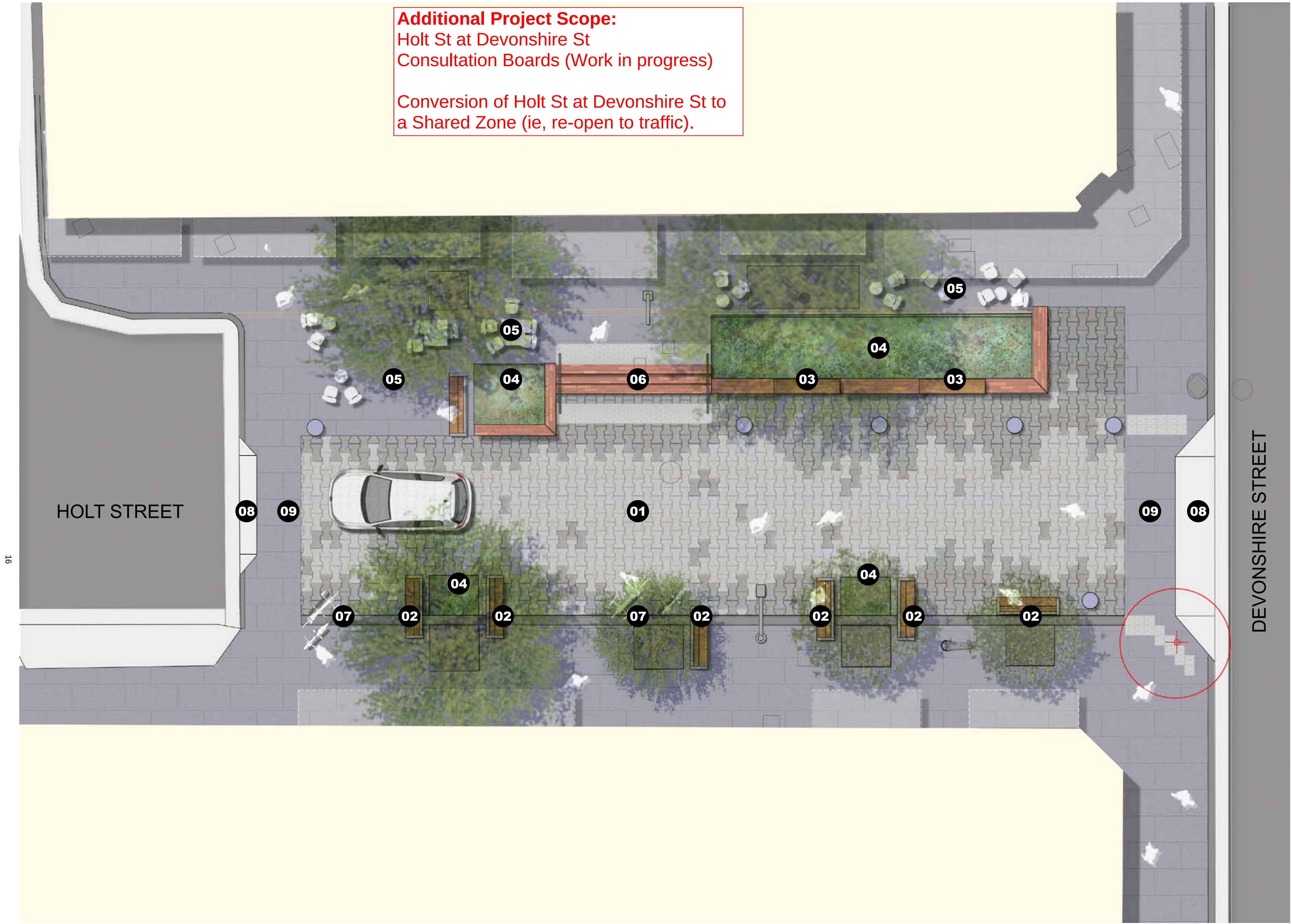
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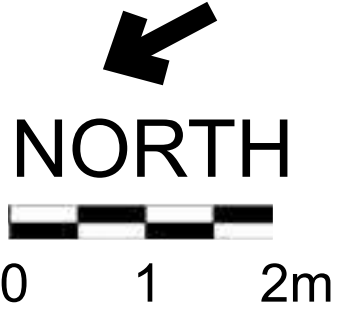
Proposed Works

- 01** New 10km/h shared zone for pedestrian, cyclist and vehicles.
- 02** New bench seats under existing tree canopy offer spaces for relaxing and social interaction
- 03** New timber bench seating fixed to brick retaining wall for casual seating
- 04** New garden beds and plantings help delineate the shared zone and green the space
- 05** Outdoor dining areas.
- 06** New brick stairs with handrail
- 07** New bike rack
- 08** New kerb layback
- 09** New paving to match existing

-  Existing tree - retain
-  Existing tree - remove
-  Existing paving - Retained
-  New shared zone - concrete unit paver
-  New mass planting
-  New brick retaining wall
-  New bollard stools to delineate shared zone
-  New timber bench seats
-  New street light
-  Relocated bin
-  Existing drinking fountain



Rendered Concept Masterplan of the new Holt Street shared zone





Location plan

Additional Project Scope:
Adelaide Place
Consultation Boards (Work in progress)

Change Adelaide Place at Devonshire St
from one-way northbound to one-way
southbound.

