

6.1 MONMOUTH STREET RESERVE ECO-ZONING - RESULTS OF CONSULTATION

- Attachments:**
1. **EHQ Consultation Summary**
 2. **Proposed Eco-Zoning Landscape Plan (Option 2)**
 3. **Proposed Eco-Zoning Landscape Plan (Option 1)**

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council APPROVES the implementation of eco-zoning at Monmouth Street Reserve as shown in Attachment 2.

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To consider community feedback received on two eco-zoning options for Monmouth Street Reserve (**Attachment 1**) and approval and the implementation of the preferred option (**Attachment 2**)

BACKGROUND:

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council 23 March 2021, following community consultation on the future use of 10 Monmouth Street, Mount Lawley (Monmouth Street Reserve), Council approved the site continuing as public open space and noted that it is scheduled for eco-zoning in 2021/2022.

The City has an Eco-zoning Implementation Plan 2011-2025 which identifies parks and reserves within the City that have areas of underutilised turf that can be converted into waterwise native gardens. Once established, these garden areas reduce groundwater usage for irrigation, increase biodiversity and habitat and improve the overall aesthetics of the City's parks and reserves.

DETAILS:

In accordance with Council's resolution, Administration has consulted with the local community on two eco-zoning options for Monmouth Street Reserve. Two options were presented both of which were developed taking into consideration an allocated budget of \$10,000 for the project:

Option One

Option one landscape plan was presented to Council at the Ordinary Meeting of Council 23 March 2021 as an attachment to the report of the Future Use of 10 Monmouth Street.

Option Two

Option two landscape plan was developed based on comments received during initial consultation on the future use of the reserve as well as those received during public question time when Council was considering the future of the reserve.

CONSULTATION/ADVERTISING:

Consultation for Monmouth Street Reserve Eco-zoning was published on the Imagine Vincent website from 15 December 2021 to 10 January 2022. The following consultation methods were utilised to raise community awareness of the project:

- Publication on the City's Imagine Vincent website inviting respondents to provide feedback on two eco-zoning options for the reserve;
- Email to previous respondents from consultation on the future use of 10 Monmouth Street;
- Posts on the City's social media pages;
- Distribution of Information Bulletins to residents within a 200m radius of the reserve; and
- On-site signage at the reserve.

At conclusion of the consultation period 19 submissions were received, all through the Imagine Vincent website. Respondents were asked whether they supported eco-zoning at the reserve and which was there preferred landscape option.

Of the 19 responses received, 17 were in favour of eco-zoning at the reserve and 14 supported Option 2. Details of the results can be found in **Attachment 1**.

LEGAL/POLICY:

N/A

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Low: It is low risk for Council to approve implementation of eco-zoning at Monmouth Street Reserve in line with the preferred option.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

This is in keeping with the City's *Strategic Community Plan 2018-2028*:

Enhanced Environment

Our parks and reserves are maintained, enhanced and well utilised.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:

This is in keeping with the following key sustainability outcomes of the *City's Sustainable Environment Strategy 2019-2024*.

*Urban Greening and Biodiversity***PUBLIC HEALTH IMPLICATIONS:**

This is in keeping with the following priority health outcomes of the City's *Public Health Plan 2020-2025*:

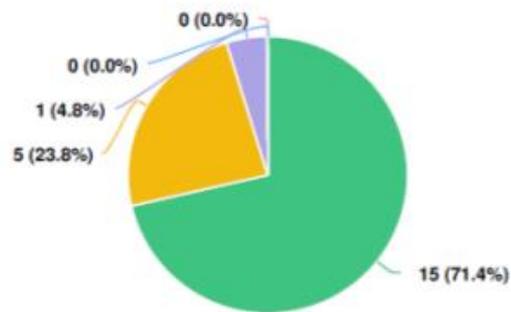
*Increased mental health and wellbeing***FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:**

Monmouth Street Reserve eco-zoning upgrades has an allocated budget of \$10,000 on the City's Capital Works Program. Cost associated with ongoing maintenance of the project will be included in the Parks annual operating budget.

COMMENTS:

Option two eco-zoning landscape plan for Monmouth Street Reserve was the most preferred option. Administration recommends Council approve implementation of eco-zoning at Monmouth Street Reserve in line with this option.

