Tarnham Rd Reserve

CITY OF MARION

Consultation Report
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BACKGROUND

Tarnham Road Reserve (the Reserve) is an irregular shaped reserve of 5,411 square metres. Located along Tarnham Street in Seacombe Heights, between Snowden Street and Callum Grove, and immediately west of Seaview High School.

The existing reserve has 8 tennis courts with lighting, retaining walls, fencing, a clubroom and other site infrastructure.

A geotechnical investigation has confirmed that a well or former septic tank is located below the tennis courts and has contributed to the distress and breakdown of the existing courts as well as movement in the retaining walls.

The existing clubroom no longer meets an acceptable standard and Council has recognised that the entire sites infrastructure has reached the end of its useful life.

In December 2019 Council requested a concept design for the redevelopment of the Tarnham Rd Reserve, with four multipurpose courts, amenities, car parking, equipment suitable for older children and open space development on the eastern end of the site.

The concept design encompasses 3,286m² at the eastern end of the reserve. There is a further 2125m² of the reserve at the western end that will be left undeveloped should Council proceed with the project.

This report provides a summary of feedback from the community to enable further refinement of the concept design, and also seek feedback on potential future options and opportunities for the undeveloped land.

ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

At the General Council meeting on 24 November 2020, Council endorsed the draft concept design and the approved the commencement of the community consultation process.

The draft concept design encompasses 3,286m² at the eastern end of the reserve. There is a further 2125m² of the reserve at the western end that will be left undeveloped should Council proceed with the project.

The draft concept design includes:

- 4 Courts with lighting (2 Tennis Courts + 2 Tennis/Netball)
- Playground with Climbing Wall and Mega Swing
- Amenities include a Public Toilet, Shelters, Seating and off-street parking (including one all-access carpark).

Due to the restrictions of Covid 19 the community consultation for Tarnham Road was conducted online through social media and the Making Marion website.

The consultation period was open from 26 November 2020 to 18 December 2020.

A letterbox drop informing residents was circulated to a 500metres radius around the site.

Specific feedback was also requested from Dover Square Tennis Club and Seaview High School who will be seeking access agreements with council to utilise the facilities.

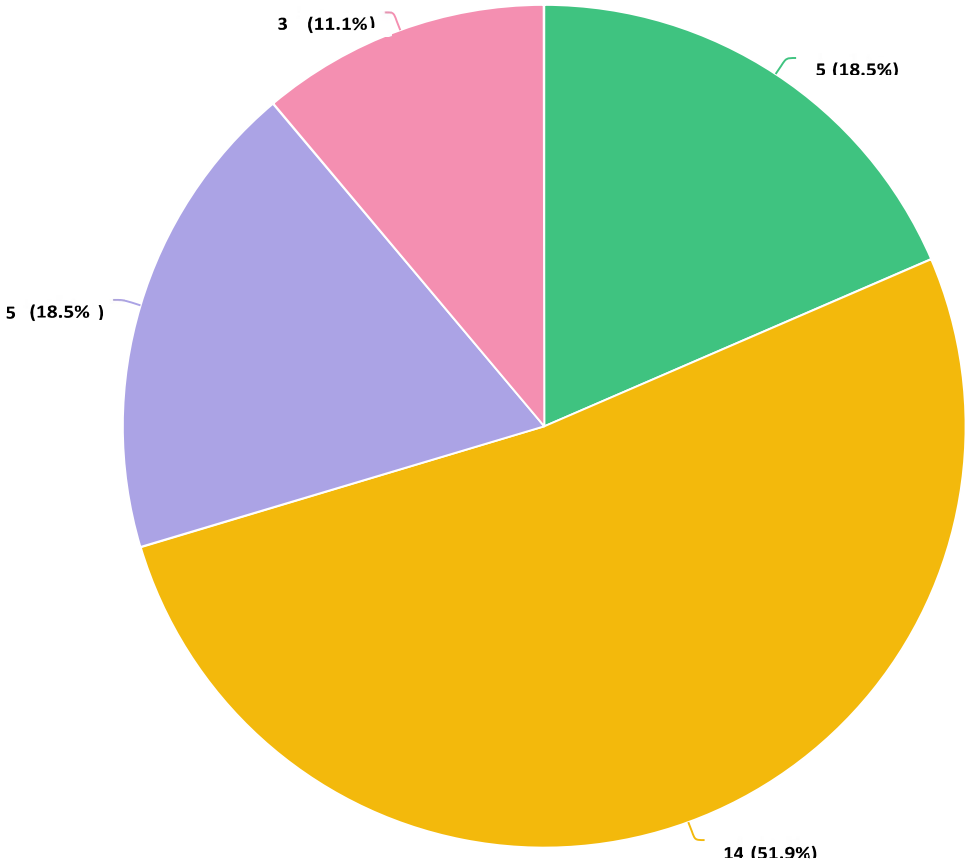
Making Marion

In total 208 people viewed the consultation information on Making Marion.

