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COUNCIL MEETING**

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**Time:** 6.00pm

**ATTACHMENTS FOR COUNCIL MEETING****Item****5 ADOPTION OF GREEN LINKS MASTERPLAN**

Attachment 3 Green Links Stage 2 Consultation Report - March  
2022



# GREEN LINKS MASTERPLAN

County Green Link - Shrimptons Creek Green Link - Terrys Creek Green Link

## Stage 2 | Community Stakeholder Engagement Report

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# Executive summary

The City of Ryde ("Council") engaged Flagship Communications, a specialist stakeholder engagement company, to prepare a report on the community engagement processes and results for Stage 2 community consultation for the Green Links Masterplan project.

From 10 January to 13 February 2022, the Stage 2 community consultation period was open for stakeholders to provide feedback on the draft Masterplan for the County, Shrimptons Creek and Terrys Creek Green Link corridors.

The engagement period was promoted through Council's dedicated Have Your Say web page, email, eNewsletters, social media, flyers to residents via letterbox distribution and park signage across the three corridors.

The community and stakeholders were given opportunities to provide feedback including an online survey and drop in sessions. Council's email and postal address were also promoted as methods for stakeholders to provide input to the project.

Council received valued feedback from a range of stakeholders including local residents, park users,

adjacent land owners, community groups and other government agencies.

Engagement interaction included 169 participants at the drop-in sessions; 417 online surveys completed; 125 written submissions received, plus two petitions.

The Masterplan sites are both complex and diverse in both the physical attributes and the current and potential usage and this was reflected in the feedback received throughout the engagement process. However for each corridor similar themes were identified.

The feedback has been collated into three key Green Link corridors. These included:

- County Green Link
- Shrimptons Creek Green Link
- Terrys Creek Green Link

Comments which addressed all corridors were collated into a separate general category.

This report details the feedback from the engagement process based on these categories and will be reviewed and considered to inform the refinement and updates to the draft Green Links Masterplan designs.



Stage 2 community consultation park signage - Ryde Riverwalk



# Background

Council is seeking to increase the availability of open space in the City of Ryde to better meet the growing community needs. Stage 1 community consultation was conducted from 27 May to 20 June 2021 to obtain community and stakeholder input which was considered and used to inform the development of a draft Masterplan for three open space corridors, known as 'Green Links'.

The draft Green Links Masterplan includes three separate open space corridors:

- Shrimptons Creek Green Link
- Terrys Creek Green Link
- County Green Link

The draft Green Links Masterplan was exhibited during Stage 2 community consultation, from 10 January to 13 February 2022.

Flagship Communications, a specialist stakeholder engagement company, has been engaged to record the community consultation processes and results to inform the development and refinement of the draft Masterplan.

## Consultation objectives

The objectives of the engagement process is to:

- create stakeholder awareness of the Masterplan and the associated consultation process
- encourage stakeholder participation in the consultation process
- establish and maintain effective two-way communication between the City of Ryde (Council) and stakeholders
- ensure stakeholder comments, ideas, suggestions and feedback are identified and recorded
- ensure appropriate consultation tools and activities are used, taking into account demographic elements such as language, literacy, disability and access to the internet
- provide timely feedback which will be reviewed and considered to inform the Green Links Masterplan designs
- ensure consultation is conducted in accordance with COVID safe practices.



Stage 2 community consultation park signage - County Green Link

## Overview of the Green Link corridors/project area



# Engagement timeline

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# Engagement methods

## Stakeholder identification by group and engagement level

The following engagement techniques and tools were used in Stage 2 community consultation for the Green Links Masterplan project.

Engagement tool	Stakeholder	Overview
Stakeholder Engagement Report	Project team Elected Council Council staff	Report containing information on the methodology and result of the engagement processes.
Promotional materials	All	A flyer, park signage, newspaper advertisement, eNewsletters, email and social media posts provided opportunities to promote the project and engagement opportunities.
Have Your Say website	All	Dedicated website for engagement with a wide range of stakeholders. The site included context for the project with background information, images of the existing site, survey, details of engagement events and reference to Council's email and mailing address for enquiries or feedback.
Stakeholder drop-in sessions	All	Drop-in sessions provided opportunities for stakeholders to raise questions or make comments direct with the project team and Council representatives. Note: due to COVID safe protocols and social distancing, drop in sessions was a combination of questions and answers with stakeholders; notated feedback and/or encouragement to provide feedback via online survey or written submission.
Email and mail	All	Council's main email and mailing addresses were used for the purpose of receiving enquiries or feedback for this project.
Social media	All	Project promotion and key messaging through Council's social media pages including Facebook and LinkedIn.
Online survey	All	A survey enabled the Council to obtain standardised information from residents, community, park users and other stakeholder groups. The survey was promoted on Council's Have your Say page, all forms of promotional material, social media and at six drop-in sessions.

# Engagement results

## Project promotion

A range of methods were used to promote the engagement period and the opportunities for engagement available to stakeholders (detailed within the appendix). This included:

Method	Stakeholders	Distribution
Promotional flyer	Delivered to properties within a 500m radius of the three Green Link corridors	10,081 flyers delivered.
Park signage	Signage was displayed across the three Green Link corridors.	66 A2 signs were displayed within the project site at various locations
Local newspaper advertisement	Readers of the Weekly Times	38,000 total print readership
Have Your Say	Dedicated web page with information about the project and online survey.	2,012 page views 1,807 unique visits
Have Your Say Stakeholder Email	Email sent to stakeholders and Stage 1 participants who requested to receive project updates	665 emails distributed 450 emails opened
eNewsletter	Subscribers to Council's Your City News eNewsletter	3,152 emails sent 1,380 emails opened
eNewsletters	Subscribers to Council's Smarter Cleaner Greener eNewsletter	3,242 emails distributed 1,145 emails opened
Facebook	A Facebook message was posted on Council's Facebook page.	Reach of 9,312 Facebook users 576 post engagements
LinkedIn	A message was posted on Council's LinkedIn page	1,432 impressions 71 engagements

## Project engagement

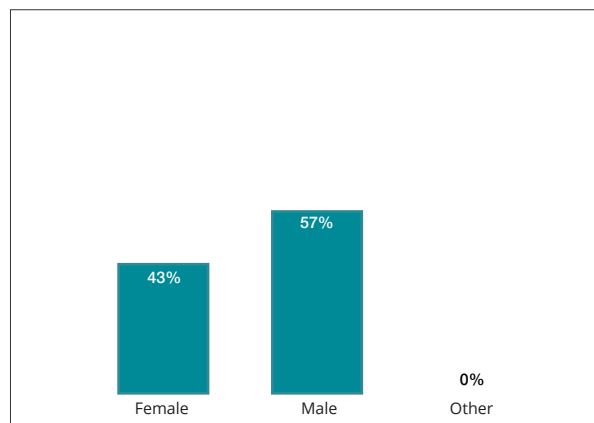
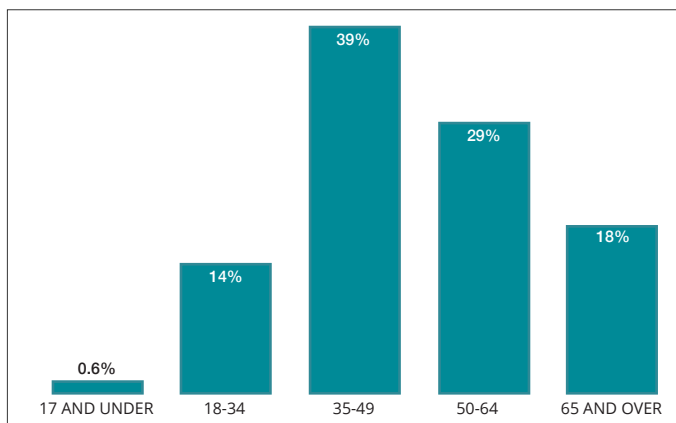
A range of methods were used to engage with stakeholders during the engagement period. These included:

Method	Stakeholders	Engagement
Online survey	Online survey was open to all stakeholders throughout the entire engagement period.	417 survey responses 76% completion rate of survey
Mail and email responses	Responses were received via Council's email and mailing addresses.	125 written responses received including two petitions
Drop-in sessions	A number of stakeholders engaged through the drop-in sessions offered at each corridor over the engagement period. One mid-week and one weekend drop-in session were held for each of the three Green Link corridors, with a total of six drop-in sessions held. Note: drop-in sessions were conducted in accordance with COVID safe protocols.	A total of 169 participants attended the six drop-in sessions providing 216 comments

