

Cowells Lane Reserve

Temporary Fence Trial



Council asked the community to provide feedback on the six (6) month trial of a temporary fence at Cowells Lane Reserve (August 2020 – February 2021). Thank you to everyone who participated, here is an overview of what we heard:



On this basis, Council is proceeding with the installation of a permanent fence in the same location as the temporary fence

Fig. 1 Support of Trial Fence as a Permanent Option

Themes in comments

Safer for dogs who now have a barrier between off-leash area and road

Safer for children and people who aren't comfortable with un-leashed dogs

Accessibility issues with gate on temporary fence.

Great compromise!

Next Steps

Council would like to thank the community for their participation in this project to ensure a safe and enjoyable open space for humans and our four-legged friends. From the feedback received during the consultation, Council has also decided to:

- install a permanent fence
- install a permanent water station near nursery that doubles as dog water bowl in off-leash area (near Council Nursery)
- replace Betty's Bridge
- install of one new disabled car parking space and kerb ramp on Cowells Lane.

The temporary fence will remain in the interim until the permanent dog fence is constructed on site. The new fence will be designed to ensure universal access for all park users.

August 2020 to February 2021



Community Consultation



Council analyses feedback



Design and procurement process

Mid 2021



Construction of permanent dog fence, water station and disabled car parking space

Late 2021



Replacement of Betty's Bridge

Who participated?



65,247

people on average saw the opportunity to provide feedback



359

formal responses received via Council's engagement portal



15

emails



12

phone calls



76%

of all respondents advised that they own dogs



55%

of participants advised they have children

We will continue to keep you updated as this project progresses via Council's engagement portal participate.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au.



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