Kilberry Boulevard
Proposed Dog Friendly Space

Community Engagement Summary Report

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2 Background

This document provides a summary of stakeholder and community feedback on a proposed dog friendly space at Kilberry Boulevard Reserve.

This proposal comes after a number of site investigations to determine the suitability of a dog friendly space. Other locations were deemed unsuitable due to issues such as drainage constraints, or being located on non Council owned land.

Council sought feedback from local residents and the wider community on whether they consider this a suitable location, the proposed size and any benefits, concerns or local knowledge to consider.

Consultation opened on 20 August and concluded on 20 September, 2026. Those who lived nearby, and the wider community were welcomed to provide their feedback in the form of an online survey, email submission, or by reaching out to the project lead directly.

2.1 Key findings

Respondents were primarily in favour of the proposed dog friendly space at Kilberry Boulevard Reserve (35, 92%). The reasoning for respondents' level of support most often showed general support or identified community need (28) and safety considerations (7).

When asked whether respondents had any other concerns or feedback for Council to consider, respondents primarily gave feedback that was not applicable, or out of scope of this engagement (12). This feedback primarily focused on the space being a split dog park, including playground elements and agility equipment for dogs. The list of items the community can and can’t influence during this engagement was listed on Casey Conversations and spoke to these items.

Feedback under this section that was within the scope of the engagement most often referenced seating, shade and amenities (6), dog waste bags provided by Council and bins (4) and concerns for ongoing maintenance and quality (4).

2.2 Next steps

Council officers will consider community feedback and use this information to inform a design brief for the future direction of the space.

3 Consultation overview

3.1 Consultation purpose

The consultation was designed to provide local residents, users of the space and the wider community, the chance to provide feedback on the future direction of the space.

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

- Signage on site
- Instagram and social media stories
- Mail out to residents within walking distance to the location

Key methods for gathering feedback

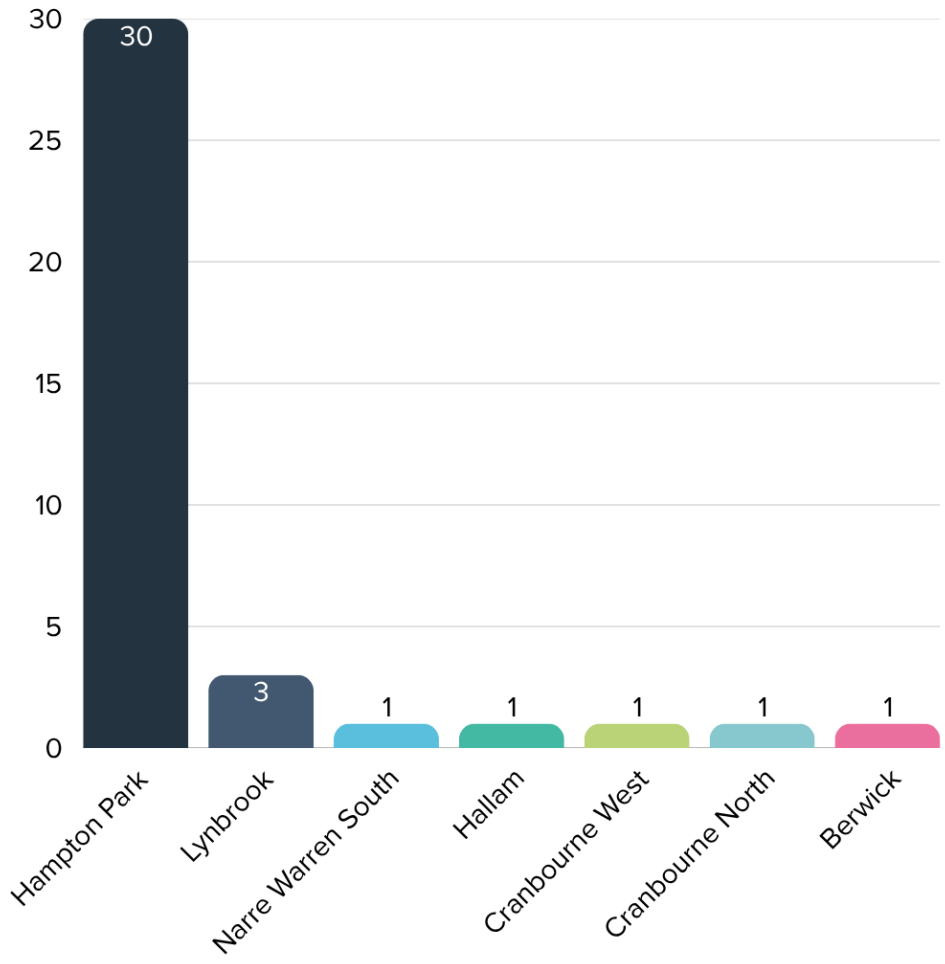
- Online engagement through Casey Conversations, including opportunity to provide feedback via survey, email submission or contacting the project lead directly
- Contact email address and phone number of Council Officer provided for interested community members to ask for further information or provide feedback
- Printed information available, as required.

