

Attachment A

**City of Sydney Submission – Draft Moore
Park South Establishment Plan**

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Dear Mr French

Draft Moore Park South Establishment Plan

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Moore Park South Establishment Plan. The City of Sydney appreciates the briefing provided to Councillors on 3 November, as well as the invitation and attendance of City staff to a workshop on 12 November 2025.

We strongly support the proposal to establish a high-quality 20-hectare park alongside a reconfigured 9-hole golf course.

The City has long advocated for this parkland and the reconfiguration will achieve the highest and best use of this public land.

The draft Establishment Plan aligns with the City's strategic directions and represents a timely and warranted response to increased population growth and density particularly in areas west of Moore Park including Zetland, Redfern and Waterloo. It also responds to evolving recreation trends, and community expectations.

Parkland conversion location

The City supports the allocation of parkland on the western side of the golf course (north of Dacey Avenue), bounded by the Eastern Distributor and the suburb of Redfern.

Staged masterplan

The City supports a staged masterplan approach that evolves over time in response to community needs and feedback.

The proposed range of uses and facilities are supported and provides an appropriate response to current and evolving recreational needs for a broad and diverse demographic

Early activation of the new park should prioritise removing as much fencing as possible and the delivery of the pathway network, with lighting on main paths to support walking, running, and recreational cycling. A perimeter loop will enhance connectivity to Centennial Park and, when combined with strategically located well designed and inclusive exercise stations, has the potential to become well renown fitness circuit for Sydney.

A large district-level playground will serve as a key attractor and focal point for activity within the park. Facilities designed young people including the pump track, multi-purpose courts, and a community sports field will ensure the park appeals to a broad demographic and supports diverse recreational need.

The inclusion of support amenities such as seating, BBQs, picnic areas, toilets, water bubblers and shelters is essential to creating inclusive and welcoming spaces. These facilities will encourage longer stays, support social gatherings, and foster community interaction.

Golf facilities

The reconfigured 9-hole golf course, with appropriate buffers to adjoining parkland, offers a practical solution to safely managing the interface between golf activities and community parkland use.

The proposed 18-hole short-form (mini golf) and expansion of the driving range to 90 bays reflect current trends in casual and informal golf participation. These changes will broaden the appeal of golf to a wider audience, including children.

Biodiversity

The City welcomes the proposed increased canopy cover, the establishment of ecological zones, and enhancement of habitat. These initiatives will strengthen the park's identity and landscape character, and improve resilience to climate impacts.

The City requests further collaboration with the Greater Sydney Parklands Agency on urban canopy expansion, biodiversity, and habitat management to achieve a co-ordinated response to strengthening habitat corridors across our area and beyond. It is particularly important to plant more mature trees in appropriate locations to compensate for any losses including in Dacey avenue.

Access and connectivity

Improved access and connectivity from surrounding neighbourhoods is critical to the success of the new parkland. Currently pedestrian access is inadequate, with major intersections failing to prioritise walking and cycling.

A new active transport bridge is needed near the south west corner of Moore Park and other access options from Green Square via Dacey Avenue and South Dowling Street, as well reviewing the capacity of existing bridges at Moore Park Gardens and Charles Street that link the park to Redfern and Surry Hills.

Integration with the regional cycle network including a new uni-directional regional bike route along Dacey Avenue where riders travel in the same direction as traffic is essential to support active transport and broaden the park's catchment.

Parking

Active transport should be prioritised over private vehicle access in the design of Moore Park South. It is the City's strong preference that no additional parking is provided as part of the reconfiguration given that Venues NSW is constructing a car park up to 1500 spaces in Moore Park, with completion expected next year. The nearby Supa Centa could also service parking requirements for families using the community sportsfield near Dacey Avenue.

If parking must be provided it should focus on essential access needs for people with disabilities and parents with prams. This approach will help minimise the overall footprint of car parking infrastructure, preserving more space for parkland and recreation.

Implementation and funding

The City acknowledges the \$50 million funding commitment by the NSW Government to establish the 20Ha park and reconfigured golf course at Moore Park South over the next 3 years. However it is essential that sufficient ongoing funding is allocated to support the long term maintenance of the new park and its associated facilities and to be able to respond to community feedback to realise the park's full potential.

Moore Park South represents a major opportunity to deliver a significant parkland for Sydney's growing urban population. The City looks forward to continuing its collaboration with the Greater Sydney Parklands Agency to progress its successful delivery of the parkland and helping ensure it is activated and well used by the community after the current golf course operating agreement expires in mid-2026.

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Yours sincerely

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