# Online Survey Responses

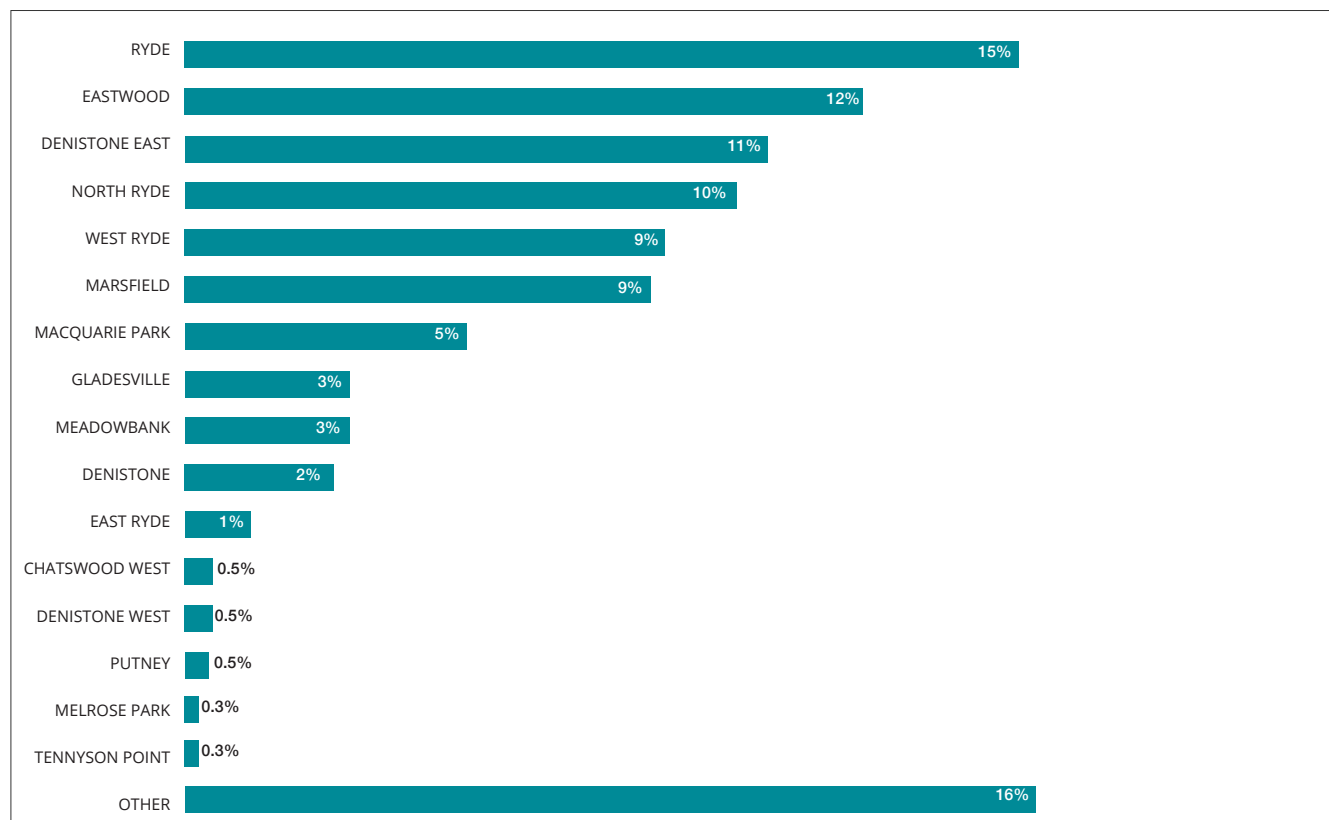
## Age and Gender demographics (n=324)

The respondents' age demographics predominantly ranged from 35 - 49 and 50 - 64 age brackets with slightly more male to female participants.



## Respondent locations (n=325)

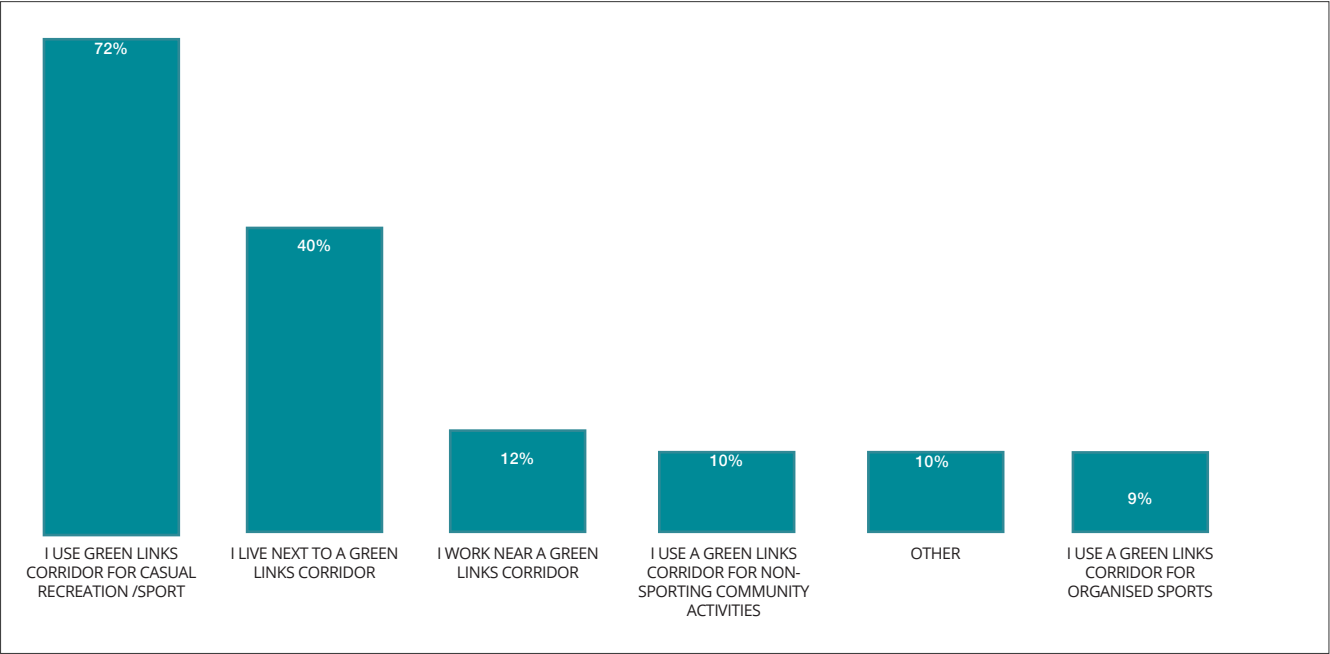
The vast majority of respondents (83%) were residents from the City of Ryde local government area. A smaller minority of respondent (17%) were from neighbouring local government areas or other suburbs in the greater Sydney metropolitan area. It is possible these respondents may work, study or travel through the City of Ryde on regional active transport routes.



# Online survey responses continued

**“Which of the following best describes you?” (n=417)**

The respondents predominantly visited the Green Links for casual recreation/sport (72%), followed by respondents who lived close to a corridor (40%).

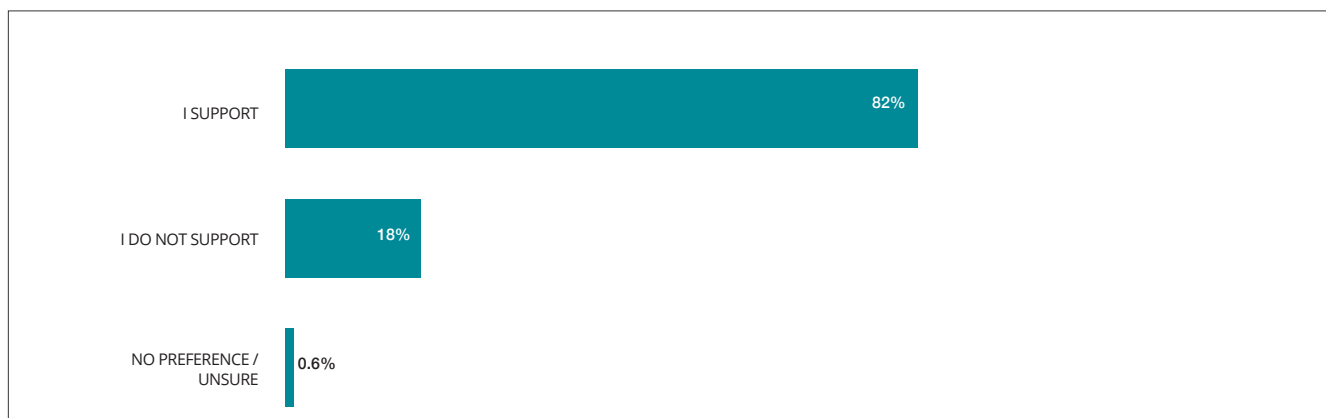




## Online survey responses continued

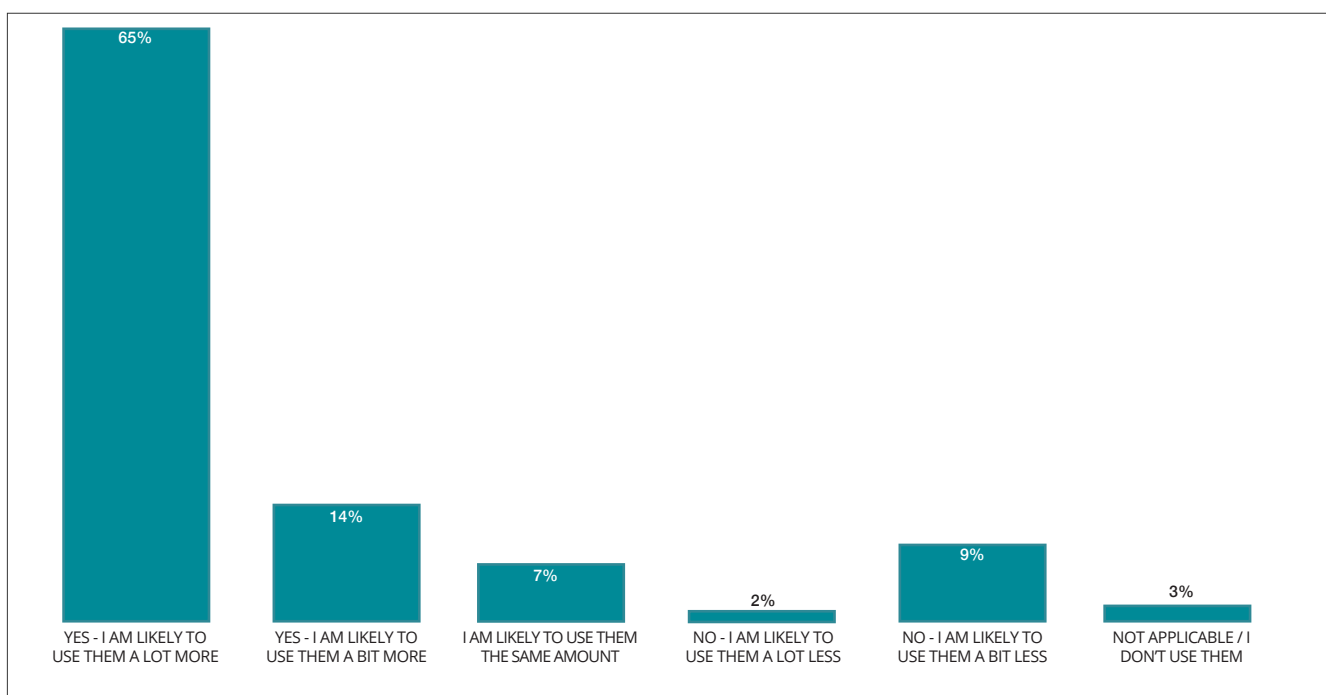
**“Overall, please indicate whether you support or do not support the improvements in the draft Green Links Masterplan?” (n=326)**

The vast majority of respondents (82%) supported the improvements in the draft Green Links Masterplan with only indicating they do not support the proposed improvements.



