

Yarrowonga Library Project Community Consultation

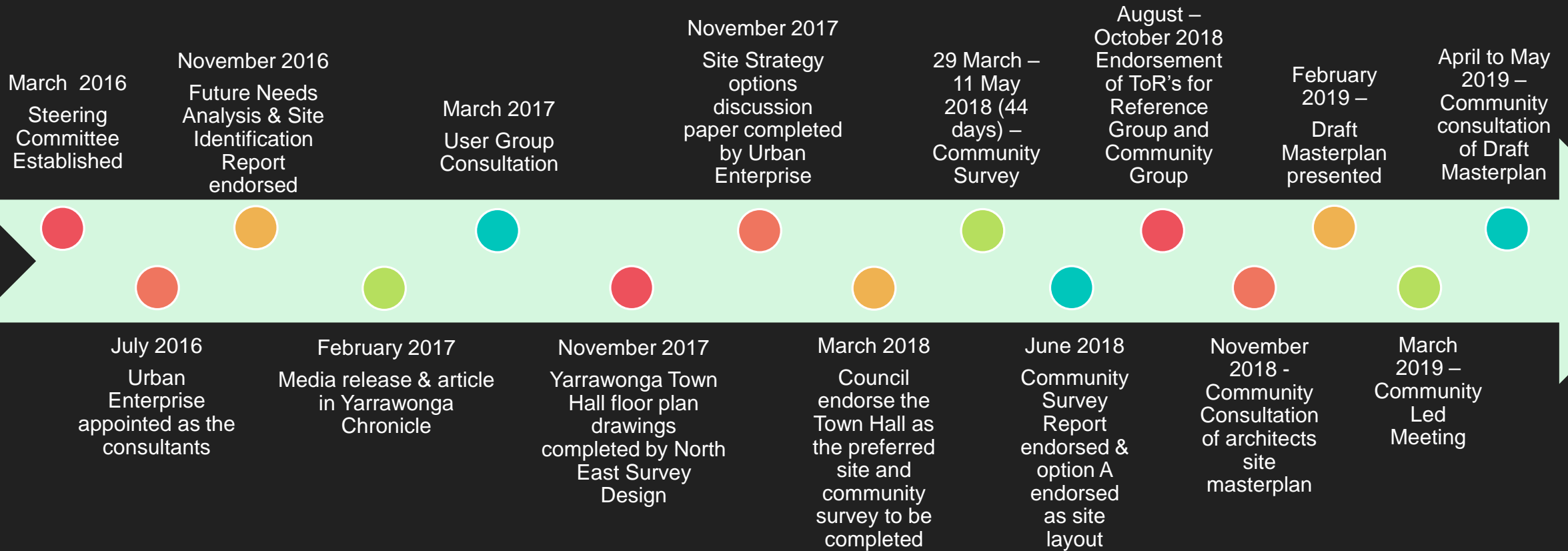
Outcomes overview

What we are going to cover today

- Project Background
- Community Consultation
- Media involvement
- Results of the current consultation period
- Recommendation

Project Background

Timeline



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Previous associated council reports and motions

Date	Motion
21 November 2016	endorse the Town Hall Precinct as the preferred site following <i>independent assessment</i> based on industry best practice standards
28 March 2018	endorsement Steering Committees recommendation to develop the Town Hall Precinct and start Community Consultation on 3 site concept options.
27 June 2018	accepted community consultation survey and <i>endorsed the recommendation to proceed with a library at the Town Hall Precinct</i>
August, September & October 2018	various reports endorsing the Steering committee and Community Reference Group
27 March 2019	undertake broad community consultation and assess the former Primary School site

Project Background

Previous community consultation

Date	Details
29 March to 11 May 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community survey of three site layout options• 215 surveys received• 67% identified Town Hall Precinct as preferred site
December 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Informal feedback• three concept options presented of library at rear of the Town Hall• one single storey and two double storey options
November and December 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two petitions• 405 signatures• requesting kitchen, dining and storage provisions are made.

