

HC KIM RESERVE MASTER PLAN

WHAT WE HEARD (OCTOBER 2021)



From 15 September to 13 October 2021, Council sought community to gauge whether there have been any changes to the way the community use HC Kim Reserve before undertaking the detailed design and construction process for a new pavilion and car park in 2022.

The HC Kim Reserve Master Plan was endorsed in 2013 and Council is in the process of planning and designing future works that will occur onsite.

Thank you to everyone who shared their experiences, concerns and ideas on the HC Kim Reserve in September and October 2021. All feedback has been collated and a summary of what we heard is presented below.

The community engagement process

Due to COVID 19 social gathering restrictions, community consultation was restricted to

- **an online survey** on the project's website on Participate Hobsons Bay
- **email and phone calls** to share feedback

These community engagement opportunities were primarily shared via Council's digital platforms.

Who got involved?

As part of the consultation, 38 submissions and two emails were received. Most of the respondents live in Altona, Altona North and Seaholme and 89% identified as being associated with the Altona City Soccer Club.

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The project's website on Participate Hobsons Bay received 709 site visits from 603 individual site visitors during the engagement period from 15 September to 13 October 2021. Across the consultation period, we received 1 phone call sharing feedback and 2 email items of feedback.

What we heard

To better understand pathways and usage, respondents who indicated that they walk through to Reserve were also asked to share with us where they enter and where they exit the space. Various entry and exit points were shared, with some concern raised for creating vehicle access at the Denbigh Street entry. The pedestrian entry at Millers Road featured the most with differing exit points mentioned.

Respondents were asked to share how often they visit the Reserve. The majority of people shared that they visit HC Kim Reserve 'very often' or often. Respondents were also asked if they are members of the Altona City Soccer Club, or any other clubs. The majority of respondents indicated that they belong to the Altona City Soccer Club with 25 of the 28 respondents who answered this question selecting this Club.

With carparking improvements being one of the key aspects of the HC Kim Master Plan, respondents were asked to provide their feedback on the proposed carparking upgrades. There were 20 respondents who offered comment to the proposed improvements included in the Master Plan. More carparking was featured the most amongst comments as well as a desire to see all carparking areas sealed. Adding bike stands, speed humps and more pedestrian pathways was also mentioned by the respondents who contributed. There were also many comments offering general support for the Master Plan. Some desire to retain all trees was expressed to aid in creating a natural barrier between the sports area and neighbouring residential houses as well as lighting upgrades to the whole Reserve.

Next steps

Thank you to all community members who got involved and shared valuable feedback.

Council will consider all suggestions, comments and concerns alongside other relevant planning and construction considerations before undertaking detailed design and Master Plan works in 2022. For further project updates or questions please visit Council's website www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au or email projects@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au