



Project Name : Draft Open Space Strategy 2021-2026 Consultation Report

Submission Summary (19th August – 9th September 2021)

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Project Overview

The Open Space Strategy will be a key strategic document which will sit alongside Council's Strategic Management Plans and will influence the direction and scope of open space planning, projects, renewal and maintenance over the next five years.

This draft strategy has been developed after considerable review of Council's Open Spaces from 2015 through to 2020 which involved community consultation on previous drafts of this strategy. Since that time, several major open space planning exercises have been completed including the Port Lincoln Foreshore Project and the Puckridge Park Concept Plan.

This strategy will build upon these and other open space projects already included in the Annual Business Plan and Budget for 2021/2022 and will set out the priorities and key projects for the following 5 years for additional open space projects.

Open spaces do the following:

- Contribute to the City's amenity and environmental quality, as well as significantly enhancing the well-being and enjoyment of residents and visitors alike.
- Play an important part in meeting the recreational needs of our communities. It is also an important determinant of the quality of people's lives by providing a range of opportunities from relaxation, to health and fitness and children's play.
- Provide protection of natural features, cultural sites and natural habitats, while improving the urban environment and providing tourist destinations and attractions. The open space strategy ensures a coordinated approach of enhancing, maintaining and developing our open spaces.

The Draft Open Space Strategy examines the existing supply of public open space (what it is like now) and also considers the demand for public open space (what it should be to match community needs). There are various types of public open space across Port Lincoln, for example:

- parks;
- dryland reserves;
- sportsgrounds;
- drainage reserves; and
- bush reserves.

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Key Goal Areas

The Draft Open Space Strategy has 6 key goal areas with supporting actions that we will look to achieve over the next five years. The 6 key goal areas are:

- Goal 1 - Develop a Sustainable Funding Model for Open Space Developments, Upgrades and Renewal
- Goal 2 - Delivery Priority Open Space Projects
- Goal 3 - Increase the range of functions available in Open Spaces
- Goal 4 - Maintain Open Space in accordance with Open Space Principles
- Goal 5 - Enhance Asset Information and Infrastructure Renewal
- Goal 6 - Facilitate better planning for Open Spaces in Land Divisions.

Key Reserve Planning

The Draft Open Space Strategy provides focus for Council's reserve planning activities over the next 5 years, with planning expected for the following reserves:

- Whait Reserve (this year)
- Nelson Square - (Dog Park -this year)
- Murray's Point (future years)
- Harbour View Reserve (future years)
- Flinders Park (future years)

It is also planned that Council will complete masterplans for both the Centenary Oval and Ravendale Sport Complex precincts.

Click the link to view the Draft Open Space Strategy 2021-2026 in full or refer to the Key Documents section on the right of screen.

Hard copies of the Draft Open Space Strategy 2021-2026 were made available at the Council Administration Office and the Port Lincoln Library from Thursday 19 August 2021 to 5pm on Thursday, September 9, 2021.

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Number of Submissions : 31

Submissions	Subject	Comments	Attachments
1	Feedback on Open Space Plan	The draft strategy while very high level seems to have taken account of the key areas of concern. I had the opportunity to take a disabled resident into Pioneer Park this week and was shocked at the state of the Park. I am very happy to know there is a plan and that we can expect to see work on our public spaces soon. I am particularly interested in the plan for Murray Point and wish to have considered in the feedback the attached proposal for wetlands in this space.	Refer Attachment 1
2	Submission - Draft Open Space Strategy 2021-2026	Hi, Thank you for providing a reminder of the above strategies completion and now seeking comment. Overall the strategy is very sound. However through my regional involvement in football – the Council will need to keep abreast of the changes in this area. I anticipate within 2- 3 years there will be changes to the competitions of football and netball. Due to declining population in neighbouring areas and declining participation in particular junior football (eg Under 17's and U15's) within the city there will be an amalgamation of Leagues in Southern EP just like Upper EP. Whilst this will make football and netball clubs more resilient and sustainable in the near future – there could be an excess of facilities and infrastructure. I would advise the Council to keep abreast of these changes SANFL Community Football (Lisa Faracci) and the EP Football Board (I was chair of this but resigned and Peter Treloar is the new chair). The consensus at my time of Chair was that Great Flinders and Port Lincoln Football Leagues would amalgamate in the near future with club amalgamations and netball following football plus a town based netball competition. There are differing opinions on this but the facts and demographics do not lie. Politics in this area is clouding some of the decision making that should happen which makes planning for the future difficult. I would also like to see the Port Lincoln Race Club used more as an open space too. If and when storm water is captured in the centre of the race course – this area could be a very valuable asset to the community and maintained by the Race Club. My advice is for Council to keep liaising with the Race Club too. The Club is in a position of being a major player in racing within the State – again within 3 -5 years there will most likely be increased racing and improved facilities in this space. I hope my short statements assist. The strategy is well done again. Please keep up the good work in this area and I sincerely hope Council is able to fund and keep on track with its strategy timelines.	-

