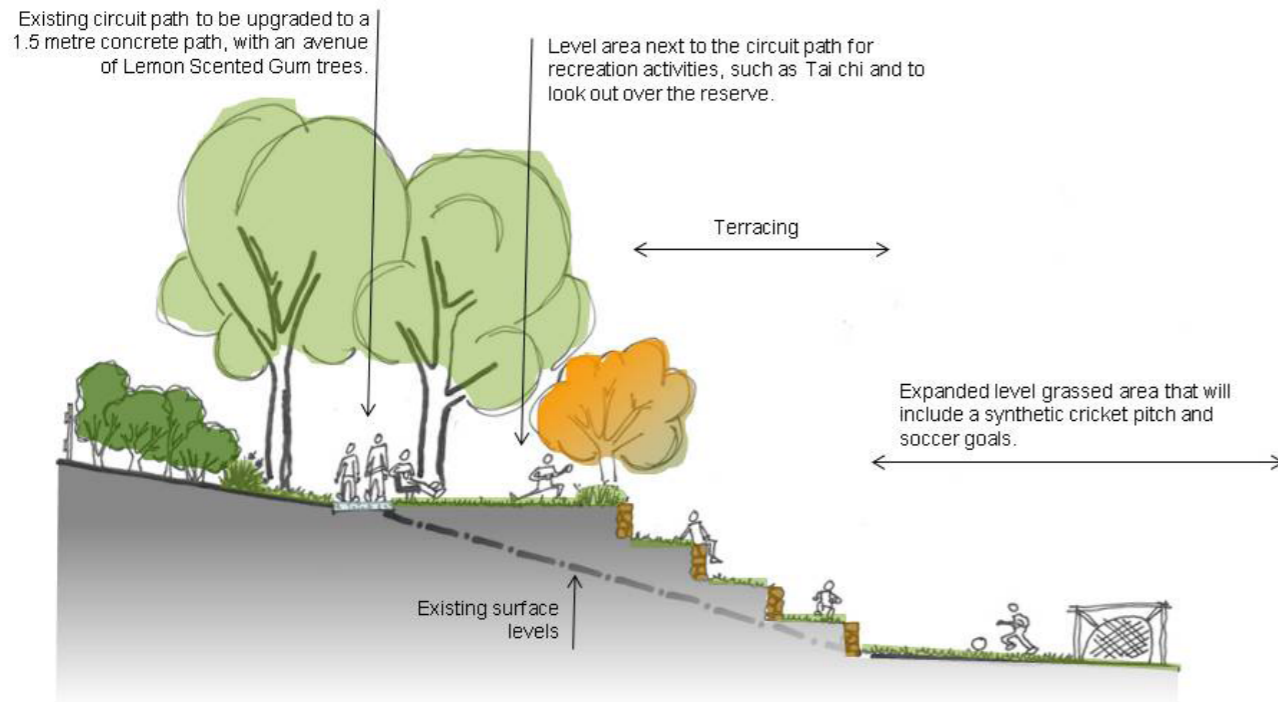


Lawford Reserve

TERRACING – CROSS SECTION



PLAYSPACE – CROSS SECTION



For more information and to have your say on the draft Lawford Reserve Plan, visit www.yoursaymanningham.com.au/lawford-reserve Submissions close on Monday 6 June 2016.

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Draft Lawford Reserve Plan

Council has prepared a draft plan for Lawford Reserve in Doncaster and is inviting comments from the community.

Located between Westfield Doncaster and the Tullamore Estate, Lawford Reserve in Doncaster is a district reserve that has been highlighted for improvement in a number of key Council plans, including the Doncaster Hill Urban Master Plan, Open Space Strategy, Manningham Bicycle Strategy and the Doncaster Hill Public Art Master Plan.

The draft plan has been based on feedback received from the community during 2015 on what they value in open spaces and would like to see at Lawford Reserve. The feedback showed that local residents and visitors loved large trees and green open spaces for walking, exercise, ball play and dogs.

Some of the highlights of the draft plan include:

- Earth shaping and terracing to create more level useable areas within the reserve
- Increased on-street parking including disabled parking spaces
- New shared path for pedestrians and cyclists
- Avenue planting and upgrades around the existing circuit path
- Two additional entrance paths from the new street frontage along the western boundary (near Tullamore Estate)
- Relocating the playspace to the east of the existing play equipment and upgrading it to include climbing nets, swings and natural elements such as sand, water, rocks and planting
- A new paved multi-use space incorporating relocated basketball half court, skateable elements, scooter and bike play area and a rebound wall for ball play
- New picnic and barbecue shelter
- New public toilets
- Public art elements
- Lots of seating and additional planting.

Please note: no changes are proposed to the existing off-leash dog controls within Lawford Reserve except within 15 metres of the proposed barbecue area.