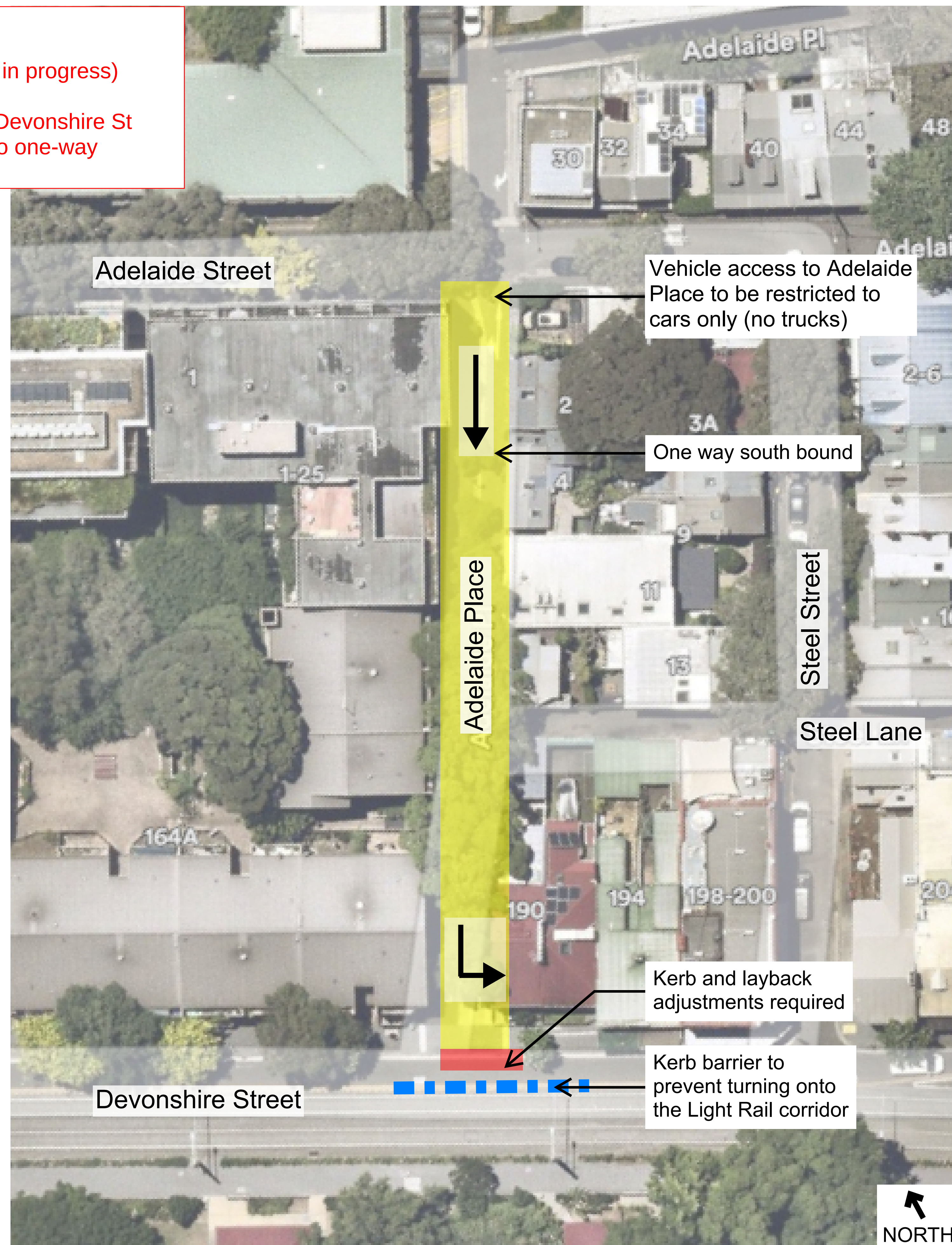
Adelaide Place Scope of Works

We are proposing some traffic changes in Adelaide Place in response to community feedback.

The proposal includes:

- changing Adelaide Place from one-way northbound to one-way southbound
- adjusting kerbs and laybacks on Devonshire Street
- installing a kerb barrier on Devonshire Street between the travel lane and the light rail corridor
- restricting vehicle access from Adelaide Street to cars only as larger vehicles will encroach onto the light rail corridor when turning into Devonshire Street.
- Adelaide Place properties to place bins on Adelaide, Steel or Devonshire Streets for collection
- modifications to road signage and line marking

We invite your feedback on the proposal.