Current community involvement



...to those members of your community in this beautiful town of Yarrowonga and its environs. In the name of our God and your God, **John Shelton Secretary, Church Council St. Andrew's Uniting Church, Yarrowonga**

Old primary site ideal for new library location
The Community meeting held on 13th March at Yarrowonga Community Hall to discuss ways to (a) acquire the old Primary School site for public space and (b) to keep the Town Hall as an arts and community gathering precinct demonstrated that a large number of residents agree that it is short sighted to squeeze the library into the Town Hall area.

There are so many reasons that it will not work effectively.

Comments in The Yarrowonga Chronicle (April, 17 2019) propose the acquisition and development with community facilities, including a new library, of the old primary school site. That there is wide community support for this proposal is without doubt, but is the community prepared to pay, through higher rates and personal contributions, for the considerable costs of acquisition and development?

The site won't, unfortunately, be gifted to Yarrowonga by the State Government and the discount given for its purchase for community facilities would be minimal. And the shire (Moirra Shire Council), unfortunately, is not prepared to foot the considerable bill that would be involved.

These facts need to be accepted and the current proposal for the new library and associated facilities proceeded with.

Implementation of that proposal is not complicated and not "very costly, possibly doubling the cost", according to one comment. Doubling what cost?

If the shire felt there was a lower cost option than the current proposal, it would be sure to take it up.

New library a wonderful development
We are writing in support of the current proposal for a new library in Yarrowonga.

Library precinct
An artist impression of a open hall with an elevated atrium.

Hub added to town
The library reference group met on Monday evening to discuss the proposal for a new library and associated facilities.

EDITORIAL
Community hub ticks boxes

There is no doubt the multi-million dollar investment for the construction of a new library and town hall precinct redevelopment is a great initiative by Moirra Shire Council and will be a fantastic asset to the town for many years to come.

It is an ideal opportunity for Moirra Shire Council to refurbish and revitalise the precinct after some of the buildings in the area have become derelict after years of no use.

The library steering committee and reference group are doing a great job to ensure all user groups and the community are satisfied with the redevelopment.

Option four which incorporates a new community hub on top of a new library precinct goes a long way into addressing many of the community concerns.

The proposed community hub includes a much needed commercial storage areas, meet and change rooms that fit the town hall's many events such as gala balls, festivals and other events.

The hall was built in 1930 thousands of functions take place there.

It is a major asset and community and it is continue to be fully utilised for many years to come.

60th anniversary of the opening of the Community Hall on June 19, 1959

Community Hall 60th anniversary
The 60th anniversary of the Community Hall will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2019, from 1.30pm to 4.30pm.

Community Hall 60th anniversary
Celebrate 60 years since the Hall was built to support Yarrowonga.

Community Hall 60th anniversary
There will be a wonderful musical performance followed by a BBQ.

Community Hall 60th anniversary
Dress up in 60s (or very late 50s) attire if you wish.

Community Hall 60th anniversary
If you attended the opening conducted by Horrie Prescott in June 1959 or have photos/memorabilia from that time, please call 0417122533.

Community Hall 60th anniversary
This Thursday Moirra Shire staff will be at the Community Hall to hear ideas and collect current proposals for redevelopment.

Community Hall 60th anniversary
Shire Mayor Libby Mistica said the session part of a broad community consultation that will continue in May.

Community Hall 60th anniversary
"This project's impact on Yarrowonga begins well before you enter a building. It starts with improving the precinct's street appeal and allowing the beautiful architecture of the town hall to shine."

Community Hall 60th anniversary
"Once you leave the footpath and enter the precinct there is host of proposed events, performances and many services that can be delivered within the new facility."

Community Hall 60th anniversary
"The drop-in sessions began 11 am Thursday, April 18 and will continue weekly through to the end of May."