Feedback received in relation to the draft plan will help inform the final plan for Lawford Reserve.

Construction works are expected to start during the 2016/17 financial year and Council has allocated funds as part of its Capital Works Program over the next three years for this major upgrade.



Have your say

Submissions on the Lawford Reserve Plan must be made in writing either:

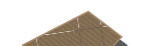

- **Online** at www.yoursaymanningham.com.au/lawford-reserve
- **By mail** to Vivien Williamson, Manager Economic and Environmental Planning, PO Box 1, Doncaster VIC 3108

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- 1 New 90 degree parking including disabled parking spaces
- 2 Public toilets with accessible connecting paths
- 3 Existing circuit path to be upgraded to a 1.5 metre concrete path, with an avenue of Lemon Scented Gum trees
- 4 Upgraded playspace
- 5 Expanded level grassed area that will include a synthetic cricket pitch and soccer goals
- 6 Terraced walls or stone retaining walls
- 7 Relocated basketball half court
- 8 New paved multi-use space with skateable elements, scooter and bike play area, and rebound wall for ball play
- 9 Level area adjoining the circuit path for recreation activities such as tai chi and to look out over the reserve
- 10 Additional planting including trees and shrubs
- 11 New entrances to the reserve from future residential street
- 12 New shared path linkage from future open space areas
- 13 Barbecue, picnic shelter, seating walls and picnic settings.

 LAWFORD RESERVE	 PLAYSPACE	 TERRACES, RETAINING WALLS, SEAT WALLS, STEPS	 SEATING
 ENLARGED LEVEL GRASSED AREA	 PAVED MULTIUSE AREA	 UPGRADED EXISTING PATH	 EXISTING TREES
 DRAINAGE LINE (WET IN WINTER)	 BARBECUE AND PICNIC SHELTER	 PROPOSED PATH	 PROPOSED TREES

TERRACING AND PLAYSPACE CROSS SECTIONS OVERLEAF

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1.	<p>I use the existing path in the reserve to cycle from Rathmullen Quad through the reserve to Bayley Grove (and back again) twice or three times a week on my way to the Main Yarra Trail.</p> <p>Please schedule the works so that this path is always open in at least one direction throughout the period of the works.</p> <p>When the new path from the reserve through the golf course to Golf Course Avenue is complete this will improve my ride. Please prioritise this path; otherwise, as I am 73 years old, I shall likely be decrepit or dead before I can enjoy it.</p>	<p>The shared path will be a priority; this request is noted and we will endeavour to keep paths and sections of the park open for use throughout construction if possible.</p>	<p>No change to draft Plan. Request re scheduling of works will be accommodated if possible at the construction phase.</p>
2.	<p>Having seen the updated Lawford reserve plan there seems to have been no change from the initial proposal so not sure why we are being asked again if no-one is looking at the feedback. To Anna's credit the mowing has been far better as is the repaired bridge.</p> <p>The idea of art installations has luckily fallen off the draft.</p> <p>Just to go through the motions again. Toilet block, picnic shelter and BBQs will only add to the rubbish that is always at this end of the park. Unless the upkeep of the park is dramatically increased these proposals would be significantly detrimental to the park and the surrounding neighborhood. I believe they are totally inappropriate for a park of this size.</p>	<p>Less than 40 suggestions or objections were received in the initial consultation, so major changes to a plan sent to over 2000 households were not warranted. It is also important to note that Council frequently receives conflicting comments, so it is not always possible to address all feedback.</p> <p>The initial consultation indicated a lack of interest or support for public art; in response this component was removed from the plan. Funds will instead be invested in quality design elements such as custom seating or paving details.</p> <p>Toilet facilities were supported by the majority of respondents to the initial consultation. Picnic shelters and barbecues were supported by the majority of respondents to the initial consultation. They are appropriate in a reserve of this size, especially in an area with high numbers of apartments meaning residents will have limited private open space. Despite some locals feeling this is a small reserve, it is some 21,000m², more than ten times the area Council seeks for a viable neighbourhood park, and is classified as a District</p>	<p>No change.</p>

