

Lysaght Park Upgrades

Community Consultation Report

January 2024

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Background

Following a 12-month review of the trial off-leash dog area at Wire Mill Park in Chiswick, Council resolved in August 2023 that Wire Mill Park be returned to its previous status as a dog on-leash facility. Before this occurs, Council is planning to complete improvements to the nearby dog off-leash area at Lysaght Park.

This consultation sought community feedback on the proposed improvements at Lysaght Park, which aim to enhance safety and amenity for users of the park and dogs.

Consultation ran from 22 November – 20 December 2023 and feedback is summarised in this report.

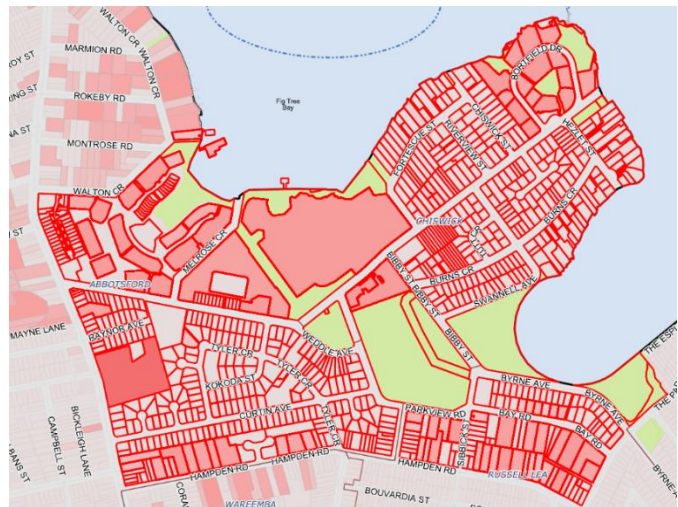
Consultation methods

- Online survey hosted on Collaborate (appendix A):
<https://collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au/lysaght-park-upgrades>
- Drop-in at Lysaght Park on Wednesday 6 December 2023 from 5-7pm
- Email/phone feedback

Notification methods

The following methods were implemented to notify the community of this consultation:

- Notification letter delivered to 2,643 residences
- Posters in Lysaght Park and Wire Mill Park
- Email to sporting groups that use Lysaght Park
- Email to people who provided feedback on the Wire Mill Park off-leash area trial
- Story in City of Canada Bay print newsletter delivered to 34,000 households



See appendix B for more detail.

Consultation summary

Collaborate reach

- 774 page views
- 548 unique site visitors
- 43 people following the project for updates

Digital promotions reach

This consultation was promoted via:

- 2 x Facebook posts
- 1 x Instagram posts
- Email to 2,381 Collaborate members with relevant interests

Collectively, these digital promotions reached 6,908 people and achieved 301 engagements (clicks, likes, comments, and shares). See appendix C for more details.

Results

In total we received 81 submissions on the proposed upgrades at Lysaght Park, with some additional submissions which commented on the improvements being made at Wire Mill Park.

Duplicate submissions were removed so that all participants are given one voice.

Breakdown of submissions:

- 78 surveys (including 12 hard copy surveys submitted at the drop-in session and two duplicate submissions which have been removed)
- 5 emails (including one from Abbotsford Juniors Football Club)
- 5 emails commenting on the improvements at Wire Mill Reserve

Feedback summary

Overall, the community showed support for the proposed upgrades, however some concerns were raised over the fence layout and shared use of Lysaght Park. In light of this, a few respondents suggested the improvements be installed on a trial basis.

Abbotsford Juniors Football Club expressed concerns over park access and the ongoing maintenance that would be required due to increased usage.

Fencing

Some respondents believe the fence needs to be extended to protect dogs from surrounding roads, while others raised concerns that a fence would ruin the visual appeal of the area, require ongoing maintenance, or impede access for organised sport. It was also suggested that a fully enclosed dog off-leash area be established at Lysaght Park or Russell Park.

56% of respondents support the proposed fence location, with a slight preference for a palisade fence rather than a mesh fence. A few respondents believe that small dogs and balls would get through a palisade fence and therefore prefer mesh fencing.

Off-leash use of Lysaght Park

Some respondents expressed concern that Lysaght Park is not suitable as an off-leash dog area as off-leash use is restricted due to organised sport, the shared path and surrounding roads pose a safety risk, and dogs have easy access to the water which contains sharp oyster shells. However, the survey results showed that of the park users who take a dog to use the off-leash area at Lysaght Park and the park users who use Lysaght Park for sport, there was general support for the proposed fence location.

It was also suggested that signage be installed in the park indicating off-leash times.

