Henley Brook recreation spaces consultation outcomes summary

Overview

This consultation brought together feedback on two related projects in the Mirvac Henley Brook Private Estate: the proposed Park Street active recreation space and the future of the basketball half-court at Wongin Park.

Between 3 and 23 August 2026, the City invited the community to share their views through a range of engagement activities, including community pop-up sessions, direct mail to nearby residents, site signage, an online project page, an information display at Crooked Spire Café and a formal public notice process. In total, 117 survey responses and 58 formal submissions were received, with feedback received from residents, families and regular park users.

While the two projects were presented together as part of a broader conversation about recreation opportunities in Henley Brook, they are subject to different decision-making and statutory processes. For this reason, feedback has been considered separately for each project.

What we heard

Park Street recreation space

Analysis of community feedback showed strong support for creating a flexible and welcoming recreation space that can be enjoyed by people of all ages. Residents highlighted the importance of providing opportunities for older children and teenagers, encouraging informal sport and active recreation, creating places to socialise and connect, retaining mature trees and natural shade, and improving safe access throughout the area.

The most popular recreation elements included AFL football goals, walking paths, athletics and running opportunities, shade and seating, and community gathering spaces. Many participants also expressed support for retaining local basketball opportunities and suggested Park Street as a potential location for future basketball facilities if the Wongin Park basketball half-court is removed.

Wongin Park basketball half-court

The statutory public notice process received 58 formal submissions from residents, families and park users, including submissions from Henley Brook and surrounding suburbs. Of the submissions received, 54 (93 per cent) objected to the proposed disposal of the basketball half-court and four (7 per cent) supported the proposal.

Recognising that noise impacts were a key factor leading to consideration of the proposal, a focused review was undertaken of submissions received from residents and businesses located within 100 metres of the facility. Fourteen submissions were received from nine distinct nearby locations. Of these, seven locations (78 per cent) objected to the proposed disposal, while two locations (22 per cent) supported it.

Submissions opposing the proposal commonly cited the recreational value of the facility, the importance of local opportunities for young people and concerns regarding the loss of community infrastructure. Submissions supporting the proposal generally referenced noise impacts and residential amenity considerations associated with the facility's use.

Conclusion

Overall, the consultation highlighted the community's strong interest in maintaining quality recreation opportunities in Henley Brook while also recognising the need to balance these opportunities with the amenity of nearby residents. The feedback will help inform the next stages of planning and decision-making for both projects, alongside technical, strategic and the City’s operational considerations.