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	<p>If the paths are 1.5 metres wide and concrete surely this is sufficient biking and skating area without reducing the size of the free play space and introducing yet another area for rubbish to collect.</p> <p>There is only 1 rubbish bin in the existing park. Are there plans for more?</p> <p>Near the existing children’s play area the drain grate is unbolted and a real danger to small children if bumped.</p> <p>The pine trees on the western boundary need to be removed (in Tullamore Estate). Since the original draft a large tree has fallen and another few are dead and will fall shortly. The tree took over a month to be removed. There are dead branches hanging up in these trees after the last fall so yet another potential danger to increased patronage.</p> <p>Can the terracing area be mowed? Are they going to be sufficiently low that they are not a danger to small children.</p> <p>Any tree especially along the southern boundary has had its crown broken out. Any planting needs to be such that it is not easily vandalized or damaged.</p>	<p>Reserve. Additional facilities are provided where possible as they encourage increased use of reserves, with health and wellbeing benefits for the Manningham community.</p> <p>1.5m width paths are for pedestrians only (and cyclists under 12 years old). Shared paths for pedestrians and cyclists are 2.5m width, in accordance with VicRoads standards. Council does not support skate use of urban facilities, so dedicated areas need to be provided for this activity.</p> <p>Bins will be provided.</p> <p>This has been repaired.</p> <p>Pine trees will be removed in the Tullamore Estate.</p> <p>Terracing will be mowable grass or, if this not possible, an alternative planted surface will be provided. Terracing heights will comply with Australian standards for acceptable fall heights.</p> <p>Council’s arborist conducts regular inspections and the situation will be thoroughly reviewed when landscape works commence. The final planting design will also plan for planting succession as existing trees age or structural issues arise.</p>	<p>Proposed Change A Annotations to indicate provision of bins</p>

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	<p>Lawford street is not a collection point for shopping trolleys dumped from Shopping town as people make their way home. This is especially bad just opposite the old gym, the start of Rathmullen Quadrant and next to the park itself. The shopping centre needs to be help more responsible for collecting these.</p> <p>The park is used extensively for dog walking both on and off lead. With toilets, bbqs and a skate area at each extremity of the park you are significantly reducing area where dogs can safely be let off the lead away from people.</p>	<p>Westfield has been contacted and advised their tenants.</p> <p>Dog controls will only change minimally - on lead within 15 metres of the new barbecue.</p>	
3.	<p>The skate area is a much needed in the area. Hopefully it will be at least as big as Bulleen bowl</p>	<p>Support noted. It is not proposed to provide a skateable space the scale of that at Bulleen. To complement Warrandyte and Bulleen skate parks, this space will have a different, urban character, and at this stage it is estimated that it will be approximately 300m², though this area will adjoin the basketball half court.</p>	No change.
4.	<p>We support the development proposed by council for the Lawford Reserve.</p> <p>We do however have the following comments related to the development.</p> <p>Our first concern is the location of the toilet facility at the end of Lawford Street. Lawford Reserve has operated without a toilet for the 47 years that our family has owned its property in Rathmullen Quadrant. Why is a toilet required now ?</p> <p>If there has to be a toilet why locate it at the Lawford Steet back end of the park which will ultimately connect to the larger recreational space in the Mirvac development.</p> <p>Why locate a toilet in an area close to the Shoppingtown Hotel and close to existing public housing when there is a likelihood of it being vandalised and used for drug related activities?</p> <p>What protection is offered for local residents against misuse of</p>	<p>Support noted.</p> <p>Toilets were supported by the majority of respondents in the initial consultation on this project; they are particularly needed for our oldest and youngest residents, and enable local park users who live further from the park to stay longer. They are also appropriate in a district-level reserve and are responding to changing levels of private open space. Design will follow <i>Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design</i> principles; we also liaise with local police on design. The toilets will be locked overnight.</p>	No change.

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	<p>the facility for example safety lighting, CCTV monitoring? What protection will ensure that the toilet is not vandalised and that it cannot be accessed outside daylight hours ? I am also concerned about the maintenance of the toilet. At Ashburton shopping centre, the toilet is constantly blocked. In Balwyn Village the public toilet is locked shut after requiring maintenance and, after many months, is yet to reopen. Admittedly this is a different council however the problems remain the same. Lawford street is a quiet park so far, after the recent incident in Elgar park, I feel any public toilet should be located where there is a high volume of car traffic such as close to the Service station in Bayley Grove not in a situation backing on to residents properties where there is ample opportunity for illegal activities in and behind the structure. Many of the properties in this location have very young children and this location results in a serious threat to children playing in the park. Every public toilet attracts a number of undesirables and the lack of foot or car/ traffic means that this building will be a problem for families whose homes back on to the park. I urge Manningham Council to reconsider the location of this facility.</p> <p>My second concern is the lack of sun protection awnings or shade provided around the children’s play equipment. This year we have seen longer, hotter seasons and as many people from the Tullamore Development and from the extensive flat developments on Doncaster Hill will no doubt use the newly improved park facilities, it seems there is little or no provision for shade. It would seem that good protection from the high UV we now experience should be paramount to any play development planned for this area.</p> <p>I must reiterate how wonderful it is to see Manningham Council</p>	<p>It has not yet been determined whether this will be an automated toilet or manually maintained; options will be reviewed to deliver the most suitable result.</p> <p>Shade will be provided at the picnic shelter, and natural shade will be designed via planting, though this will take some years to reach maturity. Grants for shade provision are periodically available and this site will be considered a priority should this opportunity arise.</p> <p>Support noted.</p>	