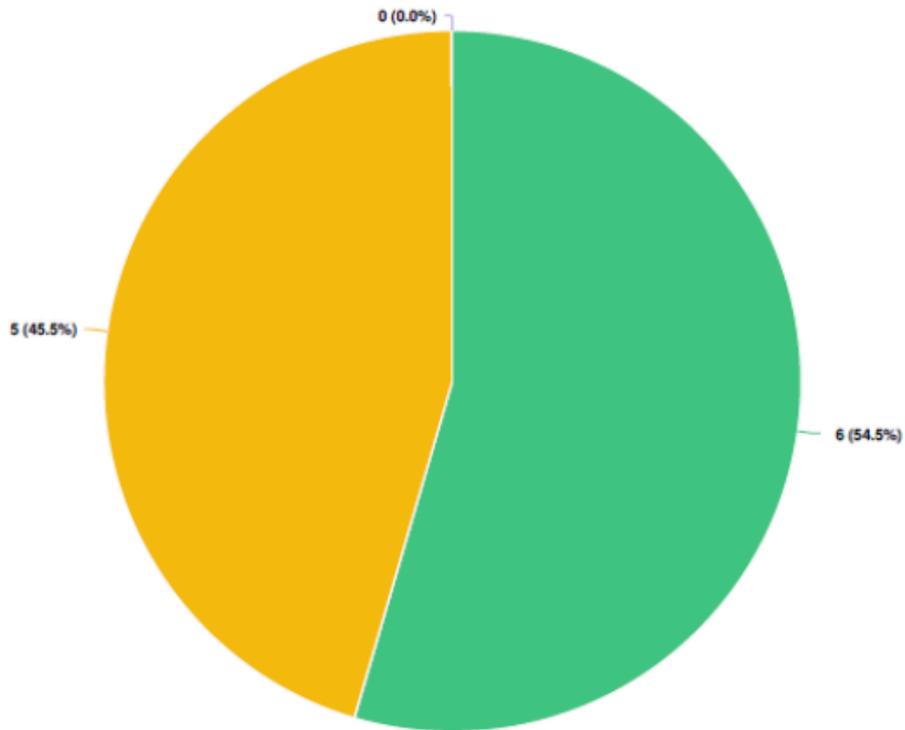
Q1 Please select all that apply to you.



Question options

- I am a City of Vincent resident
- I own property in the City of Vincent
- Other (please specify)
- I work in the City of Vincent
- I don't live/work or own property in Vincent

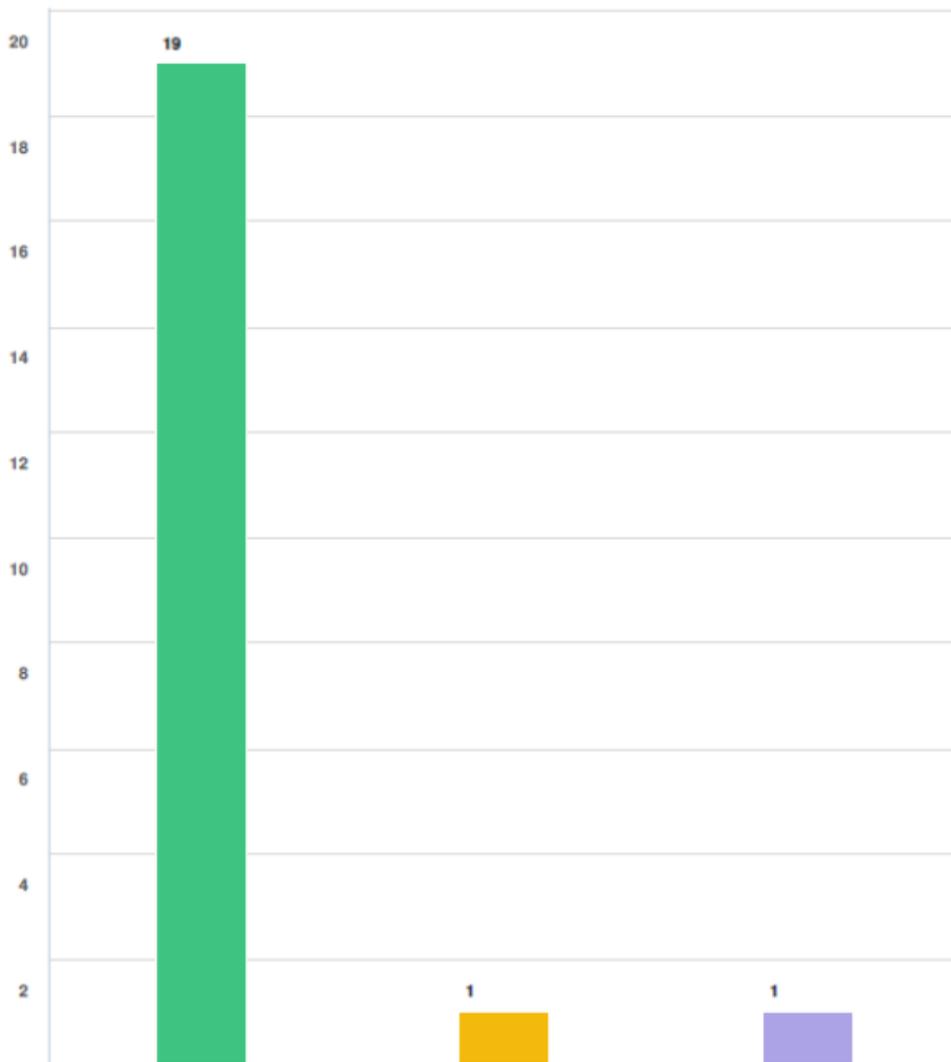
Q2 Please select all that apply to you.