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3	Open Space	Depending on costs all very good but I have reservations about the foreshore. I like it as is. I would not like to see a poor version of the Gold Coast which itself is over the top.	-
4	Foreshore plan changes	Non-socially acceptable Youth behaviour has been on the increase over the last few years. The creation of interesting outdoor activity areas will help reduce the possible increase of offenders becoming a greater problem. The Port Lincoln Council must invest in every designated open space park areas in all sectors of the city to assist in combating future non-socially acceptable behavior problems. It is the Council's duty to ensure the outdoor activity areas capture the imagination of the city's youngsters. An investment in healthy outdoor recreation is an investment in the quality of life for the younger members of the city. Instead of looking for the cheapest way to upgrade these park areas it would be more beneficial to ask "what else can be done".	-
5	Submission - Draft Open Space Strategy 2021-2026	Whilst pleased to see a mention of a dedicated dog park at Nelson Square....it remains a huge concern your document now only states, '.....may be considered.! My continued contact with council regarding dog 'issues' at the Mundy's Landing lawn area waned when earlier Pt Lincoln Times reporting stated a dedicated dog park decision was pending around August /September...that appears now not the case. I looked forward to a resolution....however it appears now only a particularly vague, open ended, non committal, '...may be considered.' I withheld forwarding additional photos of the continuing dog issues we are confronted with....regularly! Including:- * off leash and uncontrolled dogs defecating here, there and everywhere without owners bagging deposits (usually oblivious as they stroll ahead of their pet with eyes glued to phones). * dogs chasing balls and bounding over private gardens-greeted with their owners, 'sorry, sorry!' * dog and owner collectives-all manner of dog breeds and temperaments going every which way whilst owners have their social interaction. * dogs chasing birds -come and count the number of Plovers that fruitlessly try to re-establish their nesting sites. * dogs scaring children and general public with their exuberance. In fact nothing at all has changed except an expectation that changes were to look forward to. Not so ☹️ It is also a very real concern that even if and when a site is nominated.....would that be an end to off leash at Mundy's open family lawn site-there is a children's playground at one end-not ideal with free roaming dogs ??? My comment serves to remind you the problems have not waned, the commentary has and that is only because an answer was believed to be pending. What % of councillors considered opinion goes towards home owners being able to live in reasonable peace, and the well-being of the park area users??? At the moment ...it is 'dogs rule!' A Parnkalla walking trail that joins Mundy's Park	-

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		states, 'dogs on leash'. Not often so -but we do try to pick a time to walk unhindered but those odds are as good as a Power Ball win. Yours sincerely-watching, waiting, hoping	
6	bmx track	some of the more frequent users of the bmx track and myself ,were wondering if the council would consider doing some upgrades there .bitumising of the track and some minor modifications would make it much more user freindly ,all weather and reduce maintinence[currently done by me]the current surface is very rocky ,making it difficult for kids on bikes with small wheels to negotiate, bitumen would mean it could be used in all weather and by bikes ,scooters ,skateboards and more.thanks .	-
7	Comments on Open Space Strategy	Disappointed to see only scant mention of Parnkala Trail extension Lincoln Hotel to Axel Stenross. Council has well developed plans for this with some excellent drawings that should have been included in strategy. Having a " current focus" hardly suggests a priority. Major omission is the possibility of railway land. Although some mention of protecting corridor for future trail, no mention of huge potential for wetlands and other possibilities for railway site. Linkages and connections. Heritage trail to Winters Hill not even mentioned. Work has been done on this and makes much more sense than connection through Cemetery reserve. Dog park. Consider a portion of Wellington Square. Less neighbour issues, already off street parking and plenty of space. Goal one, some indication of what land will be considered surplus and available for sale. I suggest some of Heritage Park, or Cemetery reserve, south side.	-
8	RAVENDALE OVALS COMPLEX	Re grassed area alongside oval fence next to the Ravendale Community Sports Centre. Dispite a sign saying 'No Parking', cars are always parking on this grassed area. Sometimes even overnight. If you want to preserve the grass, I suggest that area is changed. Option 1. is to put up bollards around the area. Option 2, is to remove the grass and provide extra parking. Option 3, is to pave the area and provide extra seating in this area. I personally prefer Option1	-
9	Open Space	Whilst it is great to hear the Council have decided to improve the public space areas around the city I would also like to see an allocation of funds in the Annual Budget to maintain areas that have improvements planned. In recent years Council received funding for the Heritage Trail and some sections were greatly improved however the section of this trail between Margaret Avenue and Duncan Avenue (along Duncan Avenue) received no attention at all. The trail is along Althorpe Avenue however	-

