

In November 2023 we held our second community engagement event to present the developing plans for the Lower Hoopern Valley

96% were satisfied or very satisfied with the developing design proposal*

Which features were most popular?

Community access improvements were most popular (64%)
Biodiversity improvements were very popular (50%), with ponds and wetlands most often mentioned (18%)

98% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the designs met our primary objectives

- To enhance biodiversity,
- To improve community engagement, access and education,
- To provide a resource for natural and social science research, and,
- To provide a level of carbon sequestration (the uptake and long-term storage of carbon).

*56 responses as of 4/1/12



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Please note that we read and considered all responses – this is just a summary of some of the most frequently mentioned themes

You Said..

We Did..

Concerns

Most concerns were around the potential for increased access to lead to increased anti-social behaviour such as littering.

We will-

- Provide information for site users on respectful use of the site.
- look into having a greater presence of grounds team staff during day-time hours on site
- The University security patrol will be available to be contacted with specific concerns.

Better path surfacing

During our first infrastructure phase, we will prioritise -

- Developing an accessible path on the northern side of the site.
- Improving surfacing in areas of the mown paths which become muddy.

Differing views on dog walking

We will encourage people to be respectful of all users (including wildlife!) and remind people to clear up after their dogs.

Keeping a 'wild' feel

There were concerns about losing the natural or wild feeling of the site - we are keen to keep the site as a natural, wildlife haven, but with better access. We will consider this in management and materials.



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