Tarnham Rd Reserve

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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.

Following community feedback from earlier rounds of consultation the initial concept design has been revised to incorporate the entire reserve.

The design now shows:

- two tennis and two dual purpose tennis and netball courts with lighting
- play equipment for older children
- a new location for the public toilet
- skate area
- paths to improve access
- shelters and seating
- car parking

At the general Council meeting held 8 June 2021 (GC210608F02) Council endorsed the revised concept design for Tarnham Rd Reserve for final community consultation, detailed design and construction.

ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

Residents were invited to provide feedback on the final concept design for the Tarnham Road Reserve upgrade.

The consultation period opened 16 July 2021 and closed on 6 August 2021.

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

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

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

Making Marion

In total 71 people viewed the consultation information on Making Marion.

19 people contributed feedback through the online survey.

CONSULTATION RESULTS

1. **Overall, what do you like most about the updated concept design?**

Overall people were supportive of the design. The comments have been themed below.

Feedback relating to courts
• I like the addition of tennis courts
• I like the combination tennis and netball courts. The addition of public toilets and other equipment for children of parents watching the netball/tennis.
• The netball courts
• The greenery and gardens, which I hope will be maintained. I think this upgrade looks great
• great play space for all ages. I hope the tennis courts remain free use for the community
• The new courts
Feedback relating to landscaping
• The more plants, the better. You need to make sure that there are lots of plants That there is a good amount of green space for the less active to enjoy the area at the western end and variety of different activities areas for children of different age groups.
Feedback relating to use of space
• Better use of the space
• Good use of space, much needed multi use facilities
• it uses the entire existing space
• The open space in the middle between the courts
Other feedback
• Using existing hardware available (recycling great) based for older kids - since it is next to a Secondary School & finally toilets, which are sadly missing in the Marion area
• Regeneration of site with indicated aesthetic improvements improves the amenity of surrounding neighbourhood, and should facilitate social engagement and integration among families with young children.
• Skate area.

2. **Is there anything you think we have missed?**

Feedback relating to courts
• Can you please provide lighting on all courts and make it free to use for the community?
• Think you have too many tennis courts. Often tennis courts are un-used and a waste of space. We have a number of tennis courts around the City of Marion. I would suggest that you have 2 x Netball/ Basketball Courts and 2 x outdoor futsal/ football courts. As a manager of recreation facilities within the City of marion, I see a great opportunity for an outdoor futsal league or basketball league potentially operating out of this proposed outdoor space and the YMCA operating it on behalf of the CoM.
Feedback relating to use of space
• Couple more seats around the tennis court area/spectators like to sit when watching. Or parents when supervising their kids, like to sit. Couple trees near loop path.
• In the skate area two rails aren't enough. Add some banks and transitions
• This upgrade desperately needs basketball rings
• basketball half would be a great addition given the popularity of the sport in the area. Maybe a bbq area or seating the allows dining
• There definitely needs to be more parking available around the tennis courts and seaview high school for the school students to park during the day as it is chaotic before and after school and the poor peoples houses have cars out the front of them all day.
• A community garden area - urban food security, community green urban spaces
• It is quite remarkable what you have managed to fit within the space available - a very well-designed concept
Other feedback
• There should be play equipment for the younger children too so that the whole family can use it. With only play equipment for older kids we would not be able to go there.
• Is this park locked up at night ? There needs to be an early curfew on night useage .   ○ Please ensure that the western end looks like part of the whole concept plan and that this area is maintained as an inviting open green space. My concern is that young people have congregated in the bushes/trees in this area to drink alcohol and "smoke". (2) I hope that

the lights will go off at a reasonable time of night and that floodlighting is not going to be an annoyance of those people who live in the area. • Provision ought to be made for shelter, seating and other amenities that would encourage use of the existing area at the corner of Snowden and Grafton Streets – e.g. for family gatherings especially those including toddlers. This would do well to include a sufficient grassed area to allow safe, unrestrained movement of pre and newly ambulatory children.
• No
• more play equipment for children
• Please can toilets be lock at night so people are not stooping there at all hours?

3. Of the following elements which are of most importance to you?

(Please rank all nine elements with 1 being most important and 9 being least important)