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	actively redeveloping this increasingly important green wedge of Doncaster Hill.		
5.	Looks very good. Get underway as soon as you can.	Support noted.	No change.
6.	It looks wonderful - I can't wait! Many thanks. :)	Support noted.	No change.
7.	The proposed plans look great. We have lived in the area for over 30 years. We have used the reserve a great deal, when we had young children. It has served us well, but the update is fine. Well done.	Support noted.	No change.
	Generally very good. I would like to suggest you also include a NETBALL circle and ring at the park. This would encourage more girls to get exercise. I'm sure the basketball ring will be constantly busy predominantly with boys, so to have an activity more suited to girls would be a great asset. As you can imagine, girls would be intimidated if they tried to use the basketball ring at the same time as boys. Thankyou.	Support noted. A netball ring is a good and affordable suggestion and inclusion is supported.	Proposed Change B Inclusion of a netball ring at the basketball half court
8.	Just by viewing the map / plan of the redevelopment, I can already see some concerning aspects. I ask that you strongly reconsider the plans for the proposed redevelopment with a greater emphasis on safety and security elements to the park and the surrounding homes. I made a prior submission in the previous stage and I raised the point, that this park is a small and quiet park for locals, rather than a large park that one drives to, like Ruffey Lake Park. Firstly, those attending the park live in the surrounding streets and so do not need public toilets and these might attract antisocial behaviour - especially after dark.	The Reserve has an area of some 21,000m ² , more than ten times the area Council seeks for a viable neighbourhood park, and is classified as a District Reserve. Additional facilities are provided where possible as they encourage increased use of reserves, with health and wellbeing benefits for the Manningham community. Toilet facilities were supported by the majority of respondents to the initial consultation. They are also important from an equity perspective: they are needed particularly for our oldest and youngest residents, and enable park users who live further from the park to stay longer. Design of all elements will follow <i>Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design</i> principles; Council also	

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	<p>I do not think it wise to put a 'patch' of shrubs around an entry / exit point with a narrow pathway and limited visibility (point 10) as I think that walking through bushy areas invites problems.</p> <p>There is not lighting or mood lighting or safety and security features proposed and that is the major concern for myself and my neighbours. I would not dare walk close to the park in its current state after dark.</p> <p>Please don't waste precious money on tacky C-grade public 'art'. That money could be better used to benefit the users of the park, rather than a clique of 'artists'. Children don't come to a park to look at 'installation' art. They come to get fresh air, play, and exercise. Adults come to walk and might come to rest or read a book. After seeing 'artwork' once, it gets ignored and it then loses its value to those frequenting the park. Please do not waste money or tacky murals or some other 'community art'. For those of us interested in art, we go to the NGV or any of the galleries in Melbourne to appreciate genuine art - not the local neighbourhood park.</p> <p>The homes closest to the public toilet block might not appreciate the smells and other impacts of such amenities on a small neighbourhood park.</p> <p>Historically, the car parks currently available have been used by those parking to walk up the street to Doncaster Shoppingtown,</p>	<p>liaises with local police on design. Toilets will be locked overnight. It has not yet been determined whether this will be an automated toilet or manually maintained; Council will review options to deliver the most suitable outcome.</p> <p>Planting close to paths will be limited to plants less than one metre in height and clean-trunked canopy trees in order to retain sight lines. It is agreed that tall shrubs are not appropriate close to paths, and this is not proposed.</p> <p>Lighting will be provided along the shared path, in accordance with Council guidelines.</p> <p>The initial consultation indicated a lack of interest or support for public art and a public art component was subsequently not included in the draft Plan. Funds will instead be invested in quality design elements such as custom seating or paving details.</p> <p>Carparking will include disabled parking bay/s, and will be time restricted to make it unfavourable for use by</p>	

