

Endeavour Hills Dog Friendly Park

Community engagement summary report
April 2024

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2 Background

This document provides a summary of community feedback for Endeavour Hills Dog Friendly Park.

Endeavour Hills was identified as currently having no dog parks, which is a gap in provision in accordance with the City of Casey Dog Friendly Spaces Policy. The Victorian Government's New and Upgraded Dog Parks program also identified Endeavour Hills as target area.

Council officers have assessed 68 open spaces in Endeavour Hills and curated a shortlist of suitable locations for the community's consideration. The suitable locations identified were...

- Essex Park Drive Reserve, 42 Essex Park Drive, Endeavour Hills
- Clifton Way Reserve, 11A Clifton Way, Endeavour Hills
- Haverstock Hill Close Reserve, 44 Chalcot Drive, Endeavour Hills.

From 1 March to 12 April 2024, a 6-week community engagement process was held to gather community feedback on proposed dog park location and what elements would they like to see in the proposed dog friendly park.

2.1 Key findings

The preferred location identified by participants was Essex Park Drive Reserve with 128 votes (58.8%).

Participants contributed votes towards preferred design elements for the future proposed dog park. The most popular types of elements were fencing, bin and dog bag dispenser, and drinking fountain.

2.2 Next steps

Council officers will consider community feedback in the design and delivery of the dog friendly park, subject to funding from DEECA.

3 Consultation overview

3.1 Consultation purpose

The consultation was designed to provide affected stakeholders, particularly those using Essex Park Drive, Clifton Way, Haverstock Hill Close Reserves and/or living in streets adjacent to the three reserves. While also including the broader community with the opportunity to provide feedback on the location and design of a proposed Dog Friendly Park in Endeavour Hills.

3.2 Consultation process

The tools and techniques selected for this project were informed by the project content, stakeholders and type of feedback sought.

Key tools for communicating the project

- Council's e-newsletter, Casey Catch up

- Emails to key stakeholders
- Printed designs on display at the reserves listed
- Article on Councils webpage
- Social media
- Online engagement through Casey Conversations, including opportunity to provide feedback via survey or upload a written statement
- Contact email address and phone number of Council Officer provided for interested community members to ask for further information or provide feedback
- Printed information available, as required.

Details

Activity

29 April – 16 May 2024

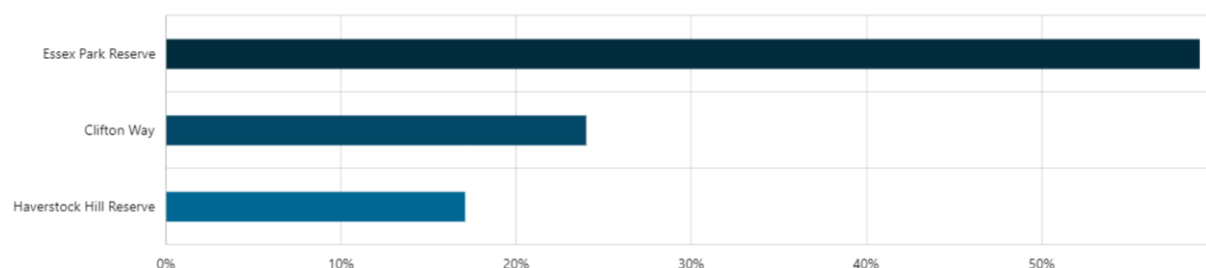
Casey Conversations Website Project information, online survey and engagement activity hosted on the engagement platform Casey Conversations. Online survey: 297 responses

4 Consultation findings

The following section summarises the key themes which arose in community feedback on Endeavour Hills Dog Friendly Park. In the interest of stakeholder and community privacy, individual quotes have not been included within this public document. Where there was more than one mention of a topic or item, the number of mentions has been specified in brackets and italics.

4.1 Preferred location

Participants were asked via an online survey question to provide their preferred location for a dog park located within Endeavour Hills. 128 (58.8%) respondents selected their preferred location as Essex Park Drive Reserve, Clifton Way and Haverstock Hill Close Reserves received 53 (24.3%) and 37 (16.9%) selections.



4.2 Preferred elements for the proposed future design

The 'fund-it' activity received 80 contributions and a total of 494 votes. The most popular types of elements were fencing, bin and dog bag dispenser, and drinking fountain.

- Overall, 77 participants selected fencing
- Overall, 76 participants selected bin and dog bag dispenser
- Overall, 73 participants selected drinking fountain
- Overall, 70 participants selected seating opportunities
- Overall, 66 participants selected agility spaces

The less popular events included installation/arts, pet events and sports festivals.

- Overall, 53 participants selected sniffing spaces
- Overall, 46 participants selected planting
- Overall, 33 participants selected digging spaces

