

Community Views and Preferences – Shirley Community Reserve temporary pump track – Key topics raised

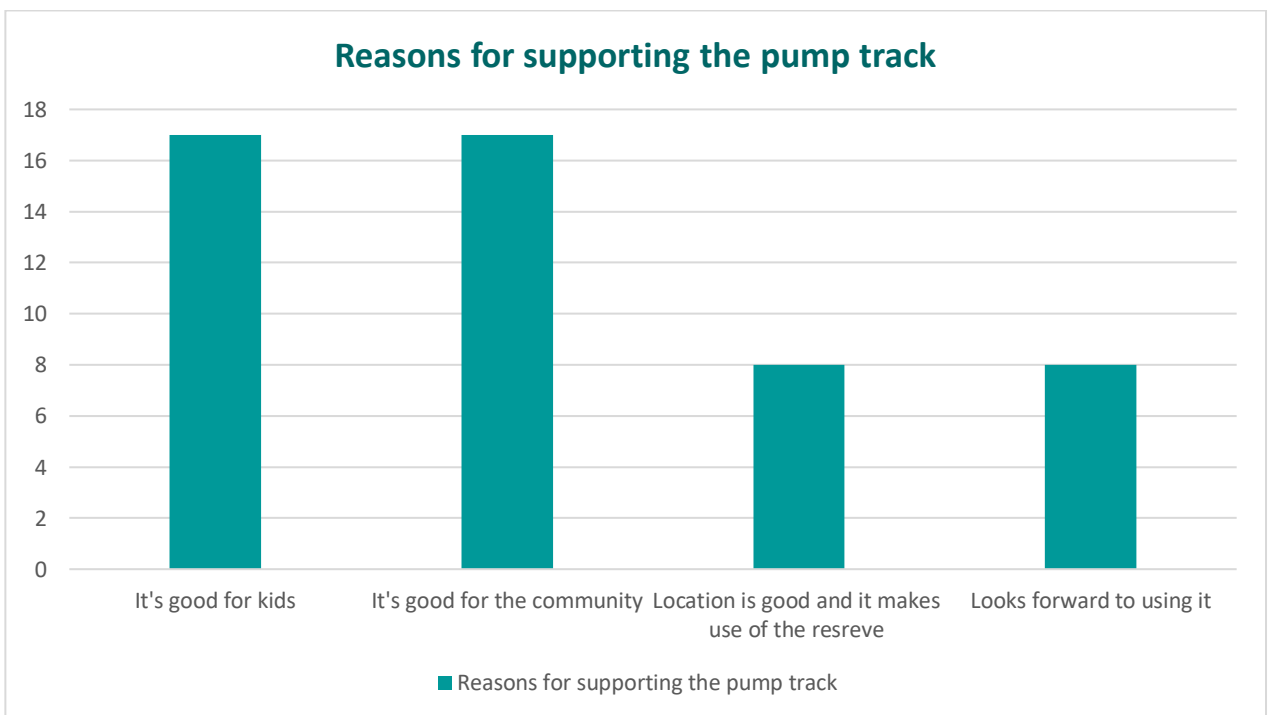
1.1 Summary of responses:

Yes – support the landscape plan	No – do not support the landscape plan	Not indicated	Total
60 (84%)	9 (13%)	2 (3%)	71

Support location A	Support other location	Support location B	Not indicated	Total
43 (60%)	12 (17%)	10 (14%)	6 (9%)	71

1.2 For those who indicated they support the landscape plan for the pump track, the most common type of comments were about:

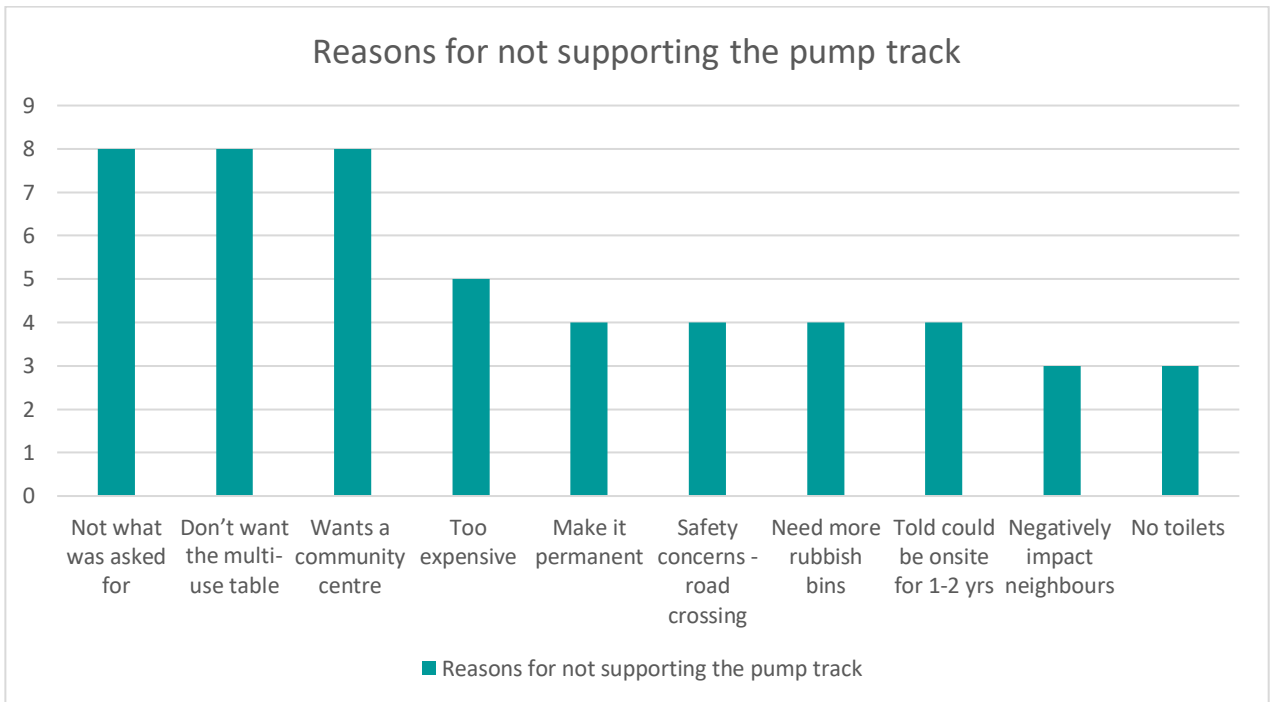
Type of comments in support of the plan	No. of comments
It being good for kids	17
It being good for the community and will provide a place to meet	17
Liking the location and how it makes use of the reserve	8
Looking forward to using it	8



1.3 For those who indicated they do not support the landscape plan, the most common comments were about:

Type of comments in opposition of the plan	No. of comments
Not what the community asked for - if used permanent materials wouldn't need a 40 m setback and the track can go at McFarlane Park as originally asked for	8
Not wanting the multi-use table (see 1.6 for a breakdown of reasons)	8
Want a community centre	8
The track is too expensive	5
Make it permanent	4
Safety concerns over having to cross a busy road	4
Need additional rubbish bins and increase rubbish removal	4

Concern the track could only be onsite for 1-2 years and feel the community needs to know how long it will be onsite	4
Will negatively impact neighbours in relation to noise and rubbish, which is already an issue at the reserve and attracting people displaying undesirable behaviour	3
No toilets	3



1.4 The project team responses in relation to these comments are as follows (where relevant):

This is not what the community asked for

The original idea of the location being at McFarlane Park was not suitable, as it doesn't have the setback needed for this type of facility, the closest residential property is 30 m away and it does not have the suitable setback. Permanent skate facilities still need to be placed at least 40 m from residential properties in order to meet District Plan noise standards. This is the distance the Council works to due to previous noise testing of permanent skate parks. While permanent skate surfaces can create less noise, it's the dropping and landing of skateboards that can create noise and requires the 40 m setback. At Shirley Community Reserve the nearest residential property is approximately 46 m away from the proposed location.

A permanent skate park/pump track would cost three or four times more than a temporary pump track. There's a considerable amount of planning and community consultation that's required to find a suitable location for a permanent facility, and can take 2-3 years. At this stage, there's no funding available in the LTP (Long Term Plan) for a permanent skate/scooter facility in the area.

A temporary pump track is both quicker and cheaper to install and it could remain in place for up to 10 years if that's what the community want. This allows the Council to make use of the site while allowing time for planning and funding of permanent uses for this site and other facilities in the area.

Request for a community centre

A community centre is outside the scope of this project. This project aims to provide a temporary way to utilise the reserve while long-term options for the site are being considered.

The track is too expensive

The temporary pump track funding has been granted through the Council Capital Endowment Fund and the table is funded from the Community Board Discretionary Fund. The Capital Endowment Fund is interest generated from invested funds, so it's not ratepayer funded. The temporary pump track met the criteria for this funding as it provides a new and modern area for children, young adults and other

community members in Shirley, and other locations into the future. As the track is relocatable, it is considered to be good value for money.