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	<p>rather than locals from the side streets visiting, exercising or walking through the park.</p> <p>The green space adjacent to the park does not seem to be set for any improvements and as it is somewhat removed from the remainder of the park, it will likely be lost space that could have been redeveloped for some useful purpose (communal garden, water feature with reading area, cool sheltered zone etc.)</p> <p>The planned BBQ area is right next to homes and they might not appreciate this. However, if it will be close to homes anyway, it would make better sense to position it close to the car park, rather than overlooking the sport and play areas. People don't eat and play. They play and then eat. Tables, chairs, a sheltered zone with interesting design for installation art / cafe solution like in King's Domain might work better.</p> <p>There is no cooling feature or water feature for the long hot summer months and this could be done in an environmentally friendly and water-wise manner.</p>	<p>shoppers.</p> <p>The area at the eastern end was left undeveloped to minimise impact on adjoining residents, and to allow space to accommodate new needs in the future.</p> <p>Picnic shelters and barbecues were supported by the majority of respondents to the initial consultation. They are appropriate in a reserve of this size, especially in an area with high numbers of apartments meaning residents will have limited private open space. The barbecue and picnic shelter is proposed in the current location for a number of reasons, including: they are not too close to private residences, they will encourage use of an underutilised corner of the reserve, they are in an elevated location allowing views across the playspace and informal oval, they provide a rest point adjacent to the shared path, and they will not encroach on the informal oval space.</p> <p>A fountain or water feature is not achievable within the existing budget for this district reserve, but if possible a small water element will be included in the upgraded playspace to encourage sensory play.</p>	
9.	<p>I like the fact that you are upgrading the reserve and putting in more play areas for children and teenagers.</p> <p>By paving the path, it will be fine for walking but not as nice for runners, as the lilydale topping is softer on the knees. But as an access route, paving is probably better. As you are taking out the running track have you thought of putting in some outdoor gym equipment? If you are spending this much on an upgrade, then a little more for some adult fitness equipment would be nice. I</p>	<p>Support noted.</p> <p>Outdoor fitness equipment would have been appropriate here, but is to be provided nearby within the new open space in the Tullamore Estate. As such, equipment here is not considered to be warranted.</p>	No change.

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	<p>personally don't like exercising in an indoor gym Either something like these http://concreteplayground.com/sydney/travel-leisure/the-ten-best-outdoor-gyms-in-sydney/ Or a trail around the walking track with exercise stations, like chin up bars, hurdles etc. with some suggestions of exercises that people can do. This needs to be separate from the children's play area - for child protection issues.</p>		
10.	<p>1. My main concern is about the choice of Lemon Scented Gums. There is a romanticism about them but they are the most inflammable of trees, they provide only 20% shade canopy because their leaves hang down and they are shallow rooted and blow over in a storm. Some fast growing alternatives would be the Black Booyong (Argyrodendron actinophyllum) or the Australian Red Cedar (Toona ciliata)</p> <p>2.As a walker I do find 'shared paths' fairly dangerous as many bike riders do not want to share. I have had a walking companion badly injured by a bike. There may be some way of keeping them separate.</p>	<p>The suggested tree species and concerns regarding Lemon Scented Gum have been discussed with our arborist, who is satisfied that these are an acceptable species.</p> <p>In recognition of these types of concerns around shared paths, the shared path has already been separated from the circuit path for as much of its length as possible.</p>	No change.
11.	<p>I don't think you understand that people's houses back onto this narrow park. Barbecues being used will mean we can't hang our washing on the clothesline as the smoke and smells will permeate them. Toilets will encourage loitering and possibly drugs which means that young children will no longer be able to play safely.</p>	<p>Picnic shelters and barbecues were supported by the majority of respondents to the initial consultation. Barbecues are typically used for limited periods at predictable times. Council has not experienced smoke or smell issues for adjacent residents previously in Manningham, so these issues are not anticipated. Toilet facilities were supported by the majority of respondents to the initial consultation. They are also important from an equity perspective: they are needed for our oldest and youngest residents, and enable local residents who live further from the park to stay longer.</p>	No change.

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	<p>We love this park because it is safe and children can play unfettered by adult constraints eg there is a net so climb that, this is a skate rink so skate there..... At the moment children roll down the incline giggling happily, play with a soccer ball around the trees, play chasey, pretend there is a troll under the bridge..... all things that they make up themselves. This is important for their play but it will all be gone if all this equipment is added. When they want to play the other way we take them to parks that already have these facilities.</p> <p>There are many more reasons to keep this park simple - please please be aware that as houses back directly onto this park we want it to remain quiet and un-smoky.</p>	<p>Design of all elements will follow <i>Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design</i> principles; Council also liaises with local police on design. Toilets will be locked overnight. It has not yet been determined whether this will be an automated toilet or manually maintained; we will review options to deliver the most amenable result.</p> <p>Additional facilities are provided where possible as they encourage increased use of reserves, with health and wellbeing benefits for the Manningham community. Local population will increase and usage of the park with it; these upgrades are intended to ensure that the park can happily accommodate all who need this reserve and there will still be plenty of opportunities for informal recreation within the Reserve.</p>	
12.	<p>The main issue is trying to combine skating area with other elements. If you're going to build a skate park, build a park and commit to that environment. Having other elements in among a skate area not only creates a hazard and unsafe area for the people skating but the other people involved with the other activity. Especially at times when skate parks get busy, it's hard enough predicting what skaters are going to do. So a good distinction between areas would be beneficial for the safety of everyone. While the Bullen Bowl upgrade was well needed, it's still not the park that will stay utilized all the time for various reasons. While Warrandyte is considered one of the lowest rated skate parks in Melbourne. I understand these things cost money but if you are going to invest people's time and money</p>	<p>Comment noted, will consider further at the detailed design of this skateable element.</p>	<p>No change for the overall plan; detailed design of this element will consider this feedback.</p>

