

Community engagement

Development Victoria conducted a range of community engagement activities throughout 2016, to inform the community about the project and highlight opportunities to get involved. Feedback collected during the community engagement period provided valuable insights, which were used to inform the concept master plan.

What we heard

Working closely with the North Fitzroy community, Development Victoria introduced the project and gathered community feedback through a series of workshops, community and reference group meetings, Facebook comments and an online survey.

Over 2500 individual comments were recorded and collated to inform the Development Victoria draft concept plan.

Key themes identified by the Fitzroy North community include:

- recreation and open space;
- built form, housing and land use options;
- community facilities and amenities;
- transport - including cycling facilities, car parking; public transport, and walkability;
- heritage - including indigenous heritage, art and streetscapes and the site's history;
- environment - including green space, sustainable design and site remediation; and
- planning process, community engagement and funding models.

Incorporating community feedback in the concept master plan and future opportunities for input

Development Victoria has taken on board comments about the need for a mix of housing types, open space and community facilities.

Development Victoria is aware of concerns with development densities and heights. Community sentiment has been considered in limiting heights to between 6-10 storeys for the northern portion and edge of the site, and up to 14 storeys in the middle zones where there is reduced impact to surrounding areas.

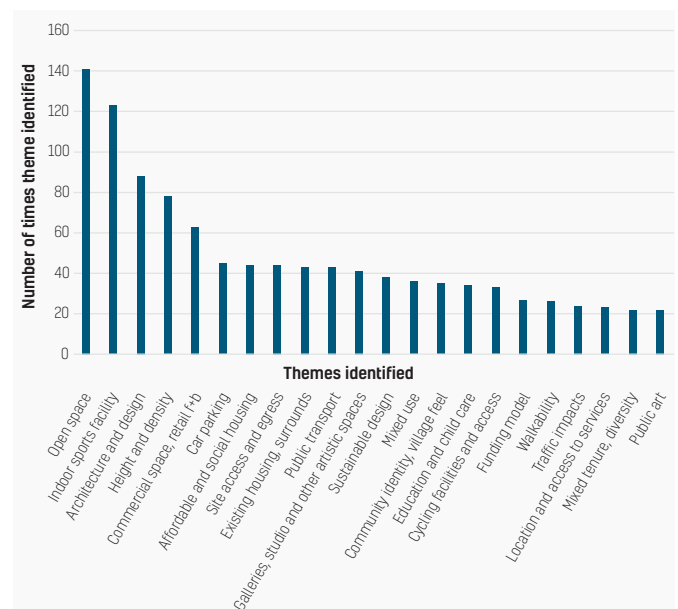
While some aspects of the plan need to remain to ensure this project of state significance is viable, Development Victoria is interested to hear your thoughts, so plans can be refined to reflect your feedback.

The provision of car and bicycle parking will reflect a focus on sustainable transport including walking, cycling and public transport. While vehicle access will be necessary from Alexandra Parade and Smith Street, traffic modelling indicates that increases in traffic to the immediate area will be minimal.

The built form will respect the local character with building heights considering community expectations and the history of North Fitzroy.

There will be a range of opportunities for the community to participate, during further stages of the project, including viewing plans and providing feedback online, or attending a 'drop in' session to meet the team, see large scale visuals and maps and provide feedback in person.

Key themes identified during community engagement



Contact us

You can provide your feedback by completing a feedback form at one of our information sessions or online at development.vic.gov.au where you can view more information about the project.

Alternatively you can email us with your questions or comments at fitzroygasworks@development.vic.gov.au