

# BLenheim PARK

MASTERPLAN

**STAGE 2**  
**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REPORT**  
**MARCH 2020**

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# BLenheim PARK MASTERPLAN

## Executive Summary & Background

The City of Ryde has developed a draft Masterplan for Blenheim Park. A Masterplan provides the framework for how the park will be upgraded over the next 20 years. This strategic plan aims to meet the current and future needs of the community and user groups, while ensuring sustainable and efficient use and ecological outcomes.

The park currently includes a playground, walking and cycling paths, a fenced dog off-leash area, amenities building, picnic and BBQ facilities, a radio control car track and a car park.

Stage 1 community consultation was conducted from 20 February to 17 March 2019, during which the community provided feedback on the existing park and what they would like to see in the park in the future. Council used this initial stage of feedback to develop a draft Masterplan for the site which was presented to the community for further feedback through Stage 2 community consultation.

The City of Ryde's internal community engagement team conducted Stage 2 community consultation process to gather feedback from the community on the draft Masterplan design for Blenheim Park. The draft Masterplan included an upgraded regional playground, walking and cycling paths, picnic and BBQ facilities, new active recreation area, new fenced dog-off leash area, new radio control track, fitness equipment, improved parking, recreation areas and other general park improvements.

Stage 2 community consultation was conducted from 5 February to 1 March 2020 during which the community could complete an online interactive map and ask questions or provide feedback at one of the drop-in sessions. This was promoted through City of Ryde's Have Your Say website, flyers to surrounding residents, an eNewsletter to stakeholders, signage in the park and advertisements in the local newspapers and social media.

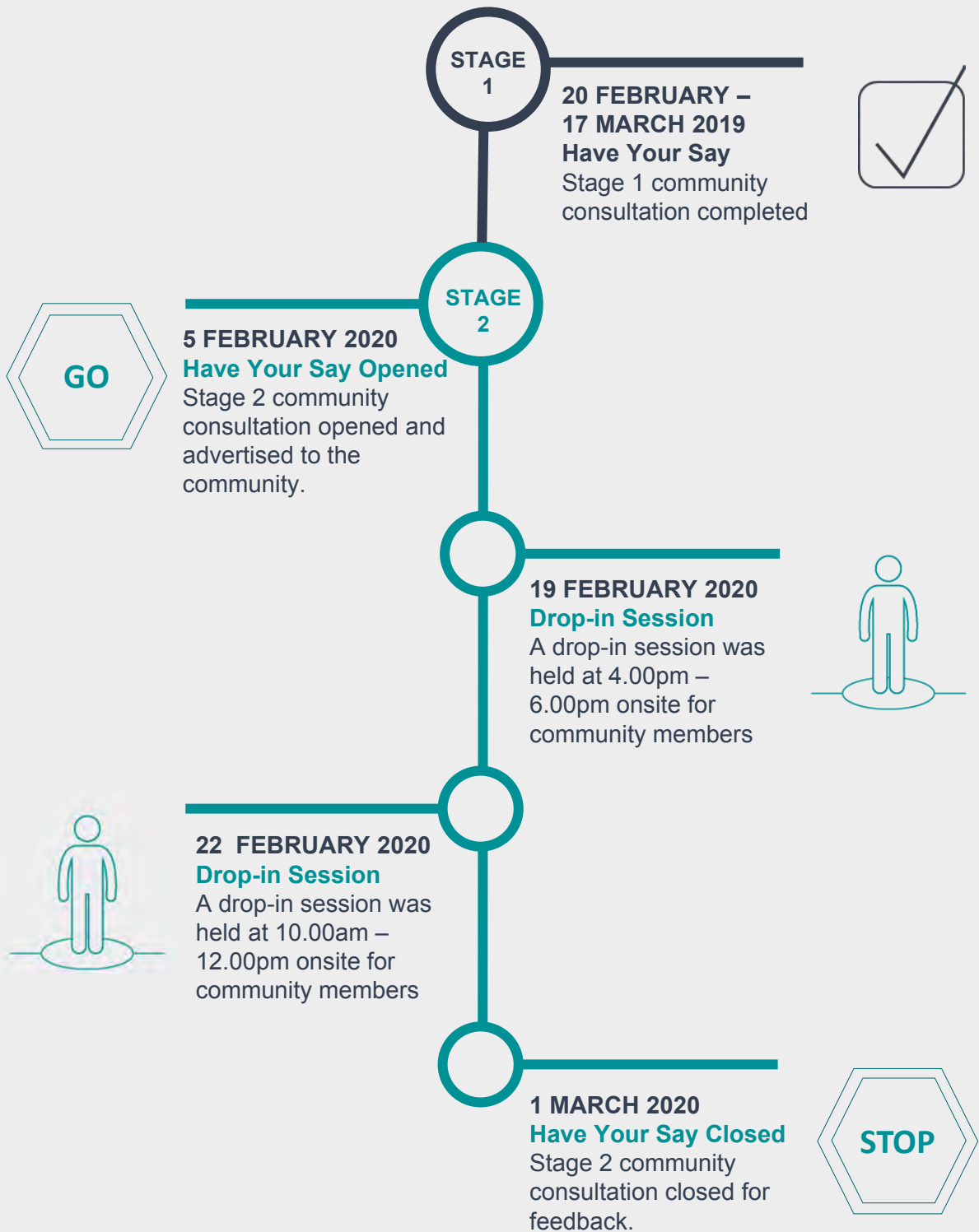
In total 363 comments were received from the community with 192 comments from the drop-in sessions, 165 comments via the online interactive map and 6 email submissions.

Through the Stage 2 community consultation, positive feedback was typically received on the draft Masterplan design, with key favourable elements being the radio control car club upgrade and the active recreation area. While the upgrading of the radio control car track was favourable, many users expressed concerns regarding the size of the track and space dedicated to support facilities. Concerns were also expressed by users of the dog park regarding the location, size and fence height of the new dog off leash area.

The feedback from this Stage 2 community consultation will be used to inform the final Masterplan for Blenheim Park, which will be reported to Council for adoption in 2020.

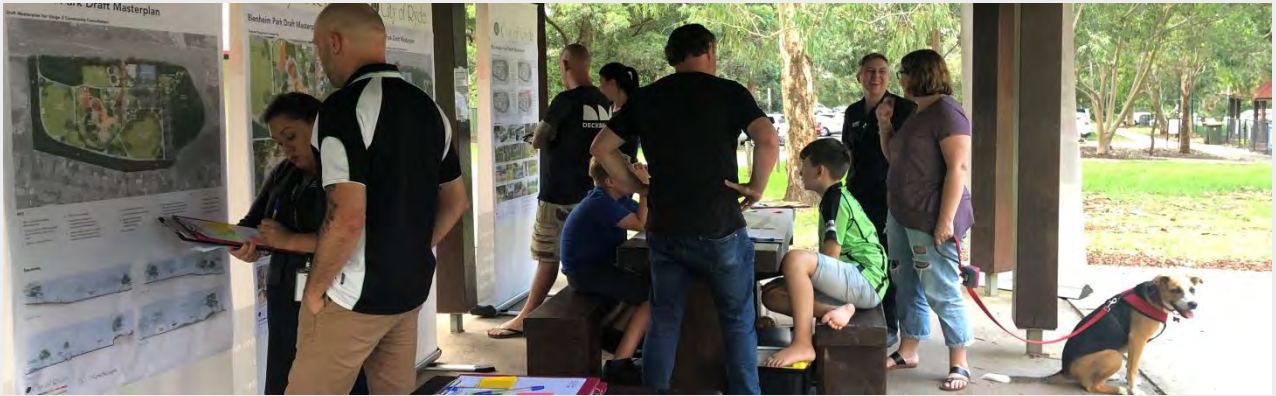
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## Community Consultation Timeline



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## Community Consultation Methodology



Date	Tool	Stakeholders	Overview	Engagement
Wed 5 Feb to Sun 1 Mar 2020	Have Your Say Website	Website users	A project webpage with background information, Social Pinpoint, details of consultation events and project updates.	1,214 page views and 1,037 unique visits
Wed 5 Feb to Sun 1 Mar 2020	Social Pinpoint	Website users	An online interactive map where stakeholders can provide comments and suggestions on the site. This was accessed through Council's Have Your Say webpage, and a hard copy was available at drop-in sessions.	111 online respondents 165 online comments
Wed 5 Feb 2020	A4 Flyer	Surrounding residents - 750m radius	An A4 flyer was letterbox dropped to promote the project and feedback opportunities for surrounding local residents.	1,320 flyers approximately
Wed 5 Feb 2020	Have Your Say eNewsletter	Internal and external stakeholders, sports clubs and community groups	A targeted eNewsletter was sent to previous submitters and relevant community stakeholder groups, including internal and external stakeholders, to provide an opportunity for interested stakeholders to give feedback.	93 eNewsletters distributed 66 eNewsletters opened
Wed 5 Feb to Sun 1 Mar 2020	Park Signage	Blenheim Park users	Park signage was placed to promote the project and feedback opportunities for park users and interested stakeholders.	6 signs at entry points of the park

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## Community Consultation Methodology continued

Date	Tool	Stakeholders	Overview	Engagement
Sunday 9 Feb to Wed 19 Feb 2020	Facebook Ad	Online Facebook Users	Social media advertisement to promote the project and consultation opportunities for all stakeholders.	14,228 users reached 3,116 users engaged
Tue 18 Feb 2020	Smarter, Cleaner, Greener eNewsletter	eNewsletter subscribers	Link to Have Your Say website included in eNewsletter to promote the project and consultation opportunities.	3,257 subscribers 1,390 unique opens
Wed 19 Feb 2020	Newspaper Ads	North District Times and The Weekly Times Newspaper readers	Newspaper advertisements to promote the project and consultation opportunities for all stakeholders.	54,000 total print readership
Wed 26 Feb 2020	City News eNewsletter	eNewsletter subscribers	Link to Have Your Say website included in eNewsletter to promote the project and consultation opportunities.	2,425 subscribers 998 unique opens
Wed 19 Feb 2020	Drop-in Session from 4.00pm to 6.00pm onsite	All Stakeholders	A mid week casual drop-in session for stakeholders to have one-on-one time with the project team and provide their thoughts and ideas.	50 attendees who provided 192 comments (across both sessions)
Sat 22 Feb 2020	Drop-in Session at 10.30am to 12.30pm onsite	All Stakeholders	A weekend casual drop-in session for stakeholders to have one-on-one time with the project team and provide their thoughts and ideas.	50 attendees who provided 192 comments (across both sessions)
Wed 5 Feb to Sun 1 Mar 2020	Information phone line and email	All Stakeholders	The City of Ryde main phone and email address was provided for the project and was open for feedback from the community.	6 email submissions received

# BLenheim PARK MASTERPLAN

## Community Consultation Results

### KEY CONSIDERATIONS

Based on the feedback received the key themes on the draft Blenheim Park Masterplan are (in alphabetical order):

- **Access and paths:** Some respondents expressed they would like to see external connections to the park strengthened. Suggestions included bridge or more direct route across Epping Road connecting to train station/buses and connections from the southern side of the park. Suggestions for pathways within the park included learn to ride tracks, meterage markers, level pathways and bush track through Myall Reserve.
- **Active recreation:** Respondents provided positive comments on the active recreation space generally, regarding the fitness stations, multi-use/basketball courts, skate park and rebound wall.