Details	Activity
20 August – 20 September 2026 **103 visitors** **38** contributions	**Casey Conversations Website** Project information, online survey and written submission hosted on the engagement platform Casey Conversations.

4 Who we heard from

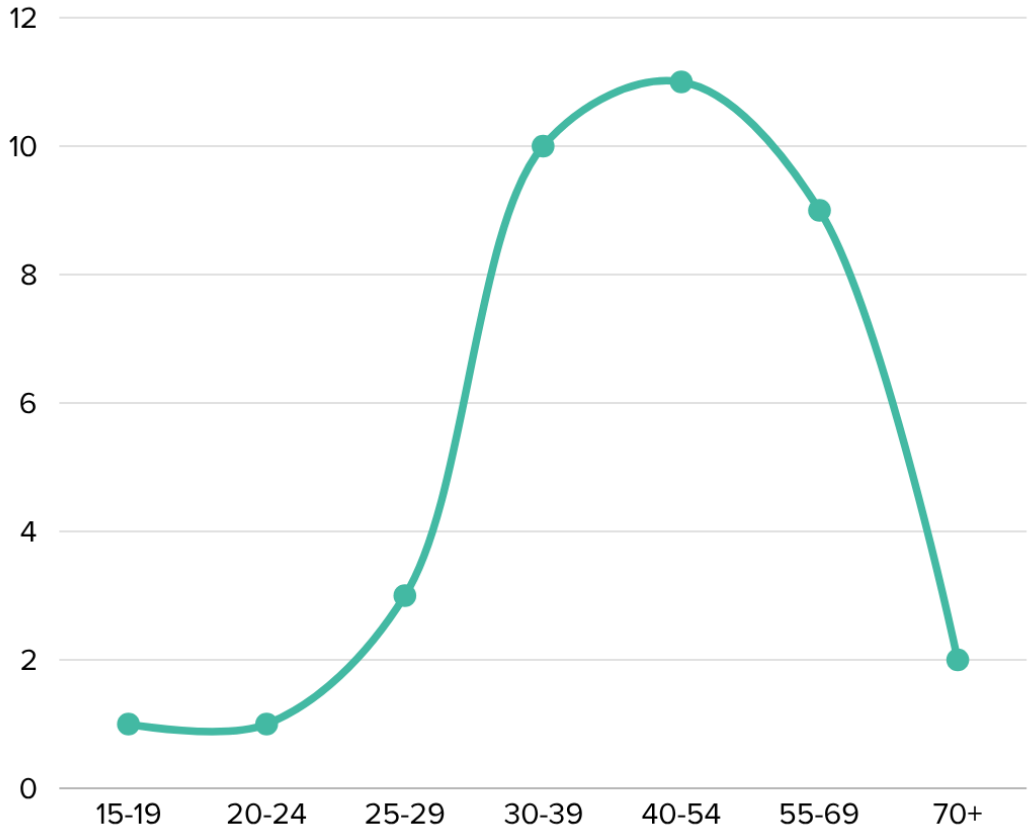
Survey respondents were asked to provide their suburb of residence. Respondents primarily resided in Hampton Park, the suburb where Kilberry Boulevard Reserve is situated. Some interest was seen from Lynbrook, and minimal participation from other suburbs. See Figure 1 for a breakdown of participation by suburb.

