

FUTURE USE OF CANBERRA TECHNOLOGY PARK SITE



What we heard report

FUTURE SITE USE: CANBERRA TECHNOLOGY PARK

We held a comprehensive conversation with the community about the potential future use of the site.

There were two specific engagement objectives: (1) to seek community views on whether to redevelop and revitalise Block 1, Section 13 Watson as a higher education and enhanced community precinct, with student accommodation; and if there was support, (2) to determine how to best deliver the public green space in line with what the community wants.

Conversations were held online, over the phone, and face to face with stakeholders from **Monday 5 February to Friday 16 March 2018**.

Key insights from the community

1. There was overall support (over 85 per cent) across the different engagement activities for the redevelopment and revitalisation of this site as a higher education and enhanced community precinct, including student accommodation.

Green space/community facilities

2. There was general agreement amongst responders that improved community facilities would attract more people to use the site.
3. There was strong interest in the type, locations and scale of future community facilities on the site.
4. There was strong support for green space and outdoor activities, and moderate support for built structures such as community meeting rooms.
5. There was strong support for higher multi-level student accommodation if this meant that more green space would be preserved.
6. There were some concerns about the potential loss of community facilities and a keen interest in community facilities.

Use of the site

7. There was opposition to the site being used for other purposes such as aged care, public housing or private accommodation developments.
8. There was support for musical performance spaces to be included and for the continuation of accommodation for Canberra City Band.
9. Traffic and parking was a major concern for residents with the potential impact on surrounding residential streets considered to be a significant issue.

Phone survey

Separate to the insights gained from the engagement activities, a phone poll showed either full or moderate support of 85% by over 500 respondents for the use of this site as a higher education and enhanced community precinct, with student accommodation.

Key Timings

Step 1: 5 February – 16 March 2018

Community consultation on the future use of the site

Step 2: June 2018

What We Heard report released

Step 3: end of 2018

ACT Government decision about the future use of Canberra Technology Park. Final report including response to matters raised during consultation released

Step 4: 2018/2019

Potential site sale – dependant on a final decision by ACT Government following consideration of the consultation and site investigation findings

Step 5: Future

Any future development on the site would be the subject of a detailed proposal and Development Application (DA) by a successful purchaser, including pre-DA and DA community consultation



WHAT'S NEXT?

This **'What We Heard'** report is an important step in providing the community with a snapshot of what people said during consultation while Government considers the feedback received and determines the next steps.

In the meantime, to find out more about other initiatives, policies and projects in Canberra visit yoursay.act.gov.au or follow ACT Government on Facebook or Twitter.

Thank you for your feedback

2531
people

visited & interacted via
YourSay

100 people
attended **3 pop up**
events at Hackett &
Watson shops &
Flix 'n Dickson Movie
night

100+
people
attended a
community picnic
with a range of
engagement activities

55
organisations
were invited to
participate in 4 face-
to-face business &
stakeholder briefings

429

responses to the
online survey

826

responses to the
online **quick poll**

124

comments
on the interactive
map

18

detailed
submissions from
organisations and
individuals

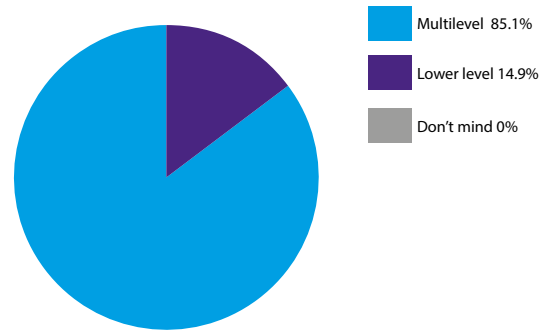
ONLINE SURVEY RESULTS

Includes entry of hardcopy surveys that were completed at face-to-face engagement activities.

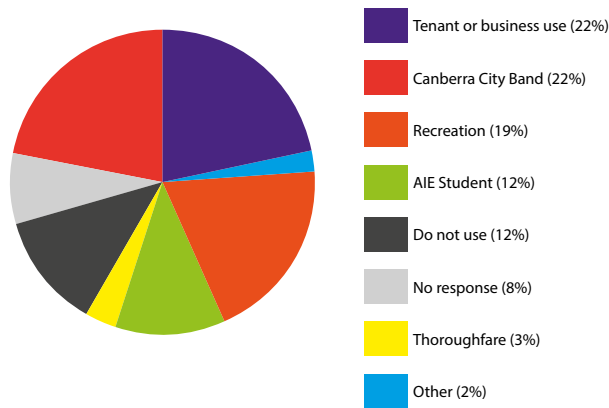
Q1. Do you support the redevelopment and revitalisation of this site as a higher education and enhanced community precinct?



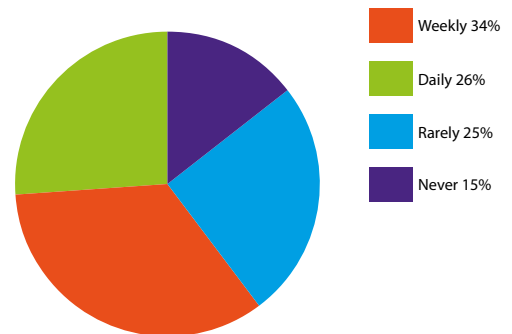
Q2. Would you prefer that student accommodation is built multilevel to preserve more public green space? Or a lower level building that occupies more of the green public space?



Q3. How do you currently use the site?



Q4. How often do you use the site?



Q5. What features would you like to see included in the public green space at the site?