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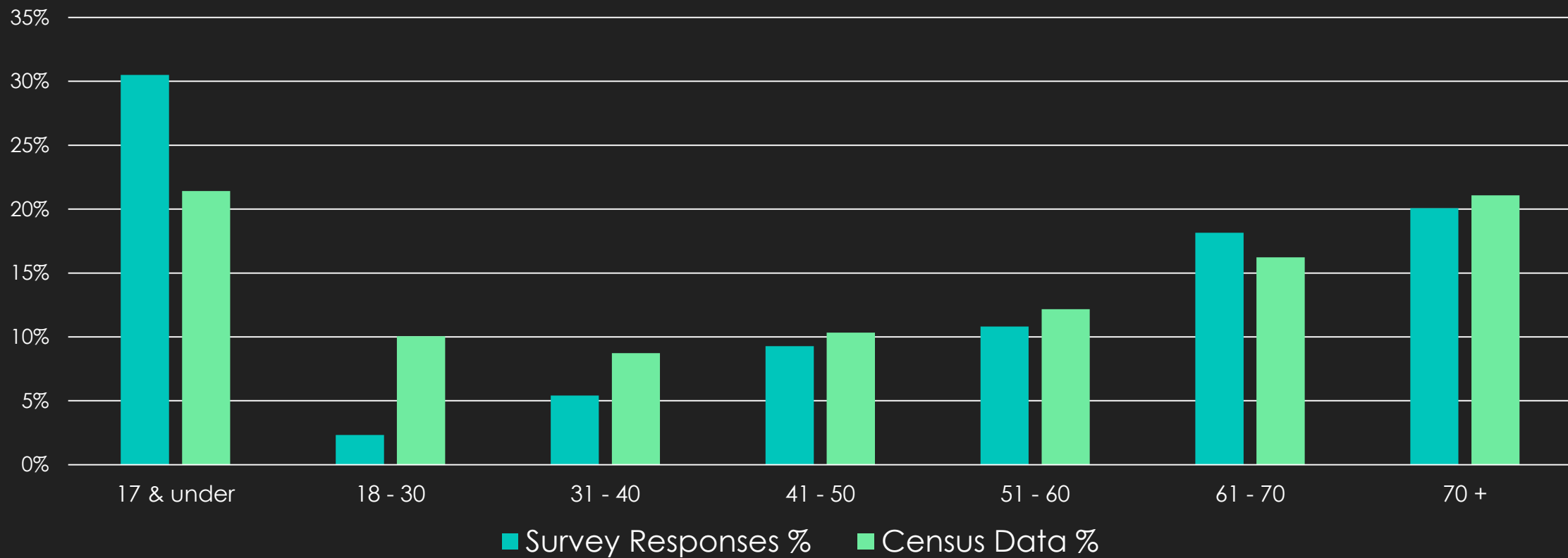
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Who gave us feedback

- 259 feedback forms
- 19 template letters
- 3730 = 82%
- 97% of Yarrowonga did not respond – why?
 - Don't care?
 - Feel they have already provided feedback?
 - Not opposed?
 - Some other reason?

Who gave us feedback: Age Demographics

Comparison of Yarrowonga residents and respondents



Interpreting the data

People were able to provide multiple comments.... And therefor their response may be in two themes (be counted twice)

Eg. Like the concept, more green space would be great though!

Overall Findings

	<i>n</i>	%
Liked everything	152	59%
Prefer the Primary School site	71	27%
Site too small	24	9%
Suggested changes (e.g. Parking)	5	2%
Likes library concept, but retain Community Hall	2	1%
Other site (Kennedy Park & Old Ford Building)	2	1%

How well do you think the new design sits on the overall Town Hall Precinct area?