Off-leash use of Wire Mill Park

Several submissions requested that the off-leash area at Wire Mill Park be retained, with a few respondents suggesting that Wire Mill Park be used as an off-leash area when sport is being played at Lysaght Park.

Park amenities

A small number of respondents requested more bins and a bubbler be installed in Lysaght Park.

Feedback on Wire Mill Reserve improvements

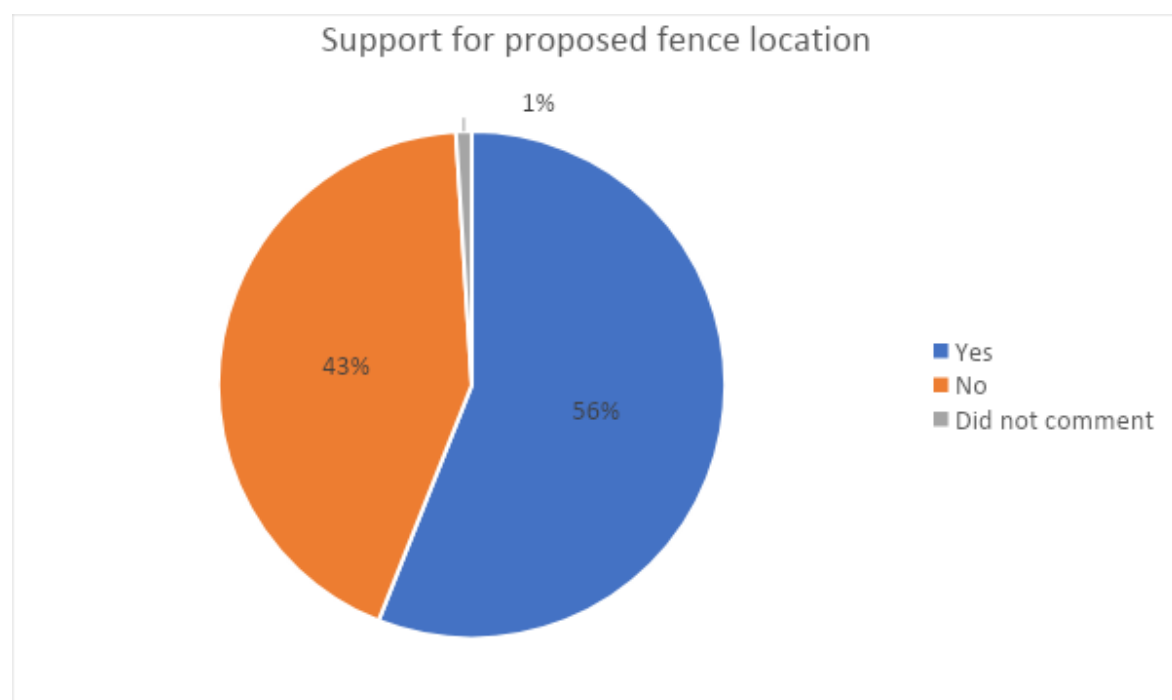
Some submissions raised questions or put forward suggestions for the improvements being made at Wire Mill Reserve. A separate consultation process for Wire Mill Reserve was undertaken from 2021 to 2023.

These comments were out of scope for the Lysaght Park upgrades and have been addressed by Council officers separately.

Detailed feedback

Fencing

Overall, 56% of respondents (45) support the proposed fence location, 43% (35) do not support it (including Abbotsford Juniors Football Club) and 1% (1) respondent did not comment on the fence.



Preferred fence type

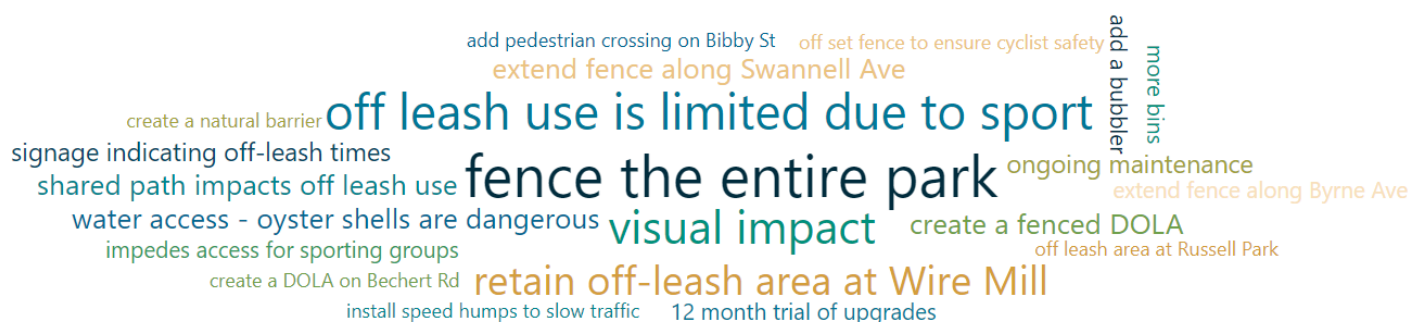
40% of respondents (32) support a palisade fence and 30% of respondents (24) support a mesh fence. The remaining respondents did not comment on the fence type.