Specific suggestions for equipment in the skate park included rails, mini bowl, snake bowl, pyramid/triangle jumps and to cater for different skill levels and ages. Regarding the courts, comments also noted to include lighting and line markings for other sports (netball, handball and tennis).

- **Dog park:** Many comments regarding the new dog park expressed concerns including location, due to the proximity to other facilities (e.g. playground and skate park), proximity to the main road, traffic noise and preferring the current or a different location. Other concerns included the fence height and size of the new dog off leash area.

Users would also like to see adequate shading and seating, double gates, water stations for dog owners and general maintenance of the area. Some positive comments were also received, noting respondents liked the new features and the dog park generally.

- **Environment and bio-diversity:** Many comments noted the importance and liked the environmental components of the park such as needing more trees/plants, preserving trees, natives and animal friendly plants, like the bio-diversity corridors, bush kindy, maintenance, animal crossing points and a community garden.
- **General comments:** Some respondents indicated that they like the Masterplan and the expansion of the park generally. Requests also included the dog park, multi-use courts and the playground being areas of priority for delivery.
- **Parking:** Comments noted the need for more parking and indicated that respondents like the new parking configuration on Blenheim Road.
- **Picnic areas:** Respondents liked the inclusion of picnic areas (including BBQs) and also noted that picnic areas and park bench seating should be available throughout the park.



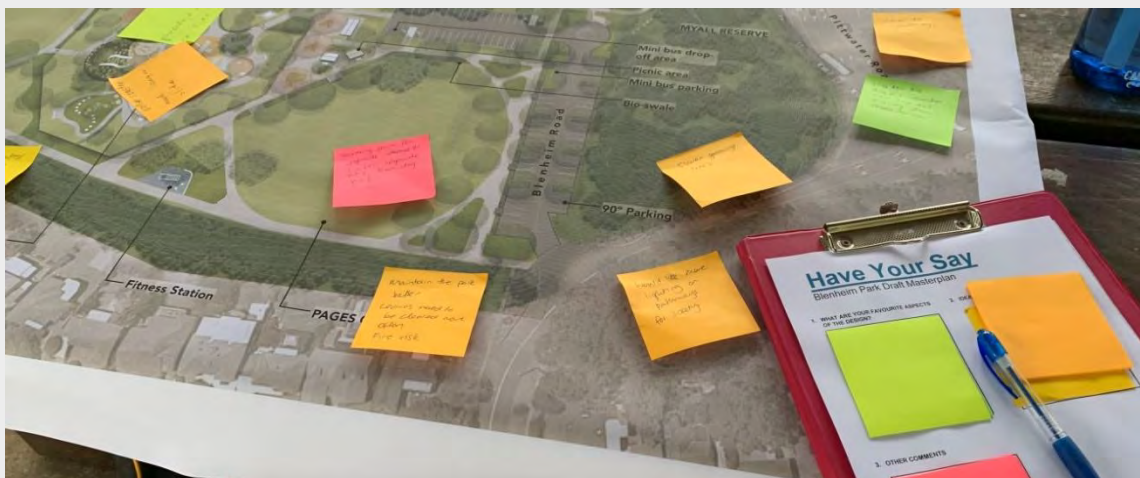
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### KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- **Playground:** Most frequently, comments regarding the regional playground concept mentioned the inclusion of water play, the need for adequate shade in this area of the park and general positive comments. Specific features respondents would like to see include nature play, fencing, longer slides, maintaining the flying fox, combo units, inclusion and exclusion of the sandpit, climbing elements and use of recycled materials.
- **Open space and park greens:** While a few respondents noted they like the open space included in the Masterplan, others noted open spaces are currently not used within the park and would be wasted space.
- **Other amenities and facilities:** Many comments noted the need for adequate shade, lighting and seating throughout the park generally and with comments relating to specific areas in the park. Other comments suggested additional/upgraded toilet, the inclusion of a café (onsite or van), water stations, noise barriers and cricket nets.
- **Radio control car club:** Generally, comments noted the importance of the radio control car club and indicated that respondents were happy to see the facilities included in the masterplan and being upgraded. However, many comments expressed concerns over the size of the proposed facilities. Respondents noted that to meet demand, the facility should be no smaller than the current facility and if possible larger, with adequate space (and potentially undercover) for a pit area.

Additionally, comments noted the importance of ensuring the facility and stand are designed to be accessible/inclusive for all users and the need for adequate support amenities (lighting, shade, power). A few comments also noted that access to the radio control car facilities from the carpark is important (e.g. unloading equipment and disability access), while a few others questioned why the facility is being moved as it could be upgraded in its current location.



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### WEBSITE

The screenshot shows the City of Ryde website's 'HAVE YOUR SAY' page for the Blenheim Park Masterplan. The page layout includes a navigation bar, a search bar, and a main content area with a sidebar. The main content area features a title, a consultation end date, a photograph of the park, a detailed description of the masterplan, a 3D site plan, and sections for 'WHY IS A MASTERPLAN NEEDED?', 'Community Drop-in Sessions', and 'Written Submissions'. The sidebar contains a 'Timeline' with key dates, 'View the Draft Masterplan', 'Complete the Interactive Map', and 'Contact Us' information. At the bottom, there are sections for 'Contact Us', 'Share & Connect' (with social media icons), and 'Subscribe to project updates'.

**HAVE YOUR SAY** Search the site

Home / Park Plans / You Say / Blenheim Park Masterplan

### Blenheim Park Masterplan

Consultation closed on 01 March 2020

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**Blenheim Park Draft Masterplan For Stage 2 Community Consultation**

**WHY IS A MASTERPLAN NEEDED?**

Council services a wide range of sport and recreation facilities and leisure needs (from a range of regional, district, neighbourhood and local open spaces, pathways, sportsgrounds and facilities). While we networks has served the community well for many years, Council recognises that when the context of a sporting ground and recreation area, the role and function of our parks and facilities need to be reviewed and updated to meet the community's needs.

[Learn Updates](#) [Have Your Say](#) [Post Your Your Say](#)

You can have your say on the Blenheim Park Draft Masterplan in a number of ways including either at all one of the community events. The feedback events will be a great chance to view the concept design, provide your feedback and ask any questions you may have.

**Provide Feedback via the Interactive Map**

Use the [interactive map](#) to tell us whether your favourite features of the draft Masterplan are and any changes you would like to see. Your are unable to fill in this field, please contact Council's Customer Service Centre on 0952 8222 who will assist you over the phone. Closing date for submissions is **Sunday 1 March 2020**.

**Community Drop-in Sessions**

**Date:** Wednesday 19 February 2020  
**Time:** 10:30am to 4:30pm and 6:00pm  
**Where:** Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road North Ryde  
**and**  
**Date:** Saturday 22 February 2020  
**Time:** 10:30am to 4:30pm and 6:00pm  
**Where:** Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road North Ryde

(Bring the family on the Saturday sessions and enjoy a free coffee and flour giveaway)

**Written Submissions**

Written submissions must be clearly marked as 'Blenheim Park Masterplan' and can be made up until **Sunday 1 March 2020**. They can be sent to:

- Draft: [city@ryde.nsw.gov.au](mailto:city@ryde.nsw.gov.au)
- Post: General Manager, City of Ryde, Locked Mail 2006, North Ryde, NSW 1510

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**Subscribe to project updates**

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## HAVE YOUR SAY ENEWSLETTER

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Blenheim Park Draft Masterplan



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[View the Have Your Say page](#)



#### Interactive Map

You can view the draft Masterplan and Have Your Say via the interactive map. Submissions will be received up until 11.59pm Sunday 1 March 2020.

[Provide feedback via the Interactive Map](#)



#### Weekday Drop-in Session

**Time:** Anytime between 4.00pm-6.00pm  
**Where:** Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde



#### Weekend Drop-in Session\*

**Time:** Anytime between 10.00am-12noon  
**Where:** Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde

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#### For more information

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### A4 FLYER

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**Have YOUR SAY** **How do I give my feedback?**  
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**Let's TALK**

**Community Drop-In Sessions**  
 We invite you to come and meet Council's Project Team, ask any questions you may have and provide your feedback.

