

# New Akers Road Park

Draft concept design  
Engagement summary

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# Shaping a new future recreation park

A new park on Akers Road, to replace the smaller Allsop Park, will create additional open space for the local community to use for play and recreation.

Early input from park users and neighbours helped shape a concept design for this new park that focused on:



play features that encourage all users



retention and addition of native trees



rain gardens for drainage and to create a buffer for neighbouring properties



setting parking into the road verge to minimise the impact of parked cars and prevent narrowing of road width.

We wanted to know if we were on the right track and invited you to provide feedback on the draft concept design.

## Engagement snapshot

Between 14 October and 11 November 2025, we invited feedback on the draft concept design for the new Akers Road Park project. During the consultation period, we had:



1,031 webpage visitors



9 contributions to the online feedback form and 4 email submissions



181 downloads of concept plan document and 67 downloads of early engagement summary report

Your feedback on the draft concept plan highlighted what you love as well as potential areas for refinement.

Generally, we heard:



Proposed play elements that cater for all ages and a variety of users were a standout feature, though you had mixed views on the basketball key.



You supported keeping large trees and open green space, and appreciated the addition of more trees and privacy planting to screen neighbours.



You believed the rain gardens addressed much of the stormwater management challenges, with further drainage improvements required in some areas.



Safety remained a priority. The possibility of toilets attracting unwanted overnight use, and parking on a busy road were raised.

# How we engaged

We invited community feedback on the draft concept design for the new Akers Road Park project over a four-week period between 14 October and 11 November 2025.

## Promoting opportunity to have your say

Opportunities to have a say on the Akers Road Park draft concept design were promoted via:



Dedicated project webpage on Your Say Moreton Bay (YSMB) platform



Signage displayed in the new Akers Road Park and existing Allsop Park



Email to YSMB project page followers



Social media posts geo-targeted to Lawnton and surrounding areas.

## Collecting feedback

You could share your views by:



Completing a short online feedback form



Emailing feedback to [yoursay@moretonbay.qld.gov.au](mailto:yoursay@moretonbay.qld.gov.au)



Calling the City of Moreton Bay Community Engagement team.

We received 9 survey responses and 4 emails.

## Who we heard from

We heard from 13 residents who all reside within the new park's catchment area. Demographic information about you has been withheld from this report to protect your identity.



Sectional drawings from the draft concept design

# What we heard

Overall, you supported how the draft concept design has responded to earlier community input.

*“Thanks so much for welcoming our local involvement, for listening and for trying to design this park around community ideas, whilst mitigating our concerns.”*

Online form response

## Varied insights

We asked what you love about the draft design and where you feel there are opportunities to improve the design.

Much of the feedback revealed you had mixed feelings about several elements in the park.



**Play for all:** The standout feedback was appreciation that the draft design caters to all ages, with specific mentions of playground equipment, basketball key, pump track, and open spaces for various activities. Suggestions included additional accessible play equipment, fitness equipment, and a longer loop path for scooters and exercise.

*“It has catered for younger kids to older teenagers, with space for adults too.”*

Online form response



**Basketball key:** The basketball key had the most divided feedback. Support for its inclusion highlighted the play value this feature brings, including a request that it be made larger and include two hoops for more people to enjoy. There was positive comment about it being centrally placed to reduce impact on neighbours. Others raised concerns about potential noise and requested the feature be removed or relocated.

*“I support the playground equipment (including the basketball court) with its location being in the middle of the park to make the amenity impact fair on residences. However, I would not support any change to that location.”*

Email response



**Amenities:** Toilets and shelters also had mixed feedback. Those of you who supported amenities said the facilities allowed people to enjoy a longer visit to the park. You suggested a slight adjustment to the positioning of shelters to maintain neighbour privacy. A couple of concerns were raised about potential safety issues that might emerge from having a toilet block and shelters in the park, particularly in attracting unwanted overnight use.

*“Love proposed shelters and amenities.”*

Online form response

*"I do believe Amenities are necessary, but I do have serious concerns about the safety of the toilet blocks knowing that we have a high level of overnight stays not only in the area, but within the street."*

Online form response

*"With current housing and homelessness challenges, there is a genuine concern that additional shelters and BBQ areas could unintentionally encourage overnight stays."*

Online form response



**Trees:** The retention of established trees and green space, and the addition of trees and privacy screening were highly valued. You mentioned natural elements brought aesthetic and environmental benefits. There was some concern over the health and root stability of trees that may emerge from proposed adjustments to adjacent roads. There was also mixed feedback on increasing play infrastructure, with a suggestion to reduce this infrastructure in favour of native habitat.

*"I think there is too much garden and tree areas and not enough play equipment."*

Email response

*"The current design allocates too much land to built structures and formal gardens, which limits available habitat space."*

Online form response



**Privacy:** You supported planting screening trees to maintain neighbours' privacy. Some feedback suggested this could be extended in areas to further reduce potential visual and noise impacts.

*"I strongly support the inclusion of privacy screen planting. Extending this planting will enhance residential privacy, buffer noise, and visually blend the park with the surrounding neighbourhood."*

Email response



**Street parking:** You supported parking being set back from the road, in the verge, to address road width concerns. However, concerns remained about the volume and speed of traffic on Akers Road. It was suggested that parking be relocated within the future road reserve and include accessible parking.

*"Love the parking bays set back off Akers Road."*

Online form response



**Stormwater management:** You supported the use of rain gardens for stormwater mitigation with a request for additional measures along the eastern boundary. There was also a question around the safety/maintenance of stormwater management features. Feedback expressed both opposition and support for open retention pond/wetland, citing safety and biodiversity respectively.

*“I am supportive of the use of rain gardens for mitigation of stormwater overflow particularly on the eastern boundary.”*

Email response



**Accessibility:** You supported the two-metre-wide primary access paths and the walkways linking different areas. You also said it was important to ensure all paths are an accessible width and surfaces around play equipment are wheelchair-friendly (not mulched).

*“I have a child with a disability. The paths need to be wide enough for wheelchairs.”*

Email response



# Next steps

Thank you to everyone who participated during the engagement period. Your feedback will help refine the design of the new Akers Road Park.

What you told us will be considered alongside community needs across our city-wide network of parks, best practice landscape design principles, site constraints, and funding, so we have the right plan in place for this park. A final concept plan will be released on the project page in early-mid 2026.

You can sign up for future updates by clicking the **+Follow** button at top of the project page at [moretonbay.link/akers-road-park](https://moretonbay.link/akers-road-park).

*“I wanted to say how impressed I am with the plan and the team who are working on this. It’s really well considered and thought-through.”*

Email submission