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	into skateboarding, you have to do it right or it ends up wasted slabs of concrete that no one will use.		
13.	We strongly advocate an outdoor walking track with shock absorbing material and a UV protected top cover and sufficient lighting at night or an indoor walking track open till late so that people can enjoy the walk in an all weather proof environment.	The elements proposed are not in keeping with the character of this reserve, but the interest in these facilities has been noted. Shopping malls offer indoor walking activities, and Manningham's athletics track is located in Doncaster, at Rieschiecks Reserve.	No change.
14.	Outdoor covered cinema stage. Function events centre.	While these elements are beyond the scope of this project, there is potential for the terraced area will act as an informal amphitheatre which could accommodate events such as outdoor cinema for the local community.	No change.
15.	Great new plan and looking forward to the new play area for the kids!	Support noted.	No change.
16.	<p>Obviously a lot of planning has gone into this. This has always been a much coveted and loved Local park and we are therefore very protective of it and any plans that Council may have. The park was a gift to the local people when Mr Bob Lawford sold his orchard which was then developed. Just a few comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • we appreciate the plan for more trees very much as so many birds will have to relocate now that we have lost our golf links. • extra seating is also appreciated as several elderly people walk this circuit and now perhaps they can walk a bit further. <p>Several parts of the plan however are disappointing;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • extra parking in Lawford will be used by shoppers/workers at Shoppingtown, that end of the street is already fully parked and the new plan takes some of our park which is unfair. • the basketball half court should stay where it is! Moving it to the new planned position just creates more noise in another part of the park. This park needs to be a quiet, natural, space to get away from all the concrete and noise 	<p>Support for trees and seating noted.</p> <p>Carparking will remain fully within the road reserve. Carparking will include disabled parking bay/s, and will be time restricted to make it unfavourable for use by shoppers.</p> <p>The proposed basketball location is further from adjacent residences than the current location, so noise for adjoining residences overall will be reduced by relocation.</p>	<p>Proposed Change C Annotations to indicate provision of sensory planting around the play area.</p> <p>Proposed Change D Annotations to indicate provision of drinking fountains, including dog water bowls.</p>

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	<p>that seems to enclose us these days. The busy part of the park needs to stay where it is not be spread around. Dogs can be on lead at this end and off at the other.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toilets are not needed as this is a local park that has survived without all these years. Toilets often bring undesirable elements eg graffiti, attacks on children – we don't want to encourage either. • I would query the need for barbecues or shelters as local people tend to just want to walk, sit or take children to play. In the planned position it is too close to the houses and would need to be the other side of the path. Tables are fine for parents to sit and watch children play. <p>Lawford Reserve is a local park. If people are going to drive to a park for the day they will go to Ruffey Lake Park which is so much bigger. As our park is tucked away we do not see the need for public art, it would be a waste of money. I know it has been explained that developers have to give money for art works but it would be better spent of trees and greenery to give us the calm and serenity that they are taking from us. As locals we aren't asking for thousands of dollars to be spent on our park – we just need more trees and seats, then please just</p>	<p>Dog controls will only change minimally: on lead within 15 metres of the barbecue.</p> <p>Toilet facilities were supported by the majority of respondents to the initial consultation. They are also important from an equity perspective: they are particularly needed for our oldest and youngest residents, and enable local residents who live further from the park to stay longer. Design of all elements will follow <i>Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design</i> principles; we also liaise with local police on design. Toilets will be locked overnight. It has not yet been determined whether this will be an automated toilet or manually maintained; we will review options to deliver the most amenable result.</p> <p>Additional facilities such as barbecues and shelters are provided where possible as they encourage increased use of reserves, with health and wellbeing benefits for the Manningham community. Local population will increase and usage of the park with it; these upgrades are intended to ensure that the park can happily accommodate all who need this reserve.</p> <p>Public art is not proposed in the draft plan.</p>	