Proposed plan for Adelaide Place

Attachment D

**Drawings - Additional Scope
(Designated Bike Parking Areas)**

Additional Scope Drawings
(Designated Bike Parking Areas):
Provide bike parking at several locations
along the Quietway route

SHARED PATH LINE MARKING

T1L01

SHARED PATH MARKING
PRIMARY TIER 1 - T1L01

T1S01

SHARED PATH MARKING
PRIMARY TIER 2 - T1S01

T1S02

SHARED PATH MARKING
PRIMARY TIER 1 - T1S02

T1S03

SHARED PATH MARKING
TERTIARY TIER 3 - TYPE VARIES

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--- SCOPE OF WORK

--- CADASTRE BOUNDARY

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PROPOSED TREE. REFER PLANTING SCHEDULE

EXISTING MASS PLANTING.

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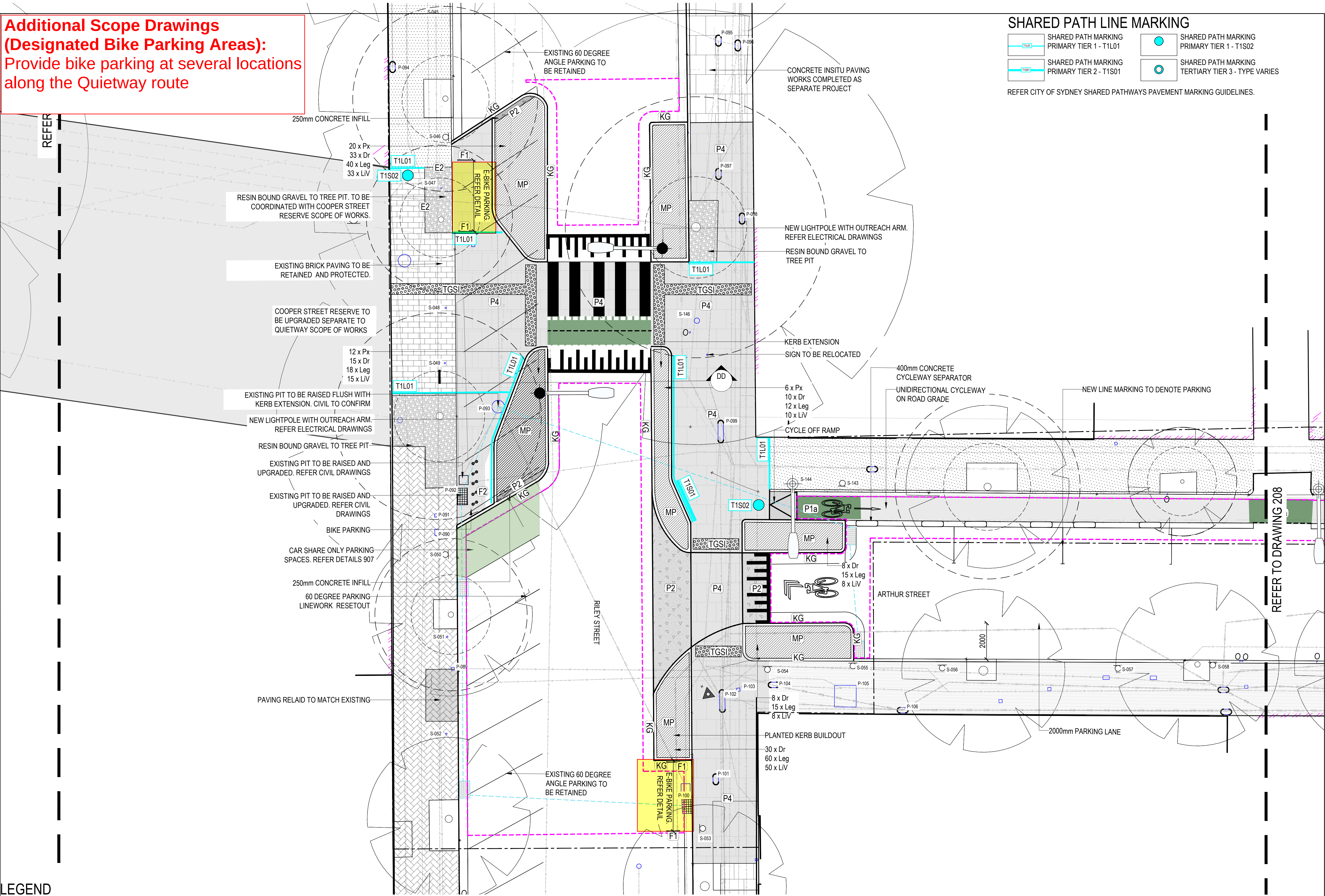
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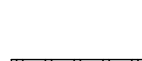
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