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Ballyshannassy Park Improvements and Lighting Consultation report

Thank you to everyone who shared their feedback and suggestions on the proposed improvements and lighting upgrade at Ballyshannassy Park.

We received 98 survey submissions.

Here's what we learned:

- **95%** of respondents support the park improvements, including increased vegetation and the addition of a new pathway from Crow Street.
- **94%** of respondents support the revised lighting plan.

We gathered valuable information to help us work towards the final designs.

The next phase of the project involves the report and consent process for the proposed lighting masts. Residents adjoining the park will receive notification from Council's Building Surveyor as part of this process.

Engagement snapshot

- **98** submissions received.
- **95%** of respondents support the park improvements, including increased vegetation and the addition of a new pathway from Crow Street.
- **94%** of respondents support the revised lighting plan.
- **5%** of participants expressed concerns about lighting height, running time and increased park usage may have impact on the surround residents.

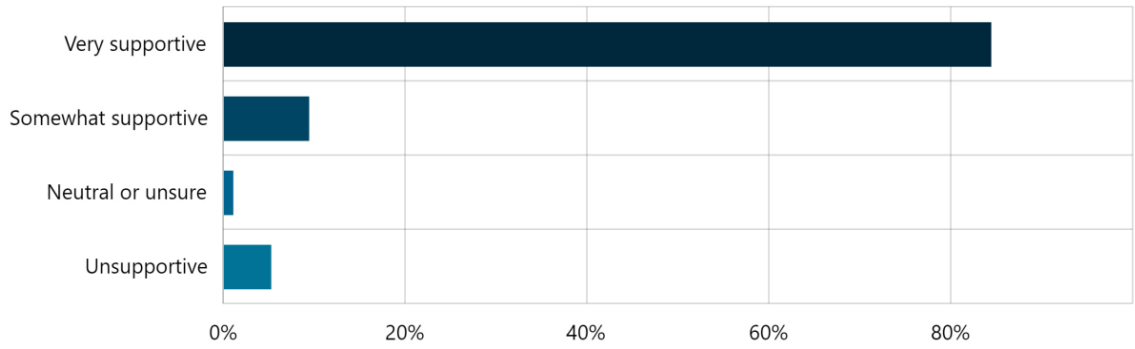
Promotion of engagement:

- Distributed letters to residents and property owners within 200m catchment of Ballyshannassy Park (400 households). Information booklets were provided to adjoining property owners (45 households).
- Hosted one public information sessions, attended by over 10 residents and former Eley Ward Councillor Trudy Skillbeck.
- Collaborated with clubs like Box Hill United and MCSA Football Clubs, which are tenants of the site.
- Corflute signs displayed at the main entrance.
- Social media advertising during the survey period, which reached 2,719 people and was viewed a total of 4,580 times.

Your feedback

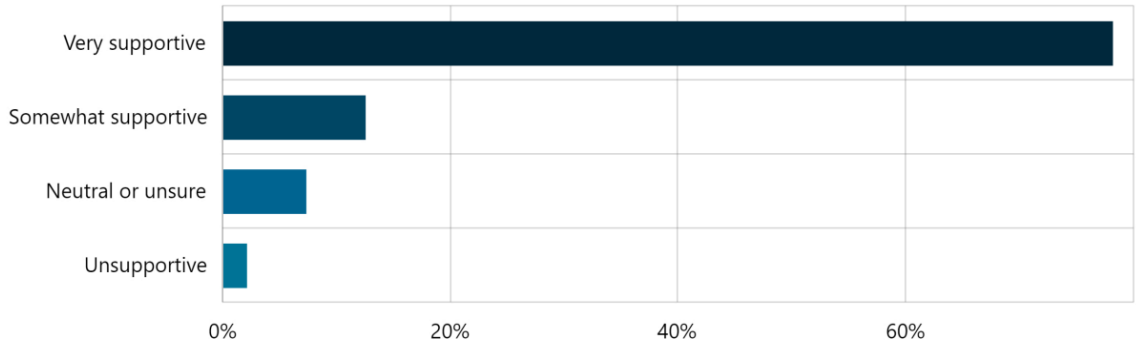
Below is a summary of the feedback we received.
Key themes

1. How do you feel about the revised lighting plan?



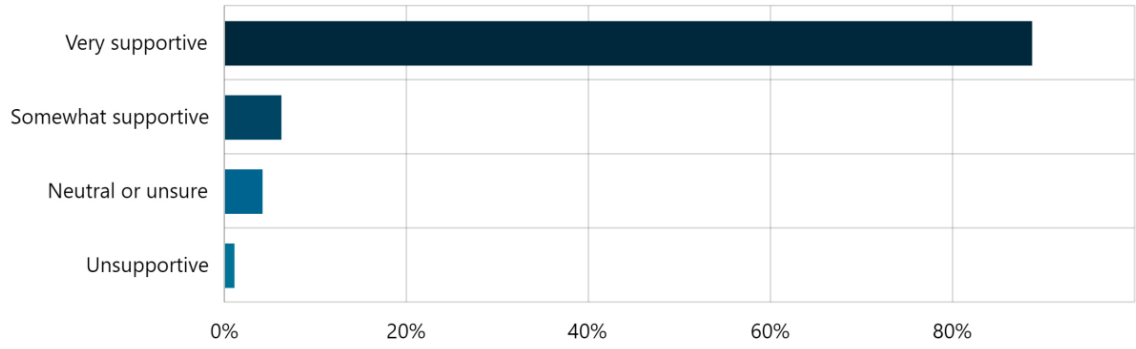
Answer choices	Percent	Count
Very supportive	84.38%	81
Somewhat supportive	9.38%	9
Neutral or unsure	1.04%	1
Unsupportive	5.21%	5
Total	**100.00%**	**96**

2. Do you support on-demand lighting at the park?



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Very supportive	78.13%	75
Somewhat supportive	12.50%	12
Neutral or unsure	7.29%	7
Unsupportive	2.08%	2
Total	**100.00%**	**96**

3. How do you feel about the proposed park improvements including increased vegetation and a new pathway from Crow Street?



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Very supportive	88.66%	86
Somewhat supportive	6.19%	6
Neutral or unsure	4.12%	4
Unsupportive	1.03%	1
Total	**100.00%**	**97**

In response to feedback received during the community consultation, we've made some adjustments to the project and taken other actions including:

- We will include behind goal netting at each of the goals in the reserve.
- We have installed lighting timers on existing lighting to ensure the lights are switched off in line with the Floodlighting Policy curfew.
- The light poles will be visually screened with denser vegetation, making them less noticeable from neighbouring properties.
- Lighting pole setbacks (distance from neighbouring fence line) have been increased to the maximum distance possible.
- The proposed lighting system will be fully customised, and any light spill will be minimal to 1lux (much lower than the Australian Standard requirements of 10lux).
- The lighting poles need to be between 15m-20m in height to achieve compliant lighting levels across the field of play and to ensure consistent light levels for the safety of players. However, in response to community feedback we have we've taken every step possible to mitigate concerns through the design and construction of the lighting system.
- Council will be enhancing the entry pathway from Crow St to the park to improve accessibility.

Next steps

Moving forward Council will go through a Report and Consent process which is required by the Building Act when pole installation is higher than 8m. Residents and property owners adjoining the park will receive notification from Council's Building Surveyor as part of this process.

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