Figure 1. Participation by suburb



Respondents were asked to provide their age range. Of those that responded to this question*, many were between the ages of 40 to 54 (11, 29%), followed by those ages 30 to 39 (10, 26%). Figure 2 shows participation by age range.

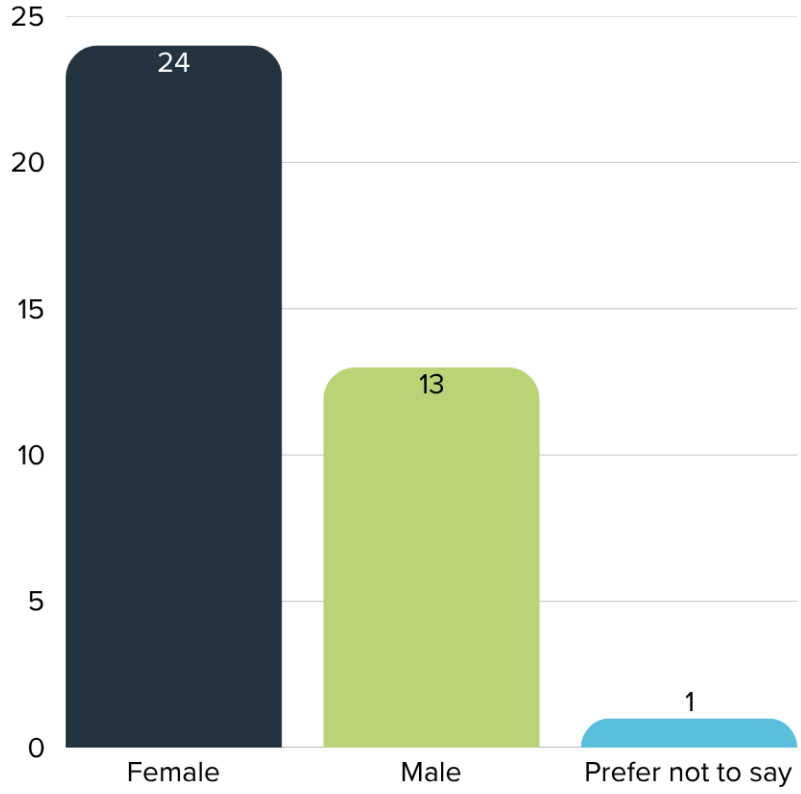
Figure 2. Participation by age range



*One respondent had preferred not to answer this question.