**“Will improvements to the Green Links corridors encourage you to use the parks and paths/tracks more?” (n=326)**

The vast majority of respondents (79%) indicated improvements in the Masterplan would encourage them to use the parks and paths/tracks more. The majority of respondents (65%) indicated their usage would increase a lot more and 14% of respondents would increase their usage a bit more. 11% of respondents indicated they would use the parks and paths/tracks less.



## Online survey responses continued

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### General Comments

Overall, online survey respondents were very supportive of the Green Links Masterplan and the proposed improvements, with many comments wishing to see the upgrades occur quickly.

Respondents recognised the importance of the Green Links Masterplan to provide significantly improved connection to parks, schools and workplaces via safe cycling/walking routes which avoid on-road routes which mix with traffic.

The Green Links were seen as providing great opportunities to improve the health and fitness of the community by providing facilities and environments that are safe, inclusive and in a natural setting which is relaxing and aesthetically pleasing.

General comments for improvement included the request to ensure paths were wide enough for the safe enjoyment of both pedestrians and cyclists.

Some requested separate paths for pedestrians and cyclists as some users have different abilities and different speeds of use.

Respondents also requested improvement maintenance and environmental enhancement of the existing habitat and bushland areas across the three Green Links.

Respondents would like to see the inclusion of rubbish bins, filtered water stations (for both people and dogs) and bike repair stations with air pumps across the Green Link corridors.

### County Green Link

Respondents view the upgrade to the County Green Link favorably. It will provide a safe off-road active transport route to travel between Eastwood Town Centre and Macquarie Park, as well as providing the local community with additional green space.

Respondents like that the biodiversity is being considered and the inclusion of native vegetation to create stronger wildlife links. The improvement to this underutilised land is seen as a great way

to encourage longer exercise sessions, providing greater links and creating a safe spaces for families and kids.

Respondents would like shared user paths to be of sufficient width to safely accommodate path users with varying skill levels (eg. fast cyclists vs elderly walkers). Safe road crossing are important and needs to consider the safety of kids and less mobile users.

Some respondents indicated support for path lighting and a preference energy efficient and non-intrusive path lighting.

There was a request to relocate the shared user path further away from adjacent properties in the section between Grove Street and North Road.

Some respondents would like park improvements along the County Green Link to include bins, dog poo bag dispensers to encourage responsible use by dog owners and improved wayfinding signage and interpretive signage with indigenous heritage of the area.

### Shrimptons Creek Green Link

Respondents generally approved of the Shrimptons Creek Green Link extension and upgrade with particular focus on the improvements to connectivity throughout the local area and the associated improvements in safe, active transport. They also liked the continuous connection to Parramatta River.

The improved safety by keeping cyclists and pedestrian off roads was also seen as a very important and positive aspect of the project.

There were some requests for the existing paths to be widened to remove pinch points and improve pedestrians/cyclists safety.

Some respondents suggested the shared user path could be slightly re-routed in some locations, including behind ELS Hall Park field 3 (rather than along Scott Street).

Some suggested the two-way separated cycleway on Hermitage Road should be extended the full length of

## Online survey responses continued

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Hermitage Road (rather than having a shared user path on the verge on the southern side of Wattle Street).

Some respondents would prefer to keep the existing on-road cycle route along Heath Street (rather than Sydney Water land reservation).

Some respondents expressed concerns about the existing traffic conditions on Blaxland Road, near Anzac Avenue. There was suggestion the Blaxland Road needs improvement for pedestrians/cyclists crossing and also for crossing location near the petrol station, on Blaxland Road, near Anzac Avenue.

A suggestion was received to relocate the pedestrian crossing on Goodwin Street (near Hermitage Road and Mahon Street) nearer to Falconer Street.

The new multi-purpose community building in Santa Rosa Park was welcomed by many respondents, however the proposed location was not supported by many, with requests to put the new facility in the same or similar location to the existing building.

A number of respondents wanted to see the new community facility in Santa Rosa Park to be located in the same/similar location to the existing building location (southern side of the park - near Quarry Road) and not in the proposed location (western side of the park - to the north of the sports fields). Reasons included the visual impact on the adjacent property owners and also that the new location would be difficult for mobility impaired and elderly to access.

Some respondents were very supporting of the Sydney Water land reservation being re-opened for the extension of the Shrimptons Creek shared user path, however, some respondents that wanted it to remain closed - generally this was from residents residing adjacent to the land.

Much of the vegetation along the Shrimptons Creek corridor is considered to be weed infested and respondents would like to see it regenerated as part of the Masterplan upgrades.

The path lighting was welcomed, however there were requests to ensure it did not impact fauna or neighbouring properties.

A small number of respondents did not want to see any loss of on-street car parking on Hermitage Road for local residents, including the elderly who rely on parking near their properties.

Some respondents expressed concerns about losing privacy at the rear of adjacent properties in the Santa Rosa precinct. There were requests for this to be considered and addressed in the plans.

The Youth Zone in the lands adjacent to ELS Hall Park was seen as a positive addition by some respondents.

Some respondents would like to see the inclusion of references to the Indigenous heritage of the area.

### Terrys Creek Green Link

The Terrys Creek Walk and bushland areas are already a highly valued asset by respondents. The improved recreational walking track with increased continuity and enhanced connections were prominent features in the Terrys Creek Green Link that were well supported by respondents.

The enhanced connections to link to existing parks and the bridge connecting Abuklea Road to improve active transport access between Marsfield and Epping were well received. The link/connections across the Lane Cove River, Browns Waterhole and onward to the north suburbs (eg. Turramurra) were supported.

Many respondents identifying this Green Link as a good wildlife corridor and want the bushland areas of Terrys Creek to remain and the existing ecology strengthened.

The Terrys Creek Green Link cycle route is predominantly an on-road cycle route along Vimiera Road. Some respondents expressed safety concerns which may make this route unsuitable for some bike riders (eg. children). There was suggestion the route along Vimiera Road would be safer for cyclists and pedestrians with a shared user path or separated cycleway with path lighting to allow for safe commuting after dark.

Some respondents requested improved signage

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along the Terrys Creek Green Link. This included better wayfinding signage along the route, to nearby sites and streets; and interpretive signage with indigenous heritage of the area.

There were requests to keep all existing trees and plant more shade trees along the roadways. There was suggestion to use raised boardwalks on the Terrys Creek walking track to reduce the impact on the soil and existing vegetation. Some would like to see more Gross Pollutant Traps to filter out litter and rubbish from entering Terrys Creek to achieve greater environmental improvements for this Green Link.

Some would like to see safety and access improvements to the existing creek crossing near Abuklea Road, which could include additional stepping stones or a railing.

Whilst bikes/mountain bikes are not permitted on the Terrys Creek Walk, there was a request to bike tracks to link to Lane Cove National Park near Browns Waterhole.



# Written Responses

## Written submission respondents

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A total of 125 written responses were received during the Stage 2 community consultation period. These were received from a combination of local residents, government, business and community organisations.

Written responses (24 submissions) were received from NSW government departments, community and business organisations on behalf of their member groups, smaller local community organisations on behalf of their member groups and an adjoining local council. These included:

- Greater Sydney Commission
- Transport for NSW
- Sydney Water
- NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service
- NSW Police
- NSW Health
- Connect Macquarie Park Innovation District
- Macquarie University
- City of Parramatta Council
- Ku-ring-gai Council
- Bicycle NSW
- Bike North
- 99 Bikes
- Football NSW
- North West Sydney Football
- Inner West Harbour Cricket Association
- Pirates Cricket
- YMCA
- Scouts NSW
- Australian Air League - Ryde Squadron
- Ryde - Hunters Hill Flora and Fauna Preservation Society
- Habitat Network/International Environmental Weed Foundation
- Tree of Compassion
- Shrimptons Creek Action Group

Written responses were received from individuals/residents (101 submissions), of which:

- 39 submissions were providing support for the project, suggestions for improvement and/or feedback on the Green Links Masterplan designs.
- 34 submissions were received from 26 properties/addresses, related specifically to the use of the Sydney Water land reservation.
- 28 submissions were received from 18 properties/addresses, relating specifically to Santa Rosa Park/ community building location.

Many of the written submissions were from a very distinct geographic area, ie. immediately surrounding the Sydney Water land and Santa Rosa Park. It should be noted, in some instances written submissions relating Sydney Water land and Santa Rosa Park, some individuals/residents provided multiple written submissions and some households provided multiple submissions from the same property/address.

Two petitions were received in relation to proposed location of the new community building in Santa Rosa Park.

## Written responses

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The following feedback and suggestions were raised through written submissions provided during the Stage 2 consultation period.

### General Comments

Overall, the written responses provided broad ranging support for the Green Links Masterplan. The importance of creating safe continuous cycling and walking routes for the whole community was identified. The Green Links are seen as providing an active transport framework which will provide the community with local and regional links and connections to economic centres, workplaces, town centres, public transport options, schools/universities and education centres. Many respondents and organisations recognised the Green Links will not only provide significant active transport routes but will also provide important community health, social, recreation, environmental and biodiversity outcomes.

Many respondents were supportive of safer off-road cycle/pedestrian routes. Some users requested consideration be given to paths to accommodate the existing levels of use and future levels of use with a growing population. Paths need to be of sufficient width to allow for safe usage by all users and to accommodate a range of mobility aids and devices such as mobility scooters. In busy areas, some expressed a preference for separate cycle and pedestrians paths. There was support for safe pedestrian/cycle road crossings along the Green Links and suggestion to prioritise pedestrians and cyclists at all intersection crossings.

Some respondents expressed safety concerns about on-road cycle routes. For any on-road sections, it was requested that Council consider separated cycleway paths in the Green Links Masterplan to improve safety. One respondent suggested Council could reduce speed limits to 30km/h on local streets to better accommodate bicycles on the road.

There was support for path lighting, however, there were requests lighting in environmentally sensitive areas minimise impacts on local wildlife and for path lighting to be directional to minimise impacts on adjacent private properties.