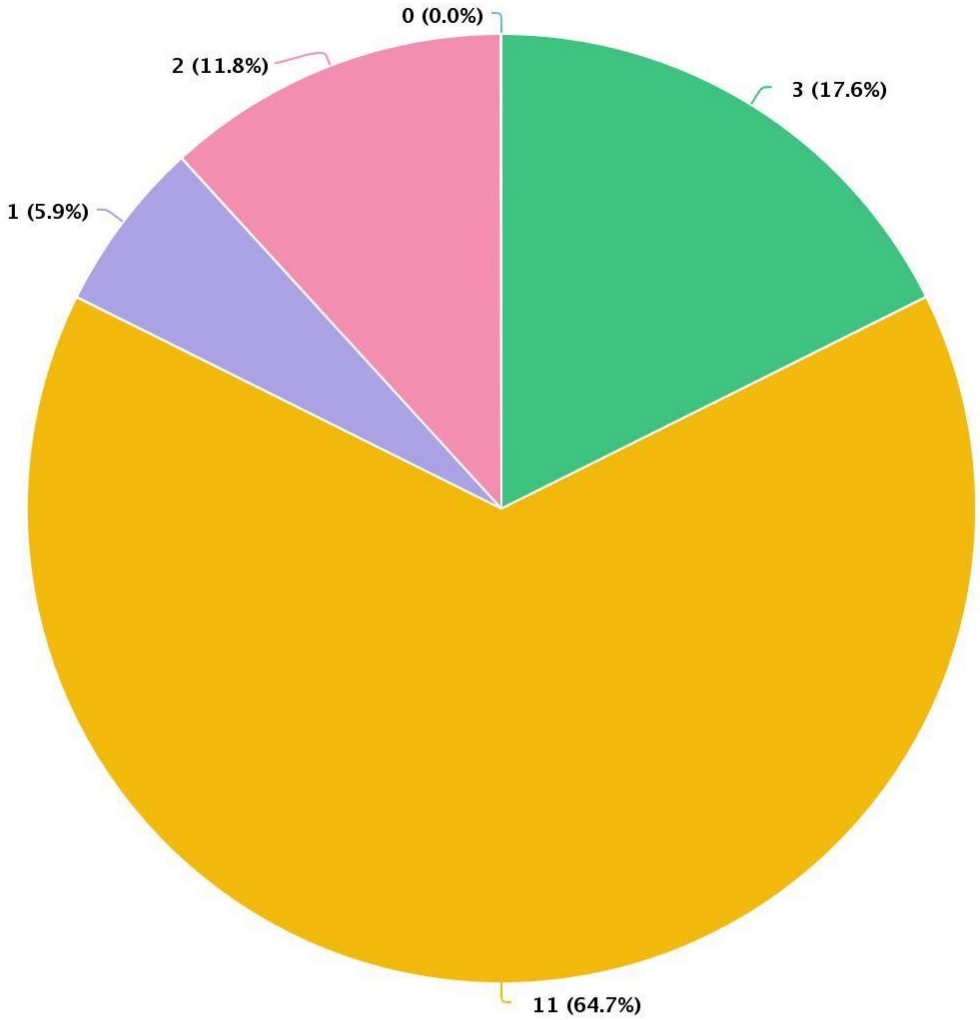
I would present this without av rank as the technicality of the numbers won't mean anything to community. Suggest something like this:

Of highest priority were public toilets, shelters and court lighting. A full summary of most important to least important is provided below:

Most importance ↓ Least importance	Public Toilet
	Shelters
	Court Lighting
	Seating
	Car Parking
	Pathways
	Other Play Equipment
	Climbing Wall
	Skating Area

4. **Overall, how satisfied are you that community feedback from the first consultation in November/December 2020 has been considered in the updated concept design?**

   The chart below shows 82.3% of people are either Satisfied or very satisfied the community feedback has been considered in the concept design.



ONSITE CONSULTATION

An onsite consultation was held on Thursday 5 August from 3pm to 5.30pm.

Two residents from Grafton Street provided feedback.

- Both were very happy with the design and stated they would be providing feedback through Making Marion.
- They are happy the toilet has been moved further east away from their properties. Discussion also led to a preference for the toilet door to be facing towards the school. They are concerned about the public toilet hours of operation and would like to see a timer lock installed.
- They were both concerned about the parking issues around the site and would like the yellow line extended to the end of Grafton Street.
- They would like to see the trees in south western corner of the site trimmed back and maintained in better condition.

School students who use the site for skating commented the design is “fully sick!” and can’t wait for the development to be completed. The students asked if Council could consider an additional ramp in the skate area to the eastern end of the site.

OTHER FEEDBACK PROVDED ON TARNHAM RD

The following feedback was provided to Council from Seaview High School, Dover Square Tennis Club and Hub Netball Club after reviewing the concept.

	Comments
Seaview HS	• The school indicated they were happy with the design and look forward to the development commencing. • 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	If there is potential for more angle parking at the S/E corner of the block That space has previously been gravel & seems to be a wasted space. Amount of car parking may not be important if parking is available on Tarnham Rd being access to the courts can now be made via the open area in the middle (previous access was only from Grafton St). Other than that, the concept of the revamp looks great!
Hub Netball Club	President Marissa Payne provided the following comments. My club is very keen to provide the below comments/feedback. Recognising where we are at with restrictions (Covid) and the timeframes to ensure the project keeps moving, I wanted to send through the below: • In order to participate in lower cost competitions such as SAUNCA, it is important a club has courts that can be utilised as part of their fixture (a club would be limited to participating in SUNA & CNA/AMND who do not require this). Courts wide enough for competition would also be helpful for inter-club

	Comments
	carnivals with other netball clubs in the Marion LGA. I wonder if the netball courts could accommodate the space for competition courts? One of our club's key objectives over the next five years is to try and make netball more affordable as part of our vision *Netball for Everyone*. Fees to participate in, for example SAUCNA, are less per player when compared to SUNA fees, so we are very interested in facilitating teams to play in SAUCNA if we can. • It is great to see such a wide 4m opening to get into the netball courts; has accessibility from the surrounding footpath and All-Access carpark been considered so people with a mobility impairment can easily reach the courts? • It is fantastic that the courts are open to the public and it would be beneficial if netball rings could stay in position when not in use for tennis? Has there been any thinking around what this looks like? Having access to practise goal shooting on a regular basis is important for any budding netballer's ongoing development and participation or even just to encourage anyone to try before coming out and giving it a go. • Can the lockable storage shed be accessed internally via the courts and would any user group be able to use these facilities? Overall, it is an absolutely fantastic facility and I think you have done a truly amazing job!

Summary

Overall there is a high degree of satisfaction in the community with the proposed design for Tarnham Rd.

Feedback included requests for additional seating, shelter, play equipment, car parks and plants/garden.

Traffic management in the area is a concern for people living directly adjacent the site.

The school and clubs support the proposed design.

- Dover Square Tennis would like to see more parking in Grafton Street.
- The School is keen to see the site developed and establish a user agreement.
- Hub netball like the design and are in high need of the courts. The club would like to establish an agreement for use of the site.