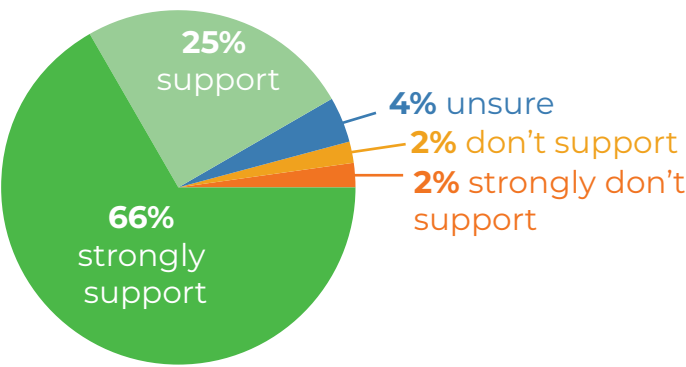


BEDFORD STREET POCKET PARK

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

The City of Melbourne is looking at improving open space provision and streetscape greening in the eastern part of North Melbourne. After an initial consultation phase in April/May 2021, City of Melbourne launched a second phase in September 2022, asking the community for their feedback on the draft concept design for the Bedford Street Pocket Park.

LEVEL OF SUPPORT



“More green space and community facilities are needed in this pocket of North Melbourne. I can't wait for the project to be complete.”

WHAT YOU TOLD US

Support for the proposal:

People were excited about the prospect of more greenery in urban spaces and the environmental and social benefits this will likely bring.

There was enthusiasm for the plan to enhance amenity for the community, especially families living in apartments, through things like the playground, seating, BBQ and passive recreation activities.

People felt the new layout and design would improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists, while still maintaining sufficient vehicle and parking access.

Opposition to the proposal:

Those who opposed the proposal expressed concerns about vehicle and parking access, with both residents and business owners concerned about the impacts of losing parking spaces in the area.

Comments and suggestions:

While some people were concerned about loss of parking, vehicle access and road congestion, others advocated for further prioritising pedestrians and cyclists over cars through more cycle infrastructure, fewer carparks, and additional traffic calming measures.

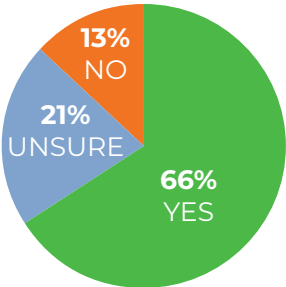
Ideas for even more trees, native planting, and wildlife corridors to support biodiversity, while ensuring planting does not block light.

More options for recreation facilities such as exercise equipment or sports courts for badminton or basketball.

Appropriate consideration and maintenance of amenities like toilets, the BBQ, bike parking, and adequate shaded seating.

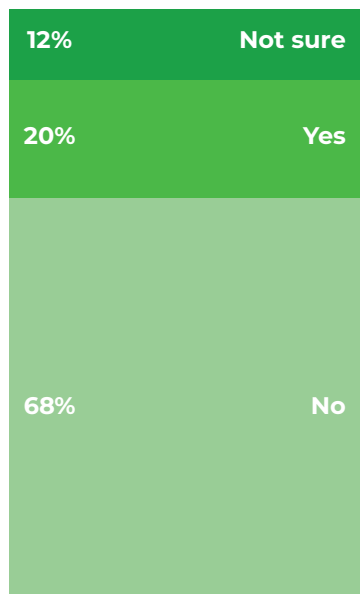
Provide a safe and accessible for various users, including children and families, and dogs and their owners.

SHOULD THERE BE A BBQ INCLUDED IN THE DESIGN?

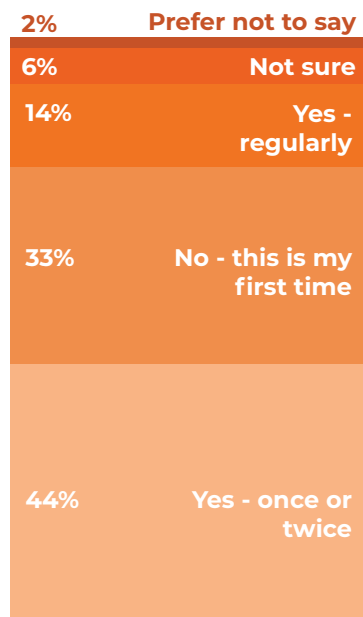


The majority of people supported the inclusion of a BBQ, but some people had concerns with the BBQ maintenance creating potential issues with smoke, litter, and attracting unwanted wildlife.