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**Where** Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde (see map)

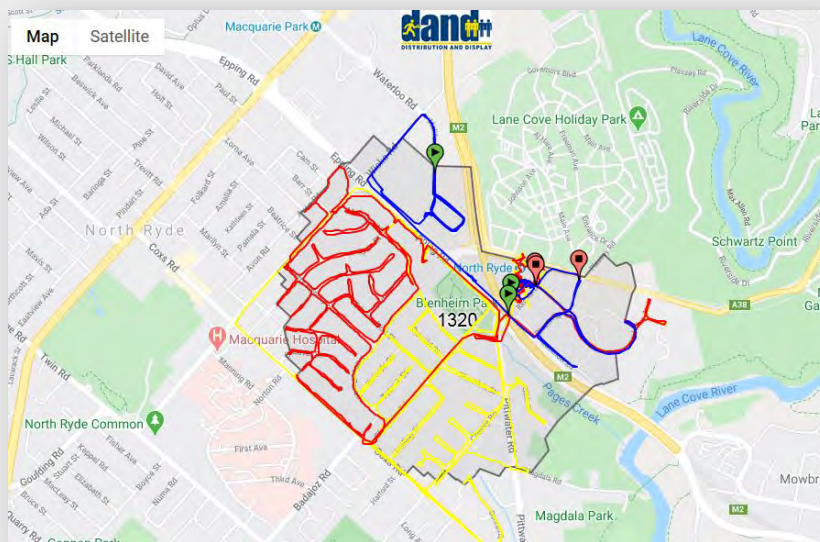
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Flyer distribution area

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## PARK SIGNAGE

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## NEWSPAPER AD – THE WEEKLY TIMES

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#### **How do I make a submission?**

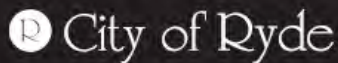
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**In Person** At one of the drop-in sessions listed above

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## FACEBOOK AD



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 SEE INTERACTIVE MAP > <http://bit.ly/31ksOZt>

Blenheim Park is one of the biggest and most frequented parks in North Ryde, and we're currently looking at how it will serve the future needs of our growing community.

Following community feedback last year, we've created a draft Masterplan which includes a playground upgrade, walking and cycling paths, picnic and BBQ facilities, new multi-use courts and skate facility, new dog off-leash area, new radio control car track, fitness equipment, recreation areas and other general improvements.

To provide feedback you can drop a pin on our interactive map online or join us at one of our drop in sessions on 19 & 22 February.

Submissions close Sunday 1 March > <http://bit.ly/31ksOZt>



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### SOCIAL PIN-POINT RESULTS



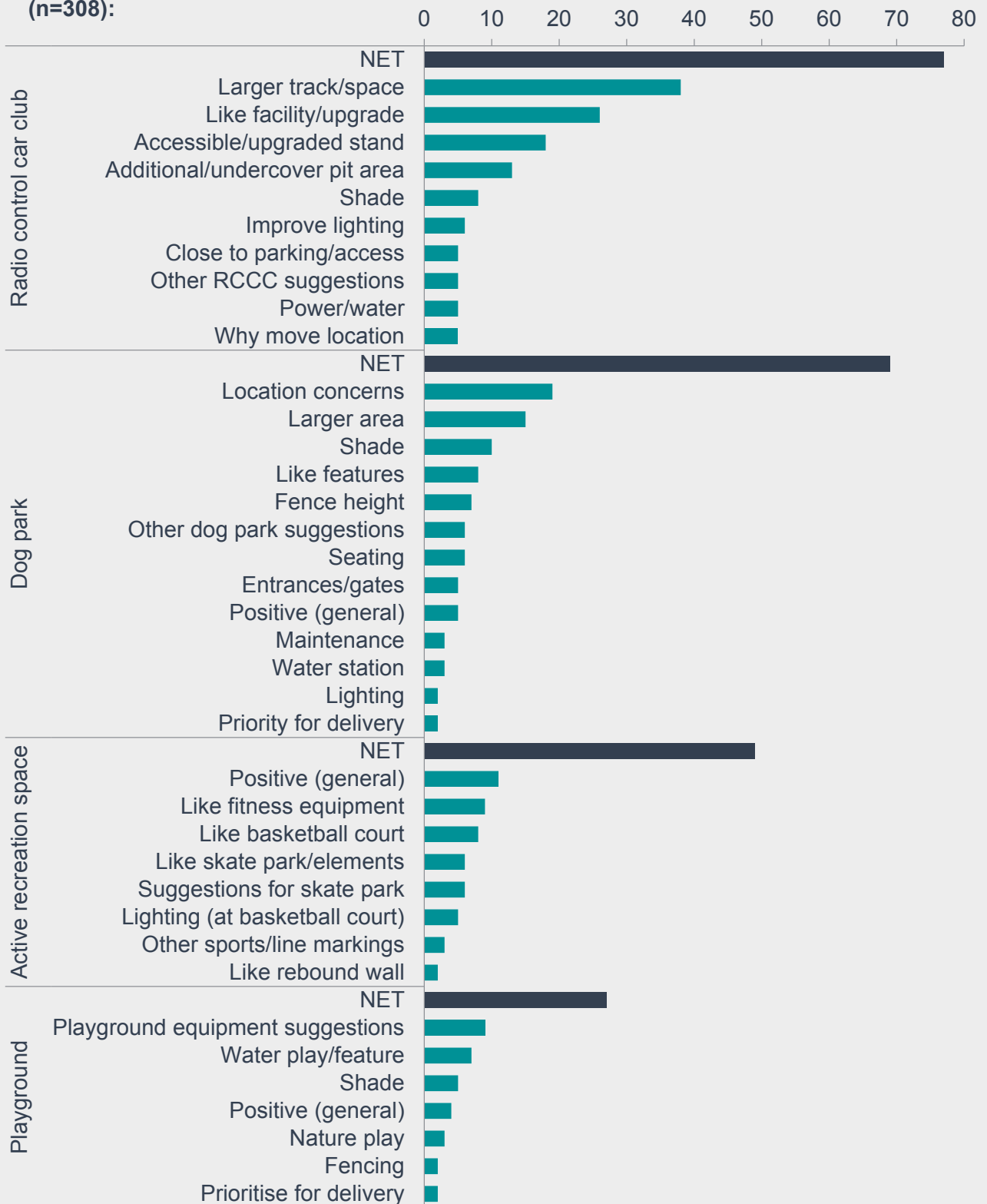


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### FEEDBACK ON THE DRAFT MASTERPLAN OVERALL

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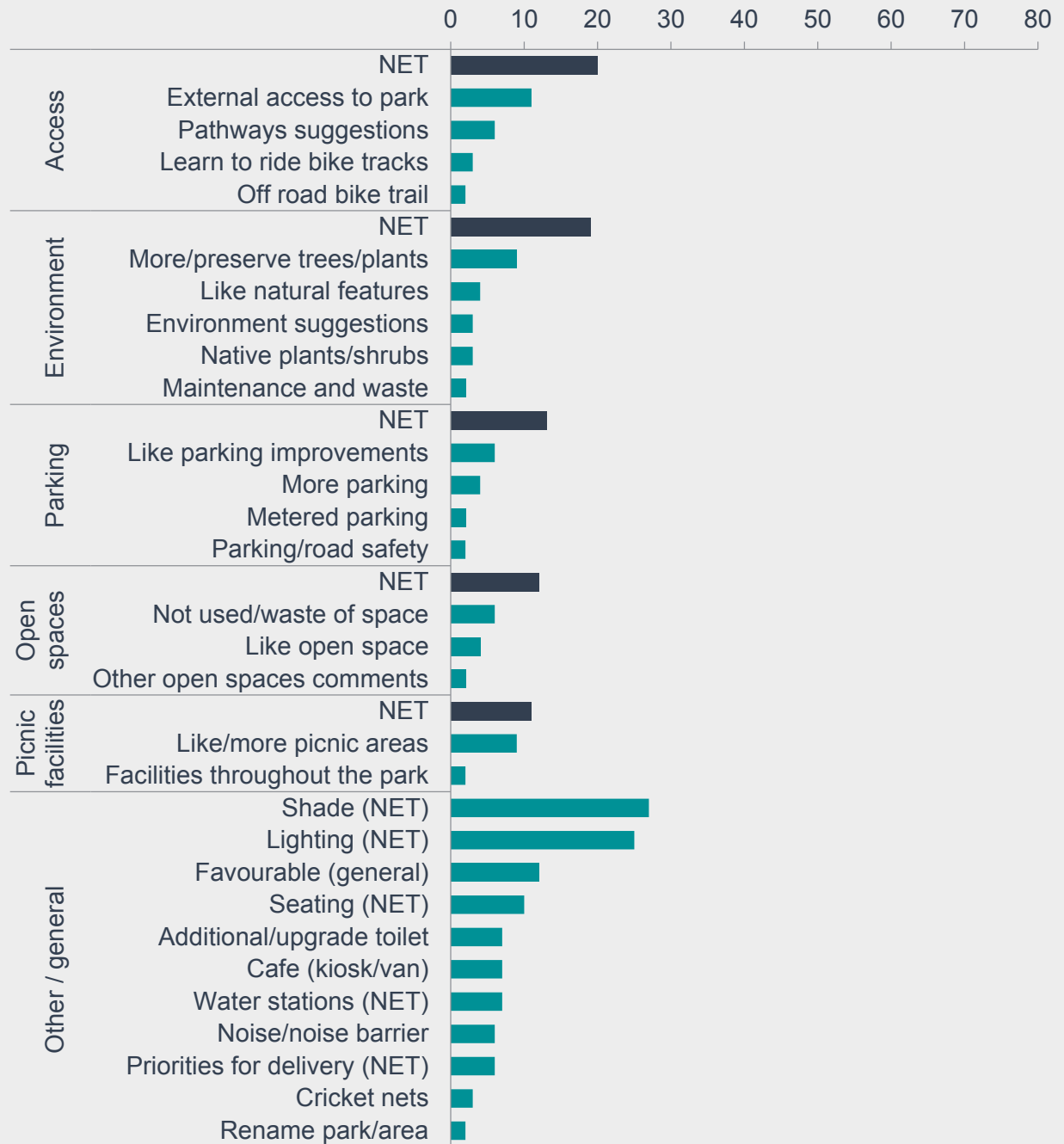


