

CHELMSFORD STREET OPEN SPACE ENGAGEMENT SNAPSHOT

The Chelmsford Street Open Space in Kensington will replace an existing warehouse to provide a place for the community to relax, exercise, play and connect with nature.

Community feedback received from this first phase of engagement will be used to inform the draft concept plan for the Chelmsford Street Open Space.

ENGAGEMENT

132

people participated
in a focus group or
pop-up activity

The survey
received

158

responses

89%

of participants
identified as
residents

VISION

Participants who were supportive of the draft vision focused on the importance of **'a place for the community'**. They wanted more open space for the growing population to support physical and mental health. They also highlighted the importance of acknowledging and including Aboriginal cultural heritage.

90%

of participants
were supportive
of the draft vision

"More open space is vital to our well-being as the population increases in this precinct of Kensington."
- Survey respondent

PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES

Most participants were supportive of the draft project opportunities. The most frequently celebrated opportunities were **'unify'** and **'connect'**. The participants also expressed their interest for improving the connection between Kensington and North Melbourne.

A place...

... for local
residents to
regularly visit
and enjoy

... for people
to gather,
exercise and
relax

...that provides
opportunities to
learn about
Aboriginal
cultural heritage
and native plants
and animals

.... that could
support
programmed
events for school
groups and the
community

ACTIVITIES AND AMENITIES

Activities

96
votes

Socialising



91
votes

Relaxation



83
votes

Connecting with
nature



Amenities

85
votes

Picnic Areas



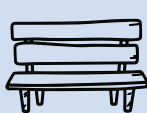
78
votes

Lawn areas



78
votes

Seating



"Play activities are ideally mixed for younger and older children and are constructed using natural elements where possible."
- Survey respondent

"Would like to see educational information on plants and Traditional Owner knowledge"
- Pop-up participant

"I would love to see a sustainable native garden and small areas to picnic or gather as a community."
- Survey respondent

Participants expressed a desire for a **calm open space** that provides a refuge for wildlife and place for nearby residents and visitors to **enjoy and unwind**.

EXPANSION

Participants were generally supportive of expanding the open space by re-purposing car parking in Chelmsford Street, but many also emphasised the need for sufficient car parking to cater for local residents, young families, the elderly, and people with a disability.

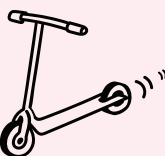


RETENTION

Participants wanted to have the connection to **Moonee Ponds Creek** strengthened and the **'industrial feel'** of the area retained.

ACCESSIBILITY AND SAFETY

Participants expressed the need for accessible parking, ramps, footpaths and park infrastructure. Design considerations for visually impaired people were of particular importance, and lighting was the most common element that people felt would make the space safer.



NEXT STEPS



Community feedback will be used to inform the Chelmsford Street Open Space draft concept plan.



The City of Melbourne will present the draft concept plan to the community for feedback in early to mid-2024.

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