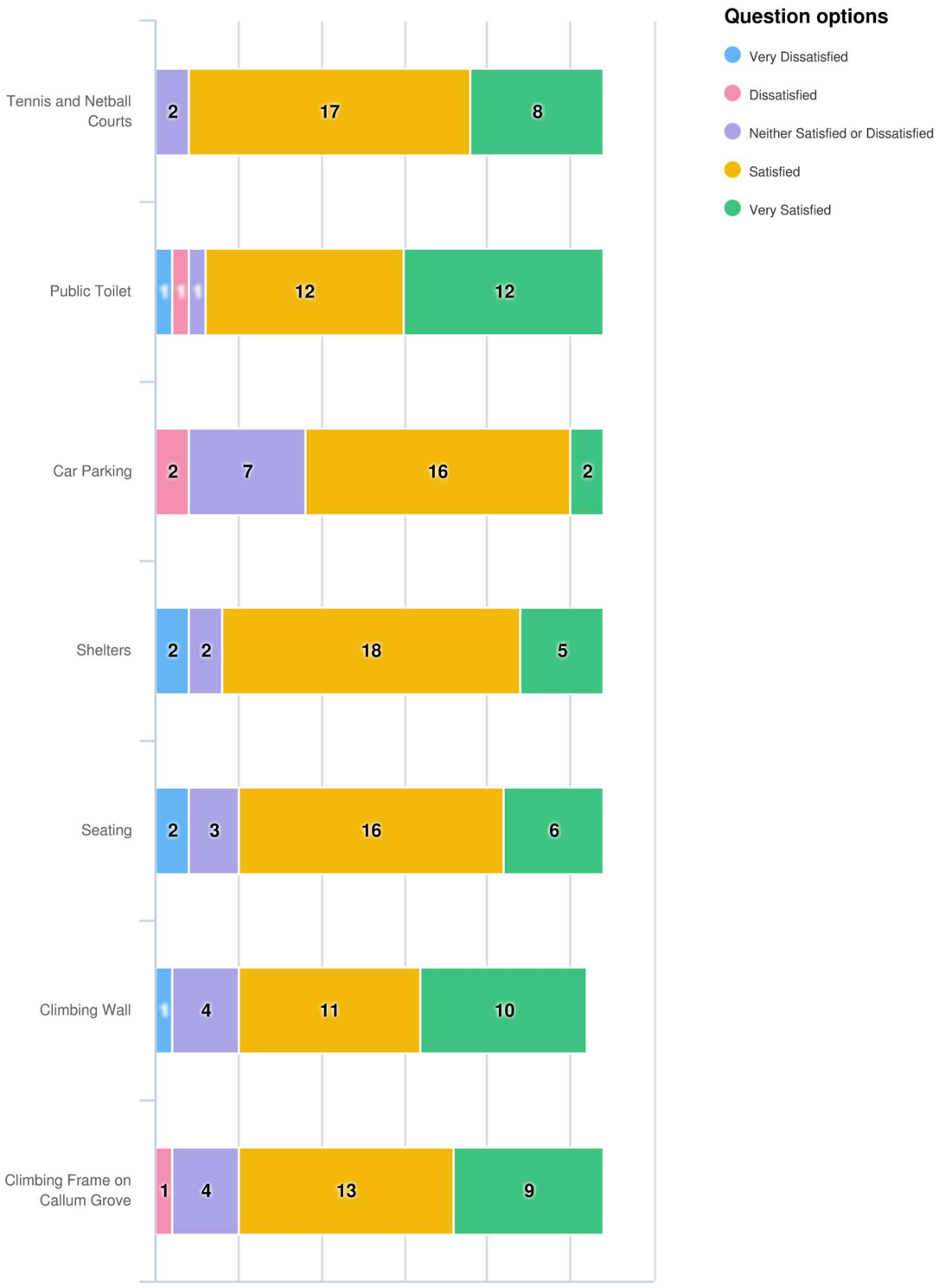
27 people contributed feedback through the online survey.