A small number of respondents provided additional feedback on the two fence types. Some respondents noted a preference for mesh as it's more durable and will prevent balls and small dogs getting through. One noted mesh fencing can be cut through and another requested the fence type match the fencing in Russell Park.

Additional comments/suggestions

Survey respondents were asked to note any feedback for Council to consider when preparing detailed designs for this upgrade.

13% of survey respondents noted support for the project. Other comments are summarised in the word cloud below, with the size of each phrase indicating the number of times the idea was put forward.



Ideas expressed by two or more respondents across both the survey and email are summarised in the table below. Feedback from Abbotsford Juniors Football Club has been summarised separately.

Theme	Feedback	% of total respondents (81)
Fencing	Fence the entire park	17
	Fencing will have a negative visual impact on the park	12
	Create a fenced dog off-leash area in Lysaght Park	7
	Extend the fence along Swannell Avenue	5
	Fencing will require ongoing maintenance	4
	Fencing will impact park access for sporting groups	2
	Extend the fence long Byrne Avenue	2
Off-leash use	Off-leash use is limited as the park is used for organised sport	15
	Wire Mill Park should remain off-leash (2 respondents suggested Wire Mill Park be made off-leash when Lysaght Park is being used for sport)	11
	Shared path impacts off-leash use	6
	Need signage indicating off-leash times	4
	Trial the improvements (2 respondents suggested a 12-month trial)	4
Safety	Proposed upgrades will improve safety	11
	Water access is dangerous for dogs due to sharp oysters	5
Additional improvements	Add more bins	2
	Add a bubbler	2

Other ideas:

- Create an off-leash area on Bechert Road
- Add a pedestrian crossing on Bibby Street

- Install speed humps to slow traffic down
- Off set the fence to ensure bike rider safety
- Create an off-leash area at Russell Park which can be used when there is sport at Lysaght Park
- Install a newspaper stand in the park, similar to those in Martin Place

Feedback from Abbotsford Juniors Football Club

Abbotsford Juniors Football Club do not support the proposed upgrades as they believe:

- It will reduce access to the field, making the transportation of playing equipment more difficult (trolleys, portable goals, nets, ropes, and poles required for field set up)
- The proposed fence area is low lying and prone to flooding and there is a lack of a proper path to access the field
- The upgrades will intensify the shared use of the park and the maintenance that will be required is not sustainable in the long term

Suggestions put forward include:

- If Council proceeds with the fence installation, create a concrete access path to maintain field access during the winter months and install a double width gate to enable transportation of sporting equipment
- Create a fully fenced off-leash area at either end of the field in Lysaght Park
- Shift the off-leash area at Lysaght Park to Russell Park and extend the existing fence

Survey respondent demographics

The below statistics are based on the 76 submissions received.

Location

- 14% live next to Lysaght Park (11)
- 47% live in Chiswick (36)
- 11% live in Russell Lea (8)
- 26% live in the City of Canada Bay (20)
- 1% doesn't live in the City of Canada Bay (1)

Of the residents who noted they live next to Lysaght Park, 45% (5) support the proposed fence location.

Sporting use

39% of survey respondents (30) noted they, or a member of their family, play sport at Lysaght Park. Of these respondents:

- 63% (19) support the proposed fence location, 37% (11) do not
- 50% (15) prefer a palisade fence, 23% (7) prefer mesh, the remainder did not comment

Off-leash use

54% of survey respondents (41) take a dog to the off-leash area at Lysaght Park. Of these respondents:

- 73% (30) support the proposed fence location, 27% (11) do not
- 56% (23) prefer a palisade fence, 27% (11) prefer mesh, the remainder did not comment

Appendices

A. Survey questions

Lysaght Park upgrade feedback

01. Name: **Required**

02. Address: **Required**

03. Please select which of the following best describes you: **Required**

Select one answer only

☐ I live next to Lysaght Park

☐ I live in Chiswick

☐ I live in Russell Lea

☐ I live in the City of Canada Bay

☐ I don't live in the City of Canada Bay

04. Do you or a member of your family play sport at Lysaght Park?

Select one answer only

☐ Yes

☐ No

05. Do you take a dog to Lysaght Park to use the off-leash dog area?

Select one answer only

☐ Yes

☐ No

The draft concept plan for upgrades at Lysaght Park is below.