A number of respondents see the Green Links Masterplan as providing an opportunity to improve the existing flora, fauna and biodiversity values of the area by more native plantings. Natural areas, creeks and core habitat for fauna should be protected. Impacts from paths and any “edge effect” should be minimised to reduce future fragmentation of the wildlife corridors.

There were some requests to better manage dogs in parklands to reduce the negative impacts dogs may have in on the native fauna in bushland areas. There was some suggestions to consider Water Sensitive Urban Design, particularly within or near the riparian zones.

Safety and security along the Green Links important considerations for users and adjacent properties. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles should be considered during Masterplan design and implementation.

There were some requests for park improvements to include filtered water stations, dog water stations, bike repair stations, bike racks at key locations and rubbish/recycling bins to reduce littering.

There were also some requests to provide wayfinding signage to point the way to toilets, parks, public transport etc, route distances signs and interpretive signs with educational, historic and indigenous information.

### County Green Link

Respondents were very supportive of the the County Green Link and can see the Masterplan will provide an important link in the active transport network for the area. The Green Link upgrades to this corridor and the major improvements to the network will benefit many local residents in the area. There was only one request for the County Road corridor (Transport of NSW land) to be used for its original purpose as a road corridor.

There was a request to review the raised pedestrian/cycle crossing at the intersection of Abuklea Road and Woorang Street due to concerns about increased traffic noise within the residential street.

## Written responses continued

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There were suggestions to review and consider improving the Green Link route alignment around Kent Road Public School/Herring Road and at the junction of Welby Street/Graham Avenue. There was a request to provide a paved connection between the County Green Link and Denistone East Public School (via Waratah Street). The peak cycling organisations and NSW Health strongly recommended the County Green Link off-road cycle route is continued through to Eastwood Station/Eastwood town centre.

There was a request for park improvements to include a basketball court (or half court) in the grassed area between Abuklea Road and Herring Road for kids and families to use.

### Shrimptons Creek Green Link

The Shrimptons Creek Green Link was strongly supported by the broad community including NSW Government agencies, Connect Macquarie Park Innovation District, Macquarie University, peak cycling organisations, environmental groups, community sport/recreation organisations and individual respondents. The extension of the off-road shared user path from Santa Rosa Park, through the Sydney Water land reservation, to West Ryde, Meadowbank and onwards to Parramatta was widely recognised as being *"a major missing link of local and regional strategic significance"*.

Greater Sydney Commission acknowledged *"the Green Links Draft Masterplan is a welcomed project which builds on the work the Commission undertook in preparing the North District Plan and Green Grid North District Plan. It recognizes the significance of the movement corridor from the Parramatta River, through Meadowbank to Macquarie Park, as an important link between two precincts which are experiencing significant growth and investment. The Commission 'supports the initiatives detailed in the Green Links Draft Masterplan and looks forward to its implementation'."*

Connect Macquarie Park Innovation District represents leading local workplaces in Macquarie Park including Optus, Johnson & Johnson, Schnieder Electric, Macquarie University and others. Connect Macquarie Park Innovation District supported the *"completing of the 'missing link' in Shrimptons Creek, and in doing so creating a sustainable link between the strategic districts of Macquarie Park and Parramatta"*,

*"strongly support the utilisation of the Sydney Water Reservation to Blaxland Road, which we consider to be a critical community connection" and "would welcome this route being prioritised for delivery on an expedited basis."*

Macquarie University supported the *"green credentials", "economically and socially inclusive society" and the "promotion of connectivity and building of a sense of place and community engagement"* which the Green Links Masterplan seeks to achieve. Macquarie University recognised *"Shrimptons Creek Green Link will be a valuable connection between Macquarie University Campus and the new Institute of Applied Technology being established at TAFE NSW's Meadowbank campus. These will be essential to developing the talent required to assist the Macquarie Park Innovation District to grow"*.

NSW Health, NSW Police, Bicycle NSW and Bike North were strong in their representations that the off-road shared user path via the Sydney Water land reservation will provide a much safer and inclusive route for pedestrians/cyclists of all ages and abilities.

*"Police are of the opinion that the plan will provide a safer corridor for Pedestrians and Cyclists, which is likely to assist in reducing the number of road related incidents involving pedestrians and cyclists"*.

NSW Health recognised *"the link has the potential to create a safer and healthier environment for all users of the Green Link compared to more hazardous on-road alternatives, where pedestrians and cyclists are required to navigate local traffic and parked cars on relatively narrow streets."*

Bicycle NSW noted *"the alternative to opening the Sydney Water corridor to active transport is the current route via Heath Street and Rickard Street. Heath Street is narrow and lined with parked cars, forcing cyclists to ride in a double 'door zone'. There are many driveways that would compromise safety if a shared path was constructed. And there is no safe crossing of Blaxland Road at the end of Rickard Street. This is not a suitable route for less confident cyclists and children."* Bike North expressed similar concerns about the alternative on-road cycle route.

Many individual respondents were highly supportive of the Shrimptons Creek Green Links, including for safe off-road cycle/pedestrian route via the Sydney Water land reservation. This off-road links makes the

## Written responses continued

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route much safer and inclusive for children, families and the elderly. Some requested for Masterplan implementation is expedited and some queried why this didn't happen years ago.

Individual submissions were received from a number of residents from the area immediately adjacent to the Sydney Water land reservation. These respondents were strong in their opposition to the Sydney Water land reservation being re-opened for community use, citing a range of reasons including safety concerns, anti-social behaviour, increased levels of crime, noise and privacy impacts. Some would prefer for the existing on-road route via to Heath Street to continue to be used.

NSW Police stated *"The plan, if well designed and utilising the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles, is likely to have a positive impact for the community" and "opening of the Sydney Water corridor would allow for additional unused land to be utilised as a new cycleway, which will provide additional safe paths for Cyclists, as well as Pedestrians. It is unlikely that by opening this corridor it would attract any further crime or anti-social behaviour. It would though allow for greater natural surveillance and adheres to the CPTED principles."*

Some respondents expressed concerns about the existing traffic conditions at the junction of Blaxland Road and Anzac Avenue.

Respondent indicated safe road crossings for pedestrians/cyclists are an important consideration. The provision of a signalised pedestrian/cycle crossing on Blaxland Road was well supported. Support was received for the pedestrian/cycle bridge overpass at Victoria Road into the Meadowbank Education Employment Precinct. North Road requires a safe road crossing. Suggestion was received for an overpass over Blaxland Road, overpass over Epping Road or flood mitigation works are undertaken at Epping Road underpass Epping Road to minimise closure during rain events.

Suggestion was received to improve shared user path pinch points and poor sight lines in Tindarra Reserve and the Epping Road underpass. It was also suggested the configuration of the cycle and pedestrian paths along Ford St could be improved.

Individual submissions and two petitions were received from a number of residents from the area immediately adjacent to the Santa Rosa Park. These respondents were strong in their opposition to the proposed location of new multi-purpose community building. Cited concerns included the visual impact of the building, noise impacts and access to the building from the car park, especially for the elderly people with specific mobility needs. Although there was support for a new community building, there was a strong preference from the new building to be located in the same/similar location to the existing building. One of the current community building user groups expressed concerned that a shared use facility would create usage conflicts between different user groups and may result in loss of storage space.

Football NSW, North West Sydney Football, Inner West Harbour Cricket Association and Pirates Cricket Club were supportive of the Santa Rosa Park sports field improvements, field lighting, strengthened active transport links to the venue, improved car parking and other general park improvements. These sporting user groups were supportive of the new multi-purpose community building in the proposed location which co-located new change rooms near the main sports field. A small number of adjoining residents expressed concerns about the location of some park assets, for example recently install BBQs.

Consideration should be given to energy efficiency of path lighting and sports field lighting. Designs should minimise impacts adjacent properties.

Environmental organisations, such as the Habitat and Ryde Hunters Hill Flora and Fauna Preservation Society, and some individual respondents were supportive of biodiversity improvements along the Shrimptons Creek Green Link, including the native vegetation corridor along the Sydney Water land reservation. One respondent requested Council undertakes greater weed removal, management practices and maintenance behind the residential properties near Tindarra Reserve to better manage the overland flow impacts during high rain events.

Other general park improvements were supported along the Shrimptons Creek Green Link, such as filtered water stations (with dog bowls) - particularly near the dog parks along the route, and the new Youth Zone with the BMX track and skate elements in the



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lands adjacent to ELS Hall Park. Some respondents would like the main walking paths at Santa Rosa Park to form a complete loop around the park with suggestion for bridge crossing across Shrimptons Creek.

### Terrys Creek Green Link

There was support for environmental protection and environmental enhancement of the Terrys Creek corridor in terms of biodiversity, bushland, wildlife, creek/river and water quality.

The City of Parramatta and Ku-ring-gai Council, share local government boundaries at Terrys Creek and/or Lane Cove River. Both Councils were supportive of the Green Links Masterplan, in particular as it will provide regional connectivity and provide important connections to parklands, recreational infrastructure (such as Epping Aquatic Centre), current/future active transport links and aligns with their key green grid links.

There was support from NSW Government agencies and adjoining local Councils for a collaborative approach to investigate the feasibility to improve the active transports route via Browns Waterhole (including flood mitigation) and northern active transport connections over Lane Cove River. Peak cycling organisations and some individual submissions indicated their support for these outcomes. It was noted this is consistent with the Greater Sydney Commission's position for Browns Waterhole which is an identified future planning priority.

NSW NPWS re-affirmed that cycling is not permitted on walking tracks in the Lane Cove National Park. The community environmental groups expressed a similar desire to keep bicycles off Terrys Creek walking track and for the principle cycle route to remain along Vimiera Road.

City of Parramatta, peak cycling organisations, NSW Health and some individual resident submissions were very supportive of the future active transport link/bridge over Terrys Creek at Abuklea Road. This would provide a new regional active transport connection between City of Ryde (Marsfield) and City of Parramatta (Epping) and improve community

access to recreational facilities (eg. Epping Aquatic Centre) and public transport options (eg. Epping Station).