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	<p>let us be. We don't need concrete for skate boards and bikes. The plan to upgrade the play space is a positive move especially with the addition of sensory areas as these are a vital part of children's development. Perhaps the planting here can be sensory (smell and touch).</p> <p>A last thought...instead of sculptures/art work, we would appreciate maybe two drink taps that have a built in dog bowl underneath. There is an amazing one in the park by Como House, I could go and take a photo for you if that would help. The bowl has a small hole that drains the water away slowly so that the bowl doesn't become full of dirty water. We appreciate your work but do not wish our park to be overdeveloped.</p>	<p>Support for the play space is noted.</p> <p>Sensory planting and other materials are standard features we now include in all playspace designs where possible. Safety, maintenance and hardiness are also important considerations in plant selection around areas of intensive play.</p> <p>Drinking fountains with dog bowls would have been included at the detailed design stage, but can be confirmed via the final plan.</p>	
17.	<p>It is reprehensible that Council could consider the installation of a skate park in Lawford Reserve. This is a severe, detrimental and unacceptable change to Lawford Reserve. There clearly are many issues and residents are prepared to take every legal action available to ensure proper legal processes and requirements are adhered to - not least being the proposal to place such a facility within metres of residential properties. Lawford Reserve is surrounded by homes on all sides - this will also include the new homes on the western side of the reserve within the Mirvac estate. The diagram on the back page of the draft Lawford Reserve plan fails to show the skate park layout. Please provide the dimensions - the diagram inside of the combined skate park and basketball court fails to advise the dimensions also. A substantial portion of Lawford Reserve's precious open green grassland would be excavated to make way for a massive concrete bunker. It becomes an immediate public hazard for all park users and especially dog</p>	<p>Despite some locals feeling this is a small reserve, it is some 21,000m², more than ten times the area Council seeks for a viable neighbourhood park, and is classified as a District Reserve. Additional facilities are provided where possible as they encourage increased use of reserves, with health and wellbeing benefits for the Manningham community.</p> <p>YMCA and resident requests support provision for skate in Doncaster. To complement Warrandyte and Bulleen skate parks, this space will have a different, urban character, and at this stage we estimate it will be approximately 300m², though this area will adjoin the basketball half court. This represents less than 2% of Lawford Reserve's area, is a similar area to the Warrandyte Skate Park, and smaller than Bulleen Bowl.</p>	No change.

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	<p>owners in an off- leash park. As the Responsible Authority you have a duty of care to mitigate negligence. The excruciating noise that a skate park/basketball court would create singly, let alone together, would create an unacceptable level of increased decibel noises - a substantial impact on the amenity of our home and for park users in general. This proposal would destroy the much loved characteristics of this park, its peace and tranquillity. Council consultation will show that Lawford Reserve is consistently used by residents to exercise, dog owners are mindful of responsible ownership in an off-leash park but do not expect dog owners to be able to control a situation where you have left no clear area for dogs to run freely without crashing into a skate park, cricket pitch, children's play area and a BBQ area - and the increased pedestrian/cycling traffic that will be created with the Mirvac Estate. With the EXTENSIVE changes you are proposing there is nowhere for dogs to run off-leash safely. The skate park proposal is the last straw. This excessive proposal is not acceptable to the majority of the residential community I have spoken to. Ruffey Lake Park or Westerfolds Park is far greater in space for such an activity to be considered. Council should be ashamed to even consider ruining the whole of one park for all of its patrons for the sake of a few. If you were to google skate boarding today it is noted that this activity is declining in usage.</p>	<p>No concerns have been raised regarding noise from the existing basketball court. Council does not have issues regarding noise from existing skate facilities in the municipality. Landform, seat walls and planting will screen some paved areas, while retaining sufficient visibility for safety.</p> <p>Basketball, cricket pitch and a children's play area already exist in Lawford Reserve.</p> <p>Initial consultation did not identify any issues with current dog walking arrangements, so Lawford Reserve will remain an off lead reserve, except within 15m of the playspace and barbecue.</p>	
18.	<p>The Draft Plan refuses to acknowledge that Lawford Reserve is a small park incapable of serving every whim of the local residents.</p> <p>It is principally a passive space that residents have cherished</p>	<p>Despite some locals feeling this is a small reserve, it is some 21,000m², more than ten times the area Council seeks for a viable neighbourhood park, and is classified as a District Reserve. Additional facilities are provided where possible as they encourage increased use of reserves, with health and wellbeing benefits for the Manningham community.</p> <p>Picnic shelters and barbecues were supported by the</p>	No change.