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		this area has TWO sides and Duncan Avenue is grossly neglected. I have written to Council many times on this subject and do have concerns come summer of the fire hazard. Council could allocate funds to remove the dead/broken trees/limbs and the improvement would be obvious. Cleaning, tidying in a maintenance program would slowly enlarge the area that could be mowed to keep it tidy. Unfortunately as it is the long grass collects litter as there is no bin at the entrance on Duncan Avenue (a measured distance from the corner deli). I realise I am talking about one area of the township however the funding of a maintenance program should cover all public spaces. Not all residents want to venture to the local jetty to enjoy their leisure time.	
10	What Reserve Project	I hope the existing pine trees in What Reserve are not removed, and that a lot more trees are planted there, in addition to the provision of a public toilet facility.	-
11	Open spaces	I am concerned that the council is wanting to sell off parts of Nelson Square. We should keep the parks we have there is so much space around that it's not necessary to sell a park that's been around for a very long time. As for the dog park great idea but I power walk along the Parnkalla trail from ANZ to Shelly Beach most mornings with my dog, I like to walk him without a lead as it's too slow with the lead on I can't get a decent walk otherwise. He is well behaved and I'm happy to keep doing this but worry about the fine. Most dog owners are responsible that I see and if an irritable dog comes along put the lead on, I'm sure we can get along without the lead as a necessity at all times bar the short area at the front beach and before 8 30 it's just not enough area, I would need to walk back and forth for so many times. My walk is usually an hour. I have walked along here for 20 or more years and 2 years with a dog. I would like to keep walking it's so good for you and for the dog.	-
12	open space strategy	my comments attached, thank you!	Refer Attachment 2
13	Draft Open Space	My thoughts in attached file.	Refer Attachment 3

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	Strategy comments		
14	Draft Open Space Strategy	Puckridge Park should be a high priority in the open space upgrade. It is close to the CBD, has excellent tourist options with the view, can be incorporated in a tourist link trail, great family playground facilities and a peaceful natural bush setting. The Park is tired and not used to its full potential.	-
15	Draft Open Space Strategy submission	Nelson Square improvement. I agree with improving the square as nothing seems to have been changed in the 21 years that I have been residing at Cardiff Rd and its about time it is given this attention. Yes a dog park with controlled hours I would hope and improve the children's playground, however I have read that council have made a motion to sell off excess land for residential purposes! This I DO NOT agree with as it's a RESERVE and there to improve urban living as are the words that I read in your strategy! I have seen outside tree maintenance being undertaken from time to time, the tennis courts get used by families at times AND one or two of those could be kept and improved! The dog obedience program has been undertaken there in the past but not noticed lately, people walk through the reserve AND lastly we need our greenery our native bush and trees for the clean fresh air that we breath!	-
16	Road Safety Training Park (Public Land)	Council has already received a submission from our Group for land and support for the establishment of a RSTP at the Cnr Windsor Ave & Proper Bay Rd. This was denied. We were informed that Nelson Square could be a good location. However there is not a mention in the DRAFT PLAN as to our request. Consequently we raise the subject again, hoping for some recognition that Road Safety should have a higher priority than dogs in a park.	Refer Attachment 4
17	Open Space Strategy	My preference from the strategy is to see a concerted effort made to upgrade Puckridge Park in line with the original consultants plan. I also support the upgrade of Ravendale Sporting facilities in accordance with the original proposal whereby Council were to make this a multi use sporting facility and to be the premier sporting complex within the City	-