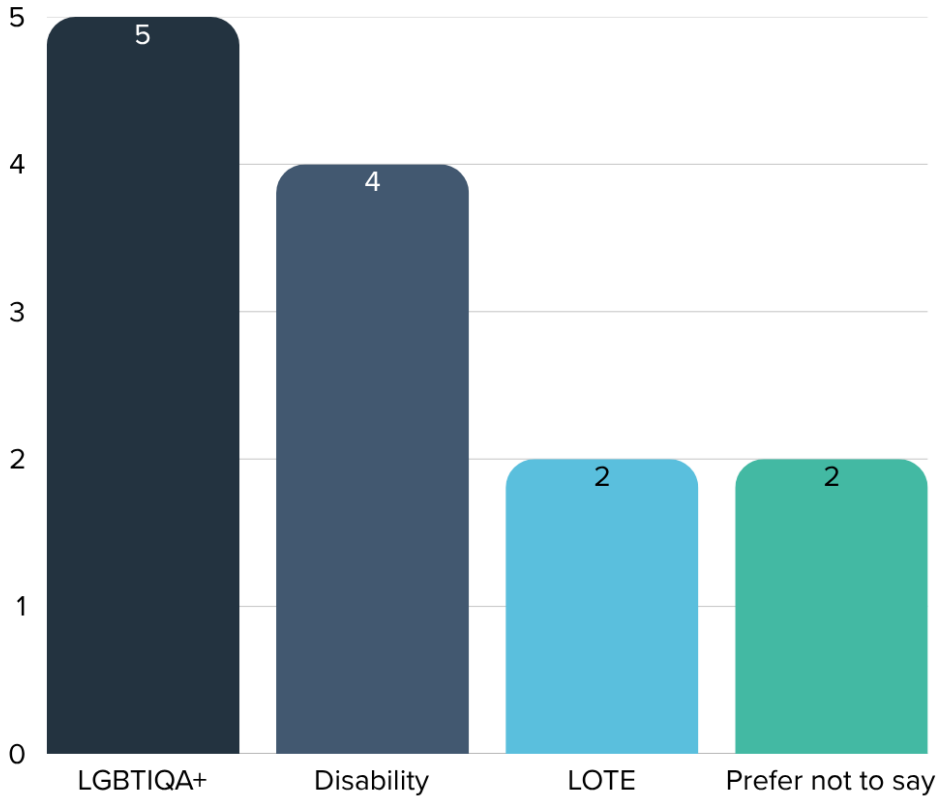
Respondents were asked to select their gender identity. Of those that disclosed this information, participation from the female cohort was most prominent (24, 63%), followed by males (13, 34%). One participant had preferred not to disclose.

Figure 3. Participation by gender



Respondents were asked to select the communities of interest that they identified with. Of those that answered this question*, five respondents identified as LGBTIQA+ (13%), followed by respondents living with a disability (4, 10%). Figure 4 demonstrates participation by communities of interest.