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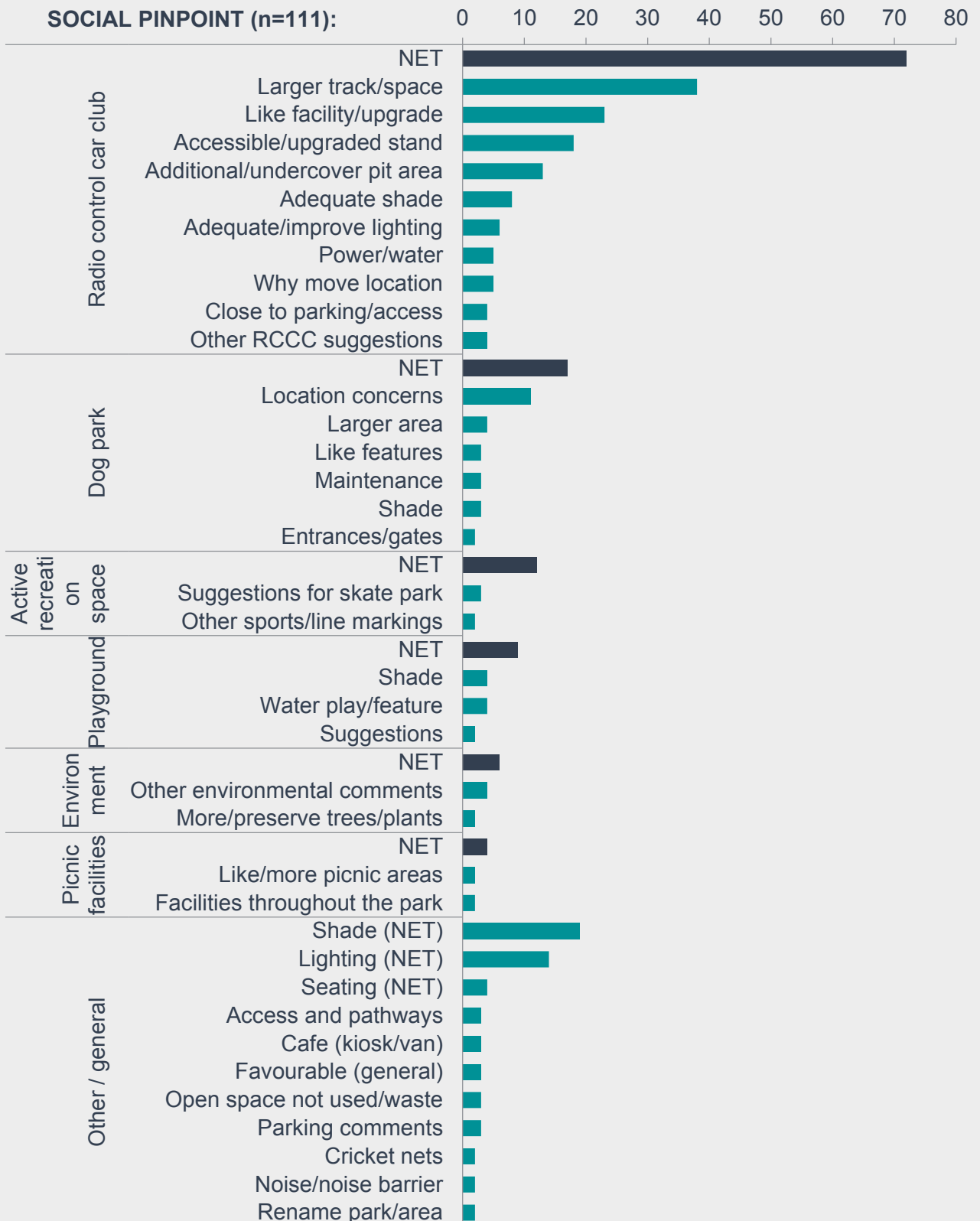
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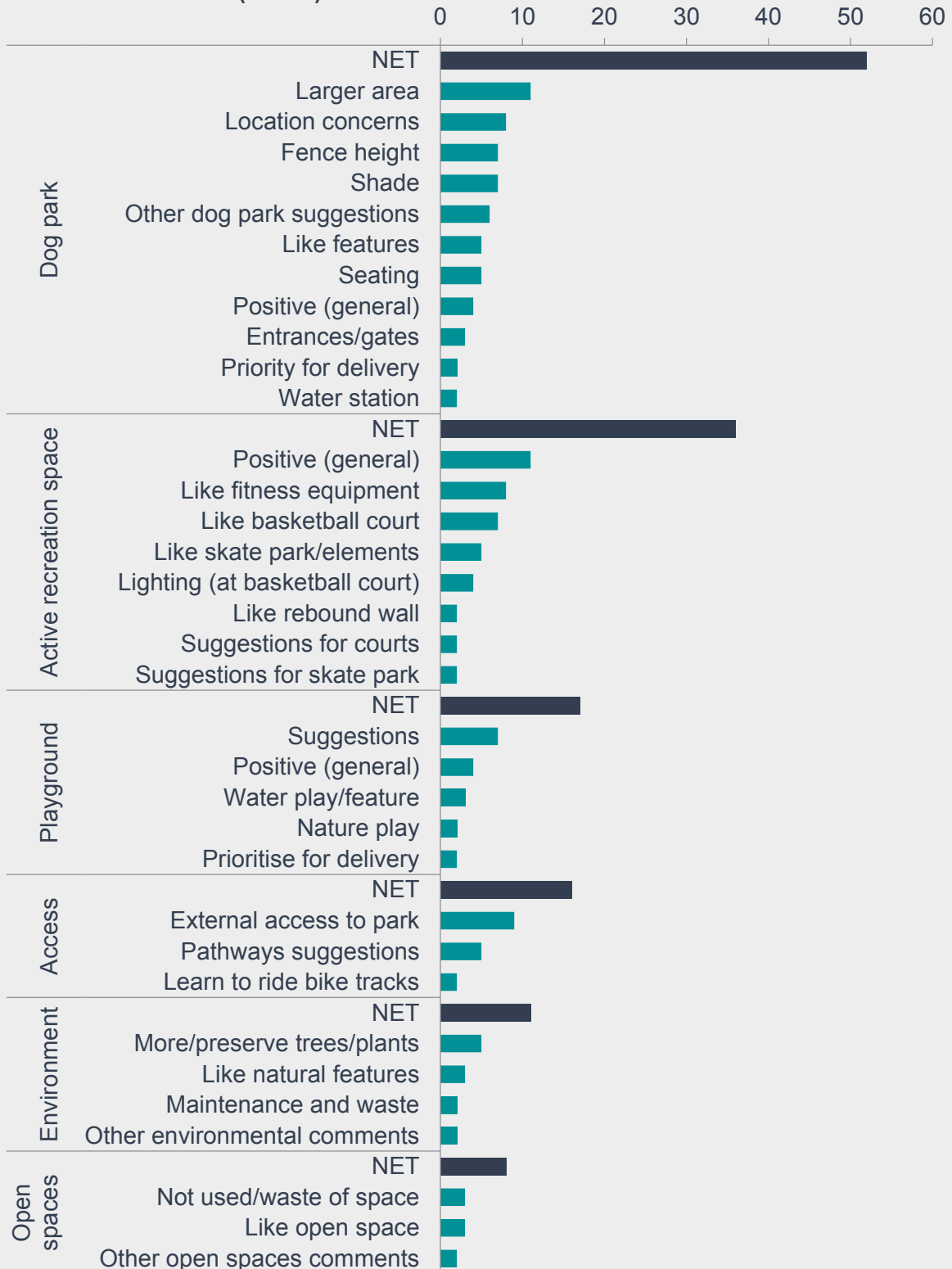


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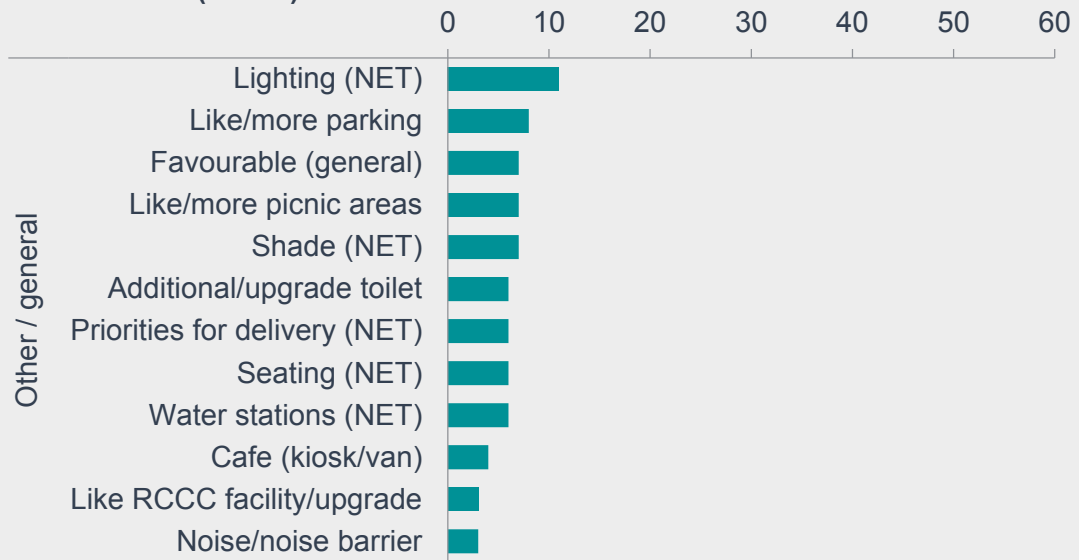


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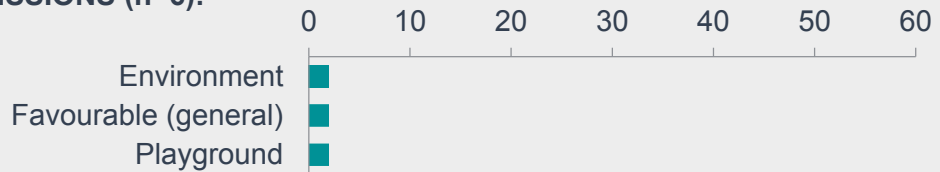
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### FEEDBACK ON THE DRAFT MASTERPLAN, BY SOURCE

#### DROP IN SESSIONS (n=192):



#### WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS (n=6):



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### VERBATIM COMMENTS

PLEASE NOTE names and addresses of the submitters have been redacted from written submissions where possible.