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18	Port Lincoln South linkage to Foreshore	Good plans - thank you. Drainage reserves; what about general safety issues (signage, access 'landscape controls'?). Further noticed no linkage (crossing/path) upgrades planned from Lincoln South - cycling & walking - into town. Regarding the Parnkalla Trail: is it not possible to continue it along shoreline(s) towards Tulka & beyond? Public toilet access and covered sitting meeting area / homeless sleep shelter bit like in Adl. - King William Square - possibly. Can Sleaford Terrace be straightened out removing bad deep road gutters / road surface issue near Oxford Tce end -and utilize green areas then there locally differently? Thanks!	-
19	Nelson Square proposal	I have read the Open Space Strategy and would like to comment on the suggestions for Nelson Square. I live on Eltham Avenue and have accessed this park, with my family over the past 41 years. I welcome the suggestion of a fenced dog park, possibly in 2 sections - 1 for small dogs and 1 for larger dogs. Parking can be incorporated off road. My main concern is the proposed sale of some of the park for residential use. This is to be avoided at all costs as it would not improve the ambience of the area. We need to maintain open space, even to include the community garden there would be wonderful. I remember years ago that Council wanted to sell some off the land in Nelson Square. This was opposed then and most certainly would be opposed now. Please do not sell off any of this land. We love this square. We even use the existing tennis courts for learner players.	-
20	Save Nelson Square!	As a neighbour of Nelson Square for 50 years I would be very disappointed to see part of the land sold for residential. Many people use the park daily for walking and dog exercise. Each weekend there are family groups using the better 2 courts for tennis and regularly see those with younger children using the old courts for push bikes, skates and skateboards. The playground is now very sad but with just one or two more items would make it more attractive to visit - I have recently taken children there and enjoyed the swings, sandpit and slide. I think it would be an ideal place for a dog park and for a community garden. The old clubrooms could be utilised for the community garden as a sheltered place for a cuppa and storing and sharing resource materials. The park could benefit from a BBQ area with improved playground as Wellington Square is always busy. I find Nelson Square has the qualities of some bushland and less structure compared other to major park areas such as Wellington Park, Foreshore and Flinders Park. Plenty of parking area. KEEP IT A SQUARE, should not be subdivided!	-
21	Nelson Square	I am very disappointed in council's decision to once again sell part of Nelson Square for housing. Why is necessary for the residents of this city to have to fight to keep our nature reserves? The park has been badly neglected for many years and as I	-

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		have lived nearby I can watch that, despite the neglect, this park is needed by many people of all ages. We pay our rates the same as other people in other areas so why the neglect of this area? Everyone is encouraged to exercise for our health and well being, and people are living on smaller blocks of land due to subdivisions, so why try and reduce a park space? It is a total contradiction. We all, but especially children need open spaces.	
22	Save Nelson Square!	I am deeply appalled in the councils decision to sacrifice our treasured nature park for public housing.. We have been living across the road from this nature reserve for over 50 years, and make good use of it weekly. I believe our community would be greatly disadvantaged if these plans were to pass council. Waking up to the birds chirping in the morning is the highlight of my day. To destroy the wildlife habitat we already have would be extremely disheartening.. Especially to replace it with overcrowded housing.	-
23	Save Nelson Square!	Nelson square is a park that has a unique combination of both natural and recreation areas. Future generations should be able to safely walk through the tree's and enjoy the variety of activities already supplied. I don't understand how the council has the right to turn public land into residential, thus reducing our flora and fauna, and bio diversity. To label our suburbs ovals as "open spaces" do not include natural habitats. Our community would be extremely saddened to find out our council is destroying any natural areas within our suburbs.	-
24	Trees	I believe that finding the correct type of trees and vegetation is important for a successful future of any park, it takes many years to achieve a good growth height, plan early for a successful future.	-
25	Open Space Strategy submission	Dear City of Port Lincoln, Nelson Square - sale of land - opposed Given the limited open space dedicated to the public for enjoyment and recreation in Port Lincoln, it lacks long term vision to sell off a scarce limited resource. It is against what the local residents want and is short sighted to sell part of Nelson Square, a well utilised public space, for residential development. Open space is more valuable than a short term perceived gain. The original plan of Port Lincoln included Nelson Square. This vision for the open space available to the public should be respected. The park is in reasonable condition and is in constant use by families, dog walkers and general public. Investment into creating a dog park can be achieved without selling off public spaces. Global research shows how important green spaces are for community wellbeing. Preserve and protect the heritage	-