There was support for the small amenities building/rest stop in Forrester Park and the formalisation of the walking track between Forrester Park and Forsyth Park. There was a suggestion for better access to the Terrys Creek waterfall at the bottom of Anembo Place.

The new off-road shared user path along Vimiera Road (between Epping Road and Waterloo Road) was supported and will provide a safe network link to the Epping Road shared user path.

# Drop-in Sessions

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## Drop-in session responses

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### General Comments

A total of 169 participants attended six on-site drop in sessions. Shrimptons Creek drop in sessions was attended by 95 participants providing 136 comments. County drop in sessions was attended by 49 participants providing 48 comments. Terrys Creek drop in sessions was attended by 25 participants providing 32 comments.

Overall the Green Links Masterplan was well received by the community attending the drop-in sessions. Positive feedback was received for off-road paths which improved safety for cyclists/pedestrians, families, elderly and those with specific mobility needs. Generally, respondents wished to see park improvements including more trees planted and the provision of benches/seating along the Green Links.

### County Green Link

The majority of comments were extremely positive towards the Green Links and the use of the County corridor for cycling and walking. Some noted the new shared user path would make it safer and easier to commute to/from work. Some would use the corridor to walk their dogs.

Within the County Green Link, suggestion was received for the inclusion of sandstone seating, filtered water stations (with dog bowls), bins (including dog waste) and community libraries along the Green Link. There were requests for LED path lights that has good direction of light - "the same as the ones installed at ELS Hall Park".

The community would like to see the existing grassed areas better maintained than the current state, with many commenting the current level of maintenance is poor with very high, unmown grass at times.

### Shrimptons Creek Green Link

Overall, there was good broad level of support from the community at the Shrimptons Creek drop-in sessions. There were 52 comments providing direct positive support for the Green Links, including extension of the shared user path through the Sydney Water corridor, Santa Rosa Park

improvements, Youth Zone near ELS Hall Park and environmental improvements. The remainder of the comments were either general comments, suggestions for Masterplan design improvements, objections to use of Sydney Water land reservation, relocation of the community building in Santa Rosa Park and requests for improved levels of maintenance.

A total of 54 comments were received in relation to the extension of the shared user path through the Sydney Water corridor. Currently the existing shared user path terminates at Santa Rosa Park. 33 comments from adjoining property owners cited concerns and objections about opening the corridor for general public use. However, 21 comments were received providing direct positive support for the use of the Sydney Water lands to provide a continuous off-road route for cycling/walking and native habitat plantings.

Reasons for adjoining residents' concerns varied and included anti-social behaviour, potential for increased levels of crime, graffiti, privacy, glare from path lighting, drainage, noise and motor cars/bikes using the corridor. Some design suggestions were received to mitigate resident concerns including increased fence height, CCTV, bollards, planting of native plants that are spiky/prickly along the fence lines and path lighting.

Many welcomed the improvements to the cycle/pedestrian network along the Shrimptons Creek Green Links. The off-road paths were seen to be much safer for pedestrians/cyclist, more inclusive of people with disabilities and families with strollers, and will encourage more cycling and less confident cyclists. Some expressed support for path lighting.

A few expressed concerns about some bikes, e-scooters and e-bikes going too fast along shared user paths and impacting the safety of other users. It was queried whether Rangers could monitor and enforce this use. There were requests to ensure that the paths were wide enough so fast cyclists can safely pass other path users. Line marking on the shared user path may assist with safer use and passing of users. Education programs were suggested for shared user path rider/pedestrian etiquette and on-road cycle/driver awareness.

## Drop-in sessions continued

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Santa Rosa Park received 26 comments. Nine comments were received from residents adjoining Santa Rosa Park opposing the location for the new multi-purpose community building. They indicated a preference for it to be relocated to the same/similar location to the existing community building in Santa Rosa Park. Some indicated a preference to the existing community building to be refurbished rather than demolished and relocated.

General support for other Santa Rosa Park improvements included car park upgrades, walking loop path/bridge, inclusion of organised sport, expansion of the Habitat and suggestion for BBQ improvements. A few comments were received in relation to the sports fields and proposed lighting. One supported sports field lighting and one liked to see the sportsgrounds in use, but has concerns about evening use and noise. Some respondents suggested the dog off-leash area should be fenced or partially fenced prevent conflicts between dogs/cyclists and to keep dogs out to protect native fauna, habitat, biodiversity and creekline.

There was general support for the green spaces, nature and habitat improvements. There were requests to plant more trees and to protect the welfare of wildlife. There was a request that Council undertakes greater weed removal, management practices and maintenance behind the residential properties near Tindarra Reserve to better manage the overland flow impacts during high rain events.

Some participants expressed concerns about existing traffic conditions on Blaxland Road, pedestrian/cyclist safety and the location of the proposed crossing on Blaxland Road (near Beattie Park). Some suggestions were received to relocate the Blaxland Road crossing to instead be a full traffic intersection with pedestrian/cycle crossing at the corner of Blaxland Road/Anzac Avenue.

Whilst there was some support for the separate cycleway/footpath along Hermitage Road, some did not want to see a loss of on-street parking with suggestion for alternative alignment on the eastern side of Hermitage Road, shared user path on the verge or use of Wattle Lane.

Some residents adjoining the Sydney Water corridor want the existing on-road cycle route to remain along Heath St. However, some cyclist see the off-road route through the Sydney Water corridor to be much safer. Some residents living on the Heath St cycle route expressed serious concerns about the existing Heath Street route: "The current cycle route via Quarry Road/Heath Street/Rickard Street is not safe. I stress that it is really, really unsafe. It's difficult to see the cyclists and it is dangerous as local residents reverse out of their driveways. Heath Street is dangerous for cyclists, especially with the one-way set up. The Sydney Water corridor is much safer for cyclist." and "Cars speed down Quarry Road and into Heath Street. There are so many near misses and unreported incidents. Our car has been hit before, but they didn't leave their details."

Immediately to the north of the Sydney Water land reservation, a resident who has lived for many years backing directly onto the park and shared user paths advised "I haven't had any issues with graffiti or safety."

There were a few suggestions for the cycle route to be relocated to Melville Street and for the Quarry Road shared user path be extended to go through Yamble Reserve and to Melville Street.

There was suggestion for the configuration of pedestrian/cycle paths along Ford St (between Flinders Park and Tindarra Reserve) to be reviewed with pedestrian on the footpath and cyclist on a dedicated cycleway on the road by making one side of the road no parking. These houses have good on-site parking capacity and it would be safer for cyclist when reversing out of driveways.

There was some support for the Youth Zone (near ELS Hall Park), however, it should be for adults as well.

Suggestion was received for wayfinding, directional and educational signage along the route.

## Drop-in sessions continued

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### Terrys Creek Green Link

Feedback from the Terrys Creek Drop-in sessions focused primarily on the protection and enhancement of the natural assets of this Green Link. Respondents wanted to see improvements to the water quality, and litter reduction measures. Any lighting proposed needed to be eco-sensitive.

Whilst cyclist/mountain bikes are not permitted on the Terrys Creek walking track or the Lane Cove National Park walking tracks, some people ride their bikes anyway. The existing tracks and boardwalks are not designed for use by bikes. The tracks are too narrow for bikes and bikes riders make it unsafe for bushwalkers and damage the environment. Mountain bike riders would like to find a local track where they can ride. Walkers are supportive of the bush track being for walking only.

Some would like to see greater levels of enforcement to prevent bikes on bush tracks and dogs in prohibited areas and/or off-leash.

Respondents liked the connection over Terrys Creek to Dence Park pool. They would also like to see a continuous track connection to Browns Waterhole and improvements so Browns Waterhole does not get cut off in high rain events.



## Drop-in sessions continued

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County Green Link - Drop-in session



Shrimptons Creek Green Link - Drop-in session



Terrys Creek Green Link - Drop-in session



# Themes and recommendations

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Stage 2 community consultation was a thorough engagement process and gained a good level of engagement from a broad cross section of the community. Representations were provided from a diverse range of the community, including local residents of the City of Ryde, workers and stakeholder groups comprised of NSW and local government organisations, business networks/local businesses, and special interest community/membership groups such as peak bicycle organisations, sporting organisations, environmental groups and community service groups.

This Stage 2 community consultation indicated the Green Links Masterplan designs are well supported by the broad community:

- 82% of survey respondents support the improvements proposed within the Green Links Masterplan.
- 79% of survey respondents indicated improvements to the Green Links corridors would encourage them to use the park, paths and tracks more. This is a 4% increase from the feedback from the previous Stage 1 community consultation results.

The Greater Sydney Commission, other NSW Government agencies and adjoining local Councils were highly supportive of the Green Links Masterplan. They acknowledged the strategic alignment with NSW Government policy directions and planning priorities, the interrelationship with other significant major government projects such as the Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct; and priority precincts experiencing significant growth and investment such as Macquarie Park and Parramatta.

The significant regional value of the Green Links was acknowledged as it provides continuous safe active transport network between Macquarie Park, West Ryde, Meadowbank and onwards to Parramatta, Rhodes and Sydney Olympic Park; and between Eastwood to Macquarie Park and onwards to Epping and north of Browns Waterhole. The interconnection with health, education and public transport options also support the NSW Government's transport objectives. NSW Health detailed the important community health outcomes the Green Links will yield.

NSW Health, NSW Police, Bicycle NSW, Bike North and Connect Macquarie Park Innovation District were strong in their representations that the off-road shared user paths, including the Sydney Water land reservation, will provide a much safer, inclusive and direct route for pedestrians/cyclists of all ages and abilities.

Connect Macquarie Park Innovation District were strong in their support of the Green Links for economic reasons and on behalf of their members who are leading businesses where walking and cycling are an increasingly important part of the transport mix in Macquarie Park, particularly after COVID-19. Public spaces, recreation and compelling "third spaces" will encourage employees back to the office. They support the sustainable link between the strategic districts of Macquarie Park and Parramatta.

Overall, sporting, environmental and community service organisations were supportive on behalf of their large membership bases for improvements detailed within the Green Links designs pertaining to sport, recreation, community building elements, and environmental improvement.

