# Engagement outcomes report

# Improving Dalhousie Street, Haberfield

## Summary

Council engaged residents, tenants, owners and businesses regarding the proposed improvements to Dalhousie Street between Ramsay Street and Waratah Street. Works included:

* Resurfacing the roadway
* Upgrading existing drainage
* Reconstructing the footpath, kerb and gutter
* Kerb extensions, associated signposting and line marking
* Enhancing the streetscape with a new grass verge
* Additional tree planting on both sides of the road
* Upgrade existing traffic facilities and provide kerb extensions to increase pedestrian safety.

Feedback was received via Your Say Inner West between 27 August and 18 September 2019. The project page received 111 visits and nine individuals provided feedback. Respondents were predominately from the immediately impacted areas, including six from Haberfield, and one each from Ashfield, St Peters and Glebe. All respondents supported the proposal and provided additional comments about landscaping, surfacing and signage.

## Background

Over several years, Council has received several requests from the residents of Dalhousie Street, Haberfield to improve the street. Their concerns included damaged footpaths, kerbs and gutters, and the quality of the road surface. Residents also reported issues with flooding in the street. Council’s Infrastructure Planning team have assessed and prioritised this local road improvement project.

Detailed designs were developed for the community to provide feedback on. Their feedback, captured in this report, will be considered when preparing the final design between Ramsay Street and Waratah Street.

## Engagement methods and promotion

Consultation was undertaken with the owners and occupiers of properties adjacent to the construction plans. Occupiers of properties were informed of the proposed works via letter. 188 letters were sent with the opportunity to provide feedback through Your Say Inner West. It was also promoted via Council’s corporate website and on the Your Say Inner West newsfeed for the duration of the consultation period.

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What did we hear?

Overall the nine respondents supported the improvements. Key concerns that directly relate to the proposed improvements include:

* One resident expressed their support for more trees and landscaping because it would improve water absorption.
* One respondent was concerned about signage for ‘no parking’ and ‘no stopping’ areas near bus zones
* One respondent was concerned about maintaining the existing sandstone surfaces
* One respondent was concerned about safety for prams and bikes with the existing 40mm driveway lip.
* One respondent was concerned about how the length of medium strips could improve pedestrian safety.

There were three concerns that are out of scope of the proposed works. These have been noted:

* One respondent requested a slower speed zone.
* One respondent suggested the relocation of a raised crossing.
* Three respondents were interested in broader traffic management. Two of these were focused on bike facilities for the Haberfield area, including signage, markings and bike racks. The third was concerned about broader connections, such as those impacted by WestConnex.