Make the pump track permanent

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Safety concerns at the park with crossing the road

There is an existing signalised pedestrian crossing facility on Shirley Road adjacent to the site.

Request for additional rubbish bins

There's currently two rubbish bins located in the park, which is normal for a local reserve

Timeframe pump track will be at Shirley Community Reserve

A temporary pump track is both quicker and cheaper to install. There's been some misinformation circulated it's planned the pump track will only be onsite for 1-2 years, however it could remain in place for up to the 10 years of its life expectancy. The duration of the pump track on site will be driven by the desire of the community. Placing a temporary track on the site allows sufficient time for planning and funding of a permanent facility in the area while making use of the reserve site.

Antisocial behaviour at the park

We placed the pump track in the centre of the park to gain sufficient separation from neighbouring properties for noise. It also needs to be placed in a highly visual location. This ensures we meet CPTED (crime prevention through environmental design) guidelines for good natural surveillance into the park to deter any antisocial behaviour.

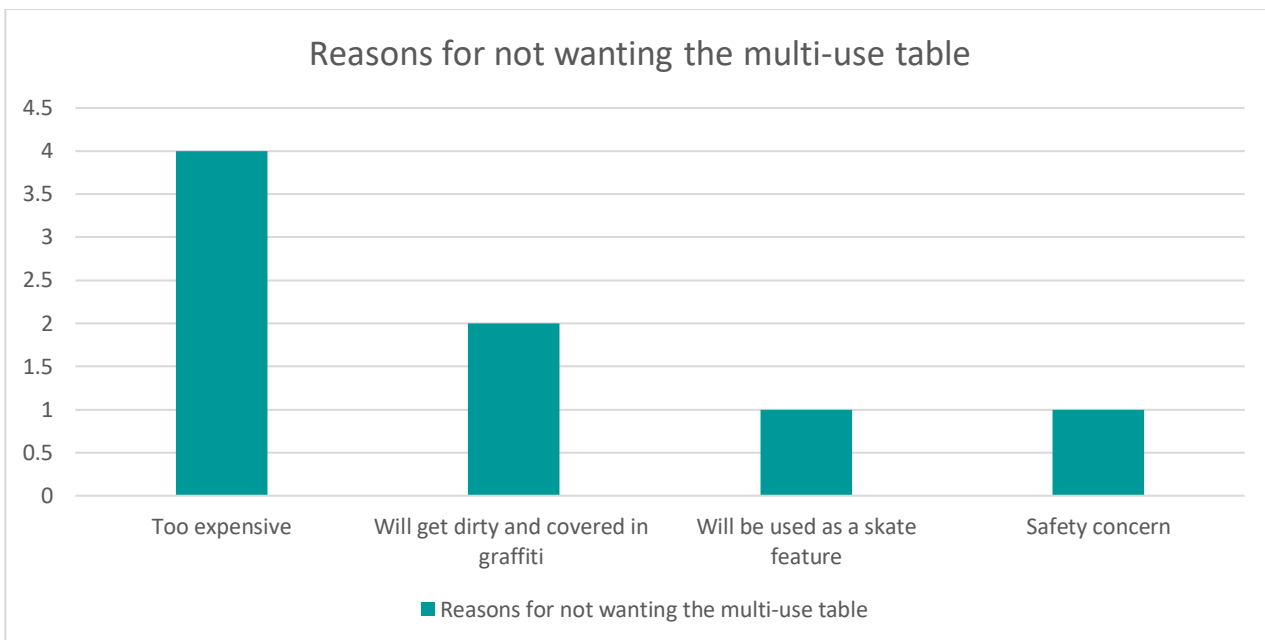
Toilets

Toilets could be considered at a later date with the development of the park in the future, however funding for this would need to come via the Council LTP (Long Term Plan) process. The community are welcome to make a submission on this request during the consultation for the LTP in 2021.

1.5 Eight submitters indicated they did not want the multi-use table.

1.6 Reasons people did not want the multi-use table:

Type of comment	No. of comments
Too expensive – can buy much better items with the money e.g. many more picnic tables, swings or climbing feature	4
Will get dirty and covered in graffiti	2
People will use it as an additional skate feature (relates to noise concerns)	1
Safety concern if the concrete seats were to fall over	1



1.7 The project team responses in relation to these comments are as follows (where relevant).

The table is too expensive

Funding has been allocated from the Community Board Discretionary Fund for up to \$5,000 to contribute to the purchase and installation of the multi-use table and bench seating. This includes the cost to purchase the table, install a concrete pad (so the mower can still mow in the park) and install the table & seating. An accessible picnic table would be only slightly cheaper to install instead of the multi-use table.