General feedback received during Stage 2 community consultation from individual community members via written submissions and drop-in sessions indicated overall support for the Green Links Masterplan and provided general suggestions for design improvements and refinements. Whilst there was some very localised opposition to the proposed re-location of the community building in Santa Rosa Park from adjoining residents and use of the Sydney Water lands for an off-road shared user path from the adjoining residents, the broader community were supportive.

Based on this feedback and the detailed responses received through the Stage 2 community consultation, the following recommendations are provided to inform the final amendments to the Green Links Masterplan.

## Themes and recommendations continued

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### General recommendations

#### Walking/Cycling

- Implement off-road shared user paths and cycleways to improve safety for cyclists/ pedestrians, families, elderly and those with specific mobility needs along the Green Links.
- Implement a network of safe continuous cycling and walking routes which will provide the community with local and regional links and connections to economic centres, workplaces, town centres, public transport options, schools/ universities and education centres. This network will also provide important community health, social, recreation, environmental and biodiversity outcomes.
- Ensure paths and cycleways are of sufficient width to safely accommodate the current use, future projected use with a growing population, a range of uses, range of abilities, user groups and accommodate a range of mobility aids/ devices such as mobility scooters. Where deemed appropriate, in busy areas give consideration to separate cycle and pedestrian paths. Off-road cycle routes are preferred due to reasons of safety. Where there are on-road sections, give consideration to future separated cycleway paths in the Green Links Masterplan to improve safety.
- Give consideration to reduced speed limits on local streets to 30kmh to better accommodate bicycles on the road.
- Give consideration to prioritisation of pedestrians and cyclists at all intersection crossings.
- Include bike repair stations with air pumps, filtered water stations, bike racks and public amenities at key locations along the Green Link corridors.

#### Park Improvements

- Provide benches/seating, filtered water stations (for people and dogs) and bins (including rubbish, waste and dog waste) along the Green Links.

- Provide directional, wayfinding (with distance), educational and interpretive signage with historic and indigenous heritage of the area along the Green Links.

#### Environment

- Protect the existing native vegetation, natural areas, creeks and habitat for fauna and native flora.
- Implement environmental and biodiversity improvements, enhance native vegetation, plant more native plants and trees, provide habitat, strengthen and protect wildlife corridors along the Green Links.
- Review and give consideration to closing and regeneration of excess paths to reduce fragmentation of bushland.
- Review and give consideration to impacts from paths and minimise any “edge effect” to reduce future fragmentation of the wildlife corridors.
- Continue to provide bush care and bush regeneration throughout the Green Links.
- Give consideration to Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) principles to improve water quality in local creeks/rivers.
- Give consideration to energy efficiency of path lighting.
- Give consideration to eco-sensitive lighting in ecologically sensitive areas to minimise impacts on local wildlife.
- Give consideration to measures to better manage dogs in parklands and reduce negative impacts native fauna in bushland areas.

#### Safety Considerations

- Implement the proposed off-road shared user path and cycleway network along the Green Links to reduce the number of road related incidents involving pedestrians and cyclists.
- Implement proposed path lighting with LED directional lighting to permit safe use after dark that is non-intrusive on adjacent properties.

## Themes and recommendations continued

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- Incorporate Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles along the Green Links during Masterplan design and implementation phases.

### Implementation

- Many would like to see the Green Links Masterplan realised and upgrades to occur relatively quickly, particularly where there are identified “missing links”.

## County Green Link

### Walking/Cycling and Active Transport

- Implement the proposed shared user path network along the County Green Link to provide continuous a safe off-road pedestrian/cycle route between Eastwood and Macquarie Park.
- Review and give consideration to the shared user path alignment between Grove Street and North Road to position it further away from adjacent properties.
- Review and give consideration to the shared user path alignment around Kent Road Public School/Herring Road.
- Review and give consideration to the shared user path alignment at the junction of Welby Street/Graham Avenue.
- Review and give consideration to extending the proposed shared user path from First Avenue through to Eastwood Station.
- Review and give consideration to providing a path connection between the County Green Link and Denistone East Public School (via Waratah Street).
- Ensure shared user paths are of sufficient width to safely accommodate all user groups with different skills, speeds and mobility levels.

### Park Improvements

- Provide seating, filtered water stations (with dog bowls), bins (including dog waste) and

community libraries along the County Green Link.

- Provide park improvements to encourage exercise and creating safe spaces for families and kids.
- Consider inclusion of a basketball court (or half court) in the grassed area between Abuklea Road and Herring Road for kids and families to use.
- Provide wayfinding signage and interpretive signage with indigenous heritage of the area.

### Environment

- Implement the County Green Link to provide the local community with additional green space.
- Implement the shared user path along the County Green Link to provide sustainable/green transport options (including public transport and active transport) to reduce motor vehicle traffic and carbon emissions.
- Incorporate biodiversity principles, native vegetation and stronger wildlife corridors along the County Green Link.
- Provide more regular and higher level of maintenance along the County Green Link, especially mowing of the grassed areas.
- Seek to install path lighting that is energy efficient.

### Safety Considerations

- Implement the proposed off-road shared user path network along the County Green Link to reduce the number of road related incidents involving pedestrians and cyclists.
- Implement the proposed pedestrian/cycle road crossings to reduce traffic speed and increase safety for pedestrians/cyclist especially for children and less mobile users.
- Review and give consideration to the location of the raised pedestrian/cycle crossings Agincourt Road and Abuklea Road/Woorang Street due to

## Themes and recommendations continued

concerns about increased traffic noise within the residential street. Consult with residents during detailed design.

- Implement proposed path lighting with LED directional lighting to permit safe use after dark that is non-intrusive on adjacent properties.
- Incorporate Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles along the County Green Link.

### Shrimptons Creek Green Link

#### Walking/Cycling and Active Transport

- Implement the proposed shared user path and cycle way network along the Shrimptons Creek Green Link to provide a continuous off-road pedestrian/cycle route between Macquarie Park, West Ryde and Meadowbank that is significantly safer and more inclusive of children, families, the elderly, all abilities and people with mobility needs.
- Implement the Shrimptons Creek Green Link proposed shared user path and cycleway network to facilitate significant strategic local and regional movement corridors from the Parramatta River, through Meadowbank to Macquarie Park between major business centres, places of work, places of education, public transportation options and links strategic precincts which are experiencing significant growth and investment.
- Review and give consideration to whether the proposed separate cycleway on Hermitage Road could have an alternative route alignment or a shared user path on the verge could be achieved in order to prevent potential loss of on-street parking on the western side of Hermitage Road.
- Review and give consideration to whether the proposed two-way separated cycleway on Hermitage Road could be extended further south.
- Review and give consideration to whether the cycle route could be relocated to Melville Street

and for the Quarry Road shared user path be extended to go through Yamble Reserve and to Melville Street.

- Review and give consideration to whether the configuration of the pedestrian/cycle paths along Ford St (between Flinders Park and Tindarra Reserve) could be improved by providing pedestrian path on the footpath and cyclist on a dedicated cycleway on the road by making one side of the road no parking. This would improve safety for cyclists when cars are reversing out of their driveways.
- Review and give consideration to whether the shared user path alignment could be re-routed behind ELS Hall Park field 3 (rather than along Scott Street).
- Review and give consideration to improving poor sight lines and pinch points on the shared user path at Tindarra Reserve and the Epping Road underpass.
- Give consideration to current use and future use of shared user paths by bicycles, e-scooters, e-bikes and other mobility devices. Ensure shared user paths are of sufficient width to safely accommodate all user groups with different skills, speeds and mobility levels. Consider widening paths where required to address pinch points.
- Incorporate line marking on the shared user path to assist with safer use.
- Provide education programs to encourage good shared user path rider/pedestrian etiquette and on-road cycle/driver awareness.

#### Santa Rosa Park

- Review the proposed location of the new multi-purpose community building in Santa Rosa Park and give consideration to locating the new facility in the same or similar location to the existing building. Liaise with sporting user groups in relation to their preference for the changerooms within the community building to be co-located with the sports fields.
- Give consideration to whether the existing community building in Santa Rosa Park could be

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refurbished rather than demolished.

- Give consideration to potential usage conflicts between the different community user groups for the future multi-purpose community building. Give consideration to storage space required by the different community user groups.
- Implement the proposed sporting upgrades at Santa Rosa Park including sports field improvements, sports field lighting and mitigate impacts on adjacent residential properties.
- Implement other general park improvements at Santa Rosa Park including car park upgrades, continuous walking loop path/bridge (Bridge Road), expansion of the Habitat and suggestion for BBQ improvements.
- Give consideration to whether the dog off-leash area should be fenced or partially fenced to prevent conflicts between dogs/cyclists and keep dogs out to protect native fauna, habitat, biodiversity and creek line.

### **Sydney Water land reservation**

- Implement the proposed Shrimptons Creek Green Link shared user path extension through the Sydney Water land reservation to address the “missing link” with local and regional strategic significance.
- Implement the proposed Shrimptons Creek Green Link shared user path extension through the Sydney Water land reservation to provide a continuous off-road pedestrian/cycle route between Macquarie Park, West Ryde and Meadowbank that is significantly safer and more inclusive of children, families, the elderly, all abilities and people with mobility needs.
- Implement the proposed native vegetation corridor along the Sydney Water land reservation. It is recommended plantings consisting of native shrubs with shallow root profiles to provide wildlife habitat corridor, ensure good sight lines are maintained through the corridor and will not adversely impact the Sydney Water assets.
- Incorporate the Crime Prevention Through

Environmental Design (CPTED) principles along the Shrimptons Creek Green Link, including the Sydney Water land reservation to mitigate concerns of adjoining residents.

- Consider increased fence height and planting of native plants that are spiky/prickly along the fence lines throughout the corridor to improve privacy, security and deter opportunistic crime and graffiti.
- Install path lighting (as proposed) and ensure good clear sight lines through the corridor, activation as an active transport movement corridor and potential CCTV (if deemed necessary) to provide a strong deterrent to antisocial behaviour, graffiti and opportunistic crime.
- Sydney Water land reservation is recommended for activation as a movement corridor for active transport purposes only. No other park elements should be included, for example seating, bubblers, fitness/play equipment or bike repair stations which may encourage pedestrians/cyclists to stop and loiter.
- Install bollards or similar devices and potential CCTV (if deemed necessary) to prevent and deter motor cars/bikes from entering the Sydney Water land reservation.

