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Kingfisher Creek corridor concept plan – Community engagement summary report

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Kingfisher Creek corridor is the third of 3 large, integrated priority projects identified in the *Norman Creek 2012-2031 Master Plan*. Kingfisher Creek runs primarily underground through Woolloongabba and East Brisbane until it connects with Norman Creek at Moorhen Flats.

Brisbane City Council has prepared a concept plan for the Kingfisher Creek corridor that sets out a road-map of proposed future works in the corridor to create connected, vibrant and accessible open spaces that are liveable, resilient, sustainable and provide opportunities for activity, learning and relaxation in these rapidly growing inner-city suburbs.

Development of the concept plan was shaped by input and feedback from key community groups, local residents, people commuting through the corridor and visitors during the following stages of community engagement.

Community engagement timeline

Stage 1 – May – June 2023

Council invited ideas and input from the community on their current use and experience of moving through the corridor along with sharing ideas and aspirations for the future corridor via meetings with key community stakeholders, 4 information kiosks at Woolloongabba Rotary Park and Council's online engagement platform (community survey and map activity).

Approximately 325 people participated in this community engagement stage.

Stage 2 – September – October 2023

Council released the Kingfisher Creek corridor draft concept plan for community feedback.

The community provided their feedback about the draft concept plan via an online feedback survey and attending one of the information kiosks at Woolloongabba Rotary Park. Council also met with key community stakeholders to share the draft concept plan and listen to feedback.

Approximately 450 people participated in this community engagement stage.

Stage 2A – supplementary engagement – 5 August – 1 September 2024

Council considered feedback received from the previous community engagement stages along with undertaking further technical investigations. Before finalising the concept plan, Council undertook an additional community engagement regarding a revised local road network proposal to understand community perspectives.

The revised proposal for the local road network aimed to improve amenity for local residents and road safety and accessibility for all in local streets. The proposed changes included:

- Lerna Street reconfigured to be a one-way street West to East
- Lisburn Street closure at Hampton Street
- Norman Street closure with proposed cul-de-sac
- Longlands Street closure with vehicle turn-around option
- Withington Street closure.

Local residents and the community provided their feedback via online surveys (property owner feedback survey and community survey) and visiting the project team at an information kiosk.

Approximately 240 people participated in the community engagement stage.

Community engagement summary

Stage 1 – use of the corridor, ideas and aspirations for the future

Main reasons for visiting/using the green spaces in the corridor:

- To enjoy the natural surrounds.
- To visit the dog off-leash area and playground.
- To travel through the corridor (cycling, walking etc).

High value elements in the corridor:

- Greenspace in close proximity to the city.
- The openness of Woolloongabba Rotary Park – a place where friends and family can meet.
- Dog off-leash area and its social aspect.
- Bike path connection through the Woolloongabba Rotary Park and Moorhen Flats.
- Basketball half-court.
- A slice of bushland in the inner city (Moorhen Flats); greenspace, birds, fresh air.

Ideas to improve visitor experience in the future:

- Lighting and improved sightlines on the bike path.
- Active travel safety and connectivity throughout the corridor.
- Improved links to Aboriginal history.
- Finding the balance of ecological considerations with amenity and recreation.
- Interpretative signage and more information about some sections of corridor.
- Active travel safety and connectivity for all.

- More revegetation and conservation, planting of rare and threatened species in Moorhen Flats.
- More shade trees and seating.
- Upgrade playground in Woolloongabba Rotary Park.
- Separate pathways to improve safety for all.
- Stop vehicles parking informally on grassed area along Lerna Street.
- Landscaping along active travel routes.

Stage 2 – feedback on the draft concept plan

Key highlights

- 72% of feedback survey respondents indicated support for the overall concept plan to rejuvenate and revitalise the corridor (300 participants indicated their level of support).
- The proposed road closures were a common topic of discussion with a range of views and feedback received.
- Council's proposal of having separate pathways for pedestrian and cyclists through the corridor was well received.
- Support for proposals to improve connectivity and safety through the corridor for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Requests for more detailed investigations on the impact of proposed road closures to the local road network.

Watt Park and Woolloongabba Rotary Park

- Support for the proposed multi-use sport courts.
- Support for dog off-leash areas for small and large dogs.
- Diverse perspectives on the proposed ideas for allowing more water within the landscape.

Moorhen Flats

- Improved pedestrian and cycle pathways are very important to the broader community (safety and connectivity for all).
- Keep this bushland and increase its value as an island of special vegetation, creek, and wildlife.

Stage 2A – supplementary engagement

Key highlights

The intent of the revised proposal for the local road network: to improve amenity for local residents and road safety and accessibility for all in local streets. The revised proposal included:

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Property owners feedback survey

It was important Council could clearly identify the views of property owners regarding the revised local road network proposal. Four hundred and eleven property owners were mailed directly asking them to share their level of support for the proposed street closures. (Note: 236 properties were identified as non-owner occupied, with most of these property owners living outside of the Kingfisher Creek corridor).

There was a total of 52 feedback survey contributors.

Community feedback survey

Council also engaged the wider Kingfisher Creek corridor community to understand their level of support for the revised local road network proposal.

There was a total of 172 feedback survey contributors.

Information kiosks

Council also held 2 information kiosks for community members to drop by and speak to the project team. Approximately 50 people attended each kiosk.

Results of both feedback surveys indicated support for the revised local road network proposal. The anecdotal feedback collected at the 2 kiosks also identified support for the proposal.

- 69% of feedback survey contributors supported the proposal. Some of the reasons for this support included: an expected increase in safety, a reduction in general traffic and stopping 'rat running'.
- 27% of contributors did not support the revised local road network. Their reasons included: no longer being able to drive to or from Deshon Street which will increase their travel time to locations such as the PA Hospital and South City Square; the impacts this will have on Stanley and Vulture Streets traffic and that this will divide their community.
- 4% of contributors were neither for or against the revised local road network proposal.

Council considered all input and feedback from all 3 stages of community engagement, along with technical investigations related to the road network in and around the corridor to finalise the Kingfisher Creek corridor concept plan.

Next steps

The Kingfisher Creek corridor concept plan will guide the corridor's evolution to be more connected, vibrant and accessible over the coming years.

The concept plan will now inform further detailed investigations and design activities to progress with implementation options that will be considered subject to budget.

For more information on the Kingfisher Creek corridor concept plan, phone Council on 07 3403 8888 or visit brisbane.qld.gov.au and search 'Kingfisher Creek corridor concept plan'.

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