06. Do you support the proposed fence location? **Required**

Select one answer only	
☐	Yes
☐	No

07. Which fence style do you support?

Select one answer only	
☐	Palisade Fence
☐	Mesh Fence

08. What feedback do you have for Council as we prepare detailed designs?

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22 November 2023

The Resident
Chiswick/Abbotsford NSW 2046

Dear Resident,

Lysaght Park Dog Off Leash Area and Wire Mill Park updates

Council is planning to undertake improvements to the dog off-leash area at Lysaght Park, as well as upgrades to Wire Mill Park.

Lysaght Park

Council is proposing enhancements to safety and amenity of the park, which will benefit the entire community, and dogs who use this space.

You can review the concept plan overleaf and provide feedback via:

- **At Lysaght Park:** On Wednesday, 6 December 2023 from 5 - 7 p.m
- **Email:** Council@canadabay.nsw.gov.au (subject: Lysaght Park DOLA upgrades)
- **Online:** <https://collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au/lysaght-park-upgrades>
- **Post:** Locked Bag 1470, Drummoyne NSW 1470

Please provide your feedback by **Wednesday, 20 December 2023**.

Wire Mill Park

Council is also delivering upgrades at Wire Mill Park, for the benefit of all park users. You can view the improvements at Wire Mill Park by visiting:
<https://collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au/wiremillpark>

These improvements follow a 12 month review of the Wire Mill Park DOLA, and a subsequent Council resolution in August 2023 to make improvements at Lysaght Park, and to return Wire Mill Park to dog on-leash only.

Should you require further information on the proposed works, please contact Council's Landscape Architect, Yuelel Gu, on 9121 0205.

Kind Regards,

Petrina Nelson
Manager Open Space
City of Canada Bay





Proposed Park Improvements - November 2023

Lysaght Park
Chiswick

Lysaght Park

Dog off-leash area upgrades



Council is proposing to enhance safety and amenity for users of Lysaght Park, including dogs. Learn more and provide your feedback by Wednesday 20 December.



Option 1: 1.2m high black palisade fence.



Option 2: 1.2m high black mesh fence.

Council is also undertaking minor improvements at Wire Mill Park, Chiswick and more information can be found at Collaborate Canada Bay.

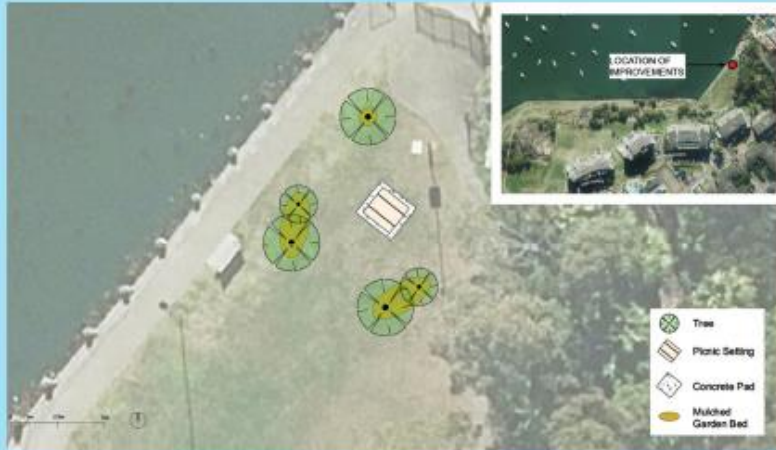
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Wire Mill Park

Minor upgrades



Council is delivering minor improvements at Wire Mill Park for all park users.

Learn more about the Wire Mill Park upgrades here:
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C. Communications report

Instagram post 28/11/23



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Have you heard about our plans to improve amenities at Lysaght Park? We want to enhance safety and amenity for users of the park, including local pups! We are proposing upgrades to the fencing and general amenities around the park. To have your say, head to the link in bio by Wednesday, 20 December 2023 🌿

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28 November

Facebook post 28/11/23

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Facebook post 15/12/23



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Don't forget to have your say on the proposed improvements at Lysaght Park, before submissions close on Wednesday, 20 December 2023 🌱

The upgrades will include improved fencing and general amenities, to enhance the safety of park users, and local pups! To submit your feedback, head to bit.ly/Lysaghtpark



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D. Collaborate traffic report