CONSULTATION RESULTS

1. **Overall how satisfied are you with the concept design?**



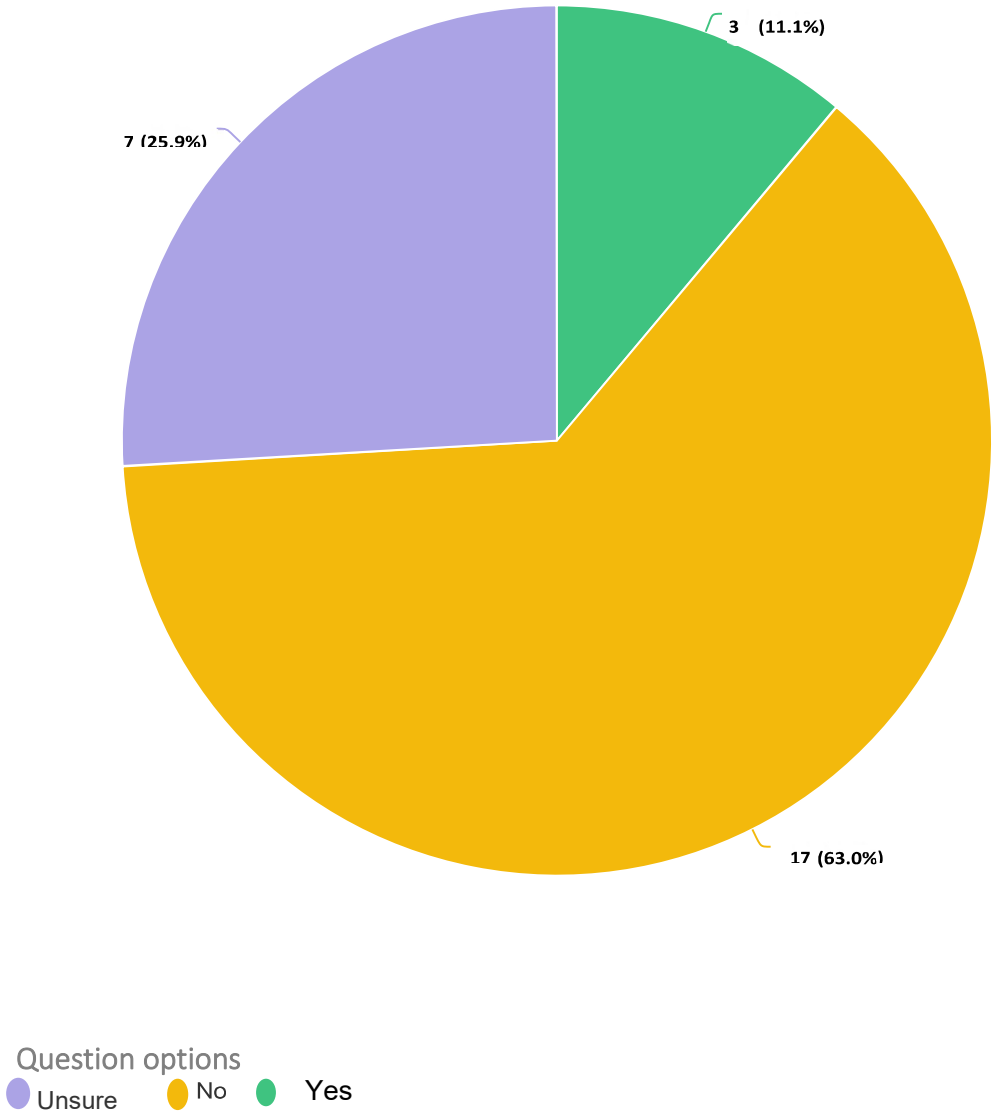
2. How satisfied are you with the following design elements?