Question options

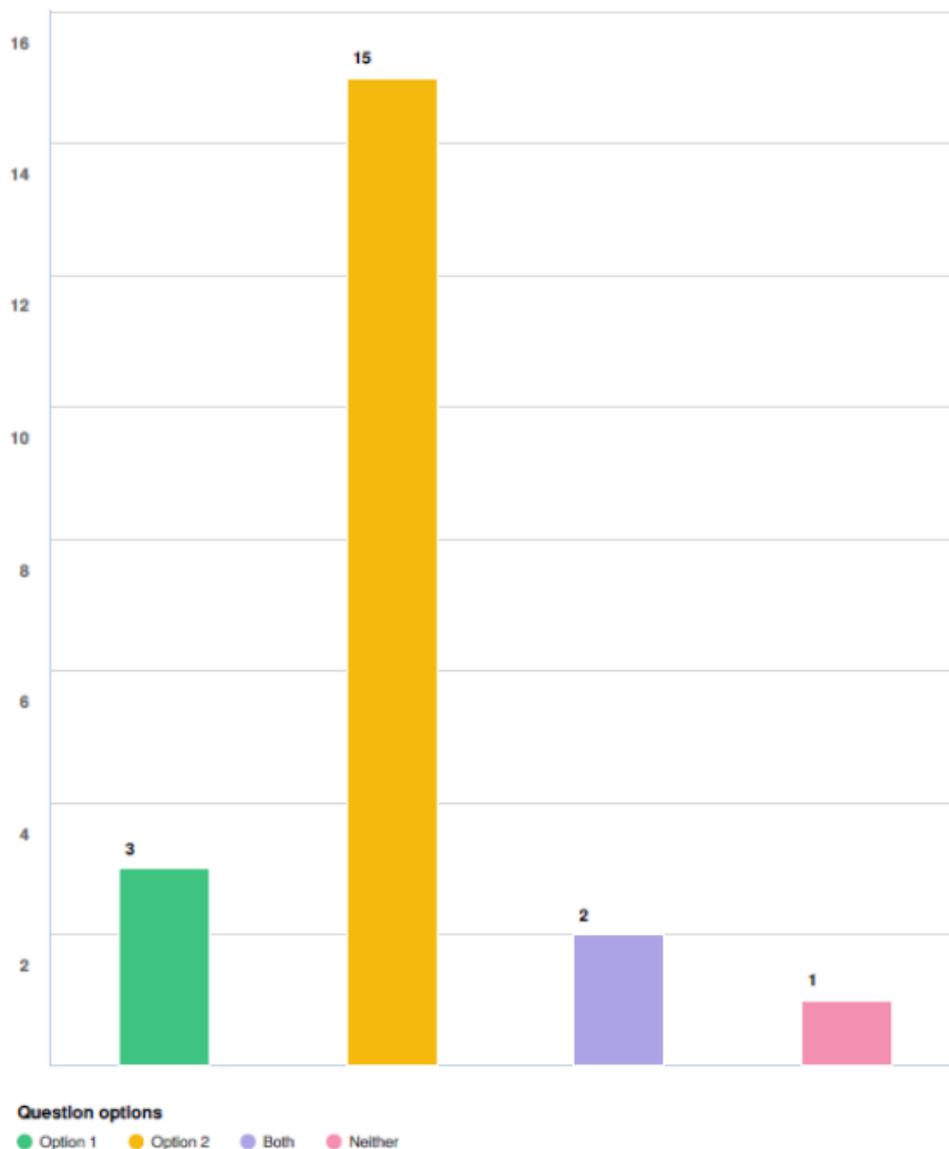
- I own property in North Perth
- I live in North Perth
- I work in North Perth

Q3 Do you support eco-zoning of Monmouth Street Reserve?