### **Park Improvements**

- Implement the proposed general park improvements along the Shrimptons Creek Green Link, including playground upgrades (Helene Park, Carara Reserve, Beattie Park and Santa Rosa Park), fitness stations, BBQs, picnic shelters, filtered water stations (with dog bowls) - particularly near the dog parks along the route.
- Implement the proposed Youth Zone including the mountain bike/BMX track, skate elements, multi-court and toilets in the lands adjacent to ELS Hall Park and seek to integrate into ELS Hall Park.
- Implement the proposed car parks in the lands adjacent to ELS Hall Park and seek to integrate into ELS Hall Park.
- Provide directional, wayfinding (with distance),



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educational and interpretive signage with indigenous heritage of the area along the Shrimptons Creek Green Link.

### Environment

- Implement the shared user path along the Shrimptons Creek Green Link to provide sustainable/green transport options (including public transport and active transport) to reduce motor vehicle traffic and carbon emissions.
- Implement biodiversity improvements, enhance native vegetation, plant more trees, provide habitat, strengthen and protect wildlife corridors along the Shrimptons Creek Green Link, including the native vegetation corridor along the Sydney Water land reservation.
- Provide increased levels of bush care and bush regeneration along the Shrimptons Creek corridor.
- Give consideration to energy efficiency of path lighting and sports field lighting.
- Give consideration to eco-sensitive lighting in ecologically sensitive areas to minimise impacts to fauna.
- Review and give consideration to the request for Council to undertake greater weed removal, management practices and maintenance behind the residential properties near Tindarra Reserve to better manage the overland flow impacts during high rain events.
- Provide a higher level of general park maintenance along the Shrimptons Creek Green Link.

### Safety Considerations

- Implement the proposed off-road shared user path network along the Shrimptons Green Link to reduce the number of road related incidents involving pedestrians and cyclists.
- Some residents, cyclists, peak cycling advocacy groups and NSW Health all expressed serious safety concerns about the existing on-road cycle route along Heath Street/Rickard Street due to the narrow streets lined with parked cars forcing

cyclist to ride in a dangerous double 'door zone', poor sight lines, many driveway crossings, the unusual one-way entry configuration to Heath Street and vehicle speeds. This is not considered a suitable route for less confident cyclists or children. The extension of the existing shared user path through the Sydney Water land is recommended as it is an off-road route that provides a significantly safer option for cyclists/ pedestrians.

- Implement the proposed pedestrian/cycle road crossings improvements to reduce traffic speed and increase safety for pedestrians/cyclist especially for children and less mobile users.
- Implement a signalised pedestrian/cycle crossing on Blaxland Road for the Shrimptons Creek Green Link.
- Review and give consideration to the location of the proposed Blaxland Road pedestrian/ cycle crossing near Beattie Park. Consider whether a signalised traffic intersection with pedestrian/cycle crossing at Blaxland Road/ Anzac Avenue would better address community concerns about existing traffic conditions at Blaxland Road/Anzac Avenue and the proposed pedestrian/cycle crossing near Beattie Park.
- Implement the pedestrian/cycle bridge overpass at Victoria Road (near West Ryde station) to provide regional active transport connection as identified in the Meadowbank Education Employment Precinct Masterplan.
- Review and give consideration to the re-location of the proposed pedestrian/cycle crossing on Goodwin Street (near Hermitage Road and Mahon Street) nearer to Falconer Street.
- Implement a safe road crossing at North Road.
- Give consideration to whether pedestrian and cyclist safety can be prioritised at road crossings.
- Implement proposed path lighting with LED directional lighting to permit safe use of shared user paths after dark that is non-intrusive on adjacent properties.
- Investigate flood mitigation measures at Epping

## Themes and recommendations continued

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Road underpass to improve safety and reduce the likelihood of the active transport route being cut off in high rain events or consider a longer term solution for a pedestrian/cycle overpass at Epping Road.

- Incorporate Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles along the Shrimptons Creek Green Link.

### Implementation

- Investigate feasibility to implement the Shrimptons Creek Green Link as a priority for delivery on an expedited basis.

## Terrys Creek Green Link

### Environment

- Protect and enhance existing bushland areas and natural assets of this Green Link. Strengthen the ecological, biodiversity values and wildlife corridors along the Terrys Creek Green Link.
- In environmentally sensitive areas use raised boardwalks on the Terrys Creek walking track to reduce the impact on the soil and existing vegetation.
- Increase canopy cover by keeping existing trees and planting more shade trees along the roadways.
- Lighting in the proximity of Terry Creek natural areas should be minimised. If required, consideration should be given to eco-sensitive lighting to minimise impacts to fauna.
- Seek to achieve water quality improvements in Terrys Creek, Lane Cove River and the surrounding catchment areas. Consider litter reduction strategies and engineered measures such as gross pollutant traps to capture litter before it enters the Terrys Creek and Lane Cove River systems.
- Implement an education program, regulatory signage improvements and increased levels of ranger enforcement to prevent dogs in

prohibited areas, dogs off-leash in natural areas (including walking tracks) and enforce wildlife protection area in order to protect the local wildlife and ecosystems.

### Bush Walking

- Retain Terrys Creek walking track for walking.
- Provide a continuous walking track connection including formalisation of the walking track between Forrester Park and Forsyth Park.
- Review the existing creek crossing near Abuklea Road and give consideration to safety and access improvements.
- Review access to the Terrys Creek waterfall at the bottom of Anembo Place and consider access improvements.
- Ongoing review of walking tracks to ensure tracks are consolidated, informal tracks are closed and the bushland areas and natural assets are being protected. If track upgrades are required ensure they are done in an eco-sensitive manner to minimise impacts on the surrounding natural area.
- Investigate flood mitigation measures at Browns Waterhole to improve safety and reduce the likelihood of the bush walking route being cut off in high rain events.

### Cycling

- Retain the existing Terrys Creek Green Link cycle route via the Vimiera Road (between Eastwood Station and Epping Road - on-road cycle route in mixed traffic). Consider future design improvements to this route to make it safer and more suitable for bike riders of all abilities (eg. children), such as better separation between cyclists and cars along Vimiera Road, shared user path or separated cycleway with path lighting to allow for safe commuting after dark.
- Implement the proposed new off-road shared user path along Vimiera Road (between Epping Road and Waterloo Road) to provide a safe network link between the shared user paths on Epping Road, Waterloo Road and Browns Waterhole.

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- Implement an education program, regulatory signage improvements and increased levels of ranger enforcement to prevent use of bikes on the walking tracks, conflicts with bush walkers and damage to tracks/boardwalks and the surrounding natural environment.
- Council to investigate feasibility and work with relevant NSW Government agencies to seek potential alternative opportunities for mountain bikes/BMX in the City of Ryde or nearby.
- Investigate feasibility for flood mitigation measures at Browns Waterhole to improve safety and reduce the likelihood of the cycling route being cut off in high rain events.

### Active Transport Links and Interconnections

- Seek to achieve improved local and regional active transport connections and green grid links within the City of Ryde and into the surrounding local council areas.
- Implement the proposed future active transport connection/bridge to connect Abuklea Road, Marsfield (City of Ryde) and Abuklea Rd, Epping (City of Parramatta) to improve regional active transport routes, community access to recreational facilities (eg. Epping Aquatic Centre) and public transport options (eg. Epping Station).
- Engage with the relevant NSW Government land owners and adjoining local councils to collaboratively investigate the feasibility to achieve a higher level of flood mitigation through Browns Waterhole and/or feasibility for other suitable alternative routes to provide a northern connection over Lane Cove River

### Park Improvements

- In appropriate and serviceable areas, provide bins for general rubbish, recycling and dog faeces to minimise litter and minimise environmental impacts.
- Implement proposed upgrades to Forrester Park, including pathways, rest stop and small amenities building.


- Improve signage along the Terrys Creek Green Link including directional, wayfinding, educational, interpretive and indigenous heritage signs.

### Safety Considerations

- Investigate flood mitigation measures at Browns Waterhole to improve safety and reduce the likelihood of the active transport and bush walking route being cut off in high rain events.
- Ongoing review of creek/river crossing points to facilitate safe passage.
- Implement an education program, regulatory signage improvements and increased levels of ranger enforcement to prevent use of bikes on the walking tracks, conflicts with bush walkers and damage to tracks/boardwalks.
- Incorporate Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles along the Terrys Creek Green Link.

# Appendix

## Promotional material

 City of Ryde

# GREEN LINKS DRAFT MASTERPLAN



In June 2021, the City of Ryde asked you about the current and future use of three open space corridors, known as 'Green Links'.

In response to the Greater Sydney Commission's Northern District Plan, City of Ryde's Local Strategic Planning Statement and based on your feedback, we have created a Green Links draft Masterplan for the County, Shrimptons Creek and Terrys Creek corridors.

These draft plans include significant improvement to:

- Cycle and walking connections between Macquarie Park to Eastwood
- Cycle and walking connections between Macquarie Park to West Ryde and onwards to Meadowbank
- Terrys Creek walking track improvements
- A range of other park, environmental and biodiversity improvements

We would like to hear your feedback on the Green Links draft Masterplan.

 LET'S TALK

### Drop in Sessions

We invite you to discuss the project with a member of Council's project team, ask any questions you may have and provide your feedback for the Green Links draft Masterplan.

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**Where** Santa Rosa Park, entry off Quarry Rd, Ryde (near the cycle path)

**When** Tuesday 1 February 2022

**Time** Any time between 4.00 - 6.00pm

**When** Saturday 5 February 2022

**Time** Any time between 9.00 - 10.30am

2

**Where** Reserve at 103 Abuklea Rd, Marsfield (near corner of Woorang St)

**When** Wednesday 2 February 2022

**Time** Any time between 4.00 - 6.00pm

**When** Saturday 5 February 2022

**Time** Any time between 11.30am - 1.00pm

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**Where** Forrester Park, 47 Vimiera Rd, Eastwood

**When** Thursday 3 February 2022

**Time** Any time between 4.00 - 6.00pm

**When** Saturday 5 February 2022

**Time** Any time between 2.30 - 4.00pm

Please note: These drop-in sessions will be managed in accordance with NSW COVID-19 requirements.

