



INNER WEST COUNCIL

Sutherland Reserve Playground

Community Engagement Summary

February 2019

How you responded

We heard from you through 20 submissions and one phone call.

Detailed responses were received which showed the reserve is highly valued by residents. They included a range of suggestions and priorities for the upgrading as summarised below.



Sutherland Reserve is valued for its playground provision and accessibility from both Carshalton Street and Holborow Street. The park was appreciated for having play equipment for children up to the age of 4, the most common ages of the children taken to the park are toddlers however the park is also used by preschoolers and primary school aged children for which there is no current play provision.

Respondents commented on safety concerns associated with vehicles and the proximity of private driveways to the play area in addition to cars parking on the grass. To resolve issues with vehicles, fencing to separate cars from the play area was proposed. There were some concerns regarding the congregation of youth at the park at night, low planting and good visibility through the site was proposed to mitigate this. One respondent was not in favour of the installation of swings due to a previous issue with local people using the equipment for weight training. A comment was also received requesting the review of the barriers within the park.

The most popular options for play equipment were swings, a multiplay unit, a slide, a climbing rope and imaginative play with a lower number of requests for monkey bars, spinning equipment and a rocker.

Nearly half of the respondents requested nature based play elements.
Other comments/suggestions:

- Shade
- Trees
- Planting
- Seating
- No ball games and no parking signage
- Fenced play area
- Mural
- Bins
- Bubbler