Question options
● Yes ● No ● Other (please specify)

Q4 Which option/s do you support? (Select all that apply.)



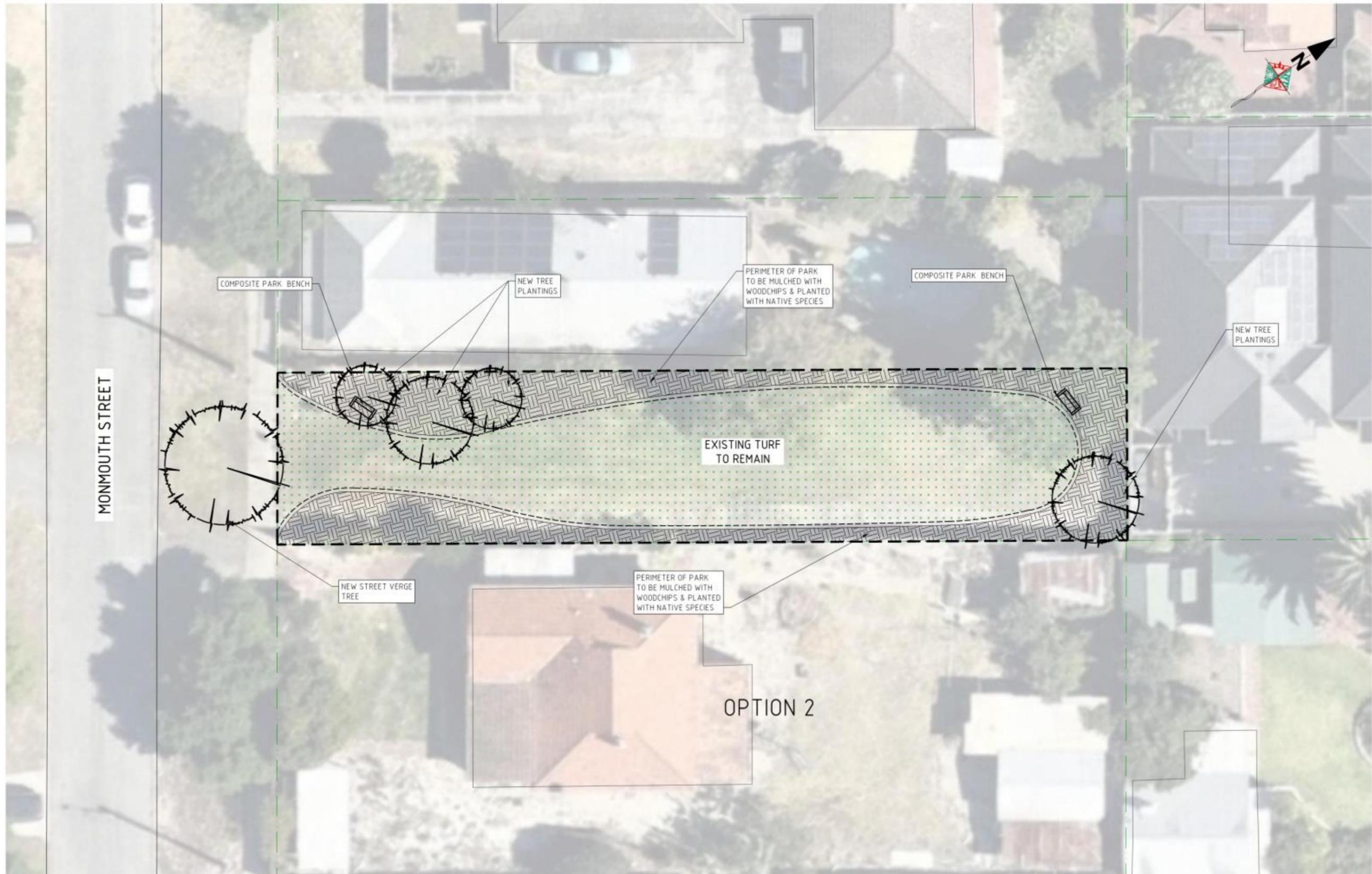
Comments Received	Administration Response
Given the space is used for dog exercise and being kept as a community space - can a low fence be installed to keep dogs safe?	Allocated budget for the project is for eco-zoning and does not allow for fencing. Inclusion of additional small trees can be considered pending available budget and space.
A small dog protection fence so our dogs can safely play without the risk of running onto the road	
It would be great to have a fence put in along the street perimeter for increased safety for the dogs and children that use the park.	
An addition of a simple fence would be good. Additional trees to the proposed options would also be good.	
Sell the property for residential use and to allow less noise at night. We have enough open space and parks	Council has already resolved to maintain the land as POS

