

STAGE 1 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMUNITY FEEDBACK SUMMARY AND COUNCIL RESPONSE

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| Acquired Properties | Many respondents were supportive for these lands to be incorporated into Blenheim Park for community use. The most popular suggestion for this area was for basketball courts with seating. Other suggestions included youth area, BMX track, skate park, play equipment for older kids, hit up wall, family friendly area and a PCYC with gymnasium or indoor sports centre. Some suggested the car park could be relocated to the area. A small number of respondents were not supportive of Council's acquisition of these properties. | Active Recreation area included in draft Masterplan. Design is intended to be inclusive of youth, family and all abilities. Specific features include multi-courts, hit up wall, skate park, play equipment and social spaces for older kids. |
| | | PCYC, gymnasium or indoor sports centre not included in draft Masterplan as there is insufficient space. |
| | | Car park improvements incorporated elsewhere in draft Masterplan |
| | | Property acquisition and expansion of the Park reflected in draft Masterplan in accordance with previous Council resolution. |
| Basketball Court | Upgrade and improve the basketball/netball facilities onsite. Respondents would like more basketball half courts while others would like to see a full size court within the Park. | Existing basketball half court/netball ring to be removed in draft Masterplan. Active Recreation area with 2 x multi-courts (approximately ¾ sized basketball courts) included in draft Masterplan. |
| Connectivity | Some respondents would like to see direct access from the southern side of the park (via Morshead Rd), others would like a pedestrian bridge over Epping Road and improved pedestrian access from Pittwater Road. Improved pathway connections would support and strengthen internal and external access, connection and active transport links between Blenheim Park, the surrounding residential areas, public transport (buses and trains) and the business park. | New pedestrian stairs and cycle ramp providing connection between Epping Road and Blenheim Road included in draft Masterplan. |
| | | Improved internal pathway network with path lighting included in draft Masterplan. These will contribute to strengthen external links to public transport, active transport routes and business park. |
| | | Suggestion for direct access from southern side of park would significantly improve the walkability and access to the park for many North Ryde residents. Not included in Masterplan as this falls outside the park boundary, but recommended for future potential consideration and investigation. |
| | | Suggestion for pedestrian bridge over Epping Road would significantly improve pedestrian safety, strengthen external links to public transport and active transport routes, whilst also improve the walkability and access to the park for many North Ryde residents. Not included in Masterplan as this falls outside the park boundary, but recommended for future consideration and investigation. |

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| Dog Off Leash Area | Fenced dog park is a very popular feature of the Park and generates social interaction. Respondents would like to see the improved maintenance of the grassed area, drainage, irrigation and dog waste facilities. Many users would like for the fenced dog park to be enlarged. Other suggested improvements for consideration include increasing size of the dog park, adding dog exercise/agility equipment, improved lighting to increase hours of operation for evening use, additional seating, more shade and better dog bowls for drinking water. The double gate entry is viewed favourably but required some maintenance. A small number of dog owners have suggested separate area for large dogs and small dogs/puppies. | New fenced dog off leash area included in draft Masterplan. Design is intended to provide new grass turf, better drainage, dog exercise/agility features, multiple double gate entry points, dog waste facilities, new shade shelter, lighting for evening use and water bowls for dogs. |
| | | Draft Masterplan includes new fenced dog off leash area of an equivalent size to the existing dog park. |
| | | Segregated areas for small and large dogs not included in draft Masterplan. Multiple double gated entry points to assist with safe entry/exit of dogs of different sizes/ages/breeds. |
| Filtered Water Stations | Filtered water stations would be a welcomed inclusion in the park design. | Filtered water station included in draft Masterplan |
| Fitness Equipment | Outdoor fitness equipment would be a welcomed inclusion in the park design. | Fitness equipment stations included in draft Masterplan. |
| Food/ Beverages | Many park users reported that Blenheim Park provided opportunities to meet and socialize with family and friends. Investigate feasibility for the inclusion of a café, kiosk or food truck program to help make Blenheim Park more of a meeting place. | Café/kiosk not included in draft Masterplan. Local cafes located nearby at shops in Blenheim Road and Avon Road shops, business park and future retail outlets in surrounding high density residential/mixed use sites. |
| | | Site has potential for Council's consideration for future inclusion in food truck/urban activation program once Masterplan has been implemented. |
| General Maintenance | Many respondents would like to see improvements in general maintenance of the lawns, trees, gardens, toilets, litter, bins and general cleanliness of facilities. | Feedback noted and raised with relevant Council department responsible for site maintenance and cleaning. |
| Inclusion | Investigate opportunities for inclusive design elements for people with mobility needs into the design. Suggested areas for consideration include park access, pathways, fitness equipment, playground and radio control car track. | Inclusive design for people with mobility needs incorporated into draft Masterplan. These elements include disabled parking, mini-bus drop off and parking area to facilitate access by community groups, paths, regional playground, radio control car track, fitness equipment and toilets. |
| Interface with Epping Road | Review the interface between Blenheim Park and Epping Rd to reduce the traffic noise from Epping Rd. Some respondents have suggested a boundary fence on Epping Rd. | Increased vegetation planting along the Epping Road park boundary and noise attenuation wall in Active Recreation area included in draft Masterplan to reduce traffic noise. |
| Other Activities | Investigate opportunities to incorporate other informal sport and active recreation activities. The most popular suggestions were to include a scooter and bike track, BMX track and community garden. Other suggestions included kick about space, small skate park, table tennis tables, tennis, hit up wall, petanque/boules piste and Cinema in the Park. | Scooter/bike track, kick about space, small skate park (BMX friendly), table tennis tables and tennis hit up wall included in draft Masterplan. |
| | | Community garden not included in draft Masterplan due to preferred native plantings. Refer to community garden at Santa Rosa Park. |
| | | Petanque/boules piste not included in draft Masterplan. Could be informally played on Pages Green or Hilltop Green. Refer to facility available at Ryde Park. |
| | | Site has potential for Council's consideration for future inclusion in Cinema in the Park program once Masterplan has been implemented. |