3. **Do you have any suggestions for the undeveloped land on the Western side of Tarnham Rd?**

- Leave asphalt as scooter, skateboard, roller board space with new low black fence only
- Create a car park at South Western corner along Tarnham Rd. Lower area into a dog park (if that works).
- Please ensure it is for community use not sold off for general revenue. Maybe a community hall or men's shed, for local residents.
- Trees, garden and seating
- Tennis activity requires shelter and seating for community and players waiting/watching as games are not over in minutes. Additional Car Parking for up to 20 cars
- Monkey bars
- A large fenced grass area with bike / scooter track. Toddler and younger kids nature / adventure playground. Could work with the retaining walls and do slides down them, tunnels, etc. Dog friendly At the moment it's the perfect spot for snakes and desperately needs improving.
- Perhaps a barbecue area such as Dover Gardens.
- Splash park/water feature I have another idea but hard to explain. I need to be able to upload a photo... but it's a tiled wall with a trough of water at the bottom. Attached paintbrushes are used to dip in water and effectively "paint" on the tiles in which people can draw/write, etc. Then it evaporates in time - depending on weather
- Dog park or community garden. Or bike track for children
- Dog park
- I believe that a decision needs to made to either retain the western area and provide additional open space for community use with landscaping and turf or retain and make good the existing infrastructure. Leaving this as an undeveloped site will be detrimental to the aesthetic of the area. I think there is a great opportunity for the land to be used for basketball also .
- Fitness/excercise equipment. Further sporting space such as half court basketball, handball courts Fenced playground
- Add monkey bars / play ground please
- Dog park where dogs can roam with their owners without a lead.
- Extra court, larger playground or open space for future need - do not sell off !
- Picnic area, rotunda, seating etc
- It would be good to see a BBQ area / shelter placed here or basketball hoops
- The existing facilities are predominantly designed for those people who are very active. I think the remaining land should include some quiet spaces for the less active members of our society eg. seniors and people with disabilities

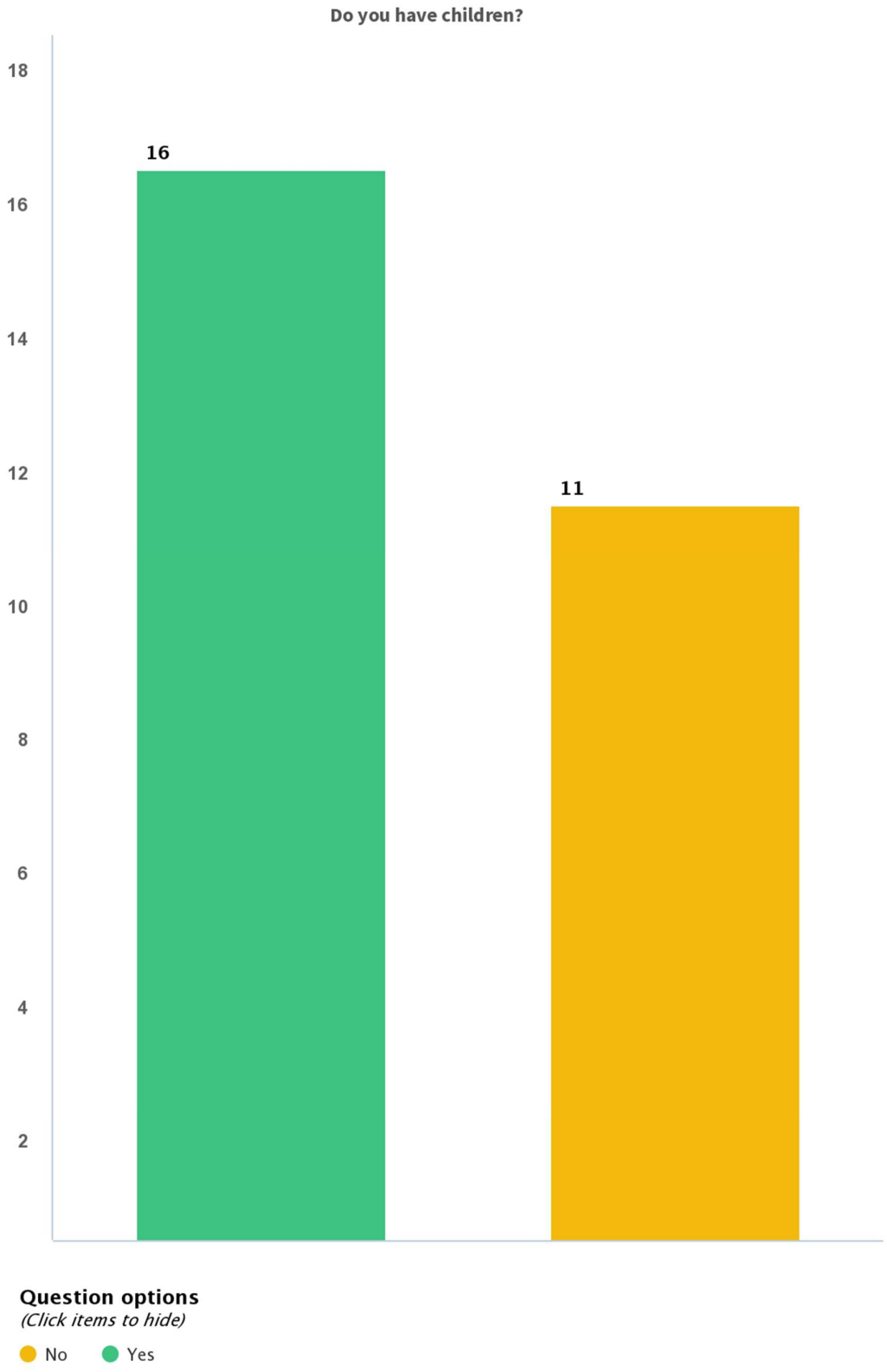
4. Do you consider the western portion of Tarnham Road Reserve to be surplus land?