Figure 4. Participation by communities of interest



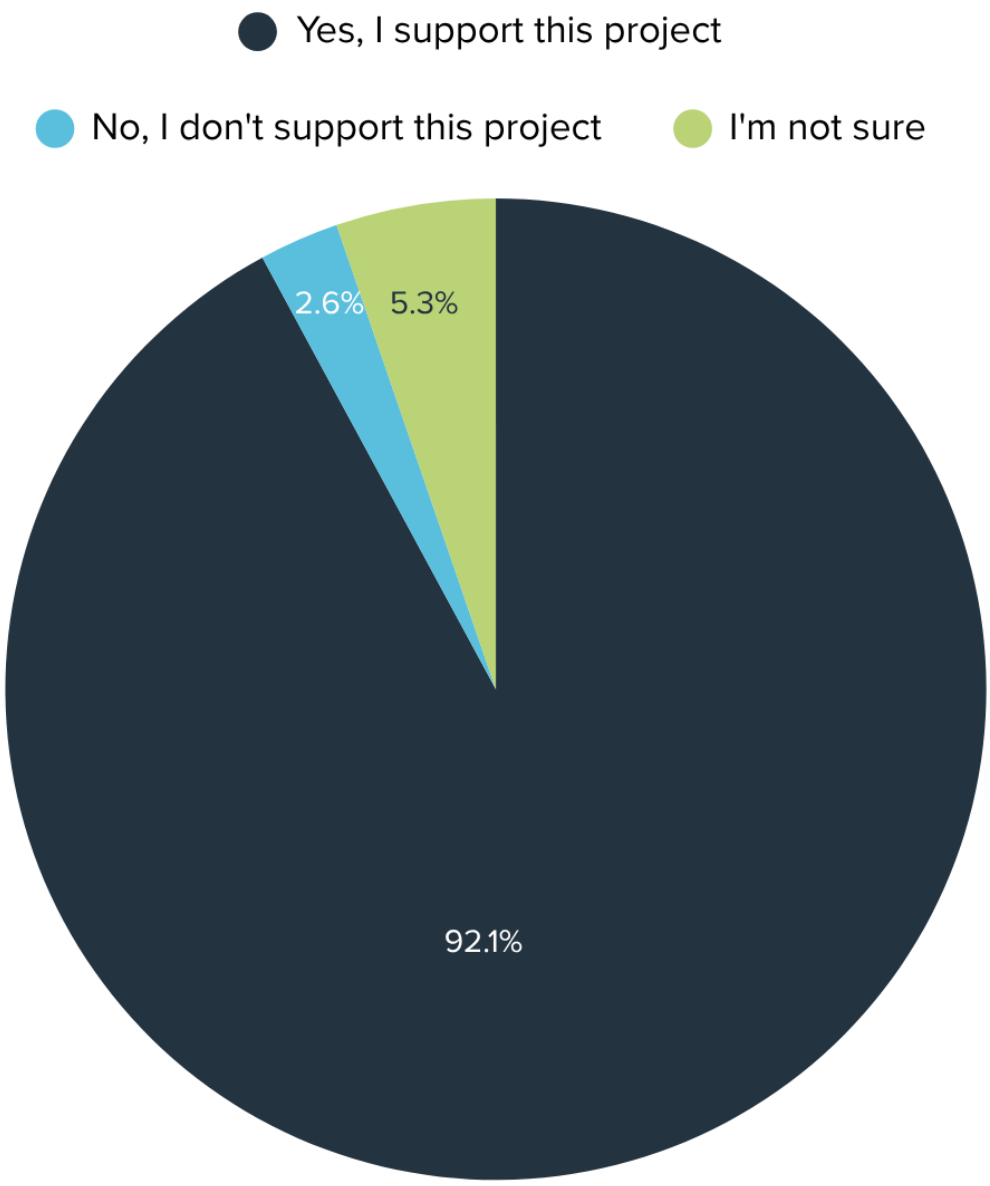
*Many participants did not identify with any of the listed communities (26, 67%).

5 Consultation findings

5.1 Level of support for the proposed dog friendly space

Respondents were asked to determine their level of support for the proposed dog friendly space at Kilberry Boulevard Reserve. A majority of respondents supported the proposal (35, 92%), followed by those still unsure (2, 5%). One participant did not support the proposal.

Figure 5. Level of support for the proposed dog friendly space



Following this, respondents were asked to provide further information on the reason for their response. Feedback has been categorised into emerging themes, with the most prominent being general supportive comments where there has been an identified community need (28), followed by safety considerations (7). Further information can be seen in Table 1.

Table 1. Further information on level of support

Theme	Number of mentions
General support, identified community need	28
Safety considerations	7
Accessibility and inclusion	3
Additional facilities	2
More information required	2
N/A or out of scope*	2

*One participant requested a separated dog park for different sizes, and one participant did not answer the question.

5.2 Other concerns and feedback

Respondents were asked if they had any additional concerns or feedback to consider and were able to provide a free-text response. Of these responses, a significant number (12) provided not applicable or out of scope feedback or responded with 'no'. Out of scope feedback primarily focused on the space being a split dog park, including playground elements and agility equipment for dogs. The list of items the community can and can't influence during this engagement was listed on Casey Conversations and spoke to these items.

Respondents also frequently mentioned seating, shade and amenities (6), dog waste bags and bins (4), and maintenance and quality (4). Table 2 demonstrates feedback received in this section.