#### Comment

- 10m offset between playground + dog off leash area.
- 2 size dog parks similar to Blackman park lane cove. This is great for dogs learning social skills, separate big/small dogs
- 2x ovals/green are unnecessary. Hill top green could be vegetation rather than grass.
- A bit of shade for the playground would be great. It gets really hot during the day especially in Summer. Will the playground be fenced or at least partially fenced? Children being in close proximity to many dogs going to the dog park is a concern as many dogs will not be on a leash.
- A drinking tap for humans as well as dogs inside the dog park.
- A great asset to the local area.
- Suggestion to marginally improve the lighting facilities and to establish a disability capable drivers stand.
- There are a number of existing disabled people who compete in RC.
- And RC in general allows people with a physical disability to compete at an even capacity to an able bodied person.
- A little more space would be helpful. RC Racing here is usually well attended.
- A new divers stand similar to that at Castle Hill RC Club would be far safer and would allow access for wheel chair bound competitors. The Castle Hill council has embraced the sport and have help to develop the facilities. It would be nice to see Ryde Council do the same.
- A water play area would be a great addition. Please ensure that there's plenty of shade, it can get quite hot in summer.
- A wheelchair stand would enable me as a wheelchair user to compete in a sport
- Access to power in the dog park (locked key system) on a register.
- Active recreation area
- Add a board at the entrance to the car park saying that the track is here. This informs more people creating an attractive space for people to come to. This can draw more people in and make the park more interactive as a whole
- Add an overbridge to make crossing Epping Road safer.
- Add solar panels and rainwater harvesting to the drivers stand and race control
- additional bathroom facilities
- An upgrade to the radio control car track is not only beneficial to the direct users of it, but also the whole park. Kids who are attending bbq's in the park love coming and watching the cars, and it is the only facility in the park which is maintained by those whom use it.
- An upgraded drivers rostrum with disabled/wheelchair access would be my first suggestion.
- Area for food truck to operate from, especially weekends
- Area looks small and will struggle to accommodate the amount of People that use this facility .
- As a new RC car racer I would love to see the track upgraded and new facility's installed. This is great family hobby and attracts people from other areas
- As a resident of Morshead, Like that the noise generating activities are located over on the Epping Road side of the park e.g. basketball, dog park, radio control track
- As someone who has raced at this location since the mid 1980s , travelling from Newcastle and now has my son racing there. This area is needed to be kept and improved .
- Awesome place to bring the kids to have a play with their rc cars
- Being so close to Epping rd may frighten some dogs with the loud traffic noises
- Big slides and big combo units (playground)

# BLenheim PARK MASTERPLAN

## Appendices continued

### VERBATIM COMMENTS

#### Comment (continued)

As someone who has raced at the Ryde track for 20 years it would be fantastic to see some improvements to the area.

Those would include

- Undercover pit area
- The possibility of an all weather track (Shed roof over track)
- larger track area that could also accomodate 1/8 Nitro racing which would bring competitions to the Ryde area.
- New drivers stand with wheelchair access as we have number of members with disabilities.

Bigger dog area

Bigger slides and bigger combo units (playground)

Bigger/taller fences (dog area)

Bike learn to ride facility

Biodiversity corridor behind Morshead St would like to see more native plantings, especially shrubs

Blenheim Rd is quite steep down to the old bus terminus. When we were kids we used to race our pushbikes and billy carts down it. A great downhill run on a skateboard! Having cars coming in and out of the proposed 90 degree parking spaces could be quite dangerous!

Café on site

Café or food truck @ regular times

can we please have plenty of lighting! the park is used in winter and for most of us working we can only get there after the sun goes down.

Can we please have some up to date & interactive play equipment for children under 10. Also can the parking please be metered to ensure that the current commuter parking does not continue to block the parking and street entrance

Centralised picnic area

Children love the openness of the park, freedom of no fences, freedom to explore the nature & build forts.

Kids need access to explore risk without the need for purpose built equipment

Clarification that a dog park needs to be 10m away from a children's area??? Legal requirement.

Coffee vans on weekends

Commercial dog walkers use the dog park every day for long periods of time,. Too many dogs and not supervised adequately, not safe for other regular users, needs to be managed better + pay fee to Council

Community Bush kindy space

community garden would be amazing for community that living in surrounding units

Concern that the green space won't be used and maintained on embankment by current green spaces

Concerns of how much water it will take to maintain grassed area

Concerns of the height of the fence of dog park isn't high enough. Fear of dogs jumping. Important to make fence high enough to maintain saety & security.

Concerns that dogs will be able to jump the fence. Fence needs to be adequatley high.

Consider rain with shelter design in dog park. Make dog park bigger.

Cricket nets

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Definitely good park benches and bbq areas, places for a few groups of people for a birthday party could be seated.

detailed signage for dog park regarding double gates. Make sure everyone understands.

# BLenheim PARK MASTERPLAN

## Appendices continued

### VERBATIM COMMENTS

#### Comment (continued)

(Organisation) strongly supports the City of Ryde's investment in Blenheim Park, and the plans to improve this vital green space. We strongly support Council's proposal to improvement connectivity with the area by improving walking and cycling paths to and through the park.

#### Parking

We note the ongoing challenges presented by the volume of single occupancy car commuters in the area, and commuters parking in spaces intended for local and recreational use. Blenheim Road is currently an exception in the local road network as it is unrestricted, with no parking controls applied. Council's own parking survey at the site found a weekday parking space occupancy rate of 83% to 94%. Council's experience at the recently renovated Christie Park, to the north of the business area, found commuters parking in the park for more than three hours hindered its use by sports teams and other genuine uses. We note Council's intention to change parking on Blenheim Road to 90\* angle spaces. We encourage Council to make all parking inside Blenheim Park consistent, and limited to a maximum of 3 hours on weekdays (resident permits excepted), to discourage misuse of this space and to reduce congestion in the local area.

(Organisation) would be happy to help communicate these changes with the local business community in due course.

#### Masterplan suggestions

(Organisation) wishes to make the following suggestions on the proposed park designs:

- Install well-lit and secure bicycle storage, particularly at the park's Epping Road entrances which are bordered by a key regional cycling route. \*\*Consider a recreational off road bicycle trail through the trees which form the perimeter of the park. This facility could be reached independently by young people from the local area by using the Epping Road regional cycleway, which is traffic-free.
- Create a continuous footway across the Blenheim Road entrance to improve safety for park users on foot and by bicycle, particularly if the above suggested bike trail continues to the native vegetation area in the east of the park.
- Install speed control measures, such as speed bumps or speed tables, along the Blenheim Road parking area, to improve safety and ensure speeds are consistent with the area's intended use.

We look forward to seeing the evolution and improvement of this excellent asset for our local area.

Currently this area is rarely used. It is either too hot, too wet or poorly maintained. Instead of putting in another open wasted space, why not put in a water feature for the children and the suggested cricket nets etc. The other advantage of putting this sort of thing here is that the parents can keep an eye on their children which they can't do in the proposed new area. The money saved by improving this area rather than increasing unused space can be better spent elsewhere.

Disabled access and shaded areas would be greatly appreciated for the public to enjoy the great club of Sydney RC !

Disabled access is great as there a number of racers confined to wheelchairs that previously were disadvantaged.

Disagree of the relocation of the dog park. Too close to children's playground. Dangerous location for the dogs due to traffic on Epping Rd.

Does green mean a very large 'lawn'? Lawns are a waste of space as well as being horrible for the environment.

Perhapse a botanical garden area to showcase native plants and give native animals a place to be and flourish.

Doesn't like design.

Dog park - hard surface is good

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Dog park - more/additional shade shelters



# BLenheim PARK MASTERPLAN

## Appendices continued

### VERBATIM COMMENTS

#### Comment (continued)

Dog park - more/additional shade shelters

Dog park - move western gate to corner and eastern gate to middle of fence.

Dog park cannot be this close to a main road it is a huge hazard and it is currently the most used park of the existing park. Many locals come on a daily basis and if you carry out this plan you will be putting all dogs and owners at risk in terms of dogs escaping straight to Epping road

Dog park is a good size. Great to have play element for the dog.

Dog park should be switched with Active Recreation to minimise the distance from carpark as it leaves open potential for off leash dogs coming and going to wonder into the children's play area or scare kids on the shared path. People ignore the onleash sign and always will so it should be away from the childrens play area with the dog area entrance closest to Blenheim Rd.

Dog park size make larger

dog park to be 30% bigger than current space

Dog park to be high priority for delivery

Dog park will be too close to the back of houses on Morshead st

The noise at present is bad enough with dog minders using park and dogs barking all day long

Dog park: concerns about location of dog park. Concerns about dogs jumping fence + getting onto Epping Rd.

Dog park should be larger (eg. 15% larger at least).

Don't have sandpit for health reasons

Don't make the dog area smaller. There are too many users currently.

Drinking stations throughout the park

Driver stand from Chargers Radio Control Car Club in QLD with full wheel chair access

Drivers stand from Hills Radio Control Car Club in Castle Hill which now has full wheelchair access via a dedicated ramp

Drivers stand should be on the low side of the track, this maximises the view for shorter drivers. Current stand is not good as the track slopes away from the view making it difficult for juniors to see the far side of the track.

Ensure access to Tennis work is preserved @ all times

Ensure dog fence is high enough

Ensure hilltop green is level

Example of undercover pitting area from chargers RC in QLD.