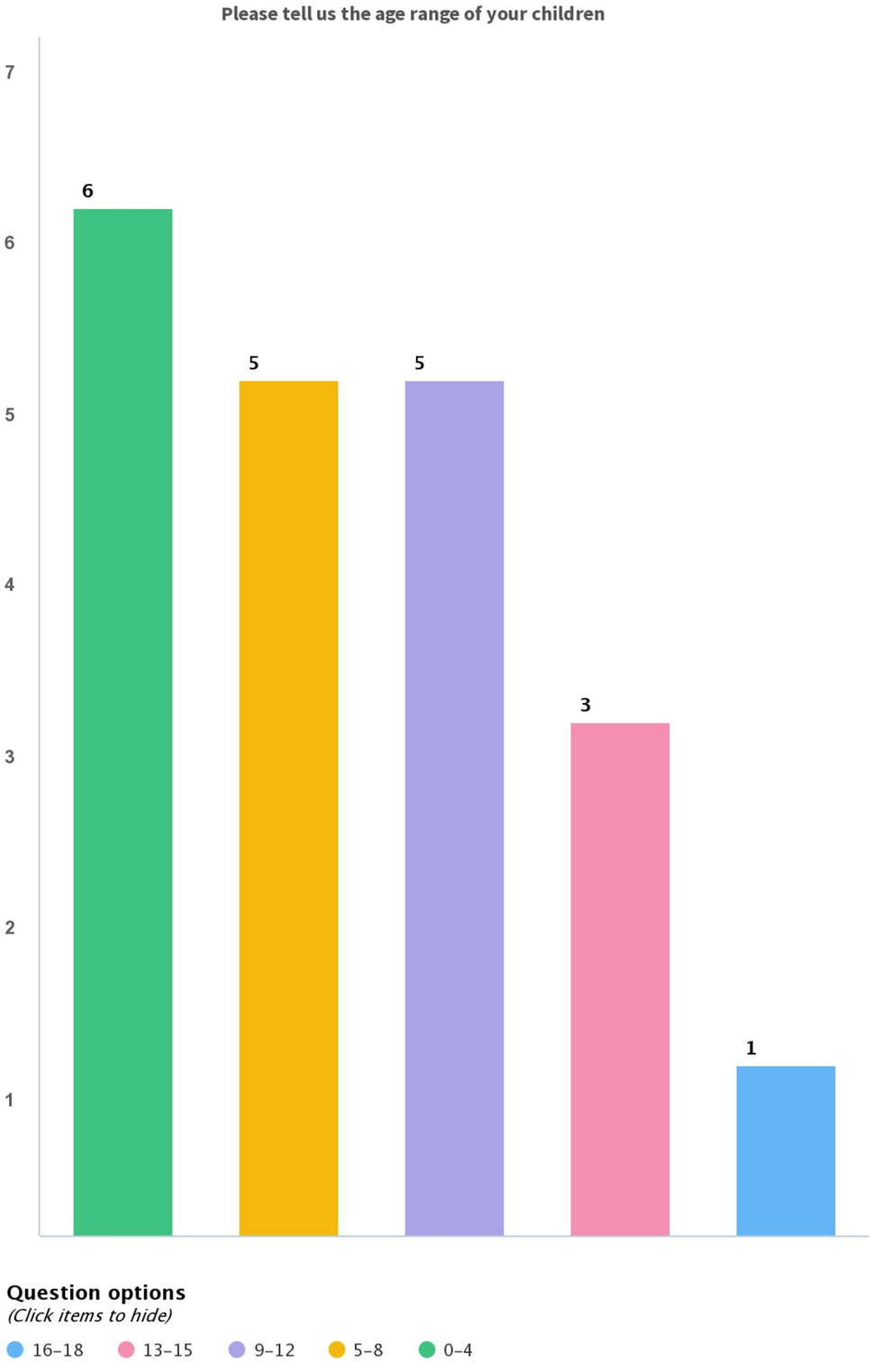
5. Do you have any other comments you would like to make in regards to the redevelopment of Tarnham Rd Reserve?