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		of Nelson Square for future generations. Over development for cash generating residential development will harm local residents of Kirton Point and Nelson Square. The proposal will detract from the amenities of Kirton Point, swallowing up irreplaceable open space. Defining open spaces as surplus to needs is nonsense. Open space has inherent value and should be enhanced, not sold. A strategic approach to enhancing the natural beauty of each public space which Port Lincoln Council are the custodians of, will provide long lasting community benefit, which the Council will be respected for. Thank you for considering this feedback. Kind regards	
26	Open Space Strategy	IT IS NOT OK TO SELL OFF PORTIONS OF NELSON SQUARE. IT HAS BEEN THERE SINCE THE ORIGINAL PLAN OF THE TOWN OF PORT LINCOLN AND HAS BEEN VALUED FOR DECADES. DESPITE WHAT SOME PEOPLE HAVE TO SAY, THE PARK IS USED REGULARLY. COUNCIL NEGLECTING THE PARK IS NOT A REASON TO SELL IT.	Refer Attachment 5
27	Open Space Strategy submission - Rustlers gully park	Dear Council I live near to this park and would like to see a new piece of equipment put in for the neighborhoods children. My suggestion is a Flying Fox. The shape and slope of the park lends itself to this activity. I'm sure the children would get a lot of fun out of one and possibly use the other equipment more often.	-
28	Open space strategy	Commendable extensive presentation of the 'O.S.Strategy' covering a wide range of mixed recreational needs an opportunities for the Community an Tourism. Very well set out an easy to follow the key goal areas , planning an management. Only one question comes to mind - will the Council forward think an budget for adequate STAFF to maintain these added developments on the proposed Reserves, Parks,Ovals etc plus the'Foreshore Plan' to which will ALL need efficient an effective Resource Management eg. Gardeners an Maintenance - currently it does not an hasnt for some time unfortunately an sadly for rate payers an tourism???. Thanking you for the opportunity to engage an respond on the O.S.Strategy plans for our City of PT.LINCOLN.	-

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29	Draft Open Space Strategy	Please find attached a submission for the Draft Open Space Strategy	Refer Attachment 6
30	Open Space Strategy submission	<p>Dear Mayor and Councillors and CEO, I would like to submit the following comments in relation to your draft Open Space Strategy 2021 - 2026. Goal 1. Selling land in order to develop open space can be counter productive. We do not have a great deal of available open space and lack of attention in the past does not necessarily render land surplus. Goal 3. Action 1. Pioneer Park has the advantage of trees and undergrowth that will provide interest for dogs and dampen the inevitable noise. I would suggest a quarter to a third of the park be fenced, a portion for ball activities and, mostly away from the perimeters, fenced tracks for dog exploration. This would leave plenty of space for native fauna. The Nelson Square and Harbour View locations under consideration would certainly impact on the adjacent residents to their detriment. Goal3. Action 2. Community gardens work in densely populated areas and where the gardeners have a high degree of autonomy. The majority of Port Lincoln residents do have gardens that demand their attention. I suggested, at one stage, offering garden beds for adoption by enthusiasts but obstacles were presented to that concept. Verge gardens seem to be popular in some municipalities. What is Council's attitude? Again, minimum control and direction seems to work. Goal 4. With a view to future generations and to climate change, I would like to see copses of tall trees developed within the city. There are a few individual tall trees together with those in Pioneer Park. Goal 5. Action 3. The current foreshore playground, constructed at considerable cost, is in good condition, is well used and has much more useful life. I suggest that your criteria for its demolition is an Adelaide designer's opinion that it is 'kitsch'. Goal 6. New open space: While I am opposed to sacrificing prime beach space for car parking, I do believe reclamation from Bishop Street to Lewis Street (which is hardly prime beach) could provide valuable parking and recreation space and take pressure off the CBD generally. It would also negate the need to repair the sea wall and footpath.</p>	-
31	Open Space Strategy submission	<p>Dear Sir/Madam, I refer to the draft Recreation Strategy 2021 to 2026 particularly the reserve planning proposal to turn Nelson Square into an off the leash dog park. I object to this proposal on the grounds of: # loss of residential amenity to adjoining dwellings; # noise impacts on nearby residents; # residential property devaluation; # potential traffic impacts from extra motor vehicle movements by dog owners; # lack of parking; # the proposed dog park use is contrary to the value of Nelson Square as a playground & cultural heritage site identified in the draft strategy; # the site may be isolated from native</p>	-

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		<p>vegetation corridors but still retains value as remnant vegetation with habitat values and should be enhanced; # and, site & residential surrounds management & maintenance issues associated with an off the leash dog park in respect to ensuring responsible behaviour by owners & their dogs - that is, so that no dog is attacked, the owner cleans up after the pet & the owner respects the residential location. On the last issue, I recognise that most people will be responsible however, it is naive to think that all visitors will be responsible pet owners. I would recommend that an alternative location be considered not Nelson Square. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft strategy.</p>	