The idea being you bring your own chair and portable fold out table but have somewhere sheltered to set up your electronic equipment and prepare / maintain your cars

Fantastic facility for young and old. Have been going here for over 30 years and take my daughter whenever I can. Fantastic family facility for both racers to race and the general public to watch.

Fenced playground

Footpath + skate + basketball lighting

Free access to courts is good

gate on footpath access between skate + dog park.

Give consideration to multiple shade + seating areas in dog park to cater for smoker + non smoker

Good addition with new path/stair connection at corner of Blenheim/Pittwater/Epping Roads

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Good design and location of dog parks. Definitely an improvement on the existing dog park

Good for cross country courses for school.

Good interactive features in the dog parks

# BLenheim PARK MASTERPLAN

## Appendices continued

### VERBATIM COMMENTS

#### Comment (continued)

Good interactive features in the dog parks

good to see support for the RC club from the council. Upgrading the disabled access is a must, as there are members and visitors currently attending that would greatly benefit from it.

great facility, would be even better with a bit more room and some shaded areas.

Great idea as the rc hobby is forever expanding and great for families

Great idea to have a skate park, we need more places for kids to hang and enjoy the outside

Great idea. One of the few Sydney councils actually supporting this great hobby for kids and adults of all ages.

Great that the track is being incorporated into the new design! I suggest the club be consulted when considering:

- Track and pit area size
- Disabled access
- Shade and coverings
- Sustainable water facilities

These are all very important to consider and there should be council reps coming out to at least one event to see the need for all these things first hand.

Great the RC facility is being preserved.

It is vital that the existing track size is retained.

In addition the new area should include provision for:

1. Undercover pit area to accommodate around 40 people. By doing so will reduce the overall footprint required compared to current state.
2. Wheelchair access to the drivers stand.
3. Enclosed race control for club computer equipment.
4. Shade and weather protection for the track to facilitate usage during or after rain.
5. outdoor lighting

Great to see park size increase with acquired property and additional space on Blenheim Road

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Great to see support for Radio Control Car Community

handball line marking on basketball courts

Happy with proposed size of dog park

Have a covered roof over the race track so that when raining it is still on and not rained out

Having more dog parks in any area encourages a healthier life style

Having to walk the dogs through the main park to get to the off leash area is asking for problems. Parents with small children will freak out and the more nervous dogs will react to too many people and noise. The area should remain where it is currently and simply be enlarged.

High priority picnic area than basketball area

Hilltop Green is an area that is currently and will continue to be unused in this park. Why not convert this area into the dog park which

- increase the size of the dog park
- removal of interaction between skate park and dogs.
- Space between Epping road and dog park.

Hopefully this space is as big, if not bigger than the current space. Any smaller and I unfortunately don't see it working at all.

RC is a great hobby/sport. I've been involved my entire life and I can't think of anything else where male, female, young, old, fit, unhealthy or disabled can all enjoy and compete equally.

Human drink tap/water station in the dog park (near shade area)

# BLenheim PARK MASTERPLAN

## Appendices continued

### VERBATIM COMMENTS

#### Comment (continued)

I do not want my husband in the house evenings and weekends. This is where he goes. If it is made smaller, like this proposition suggests, he may return home sooner than expected which would make many lives miserable.

I don't think this area is big enough. Car access to close to the track area is also preferred. The club also holds several major events each year that require additional parking of full size vehicles.

I first went to this track 29 years ago and I'm thrilled that the plan is to keep the track and hopefully improve it, but as others have said the size of the area is important and needs to be at least the size of the current area - if not bigger - FYI people currently use the area outside of the fenced track to pit. Better lighting would also be welcome. It's a great opportunity to build a first class track that people in Sydney will enjoy for years to come.

I have a couple of points worth noting...

- 1) This area looks significantly smaller than the already small current area. Any smaller than current will simply not work.
- 2) It would be awesome to include a covered pit area and lockable race control - doing so would require less footprint
- 3) This track currently brings great family value and entertainment to the Ryde district - don't stuff it up!

I have been reading comments on the use of a soft rubber material for the ground. Please do not do this. I have played on outdoor basketball courts all my life and recommend a hard surface (such as a hard court tennis court) similar to what Hornsby council have done at Erlestoke Park in Cherrybrook.

Please do not use rubber as it is slow to dry and very slippery when wet.

In order to reduce maintenance on the backboard, use a high quality material, not wood as it will deteriorate over time.

I like every aspect of the master plan. Go to it!

I love that the skate park is included because local kids can walk or skate there rather than having to drive to Meadowbank. I like how the bowl has a rise in the middle and how there appears to be a quarter pipe.

I love that there will be an agility area for all the dogs, the more interesting things for the puppies to explore the better!

Please also make sure there is shade/ covered area and a water fountain for people.

I would also prefer that the dog park is further away from the main road, as a dog scared by traffic noise has the potential to be quite dangerous, to other dogs and people.

I love the plan for the park. It looks fabulous. It would be good if you could include water-guns in the water play area and some bird and bee-friendly plants around the park. It is important that the dog park has two entrances so that (if need be) an unfriendly dog can leave when a small dog arrives.

I really like the playground

I suggest that the skate park has a snake bowl with different heights so you can choose where to drop in because some skaters might be more confident than others. I think that there should be a pyramid jump or a triangle jump for skaters who want to practice jumping. I also suggest some shaded seats around the outside so that parents can watch younger children skate.

I suggest the skate park has a separate area for younger children to skate with lower ramps. Also so they don't get overwhelmed with older or more advanced skaters.

I think the design is great. Being more active + more open space is good for the community.

I visit the existing RC track regularly (weekly) with my daughter, who is a budding engineer. This facility gives her the opportunity to experience model engineering and meet like-minded people.

The size of the existing track is really the minimum possible. Please ensure the proposed facility is at least as large as the existing facility. For further suggestions, please consult with the club that does such an excellent job of maintaining the facility for visitors such as us.

If not already part of the plan, water bottle filling stations at the fitness zones would be useful

# BLenheim PARK MASTERPLAN

## Appendices continued

### VERBATIM COMMENTS

#### Comment (continued)

I write in general support of the Blenheim Park Masterplan and believe the City of Ryde Council is to be congratulated for its general support of the expansion and well-considered development of this parkland. However, I wish to highlight a few matters arising from a perusal of the Draft Masterplan Report:

1. In the section, Opportunities and Constraints, there is mention of thinning target areas of planting. Thinning is not a good idea because, the thicker the plantings of native flora, the better the biodiversity opportunities that exist for small birds and other native fauna. There are other advantages of retaining thickets:

Â• less maintenance in terms of mowing and cleaning would be needed

Â• trees planted more closely give more support to each other in windy conditions

Â• thickly planted areas are of value for air filtering and cleaning

2. Opportunity to introduce broad canopy park trees is a good idea. Hopefully suitable local native species will be chosen that do not drop branches.

3. It is noted that additional trees should be planted to reduce the traffic noise from Epping Road. Trees of themselves do not attenuate noise. Sound barriers and soil mounds do, so

4. If there are to be mounds of soil, they should be of uncontaminated clay (from Wianamatta Shale) to maintain consistency with Sydney Turpentine Ironbark Forest which was the original ecological community in this location. And indigenous plants and trees should be used.

5. The plan calls for a cohesive planting with contemporary native mixes of shrubs and groundcovers, broad canopy park trees and clumps of densely planted natives to achieve improved bio-diversity and habitat corridor connections. I trust that this means planting will be restricted to indigenous or endemic species. Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission, which I trust will be helpful in achieving the best possible outcomes for Blenheim Park.

If noise is a problem for any residents backing onto the park, why not plant a barrier of large shrubs or small bushy trees such as Lilli Pillis to act as a sound barrier. There will always be noise during the day - dogs, children, Epping Rd - all of which are noisy during the day. There are no dogs or children there at night!!!

If you want to even double the visitors to the park you will need another toilet block. On busy days this one can barely cope.

Imrpove connection over or under Epping Road to train station

In today's world our youth are immersed in technology and indoor activity. The development of Blenheim Park is missing a vital ingredient for our children - Nature Play.

As suggested #7DE249 a space for a Community "Bush Kindy" provides our youth the opportunity to explore, problem solve, learn about our environment , in a minimal infrastructure and non-facilitated format. An environment where our children are able to take calculated risks.

I propose Blenheim Park has a enclosed space that can operate as a Community Bush Kindy. A place of play sessions where families can bond with their community through making mud pies, building tee-pees from sticks and branches, exploring bush craft, and learning about our local indigenous community.

I hope this makes sense, please feel free to email or call to expand on the concept if required. i'm looking forward to seeing an expanded and rejuvenated park that encourages children to be both active and challenged.

Include lighting in the centre of the park for evening use + people walking through the park

Include some power sources e.g. for study, work, laptops

Increase the number of toilets for increased number.

Increase tree plantings adjacent to Epping Road along this edge of the dog park

Install sports lighting to the basketball courts if this is not already implemented. I guarantee that It will attract lots of people from all over Sydney to play basketball as there are virtually no outdoor basketball courts with sports lighting within a 20km radius.

The only part with night lighting is greenway park in Cherrybrook which has brought lots of people together. Night time is usually the only time people can play after a days work.

# BLenheim PARK MASTERPLAN

## Appendices continued

### VERBATIM COMMENTS

#### Comment (continued)

is this area still for dogs or will they only be off leash in the area next to Epping Road ?

It would be good to have a couple of areas to exercise dogs off leash.

Its great you are keeping the track. As a long time user of the radio control track important basics are to keep the track area the same size as before, to,allow,enough space around the edge of the track for users to setup a table area and to have sufficient number of 240v power outlets for users. It would be also ideal to have permanent lighting so that racing at night can be undertaken, to spread the user load on the park over a greater period of time.