- I think it would be best to increase size & number shelters on Southern side of courts for parents/spectators of Netball & Tennis competition. I presume these will be used by the school, community & clubs
- Please do not sell this off for revenue, even open lawn space with trees and benches may be a good interim solution, possibly some BBQ facilities as in the park near Patritti, with a covered pergola.
- More seating behind every court. Where you have youth in sport, you have parents and grandparents as spectators.
- This site is an eye sore and really needs improving. It's great that you've got it in your radar but the entire site needs to be completed not just half. It's large enough to accommodate activities for all ages from babies, toddlers right up to adults.
- With a number of schools near by I believe It will be a well used location if completed
- Parking may be a problem, especially during term time. Two parking spots seem insufficient. Also, for residents surrounding the reserve there should be an appropriate cut-off time for the lighting.
- Hopefully the courts won't always be locked!
- Very happy something is being done about it. I think the bigger you can make the playground the better as there isn't much around this area that is in good condition.
- Although I am all for the upgrade of the facilities, I think it will be great. I do have a rather large concern. The positioning of the toilet on the draft picture is directly opposite our front window. Is there a Possibility of considering relocating this to the other side of the car park where it will be opposite a neighbours side fence rather than our front windows?
- It would be great to have a dog park in the area
- I do have concerns over the partial use of the land. I think all options for grants should be investigated thoroughly so that this site can be used to its full potential to give better facilities that will provide value well into the future.
- lots of parents bring there kids to courts as it is i would like to see all of the land utilized maybe some extra carparks lawn the western end gently sloping down into court area
- More parking would be great, but I understand space is limited to fit everything in. Can the kerbs be pulled back slightly to allow parallel parking but set back from the road?
- Please do this i have 2 young children on Tarnham road who will get so much use out of this
- I am keen for a dog park in the vicinity of my home on Glen Street
- Another tennis court could be added to this western area land.
- If the land is to remain undeveloped for a long period of time, then it should be fenced off. My concern is that once the land is cleared that it will be used as a dumping ground.
- This is a valuable piece of land that would be of significant benefit to the ever-growing Seaview High. It would be great to have courts that the school could access/hire to ensure the students have great facilities to meet their needs.