 HAVE YOUR SAY

### How do I give my feedback

You can Have Your Say on the Green Links draft Masterplan in a number of ways including:

**Online** Complete the online interactive map at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay/GreenLinks](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay/GreenLinks) or use the QR code

**Email** [cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au)


**Post** City of Ryde, Locked Bag 2069, North Ryde NSW 1670

Written submissions must be clearly marked 'Green Links draft Masterplan'. Submissions must be received by **Sunday 13 February 2022.**

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# GREEN LINKS DRAFT MASTERPLAN





Concept image: Terrys Creek Green Link



Concept image: County Green Link



Concept image: Shrimptons Creek Green Link



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### Stage 2 Community Consultation - Flyer (page 1)

## Promotional materials continued

### HAVE YOUR SAY

#### How do I give my feedback?

You can Have Your Say on the Green Links draft Masterplan in a number of ways including:

- Online** Complete the online interactive map at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay/GreenLinks](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay/GreenLinks) or use the QR code
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Scan the QR code to Have Your Say



Translation Assistance  
한국어  
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### LET'S TALK

#### Drop in Sessions

We invite you to discuss the project with a member of Council's project team, ask any questions you may have and provide your feedback for the Green Links draft Masterplan.

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  - When** Tuesday 1 February 2022
  - Time** Any time between 4.00 - 6.00pm
  - When** Saturday 5 February 2022
  - Time** Any time between 9.00 - 10.30am
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  - When** Wednesday 2 February 2022
  - Time** Any time between 4.00 - 6.00pm
  - When** Saturday 5 February 2022
  - Time** Any time between 11.30am - 1.00pm
- 3**
  - Where** Forrester Park, 47 Vimiera Rd, Eastwood
  - When** Thursday 3 February 2022
  - Time** Any time between 4.00 - 6.00pm
  - When** Saturday 5 February 2022
  - Time** Any time between 2.30 - 4.00pm



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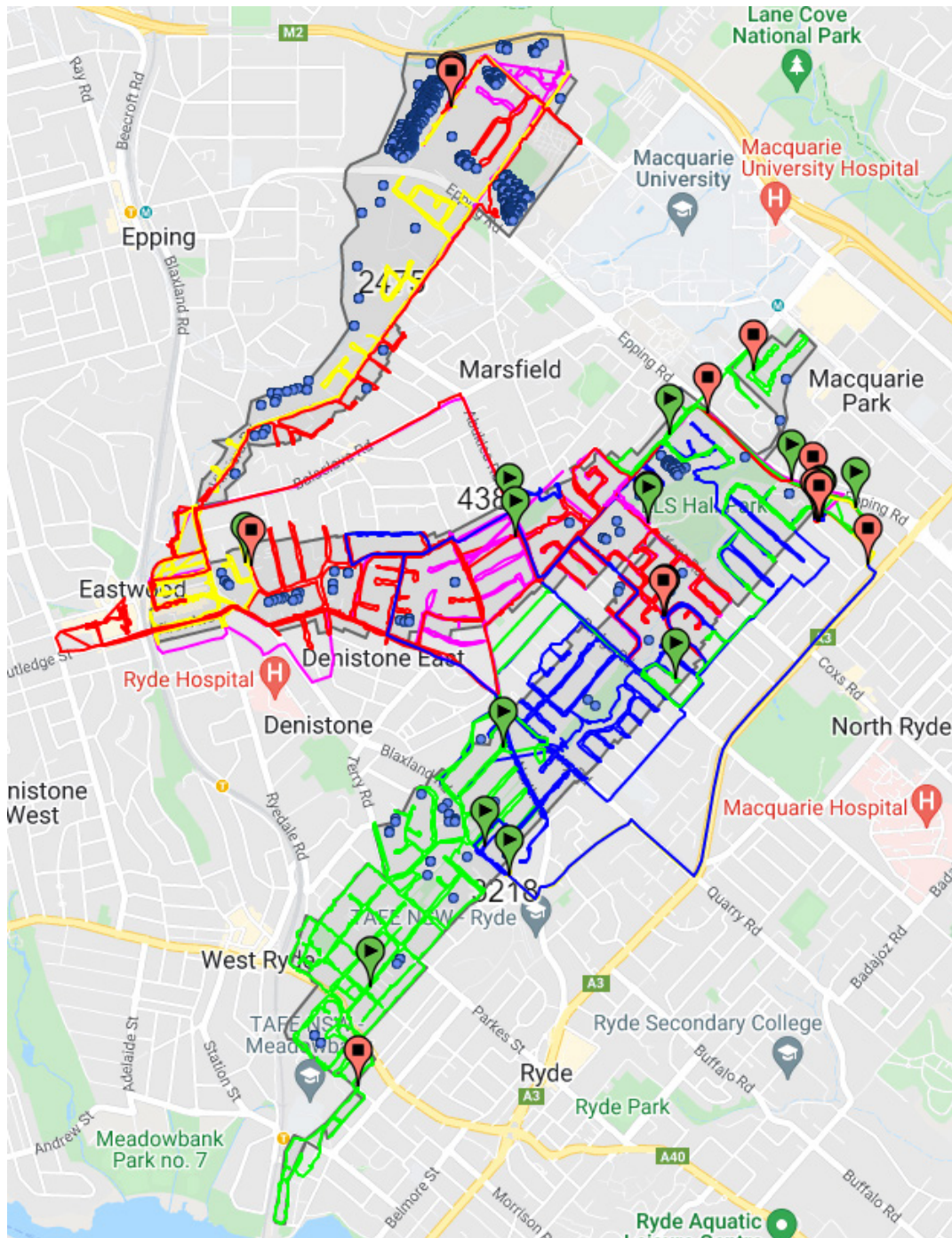
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Stage 2 Community Consultation - Flyer (page 2)



## Promotional materials continued



Stage 2 community consultation - Flyer letterbox distribution area

## Promotional materials continued



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Concept Image: Terrys Creek Green Link

Concept Image: County Green Link

Concept Image: Shrimptons Creek Green Link

### Green Links - Summary Overview Map



- County Green Link
- Shrimptons Creek Green Link
- Terrys Creek Green Link

[Click here to view the draft Masterplan and find out more](#)

### Have Your Say

You can Have Your Say on the Green Links draft Masterplan in a number of ways including via the online survey, by written submission or at one of our community drop-in sessions.



### Online Survey

Complete the online survey to tell us what you like about the draft plans and any ideas, suggestions or comments on how the draft plans can be improved.

Submissions will be received up until **Sunday 13 February 2022**.

[Provide Feedback via the Online Survey](#)

### Written Submissions

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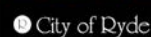


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### For more information

If you require more information about the Green Links draft Masterplan, please visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay/GreenLinks](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay/GreenLinks) or call Customer Service on 9952 8222.



Stage 2 community consultation - Have Your Say stakeholder email



## Promotional materials continued

**HAVE YOUR SAY**

**OPEN COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**


You are invited to have your say about documents, projects and proposals that are currently on public exhibition, or provide feedback on services and concerns that affect the community.


- Draft Integrated Transport Strategy 2041 (Closing 6 February 2022)
- Green Links Draft Masterplan (Closing 13 February 2022)
- Memorial Park Dog Off-Leash Trial (Closing 30 June 2022)
- Disc Golf Trial – North Ryde Common (Closing 30 June 2022)
- Dragon Boat Club – Boat Storage Trial (Closing 11 December 2022)

**Want to find out more?**

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Stage 2 community consultation - newspaper advertisement



**City of Ryde**  
4,366 followers  
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We're seeking feedback on the Green Links Draft Masterplan for three open space corridors, known as the County, Shrimptons Creek and Terrys Creek Green Links.

The Green Links Masterplan will increase the availability of open space in the City of Ryde to better meet the growing community needs. These plans will result in significant improvements to:

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- A range of other park, environmental and biodiversity improvements

We would like to hear your feedback on the draft Green Links Masterplan by Sunday 13 February.

Have your say > <https://bit.ly/3fln7SW>



Stage 2 community consultation - LinkedIn Post



**City of Ryde**  
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**GREEN LINKS DRAFT MASTERPLAN**  
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**City of Ryde**  
Government organisation

[Learn More](#)

Stage 2 community consultation - Facebook Post

# Promotional materials continued

## Green Links Draft Masterplan

Consultation closed on 13 February 2022



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### Green Links - Summary Overview Map

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What is a Green Link? +

What is a Masterplan? +

Why is a Masterplan being developed? +

What is the County Green Link? +

What is the Shrimptons Creek Green Link? +

What is the Terrys Creek Green Link? +

## Stage 2 community consultation - Have Your Say website

### Next Steps

After the conclusion of this Stage 2 community consultation, Council will complete a number of steps and processes prior to the implementation of the Masterplan.



Latest Updates | Have Your Say | Past Have Your Say

You can Have Your Say on the Green Links draft Masterplan in a number of ways including online survey, at one of our community drop-in sessions or by written submission.

### Complete the Online Survey

Council has engaged an independent consultant, Flagship Communications, to conduct this online survey on our behalf. If you are unable to fill in the survey online or don't have access, please contact City of Ryde Customer Service on 9952 8222. Submissions will be received up until **Sunday 13 February 2022**.

The online survey has now closed.

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### Privacy Statement

Personal information collected from you (including responses to forms and surveys) is held and used by Council under the provisions of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998. The supply of information is voluntary, however if you cannot provide, or do not wish to provide the information sought, Council may be unable to process your application or request, or consider your submission. Please note that the exchange of information between the public and Council, may be accessed by others and could be made publicly available under the Government Information Public Access Act 2009 (GIPA Act). If you require further information please contact Council's Customer Service Centre on 9952 8222.

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Last updated on 15 February 2022

## Promotional materials

### Have Your Say



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- A range of other park, environmental and biodiversity improvements.

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- Via the [online survey](#)
- Via [email](#) (must be clearly marked "Green Links Masterplan" in the subject line).

Submissions close Sunday 13 February 2022.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Stage 2 community consultation - Smarter Cleaner  
Greener eNewsletter article (January 2022)





Prepared by Flagship Communications for the City of Ryde.

**March 2022**