Its pretty dark walking through the park at night. While north ryde is safe I think that some more lighting is needed so you can see where you are walking

it's great

Just a couple of questions:

is this area smaller or bigger than the current fenced dog park?

will there be trees planted?

will there be entrance from Epping Road or just through the park and these will still be double gated?

what is the detail on the right? it's hard to make out.

will there be covered areas for humans to get out of the sun and rain?

Keep the dog park where it is, please don't move it next to the main road, there are many dogs who do not handle loud noises well. A dog park should be a safe environment to socialize dogs as properly socialized dogs are better canine citizens.

Knowing this is here is why I would attend. It is a great sport with a great community and there is an opportunity for this track to become one of the best around with the right help.

Larger covered areas in dog park with tables and chairs

Larger space for dog park to accommodate additional residents

Learn to ride

Level the pathways

Lights for dog park

Like active recreation area

Like active recreation area

Like Bike parking

Like biodiversity corridors. Would be good to see wildlife crossing structure over roads + paths for continuous animal movement.

Like fitness area, table tennis, hit up wall and small skate park.

Like fitness equipment

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Like fitness loop

Like fitness loop

like lighting on paths, dog park and basketball courts

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Like more BBQ and picnic shelters

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Like more trees + biodiversity connects.

Like new location and new RCT facility

Like parking configuration

Like parking on Blenheim Rd

# BLLENHEIM PARK MASTERPLAN

## Appendices continued

### VERBATIM COMMENTS

#### Comment (continued)

Like that the new location of the dog park creates create open green space

Like the agility equipment on the dog park

Like the climbing element for kids and adults and exercise activities

Like the exercise equipment

Like the landscaping + tree in the deisgn

Like the location of new radio control track

Like the open greens for kids to run, kic and play in

Like the parking 90degree in Blenheim Rd.

Like to see better waste management

Like to see lights on basketball courts until late - 11pm

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Like to see more nature play

Like to see priority for delivery 1. House and courts 2. Car 3. Dog park

Liked parking upgrade in Blenheim Park

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Location needs to be close to parking as users bring cars tools equipment table and chairs. Present location is ok but slope of land should assist drainage if possible. Space may need to be bit bigger for track drivers stand and area for users to set up for car maintenance etc. And need access to power.

Longer covered area in dog park with tables/chairs

Loose seating within the dog park.

Love all the facilities for active recreation and it is enjoyable for adults, teenagers and kids

Love basketball and tennis hit up wall, skate and soccer path

Love it.

Love parking improvement on Blenheim Road

Love playground upgrade, especially sand pit and waterplay

Love that this is here. Would be cool if it was closer to kids section

Love the basketball courts. More basketball courts are great.

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Love the design.

Love to see this racing facility improved and updated to a safer standard .

Maintain flying fox

Maintain the park better. Leaves need to be cleared more often. Fire risk

Maintain vegetation and create density as a barrier for noise (for skittish animals) and less likely to run onto Epping Road.

Make active recreation area happen ASAP

make dog park 1/3 bigger

Mark the distance on the path for people who run around the circuit of the park

Meterage makrs on walking/cycling paths

Monkeybars in fitness circuit

More amenities/larger toilet block

More BBQs

# BLLENHEIM PARK MASTERPLAN

## Appendices continued

### VERBATIM COMMENTS

#### Comment (continued)

More direct route from park over Epping road to Bus and train station

More lighting on edge of park, providing safe pathway for bus and train commuters

More parking or time limited

More picnic tables spread out around the park.

More shelters

More toilets

More toilets and change tables in amenities block

More trees here to buffer housing.

More water bubblers

Most people like the open green space to throw balls in the dog park.

Move seating, spread out

Moving RTC track and incorporating the Blenheim Road into park

Much needed facility,, catering for the public and racers

Much prefer the dog park in current location but enlarged.

My young son is a member of the club, for the past 18 months. It has given him a technical outlet for is personal growth and got him off the screens and outdoors. Activities like this are lacking in communities across Sydney and gives people that are not big on physical sport a great alternative. This style of facility needs support in our communities.

Native and water play

Need to increase number of toilets + modernise bigger toilets

needs to be bigger then the one at lauchlans line

Nets or high fence around dog park at least 1.8m

Nice to see the RC facilities being preserved. Would recommend upgrading the facilities for disabled persons, as this sport is unique in its ability to be inclusive of all people. Preserving the current size of the track would also be preferable.

Not sure having the dog park next to the skate park is a good idea. See the chance of trouble between the two groups arising. The dog park on the top oval near tennis world makes sense. This would allow more room for families to spend time together, while giving more space to the dog park that can already get very busy.

opportunity for a small kiosk area for cafe operator to sell coffee/tea/refreshment to park user

Park bench seating scattered all around the track areas

Parking is a problem on Saturday morning

People don't currently use the green spaces.

Perhaps a walking/bush track in Myall Reserve

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Picnic tables are great. But there needs to be more. At least 4-5 picnic tables with bbqs would be great!

Many times we go to the park and the picnic tables are full due to parties, gatherings, elderly visit etc.

Placement of RCCC at end of Blenheim Rd is good.

Plant as much vegetation in this area as possible to enhance what is there already. Also maintain the area to avoid replication of weed species already there and across Pittwater Road on its eastern side. Lantana as an example is prolific. is taking over the area.

Plant more trees along this side for more natural shade.

playground

Playground is a higher priority for delivery

Playground upgrade is beneficial for the community, especially being accessible to the whole community

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# BLenheim PARK MASTERPLAN

## Appendices continued

### VERBATIM COMMENTS

#### Comment (continued)

Please add a cafe, or space for a coffee van. It makes it a far more attractive prospect for young families, etc...

Please add bike/scooter track back. Its the most popular park of the park & great space for teaching kids to ride

PLEASE consult the users of the off leash area re what is needed BEFORE building. The degradation of the current park is due in large part to Council not listening and trying to do things on the cheap. It has been fairly obvious that those who have done upgrades in the past have either never had a dog or don't understand what they need or how they behave.

Please do not make the track any smaller than current size.

Please do not make the track smaller than the one we already have.

Please don't move the dog park next to the main road. It's in the best spot as it is, it just needs proper maintenance & to not be ignored as it has been so far. Given how popular the dog park is & used every day rain or shine it should be enlarged to cater for the increasing number of users.

Please don't reduce the size of this track, it's a great size right now but pit space is already limited. Making the track smaller would be a huge mistake and reduce the number of people who can use it

Please ensure that the grass used can withstand the traffic that it gets. And that there is someone who will maintain it so it doesn't die out and leave bare dirt. I am not opposed to synthetic turf. Thanks!

Please ensure there is adequate shade and seating at the dog exercise area.

Please include a generous amount of shade for kids play areas

Please increase the size of the Rc track. Many people from far and wide travel to the track and it provides a great community venue.

Please keep the RC track and upgrade the facilities. It is a great social enterprise in the Sydney area.

Please make at least one of the courts a netball court (or the rings that can be swung around) for local teams to train at.

Please provide lighting for tran/bus travellers who walk through the park between Epping Rd and Blenheim Rd. The current path is very dark after hours.

Please use this opportunity to upgrade and improve the track and facilities. The space currently allocated appears smaller than the existing track, which is already small by competitive standards. With a bit more space, this is an opportunity to create a world class track in the heart of Sydney.

Preserve as many trees as you can.

Prioritise the kids elements for delivery earlier.

Radio controlled car racing teaches multilevel of skills for young, old, male and female. With a good club it's a fantastic sport to participate in.

Rather than spend so much money on a redevelopment which unfortunately tends to ignore the needs of the actual community, especially the two main communities that use the park - dog owners and the car racing clubs. Why not simply improve and upgrade the existing park with those suggestions made by the people who actually use it? Consult with the community and listen to them. It's sad that Ryde Council has a reputation for not listening.

Rc track is great, please make allowances for some shade.

Really comprehensive plan. I think that's great.

Really good lighting for night use + commuters moving through the park.

Really like basketball court. Great location with easy access. More hoops are good

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Really like sakte park. Make it larger.

Really like the active recreation area

Remove mounds + agility equipment in dog park.



# BLenheim PARK MASTERPLAN

## Appendices continued

### VERBATIM COMMENTS

#### Comment (continued)

Rename it to Bennelong park

Rename the park with an indigenous local name to "recognise the original custodians of the land." Words we hear often but never are actually actioned.

Requires lighting along Blenheim road and biodiversity path for commuters walking around park in the dark both a security risk and tripping risk for residents accessing train station in the dark. More preferable to

Walk a lighted peripheral than walk into the park on your own at night

Re-use of recycled materials where possible, making the space a green/sustainable park with purpose and functionality. For green open areas, planting more trees for shade. Why not consider a community vegetable garden instead of large grass areas which hardly ever used.

Roller coaster and longer slide

Ryde Council is to be commended on what is already a very popular park and looking at the proposed additions, it will be even better. I am a member of the RC car Club and regularly attend race meetings as well as visiting the track mid week sometimes for practice. I agree with most comments already here, i.e. A larger track, larger and covered pit area, wheelchair access to the driver's stand as this is a good sport for those who are handicapped. Ideally, a covered pit area and covered track.

seating and tables for the human visitors please with shade!

Seating is not clearly shown on this map. Please, please can we have plenty of seats right through the park, especially along the longer sections of walkways, so the elderly have plenty of seating to take a break and enjoy the park. Please.

Seating through dog park

Shelter for dog park should be rain proof so we are covered in the rain.

skate - make similar to mini bowl @ Meadowbank with grind rails and

skate lighting

Skate park

Sound barriers need to reduce sound from Epping Rd. Built wall.

Space looks have to been substantially reduced compared to existing lot apportioned for the club's use. There are quite often events where there is not enough space at the moment. Please ensure adequate lighting and drivers stand has been supplied as the club has already spent alot of money on lighting and it would be ashame to lose it.

Space seems a bit small compared to what exists now. Is there sufficient access for machinery when a track rebuild is required.