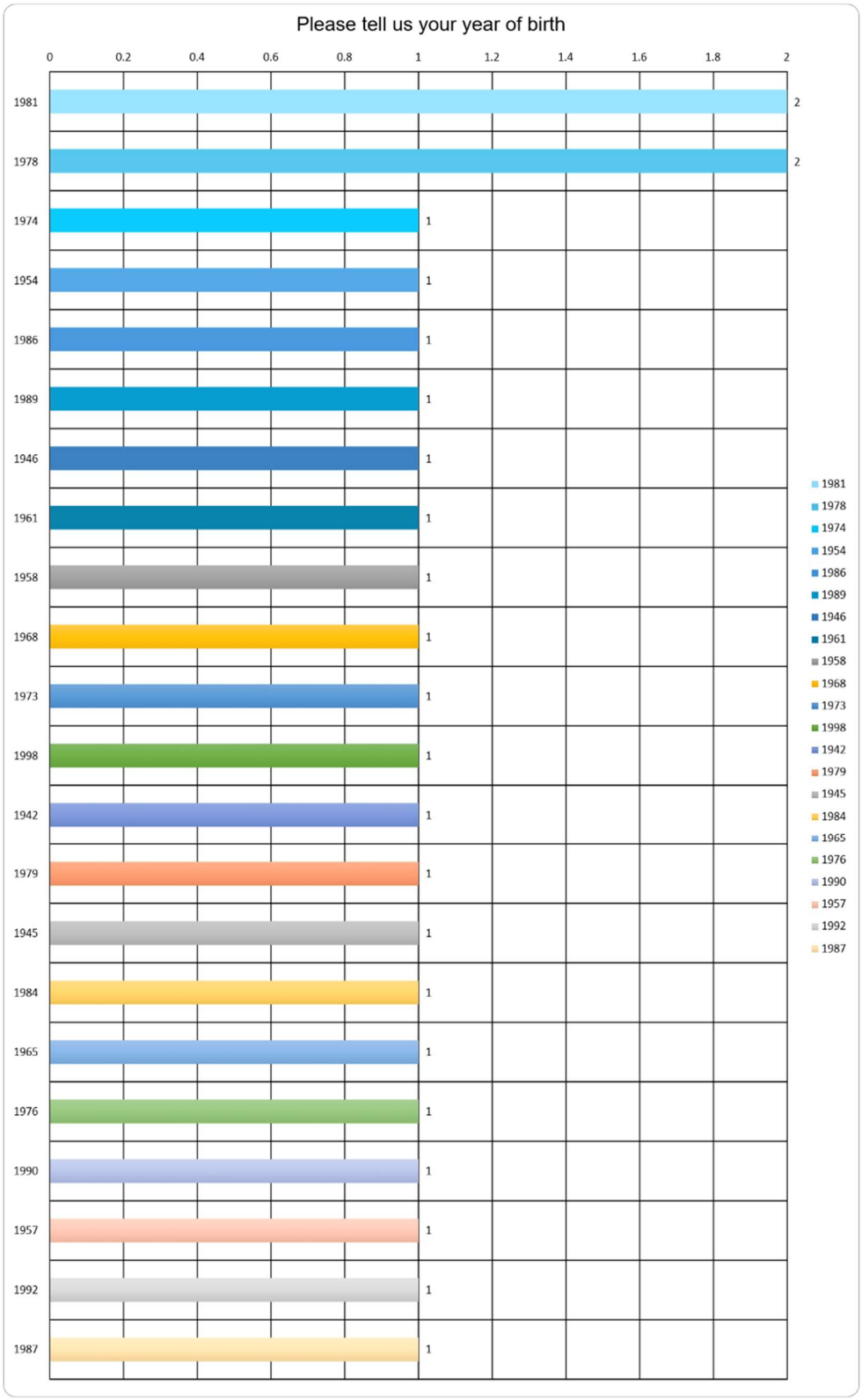
6. Do you have children?



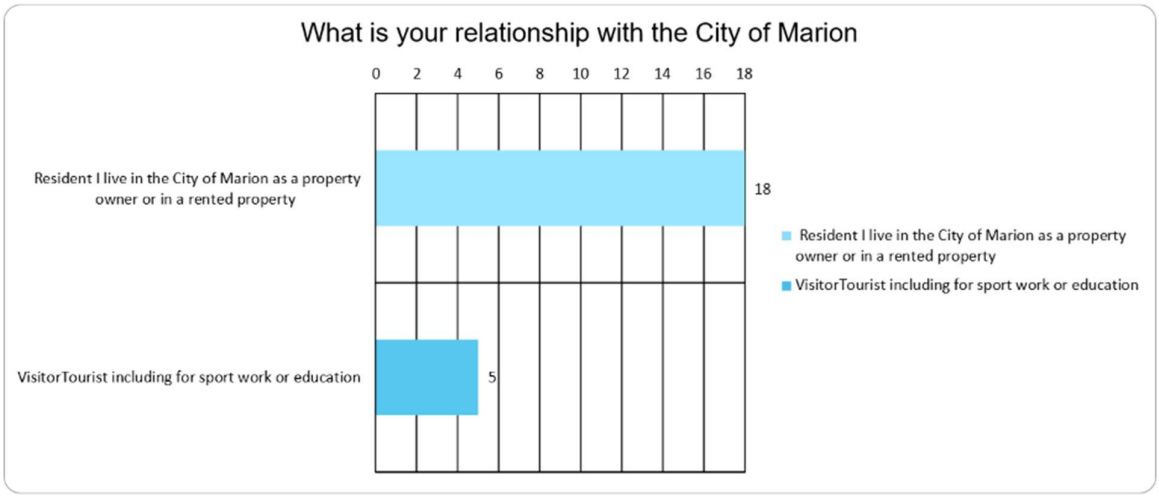
7. Please tell us the age range of your children?