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	<p>for over 50 years. The idea of BBQ toilets and shelter is so unsuitable for this small park.</p> <p>The very local residents of 50+ years informed you and Council Officers at a recent meeting that the suggested area 13 has been a frequented area for drug users. Adding toilets in particular will only add to that danger.</p> <p>We believe Tullamore development are providing bbq facilities on their estate. Therefore Council does not need to spoil our passive park. It is simply overdevelopment.</p> <p>The extra trees and seats will be most welcome.</p>	<p>majority of respondents to the initial consultation. They are appropriate in a reserve of this size, especially in an area with high numbers of apartments such as Doncaster Hill, meaning residents may not have private open space. The planting bed near the proposed shelter will be refreshed and dense screen planting will be removed.</p> <p>Design of all elements will follow <i>Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design</i> principles; we also liaise with local police on design.</p> <p>Toilet facilities were supported by the majority of respondents to the initial consultation. They are also important from an equity perspective: they are needed for our oldest and youngest residents, and enable local residents who live further from the park to stay longer. Toilets will be locked overnight.</p> <p>Support for trees and seating is noted.</p>	
19.	<p>I have lived at my address for over 50 years and used Lawford park most days for a walk and to walk my dog. The Lawford Reserve Plan I received was just awful as do most of the people in this street who use it.</p> <p>We do not need parking as the area you have planned is encroaching on park land. At the end near there are cars parked all day belonging to people at Shoppingtown.</p> <p>Also there is playspace for children and we do not need a basketball court and rebound wall or cricket pitch and soccer and goal posts.</p>	<p>Carparking will remain fully within the road reserve. Carparking will include disabled parking bay/s, and will be time restricted to make it unfavourable for use by shoppers.</p> <p>The current play equipment was installed in 1995. It is over 20 years old and due for replacement. The basketball half court and cricket pitch are already present in the reserve and utilised. Visitors have been observed playing soccer on and around the play</p>	<p>Proposed Change E Annotation to indicate time restrictions for the proposed car park.</p>

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	<p>Most people have dogs as it is an off lead park.</p> <p>Most locals bring their own barbeque and chairs...shelters shall not needed.</p> <p>It would be much better to use the money for their planning for other things (apparently it is 1.1 million) Originally we spoke to a Council officer about changes, but it seems that residents don't count.</p>	<p>equipment. Rebound wall (6 respondents), soccer goals (8) and badminton/volleyball nets (5) were requested via the initial round of consultation.</p> <p>Initial consultation did not identify any issues with current dog walking arrangements, so Lawford Reserve will remain an off lead reserve, except within 15m of the playspace and barbecue.</p> <p>Picnic shelters and barbecues were supported by the majority of respondents to the initial consultation.</p>	
20.	<p>While we agree with most of the proposed changes, we strongly oppose the erection of a multi - use space with skateable elements, scooter and bike area and a rebound wall and basketball hoop in the south-west of the park. The noise from such an area would be unacceptable. Leave the basketball ring where it is now, and erect other areas for skateboards, scooters and bikes in a much larger park - e.g. Ruffey Lake Park.</p>	<p>YMCA and resident requests support provision for skate in Doncaster. Council does not have issues regarding noise from our existing skate facilities.</p>	No change.
21.	<p>(Summarised phone conversation) Suggestion that skate facility could be provided by utilising the existing gully to create a linear curved sloping paved bowl, drawing on the existing features of the reserve.</p>	<p>Bowl-style skate facilities have recently been upgraded in Bulleen (Swanston Reserve). To complement Warrandyte and Bulleen skate parks, this space will have a different, urban character, which is also needed as skating is not permitted on existing urban elements in Manningham.</p>	No change.
22.	<p>(Summarised phone conversation) Not objecting to any of the the features proposed, but would strongly support amending the location of the skateable space to the eastern end of the Reserve, leaving the western half as a quieter green space.</p>	<p>While there would be some benefits to co-location of the play spaces, it was felt that location of the skate space at the eastern end of the reserve would be too close to existing residences, on Rathmullen Quadrant and Lawford Street, given that some residents raised fears around noise.</p>	No change.















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23.	Additional suggestion: Consideration of AFL goal posts for practice.	-	Proposed Change F Annotation to indicate inclusion of goal posts.



- 1 New 90 degree **time restricted** parking including disabled parking spaces **E**
- 2 Public toilets with accessible connecting paths
- 3 Existing circuit path to be upgraded to a 1.5 metre concrete path, with **drinking fountains with dog bowls** and an avenue of Lemon Scented Gum trees **D**
- 4 Upgraded playspace **including sensory planting** **C**
- 5 Expanded level grassed area that will include a synthetic cricket pitch and **soccer goal posts** **F**
- 6 Terraced walls or stone retaining walls
- 7 Relocated basketball half court **including a new netball ring** **B**
- 8 New paved multi-use space with skateable elements, scooter and bike play area, and rebound wall for ball play
- 9 Level area adjoining the circuit path for recreation activities such as tai chi and to look out over the reserve
- 10 Additional planting including trees and shrubs
- 11 New entrances to the reserve from future residential street
- 12 New shared path linkage from future open space areas
- 13 Barbecue, picnic shelter, seating walls and picnic settings. **A**

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 ENLARGED LEVEL GRASSED AREA	 PAVED MULTIUSE AREA	 UPGRADED EXISTING PATH	 EXISTING TREES		
 DRAINAGE LINE (WET IN WINTER)	 BARBECUE AND PICNIC SHELTER	 PROPOSED PATH	 PROPOSED TREES		