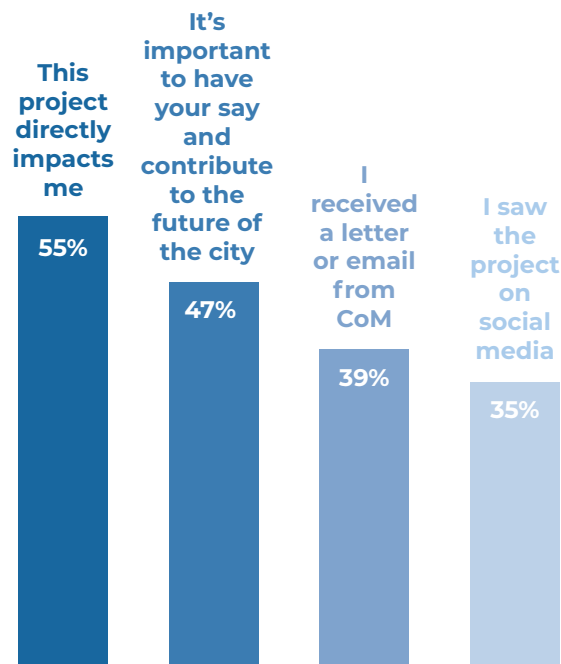
Did you participate in the first stage of the consultation in April-May 2021?



Have you participated in a consultation with City of Melbourne before?



What motivated you to participate in this consultation?



WHO WE HEARD FROM

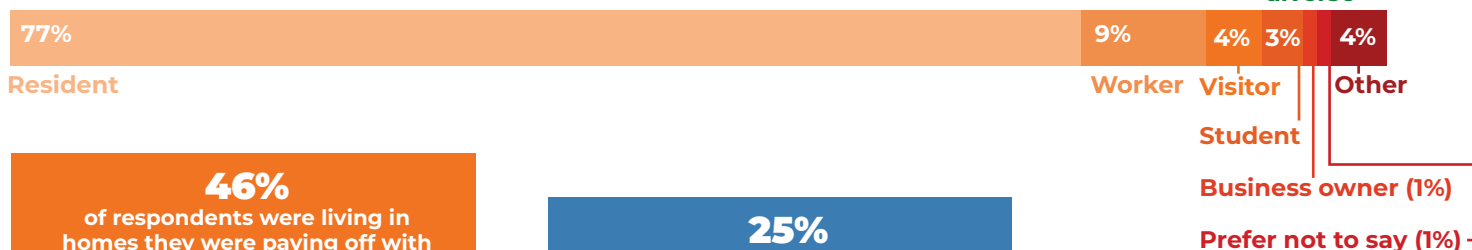
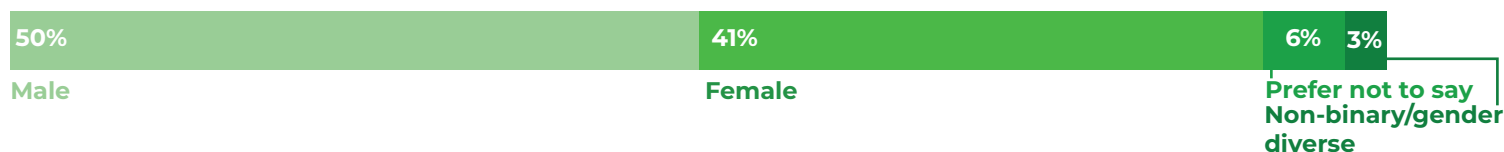
141
total responses

134
online surveys



7
independent submissions

Such a great initiative to activate dead end streets and bring more greenery into the city edge.



46%
of respondents were living in homes they were paying off with a mortgage

25%
of respondents were born overseas

32%
of respondents were renting privately

20%
of respondents identify as LGBTIQ+

20%
of respondents fully own their home

12%
of respondents speak a language other than English at home

66%
of respondents were located in North Melbourne