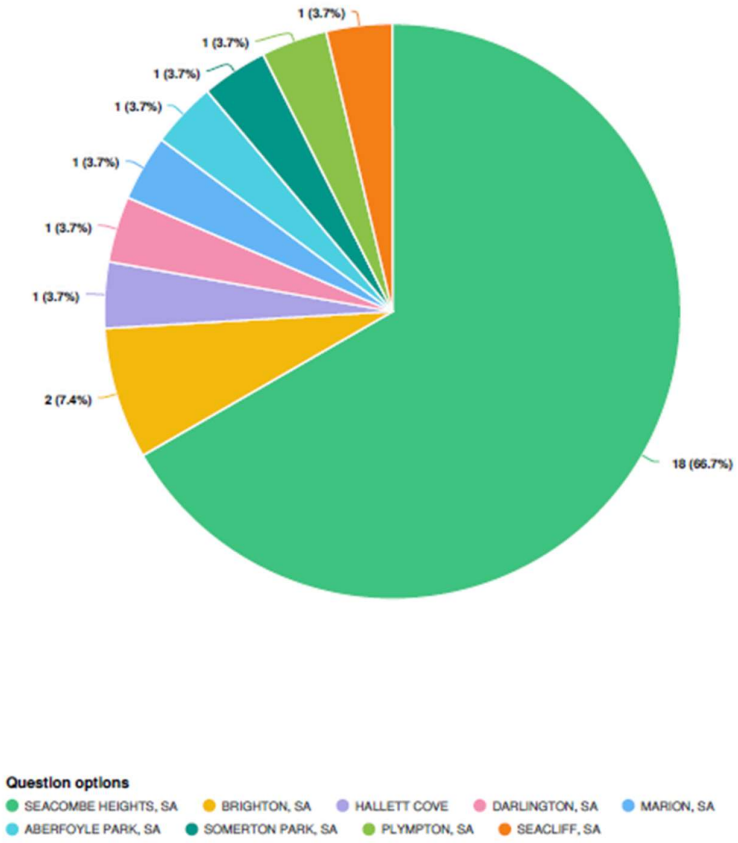
8. Please tell us the year of your birth.



9. **What is your relationship with the City of Marion?**



10. What suburb do you live?



OTHER FEEDBACK PROVDED ON TARNHAM RD

The following feedback was provided to Council in November 2020 from Seaview High School and Dover Square Tennis Club after reviewing the concept.

	Comments
Seaview HS	• Overall, the school staff really like the design. • The school and DECD will be keen to have a long-term agreement with Council for to use the courts during the day. • School enquired if they will be able to access the lockable storage to reconfigure the courts set up for tennis or netball.
Dover Square Tennis Club	• Larger shelter • Possible shade sales on upper level to increase shaded areas for watching games, there can be more than 20 people watching games. • Possibly swap the shelter with exeloo so the shelter is more central • Power at the shelter for tea and coffee etc.. • Roller style nets rather than post and sleeve nets so there's no trip hazard from caps in the courts • May need to think about larger storage area • Concerned about a climbing wall on the back of the courts. Kids will inevitably climb on it and possibly get hit by tennis balls. Suggested a fence across.

Summary

Satisfaction with the concept design?

- 69% of people are either satisfied or very satisfied with the concept design for Tarnham Road Reserve
- 18% are neither satisfied nor dissatisfied with the proposed design

Satisfaction with design elements

- From the 27 completed responses there is a high level of satisfaction with the design elements from a majority of respondents
- 2 responses indicated they are dissatisfied with the public toilet
- 2 responses indicated dissatisfaction with the level of car parking
- 2 responses indicated dissatisfaction with seating and shelters
- 1 response was dissatisfied with the climbing wall
- 1 response was dissatisfied with the climbing frame

Western side of Tarnham Rd

Most requested items

- Dog Park
- Additional play equipment
- Seating and shelters

63% of responses indicated they do not consider the western portion of Tarnham Rd as surplus land