Some of the things that people liked:

- A larger and more modern library
- Improves old assets
- Will attract more people to the site

Some of the things that people didn't like:

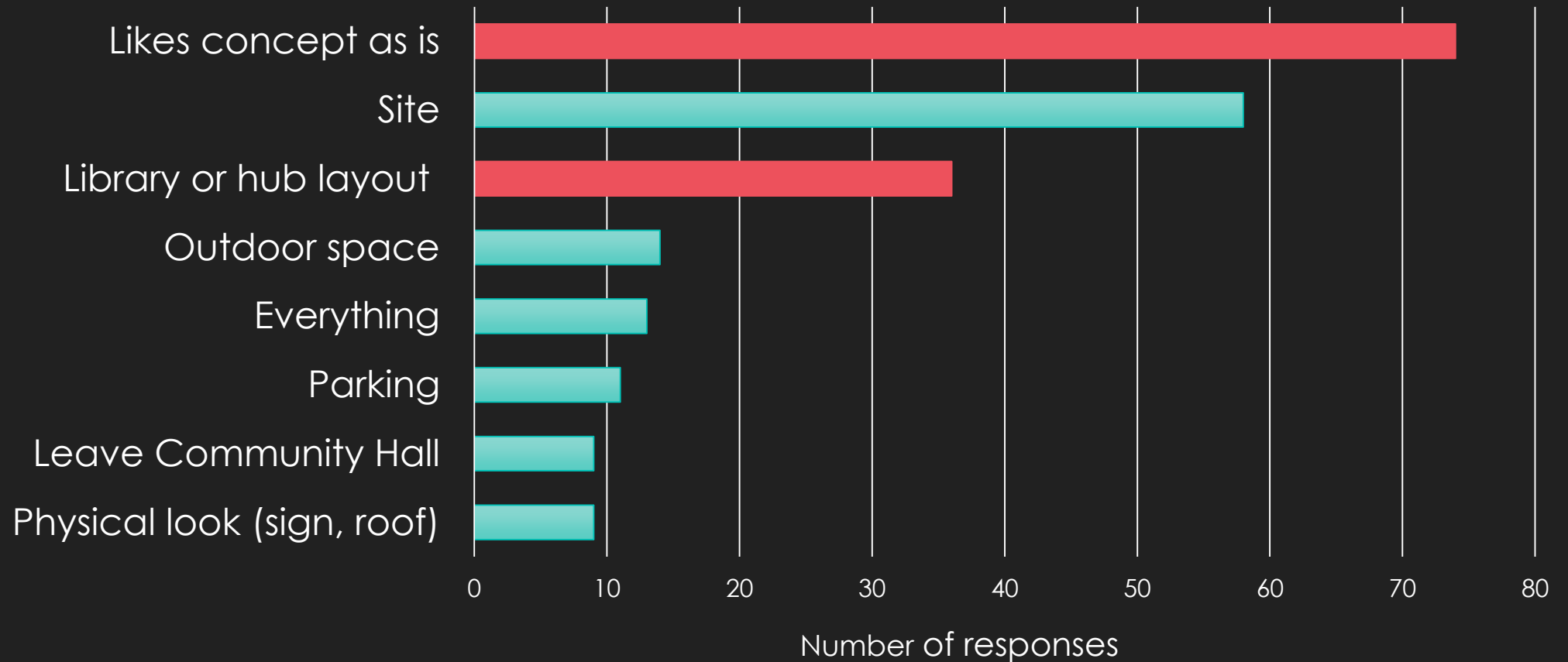
- The site (including prefer old PS site)
- Losing the town hall
- Not enough parking

What parts of the plan do you like?

1. New/larger Library (including spaces)	64
2. Did not like anything	57
3. Liked everything	47
4. Green/outdoor Space	41
5. Community Hub/Art Exhibition Space	27
6. Improving the Town Hall	17
7. Accessibility	13
8. Replacement of buildings	11
9. Kitchen/café facilities	10

