

Kent St Sand Pit Consultation Preceding Round 2 – Draft Concept Design

Internal engagement	
Stakeholder	Comments
Staff	<p>Representatives from Parks, Place Planning, Engineering, Natural Areas and Environment were included in a working group to oversee the development of the Kent St Sand Pit Opportunities and Considerations Report and the Concept Plan.</p> <p>8 March - 22 March 2021 – all staff were invited to provide feedback via the Your Thoughts survey on what they would like to see included in future planning for the Kent St Sand Pit.</p> <p>24 April 2021 – 15 staff were engaged in a workshop to explore future use options for the Kent St Sand Pit.</p> <p>17 January – 7 February. Staff were invited to provide feedback on the draft design via the Your Thoughts survey.</p>
Elected members	<p>25 May Concept Forum</p> <p>Elected Members raised considerations such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater proportion of site revegetation relative to passive recreation space. • Universal access for all of the proposed entry points. • Path materiality. • Site surveys to feed into the design (e.g. flora and fauna surveys, geotechnical) and eventual on-ground implementation (e.g. appropriateness of plant types within certain areas of the site relative to prevailing site conditions, potential competition with other species etc.). <p>NOTE: This feedback was considered within the broader community consultation feedback regarding the initial draft concepts proposed.</p> <p>26 October Concept Forum</p> <p>Elected Members raised the following considerations (corresponding response from the Administration also provided):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Provide a design and cost estimate of the accessibility of entry for all</i> <p>Administration response:</p> <p>An additional universal access entry point has been proposed for the corner of Baron-Hay Crt and Kent St. The combined cost of the universal access ramps is estimated at \$585,000 (see Opinion of Probable Cost attached to this report).</p>

- *Look into the possibility of filter water drink fountain.*

Administration response:

According to the Utility Providers Code of Practice for Western Australia (March 2019), the depth to which Drinking and Non-Drinking Water piping needs to be sunk is between 600mm and 750mm. Given that the excavation depth is not significant and we can plumb water mains into a connection point on Kent St, installing a water fountain on site is feasible.

- *Talk to the City of Wanneroo regarding their issues with antisocial behaviour, dumping, fires and having to corner off parts of their reserves for biodiversity reasons.*

Administration response:

The Conservation Officer at the City of Wanneroo indicated that there had been a few problematic parks and reserves without fencing that have been regularly vandalised. As a result, the City has erected signage, and the sites are regularly monitored through Ranger and Parks patrols.

However, other sites that have passive surveillance and some level of ownership of the community (i.e. Friends groups) have thrived.

In general, the City prefers to use conservation fencing around revegetation areas, particularly where they are adjacent to high traffic areas, schools and easy access from the general public. The City use of conservation fencing helps to assist the success of the rehabilitation, resulting in the persistence of higher biological values and efficient use of financial and other resources. Conservation fencing also assists in ensuring that the rehabilitation is not trampled by passive recreation users (walkers, doge, bikes) and allows the vegetation to establish more successfully. Our experience is that areas adjacent to paths and public areas are often subject to illegal dumping and unauthorised access when they are not fenced. This often results in the loss of vegetation and a reduction in fauna habitat.

It is the view of the Town of Victoria Park Administration that we should retain a perimeter fence at least during the establishment period of revegetation. Beyond that, given the polarising views, the Town will need to consult with respective parties further to reach a definitive stance on fencing at the site.

External engagement – Round 1 – Exploration of how community would like the site to be used

Stakeholders	The whole of the Town community.
Period of engagement	8 March - 22 March 2021 – community survey 24 March 2021 – a community workshop
Level of engagement	4. Collaborate
Methods of engagement	Community survey, community workshop, Concept Forum.
Advertising	Newspaper advertisement, Town website, posters, social media.
Submission summary	132 submissions were received. For a summary of the submissions, please see the Minutes of the 21 September 2021 OCM (Kent St Sand Pit Concept Options – Response to Council).
Key findings	From March community engagement: 74 of the 132 submitters voted 'revegetation' as the most important thing to be included within the Kent St Sand Pit area; 18 for 'walking trails'; 15 for 'places to play'; 10 for 'universal access'; 12 for 'gathering spaces'.