People will use the table as a skate feature

This would need to be monitored, the expectation is this would not be an issue, as the pump track would provide more skate value than the table.

Safety concern with the concrete seating

This seating is very heavy and fixed in place on a concrete pad to ensure sufficient stability. We’ve been advised by the supplier the seating is too heavy to be pushed over.

1.8 Twelve submitters supported an alternative location for the multi-use table and the type of comments suggesting alternatives are summarised as:

Type of comment in support of ‘other locations’ for the multi-use table	No. of comments
<i>The following locations are within the park:</i>	
In the shade under some trees	1
A different location in the park as its close to the road	1
<i>The following locations are outside the park and also refer to alternate locations for the pump track:</i>	
Put it at McFarlane Park or Mahars Playground	4
Not sure about the location but as long as it’s in Shirley	2
In the red zone	1

Note: some submitters did not provide any comments on other suggested locations.

1.9 The project team responses in relation to these comments are as follows (where relevant).

Locate the table in the shade under some trees

The table is not able to be located under the trees, as it needs to be placed on a concrete pad and out of the drip line of the trees.

Location too close to the road

We have placed the table in the centre of the park in a highly visual location, as this ensures we meet CPTED (crime prevention through environmental design) guidelines for good natural surveillance into the park to deter any antisocial behaviour.

Locate the table at McFarlane Park or Mahars Playground

This project is focussed on utilising this site now the Community Centre is no longer there. Putting the table/pump track at another location would mean Shirley Community Reserve still remains unutilised.

Locate the table in the former red zone

The table would need to be supported with activities in the red zone and work relating to the former red zone area is still being planned with the community.

- 1.10 A number of suggestions were also made by submitters, the following is an overview of what was suggested:

Suggestions	No. of comments
Need more rubbish bins or to move them in case bin fires lit	5
Need seats or more picnic tables	4
Toilets	2
Sell the land and use this money and the money for the project to fund other initiatives	2
Drinking fountain	1
Swings	1
Climbing feature	1
Second half size basketball court	1
Bike stands	1
To improve the road surface of the surrounding streets due to the increase in traffic the track will bring	1
Improve the surfaces and paths of the reserve	1
Put the library at the reserve	1
Work with a developer and put low cost housing there	1

Note: a number of these suggestions have been previously referenced in other sections.

- 1.11 The project team responses in relation to these comments are as follows (where relevant).

Rubbish bins, toilets and a drinking fountain

There is currently two rubbish bins located in the park, which is normal for a local reserve. Moving the existing rubbish bin would then be an inconvenience to those using the walking path along the river at the other end of the park.

Toilets could be considered at a later date with the development of the park in the future, however funding for this would need to come via the Council LTP (Long Term Plan) process. The community are welcome to make a submission on this request during the consultation for the LTP in 2021.

A drinking fountain is outside the scope of this project, as we only have a set amount of funding to cover the purchase and installation of the pump track, multi-use table and bench seating.

More seats or picnic tables and bike stand

There's already three existing seats located in Shirley Community Reserve, this would become four with the inclusion of the multi-use table.

There is an existing bike stand in the park, which we could look into permanently installing in the park if the budget allows for this.

Sell the park and use the funding elsewhere

Shirley Community Reserve is not considered to be surplus to requirement by the Parks Team at Council. We're generally aiming to locate local parks 500 m from a residential property (so within walking distance). If Shirley Community Reserve was not in that location, the nearest local park to those living in the area would be approximately 1.4 km to MacFarlane Park or 800 m to Petrie Park.

Swings and climbing structure

There's already existing play equipment located in the park, which includes a multi-use play structure, see-saw, swings and half basketball court.

Additional half basketball court

A second basketball court is outside the scope of this project. There's already a basketball court in the reserve, and we consider it more value to the community if we were to install a different feature.

Condition of roads surrounding the park and pathways within the park

The roading works are outside the scope of this project, but concerns around this have been noted and passed onto the Council's Transport Team.

The landscaping and pathways are outside of the scope of this project, and our funding is limited to only cover the pump track installation and the multi-use table. However, we will pass on your request to the Parks Maintenance Team for consideration.

Locate the Shirley Library in the park or develop low cost housing in the park

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Any plans to consider relocating the library to this park are outside the scope of this project.