Staging: dog park as high priority

Start mountain bike track here and finish at Blenheim road end

street library

Strengthening entrance/ access points to the park

Surrounding the park with a native bush corridor is a great idea and will help buffer noise as well as bring back some of the birds and small animals. But Make sure it is at the edge of Epping Rd and along the back fences of the residential area to be really effective.

Swap pages creek lawn with dog park.

Swap skate/b.ball area with dog park.

Sydney RC club ( Ryde) is a very much needed facility in the Sydney region

There are only 2 x dirt Offroad tracks in the Sydney metro area and quite a large community of radio controlled enthusiasts ,

Me personally I have been involved in racing radio controlled cars for 33 years and now my own kids are racing , my 15yr old is currently in the top few in the country and has several sponsors international and local that he represents . It's a great way to get young kids out of the house !

# BLenheim PARK MASTERPLAN

## Appendices continued

### VERBATIM COMMENTS

#### Comment (continued)

Thank you for the information made available about Blenheim Road park. As a long term resident and frequent park user, I care a great deal about this area and project. I am pleased the council has responded to community needs and wishes about the park. My main concern about this upgrade is the preservation of the natural environment and existing trees, particularly old and established trees, within the park. I would like to see all bush and trees that are already in the park protected. Will this be the case?

The area designated for RC racing isn't large enough.

If this is to be done properly the track should be as large or bigger than the original track.

The area in the map if to scale looks quite small vs the current track area. I'd request that the club is consulted to obtain the ideal track/pit area size.

We currently have a permit to use water to keep dust down and provide an ideal surface to race

The area looks too small, Maybe get the clubs input in regard to lighting, cover and possibly an all weather, low maintenance surface, We have an opportunity to build on the clubs great history, stable management and passionate members/users and create a world class RC venue

The carpark area needs to be larger with the road below epping road level you could probably put in a three level carpark. This would give more area to the park and as many cars park there during the week to catch the train it would also double for that.

When ever anything is built there is never enough parking provided with the development.

The dog area with mounds and tunnels

The Dog Park is currently used by more dogs than there are children/adults in the play area on any day. To help with the noise maybe a solid wall could be built along the back perimeter.

More people with dogs have moved into the units across the road that have their own play areas for children.

The dog park should not be next to Epping Road. Dogs have previously jumped the fence and headed for Epping Road. This would be catastrophic for humans and dogs.

The initial drawing shows what appears to be a reduced area from the current site. The track as it currently stands would not want to be any smaller. I recommend maintains the size it slightly larger.

Additionally I can not see an area marked for the RC drivers stand (elevated platform).

Ideally the drivers stand should be 2 meters minimum and able to have 12 driver's shoulders to shoulder comfortably. The stand (or alternate track side building should house permanent race control facilities.

The kick around/oval spaces are great.

The majority of apartment dwellers are working couples or families with preschool children. There are more dogs than children. All the blocks have park space for the kids, but no area where dogs can go off leash.

Many are allowed off leash in these spaces which is illegal and could be dangerous for children and dogs.

Many of these owners won't come to Blenheim park because it is too small and therefore over crowded.

Enlarging the off leash area would help this problem.

The Masterplan looks amazing! So grateful our council are doing great things like this!!

Our main feedback/questions..

- will the radio car park be free

- will there be a more detailed skate park plan available? We think a skate park catering for different skills will be good eg. Tathra Skate park

The new area for the radio control car track looks a little small. When you consider it attracts users for all over the state (track will hold the state championships in 2020), and a world class track could be created with this opportunity. I am also unsure if the location is the greatest, the track is very susceptible to vandalism so perhaps a little less obvious location would be preferred? The track upgrade, drivers stand, amenities and spectator areas are fantastic.

The radio control club is an asset to the area, the space allocated to the club needs to be the same size as the current allocation if not more.

The RC track is vital to the area and has great historical value

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The prospect of at least one full basketball court is exciting, as the game is in a growth phase in Australia and this would attract/encourage younger players. Good quality hoops/backboards are important as well as a non-slip surface. As mentioned in another comment, a dimpled rubber surface would be ideal as it offers excellent grip and is gentler on the body than concrete/asphalt. Thank-you.

The RC track needs to have a bigger area for it to operate successfully. It also needs to have some shade from trees. Also the RC community cannot afford to lose tracks as past evidence has shown we never get a replacement.

This access would be easier for us to walk short cut to the train station, otherwise it takes a long time for the residents to walk to the station. Hopefully there are more night lights as the park is very dark during night time. This area in the trees would be a great place to make a dirt mountain bike track and some small jumps. Some dirt bike tracks around the edge of the park would pay homage to the BMX bike track that use to occupy this space. Mountain biking is really popular with many age groups and would encourage riding to the park rather than driving making the park even greener.

This area is like a mens shed. It brings like minded people together under a common goal, and all the benefits that this brings. I think Ryde offering this space is important and diverse activities available to the community, Having a space available for this will only build our common wealth.

This area is too small for the intended purpose. Good location but needs to be bigger.

This is a chance to build a world class facility for RC racers and it would be enjoyed by many around the state and country!

This is a great facility. My son raced there first time over 30 years ago. He lives in Ryde and we still go and raced there. This is a great sport and I know go there with my grandkids.

This is a perfect opportunity to get things right and make our Blenheim park a true example of a sustainable future and reuse of recycle materials. For the Courts and play areas including the fitness stations I would recommend to use hard rubber similar to what has been used in Waterloo Park but I would even suggest the use of Old Tyres. I would happily be involved in this project and since I work for Suez might be able to get some internal support.

This location appears to small to build an appropriate track.

I have been racing here for over 30 years. This club has been extremely successful in that time and will continue to be.

I bring both of my sons here multiple time per week. Please dont take that away from me.

This proposed area is NOT large enough for the activities performed here. It seems to be around 50% of the current area. due to the high demand for use of the track and the scale of events held here, this reduction of space will have a negative effect on users and restrict any growth.

This RC facility is such an important part of the community. With a heritage of over 35 years it has provided enjoyment for the young and old for many years.

So important to retain at minimum the current facility size to ensure the continuation of the club. I'm not sure this location is appropriate.

Love the proposal for a new drivers stand with wheelchair access. Love the proposal for a new pitting area. Ideally this should have a permanent roof established.

This RC off road track has been in place for many years, providing an excellent venue where enthusiasts can compete with both local out of town competitors. To downgrade or compromise this venue would leave a gap in the available sports venues, in particular family based venues, for the lower north shore area.

This space seems small compared to the current track location. The RC club/track is an awesome social entity that brings together people from all over Sydney. There is a great family vibe with many parent/child race teams.

Radio control is a fun, healthy (outdoor), inclusive pursuit that we should encourage. I also think it would be fantastic to have as much shade cloth cover as possible.

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This whole area or 'green' needs more trees on its boundary for aesthetic and practical reasons such as providing shade. In its original state the whole of Blenheim Park was a forest!

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Transfer dog memorial plaques to new dog park.

Two pieces of feedback: 1. Please provide shade over the slides. Too many slides in parks are a no go all summer because they are too hot.

2. What can be done to bring Tennis World into this zoning? This land desperately needs to be protected and from the design I see there are multi-use courts planned in Tennis World. Please advise if this has been planned so Tennis World can then be sold off to developers? The community has fought this battle once before, high rise needs to stick to the other side of Epping Road. North Ryde has had more than its fair share of over development so I am very keen to understand what can be done to protect this community facility (or indeed improve it).

Two thirds of a basketball court is not much space. SydneyRC is one of only two active clubs in Sydney. It will host 2 large meetings with hundreds of participants on each occasions. All contributing to the local economy. The RC track is not a duplicate of other facilities available elsewhere in Sydney. Why move it? A larger driver stand with race control and disabled access is all that's needed.

under cover area and close to parking would be great

Vegetate the Epping Road interface with dog park

Very few of these in Sydney. Great activity for Kids and parents alike.

Very good idea that need to be developed as it attracts people from Australia wide. A world class venue need to be provided in Sydney of all places

very high fence, at least 2m in dog park, so no dogs jump out & kids get in

Visitor to the area as a result of the sports club for Radio Control Cars.

Attend at least once a fortnight for a full day of activity.

This track is a vital part of the RC community in NSW it should be preserved.

Water feature would be amazing. Like the one in Top Ryde with the water fountain coming from the grounds and the kids can play in it would be sufficient. Would be an amazing place for kids to play especially in summer and if it was partially shaded even better

Water filtered stations

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Water stations within park for humans and dogs (bubblers). Users like to fill kiddy pools for dogs on hot days.

Waterplay

way too small! why spend money moving it? leave where it is.

What a great track and idea! An all inclusive place for all ages with no physical boundaries.

What about an interactive water feature like at SOP? Maybe not as big but something for kids to get wet and have fun

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### VERBATIM COMMENTS

#### Comment (continued)

Where is the Kiosk?

While I appreciate the additional features proposed, I am completely dissatisfied with the relocation of the off-leash area from its present location.

The dog-park users originally suggested the southwards extension of the current area; this site allows access directly from Blenheim Road or the carpark without having to walk dogs through areas where children and dog-phobic adults are roaming freely.

Why are we moving the existing track its in a good location and the size is about the smallest it can be already. The existing track is already quite small. Any smaller and racing events will not be inviting.

The reason the track is in a good location in terms of overall park is that is a quite noisy location in terms of traffic noise from the main road, which makes it less desirable for any other activities.

The main issue is the new plan is too small for an effective rc track.

Why not leave the radio car track where it is, leave the dog park where it is, move the new netball courts etc to where you have put the new car track, and move the car park to where you have the proposed netball courts. This would enable the car track and the dog park to be enlarged and stop the very real danger of a dog or child being injured on Epping Rd., not to mention the ensuing traffic chaos that would result.

Would be awesome for people who are in wheelchairs to be able to race more often.

We travel to this venue on a monthly basis

Would be great if there was a mini tennis court. Even with a concrete slab would be fun. Somewhere free for kids to play

Would like more lighting on pathways for safety

Would like more slower growing trees

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