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| Parking | Review parking onsite. Review layout and configuration of parking on Blenheim Rd. Investigate feasibility to change parallel parking to angled parking on Blenheim Rd. Review and give consideration to parking arrangements for radio control car club for race days. | Onsite parking improvements for disabled parking and mini-bus drop off included in draft Masterplan. |
| | | New parking layout with 90 degree parking on both sides of Blenheim Road included in draft Masterplan. |
| | | Draft Masterplan includes relocated radio control car track with drop off bay for unloading of equipment on race days and new adjacent disabled parking bay. |
| Paths and Path Lighting | Improve walking paths, loop paths and incorporate distance markers. Increase path lighting to improve safety and permit evening use, especially for public transport commuters. Give consideration to supervision sight lines in path design when being used by younger children. | Path improvements and path lighting included in draft Masterplan, with consideration being given to CPTED principals and sight lines. |
| Picnic, BBQ Facilities and Seating | More picnic shelters, BBQs and seating throughout the site would be well supported by the community. | More picnic shelters, BBQs and seating throughout the site included in draft Masterplan. |
| Playground | The playground is a very popular feature of the Park. Respondents would like to see the playground equipment updated and improved. Suggested elements for consideration include water play, adventure play, nature play, modern swings, trampolines, equipment for all ages and an upgrade to the sandpit and play area for younger children. Provide separation between the playground and the dog off leash area. Give consideration to supervision sight lines in playground design. | As per Play Implementation Plan (2019) regional playground upgrade with inclusive design elements included in draft Masterplan. Playground to include water play, adventure play, native play, modern swings, slide, bespoke feature, sandpit update, play areas for older and younger children and a playground fence with gates to provide security and additional separation between playground and fenced dog off leash area. Consideration given to CPTED principals and sight lines. |
| Radio Control Car Track | Users would like to see upgrades to the race track surface, the drivers stand (including disability access) and spectator area. Other requested areas for consideration include better access to power, work/pit area, improved lighting, fencing and parking. | New radio control car track with accessible drivers stand, spectator area, pit area with power, lighting for evening use, fencing, parking improvements included in draft Masterplan |
| Shade | Many respondents would like to see more natural shade and shade picnic areas in the Park as well as shade structures over the playground areas. | Trees for shade, picnic/shade shelters and shade structure in playground included in draft Masterplan. |
| Toilets | Some respondents would like to see the toilet facilities upgraded, with better lights and greater level of cleanliness. | Upgrade of amenities building identified in draft Masterplan. |
| Value of the Park | The community are appreciative of the benefits for the Park and green space provides. Some respondents noted the role of this park to be increasingly important with the increasing urban density in the surrounding area. | Draft Masterplan includes a considered balance between recreation and green space provision. |

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| Vegetation | Many respondents appreciate the trees and natural environment within the Park which provide relaxation and shade benefits, however, the general maintenance of the trees and gardens could be improved. Give consideration to planting more native trees, shrubs, grasses and ground covers to provide native habitat and corridor connections. Plant additional trees to reduce traffic noise from Epping Rd. | Biodiversity corridors along park boundaries included in draft Masterplan to provide native habitat and corridor connections linking to Lane Cove National Park. Planting pallet to include native trees, shrubs, grasses and ground covers. |
| | | Feedback noted and raised with relevant Council department responsible for garden and tree maintenance. |
| | | Increased vegetation planting along the Epping Road park boundary included in draft Masterplan to reduce traffic noise. |