Table 2. Additional concerns and feedback

Theme	Inclusions
N/A, out of scope (12)	Split dog park requests, inclusion of playground elements, agility equipment for dogs, timing of construction, and 'no' responses.
Seating, shade and amenities (6)	Seating, sheltered seating, tables.
Dog waste bags and bins (4)	Inclusion of dog waste bags provided by Council and bins for dogs and otherwise.
Maintenance and quality (4)	Concerns maintenance won't be sufficient, drainage issues, preference for quality to resemble Berwick Springs dog park.
Fencing and fence height (3)	Fencing to be a minimum height of 4ft or 6 ft (both recommended), fence to be dug into ground to prevent escape.
Safety considerations (2)	Issues with untrained dogs and proximity to school.
General positive feedback (2)	No concerns or fully in support.
Nature and greenery (2)	Additional planting and preference for many trees, similar to Berwick Springs dog park.
Inappropriate use of space (1)	Preference for this space to be more people-focused as a natural place to walk.
On-lead rules (1)	Supportive of the proposal provided dogs are on lead.

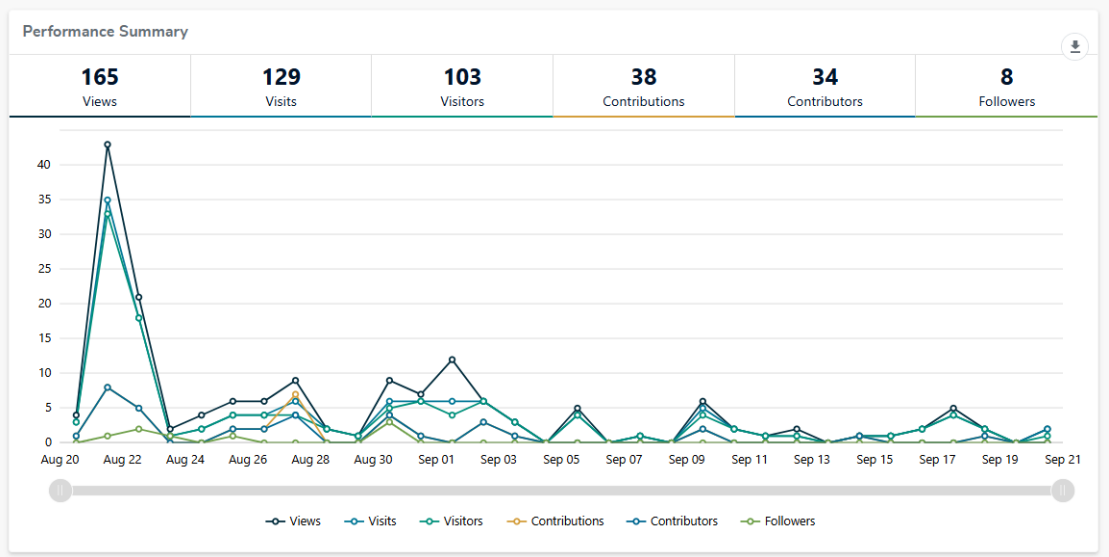
6 Consultation evaluation

This report presents the findings from the analysis of the community feedback gathered during community engagement from 20 August to 20 September, 2026.

This consultation was promoted to nearby residents through a targeted mail-out, on-site signage, and shared as organic and paid ads on social media.

This engagement program received a total of 38 contributions.

6.1 Casey Conversations project page



Engagement targets for the Casey Conversations webpages were that:

- 15% of visits would last at least one active minute (exceeded, 40.31%)
- 10% of visits would have at least two actions performed, such as moving around the project page or clicking on links (exceeded, 32.56%)
- 5% of visits had at least one contribution made (exceeded, 26.36%)

6.2 Satisfaction with engagement process

Participants were primarily satisfied with the ability to find information, with 17 (45%) stating that the information needed to participate was very easy to find, followed by easy (10, 26%), neutral (9,24%) and two (5%) respondents found the information to be difficult to find.

Participants most often heard of the engagement through social media (15), council website (6), word of mouth (5) or signage (5).