

Dog Park at Thomas Oval - Draft Concept Plan

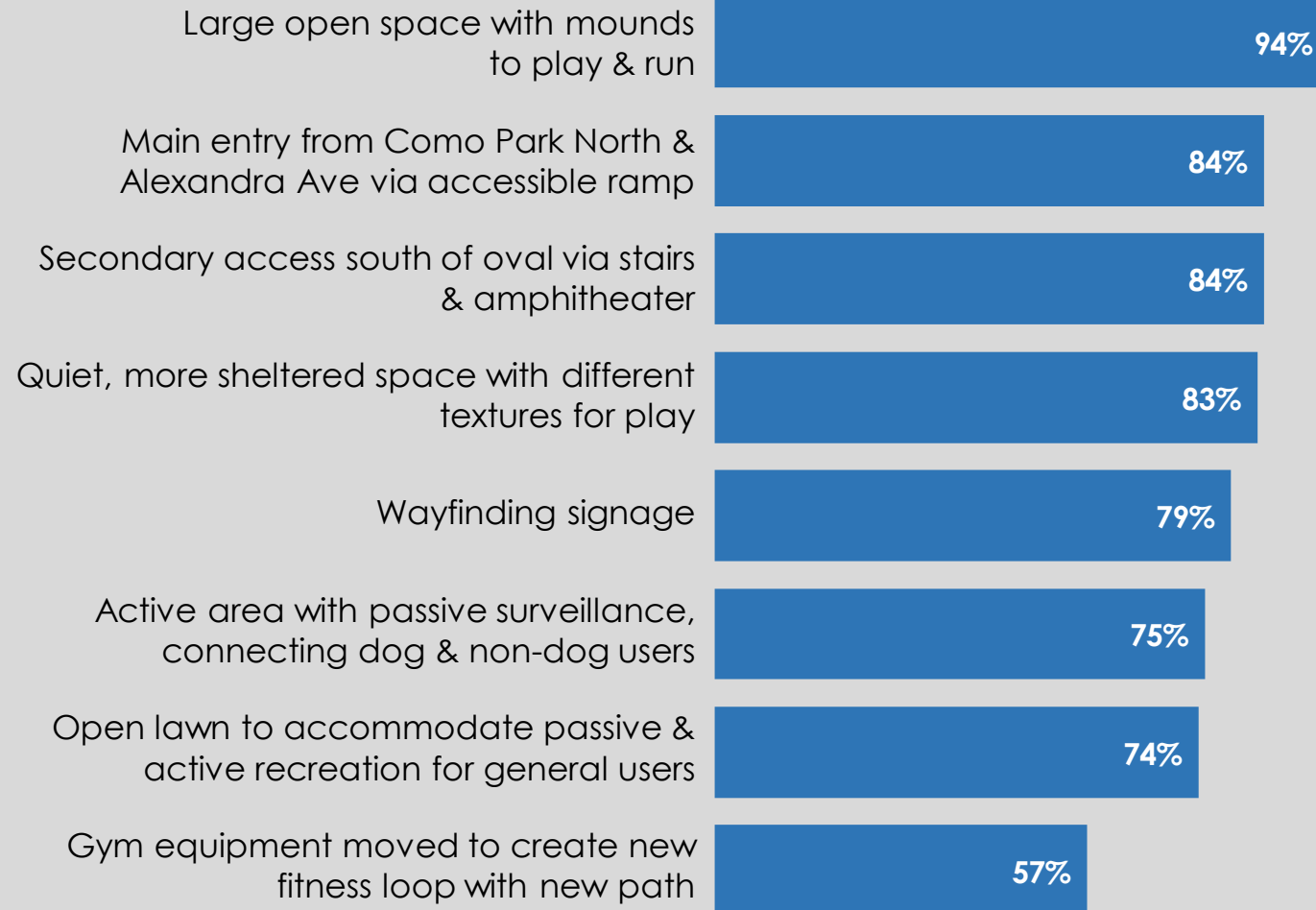
Survey completes: n=144

83%

Love or **like** the concept design overall

Specific design features

(% Love / Like)



Who we talked to

83%

Live nearby

58%

Currently visit Thomas Oval



54%
Walk / run there



43%
Drive there



93%
Own or care for a dog

Reasons for visiting



85%
Dog walking



29%
Personal exercise



15%
Socialising

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91%

Consider it to be **very important** or **important** to have a fence around the dog park

"Sincerely hope that there will be gated entrances only to ensure dog safety. I prefer to take my dog(s) to 100% fenced/gated parks as I have lost a dog (in the past)."

"I would recommend a fence around dog areas so that the dogs can't run on to any roads."

"Definitely needs fully enclosed fencing."

"The surrounding dog fence is essential to prevent a dog from straying down into vehicle traffic."

"The area should be fully enclosed with a fence that reaches to the ground along its entire length and with self closing gates at each entry point."

"Having enclosed parks adds a huge level of security for dogs and a sense of safety for owners."

"I feel it needs to be fully fenced, making the dog park safer for training etc off lead."

"Vitaly important to us - We request the Council makes the park fully secure for dogs - with gates for both entrance and exit from the park, and secure fencing all around."

Features by Importance



1. Drinking bowls & waste bins
2. Mounded lawn for running
3. Logs, timber & rocks for adventure play
4. Interactive water feature & river bed
5. New shelters & seating
6. More native plantings
7. Sand pit for digging
8. Tunnel for crawling and climbing

The sandpit is an issue for some

Some would like a specific small dog area

"A sand pit would be a nightmare....especially with a water feature. Wet sandy dogs are not ideal."

"Have small and large dogs areas. Small and large dogs can conflict due to size intimidation, energy levels and hunting instincts to chase small animals."

"If you REALLY have to have a sandpit, please put an enclosed fence around it."

"The fenced dog area also needs to be divided into two areas - small dogs and large dogs."

"It would be great for a dedicated section for smaller dogs."

Some Further themes

Lighting

"What lighting is proposed? Will it be lit at night for safety?"

"Please include sufficient lighting so that the area is safe for those of us who may visit in the early morning or after work. Park should have enough lighting for women to feel safe, especially given this is a secluded area."

Appreciation

"Love love love this idea for a dog park!"

"Fantastic plans. I cant wait for it to be built!"

"Thanks for the consultation, including the in-person session on 20 March."

Shade

"I will enjoy more seating / shade. I think the overall plans look amazing for the dogs. well done."

"Plenty of shade via native trees is a must."

"I would be happy with a more manicured version of what is currently there with shade trees and a few more seats."

"Mature trees to ensure shade on sunny days for at least some of the play areas."

"More SHADE and a water feature sounds awesome!! Not sure what the water feature will be like but hopefully the dogs can cool off on warm days."

Concern about 'mix-use'

"It needs to be for dogs and their owners/carers, not a shared space for those without dogs."

"Not sure about mixing gym equipment in what is being designed as a dog park. Great for owners who want to bring their dogs but potential conflict for gym users who might have an expectation of the dogs keeping away."

"The park is supposed to be dedicated to dogs and fully fenced. Why are there references to non dog owners, general park users and gym equipment in the plan?"

"Fence the current gym equipment so people can exercise."

"Thank you for all the thought being put into this!"