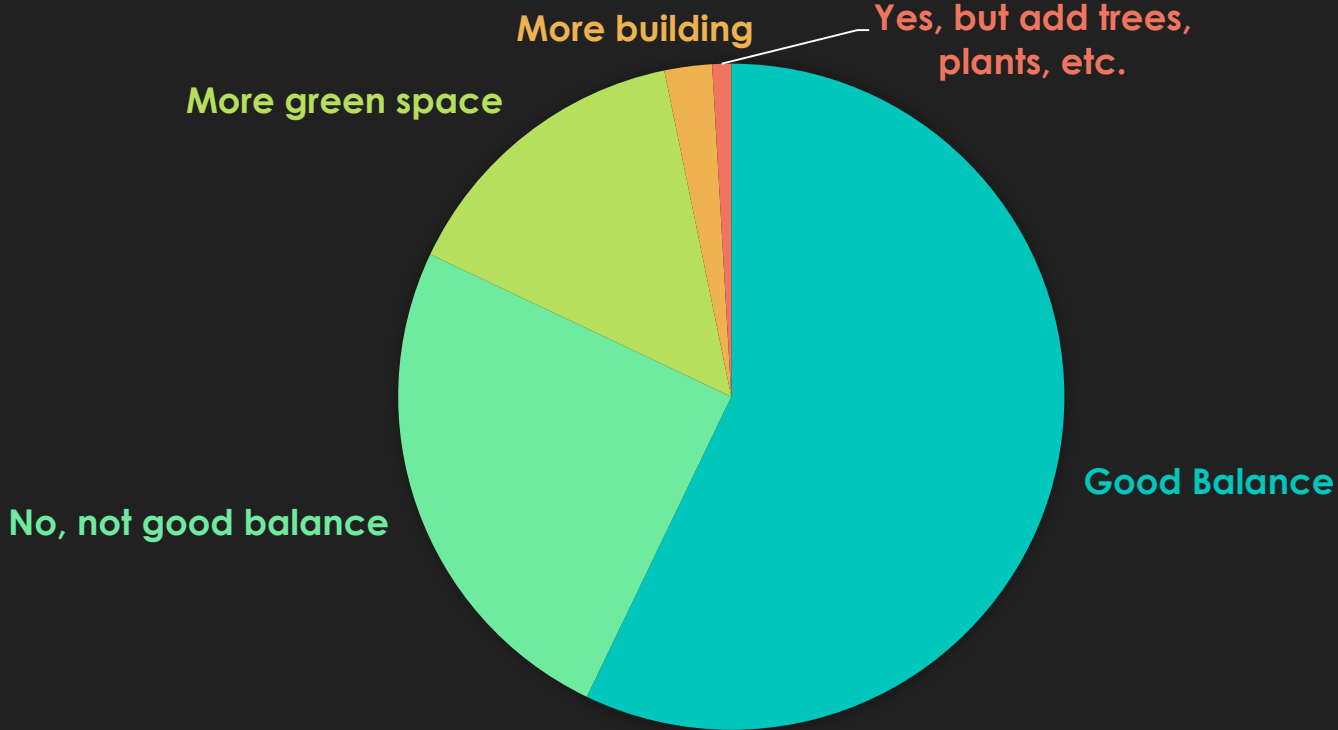
What parts of this plan would you change?

Suggested changes to concept



Balance between the green space and built space

BALANCE BETWEEN GREEN SPACE AND BUILDING



Anything you would add or remove?

Change nothing/no	76
The Site	59
Library layout – new spaces	16
Green Space – changes to design	13
Parking	11
Café	10
Community hub layout – include more services	8
Children/youth areas	7
Update community hall and Town Hall	6
History/arts added	5
Physical look (sign etc.)	5

Conclusions

- The other comments supported previous questions
- Parking a concern throughout
- Constructive feedback on services
- Internal layout suggestions
- Another site (including PS)
- Update Town Hall
- Increase site use
- More Greenspace
- Community use suggestions

Next steps

Community Reference Group & Library Steering Committee Meetings – 17 July 2019

Council meeting – 24 July 2019

- Recommendation: To note the outcomes of the community consultation as well as proceed with the development of a final concept site plan
 - The recommendation is based on:
 - This community consultation
 - Previous surveys, feedback and consultation
 - Previous Council motions