<p>Yes, it might be a good idea to include one possible attracting for kids, even if it's just a small one. Also a couple more benches would be good, or just blocks that people can sit on</p>	<p>Allocated budget for the project is for eco-zoning and does not allow for play items or additional benches. Depending on availability, some logs can be included to provide informal seating</p>
<p>Please add some kids playground so to make it more family friendly orientated</p>	<p>Community garden needs to be initiated and run by the community. If Administration receives a formal request, this can be considered separate to this project.</p> <p>Inclusion of additional small trees can be considered pending available budget and space.</p>
<p>Not keen of seeing it being a dog exercise/shitting zone to the exclusion of people. Would much prefer that people, parents and their kids get the priority here. There is no mention of an interactive park where such activities as a community garden could be incorporated. Fully understand that the wants of the neighbours need to be carefully considered, notwithstanding is there any room for more trees</p>	<p>Noted. Administration is recommending implementation of Option 2 which does not incorporate gravel.</p>
<p>Please note an error in your survey for questions 1 and 2. It states Please select all that apply to you But you can only choose one option? While I fully support Council green initiatives, I'm concerned the designer of Option 1 does not fully understand how our parklet (POS) is enjoyed by the community. I have lived adjacent to the park for over 20 years. I have seen the 'personality' of the area change with each new resident. It has been used for children's soccer practice, slip and slides, picnics, a hen's day, kite flying, bocce games and even used by the WAAPA students in Forrest Street for short films. As the three beautiful mature trees that were felled in the storm were not replaced by CoV, our parklet currently has no shade or seating and is primarily, but by no means exclusively, used by our lovely resident dog owners. Maintaining the turf is paramount to the continued and increasing enjoyment of our park. We have already witnessed the degradation of Hyde Park with the increased use of gravel and can personally attest to its danger for those with limited mobility. I have fallen on two occasions when my foot has rolled on loose gravel. We currently have two locals on mobility scooters who have also expressed concern. The use of gravel would render our park largely unusable. You can't play soccer on gravel! I fully support Option 2 which maintains the turf necessary for continued community enjoyment. I would just like to point out that there are what I think are meter boxes of some kind where the trees and bench seating are planned (street end)? Not sure if it's been taken into consideration. It may need to be moved to the other side or further down the current side. You will also need to consider placement for the dog waste bin? Preferably not near the seating. Thank you for this consultation process and having the foresight to bring our little park back to its former glory. I'm certain future residents and the environment will appreciate it. Please include my comments to all when council meets on this issue.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>I've grown up in this park and to see it return to it's natural state is a must!</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>Option 2 provides more useful space for a variety of purposes, more shade, more seating.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>Option 2 is the only reasonable option as it provides what is needed at the reserve site. This includes trees towards the front of the reserve for adequate shade, more seating for families at the park and more grass areas for families and their dogs. Option 1 would turn people away from the park as it would not provide an exciting and inviting environment for the people in the area.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>Prefer more grass for recreational activities.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

Please avoid use of Jacaranda trees on verge. A poor choice by ToV previously since they require regular pruning (power line interference) resulting in coppice growth, ugly shape and increasing growth annually into power lines. Within the perimeter, native trees aren't specified on the plans and should be indicated thus. A bird bath / watering point would be a good inclusion

Given the strong existing street tree theme, and in keeping with the City's Policy, a Jacaranda tree will be planted on the verge.

All other trees planted within the reserve will be Australian Native in keeping with eco-zoning principals.



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