Carine Community Parkland Upgrade

Consultation Report May 2025

Background
The City undertook community consultation to seek feedback on the concept plan for Carine Community Parkland Upgrade, with the current Okely Rd playground at the end of its serviceable life.

The concept plan was developed in response to the key priorities identified during the 2023 community consultation, with feedback received during this final stage of consultation to assist in finalising the plans for the upgrade.

Project
The City places a high value on play opportunities for children and is committed to providing a range of quality, well-maintained play equipment for children to enjoy. Carine Community Parkland is a very popular Regional Open Space and is much loved by the community.

The main combination structure in the playground is 24 years old and at the end of its asset life. To bring the area up to the current standard provided by the City, it is proposed to redesign the playground and support infrastructure.

Consultation
The Carine Community Parkland Upgrade – final concept plan consultation period ran from 31 March 2025 to 5 May 2025, and received a total of 43 submissions.

Letters were delivered to 2546 Carine households. During the consultation period, the project was promoted on the City's website, including a project news item on the Carine Suburb page. This news item received 71 page views, and the project page received 660 visits from 31 March 2025 to 5 May 2025. A newsletter was also sent to 154 community members that requested to be kept informed of project during the initial consultation in 2023.

Project Officers including the City's Senior Landscape Architect hosted a drop-in session on Thursday 10 April between 5.30pm to 6.15pm at Carine Community Parkland to provide interested locals an opportunity to ask questions about the proposed upgrades.

Additionally, four on-site signs were installed across the project area. The project was also promoted on the City's monthly 'What's Open' consultation social media post on 15 April 2025 which saw a reach of 2,501. Community members also shared project information onto the following community Facebook groups 'Carine Open Space Dog Park', 'Coastal Whispers – Trigg, North Beach, Watermans Bay and surrounds' and 'Carine, Duncraig, Hamersley'.

Table Summary: Submissions received – relative locations

Submissions received	Within 100m radius of proposed site	Within 200m radius of proposed site	Within the City of Stirling	Outside of the City of Stirling	Total Submissions received	Percentage
Support	0	0	28	10	38	88.37%
Object	0	1	4	0	5	11.63%
				Total responses	43	100%

Table Summary: Submission issues and comments

Issue Ref.	Number of responses to raise issue	Submission issue	Summary of comments
1	18	General support for the project	Support for the proposal and positive feedback
2	16	Additional amenities and play equipment	Requests for more seating, water fountains, and picnic tables with adequate shade, increased courts, alternative play equipment
3	10	Playground fencing	Requests for a fully enclosed fence around the playground to keep dogs out and ensure children's safety.

4	7	Need for lighting	Requests for lighting on paths around the swamp, bushland, and playground areas to improve safety.
5	5	Toilet facilities	Complaints about substandard toilets near the playground and requests for more and improved toilet facilities.
6	2	Environmental impact	Concerns about the environmental impact of the project such as in relation to material selection, waste management, protection of flora and fauna in the adjacent wetland (including the existing trees) and recycling/re-use of materials.
7	2	Nature play and sensory play equipment	Requests for nature play portions, sensory play equipment, and inclusive playground features. Also concerns about the use of rubber softfall as the surfacing material.
8	2	Traffic congestion on Okely Road and Osmaston Road	Concerns about traffic flow disruption and massive traffic backlogs on Okely and Osmaston Roads.
9	1	Footpath improvements	Requests for widening footpaths around Carine Open Space to accommodate two-way traffic and improve safety.
10	1	CCTV installation	Requests for CCTV to deter unsafe behaviour and protect children in the playground.

Written responses

In addition to survey responses, the City received 2 written submission summarised below. These submissions have been included in the above.