



Community and Stakeholder Engagement Report

New path, Catalpa Reserve, Avalon Beach

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1. Summary¹

This report outlines the community and stakeholder engagement conducted as part of the New path Catalpa Reserve, Avalon Beach project.

The community consultation indicated that the majority of respondents were supportive of the concept of a path through Catalpa Reserve, describing community benefits including improved access to the playground and open recreation space, connecting local streets, providing a durable, all weather surface particularly as the reserve suffers from flooding in wet weather.

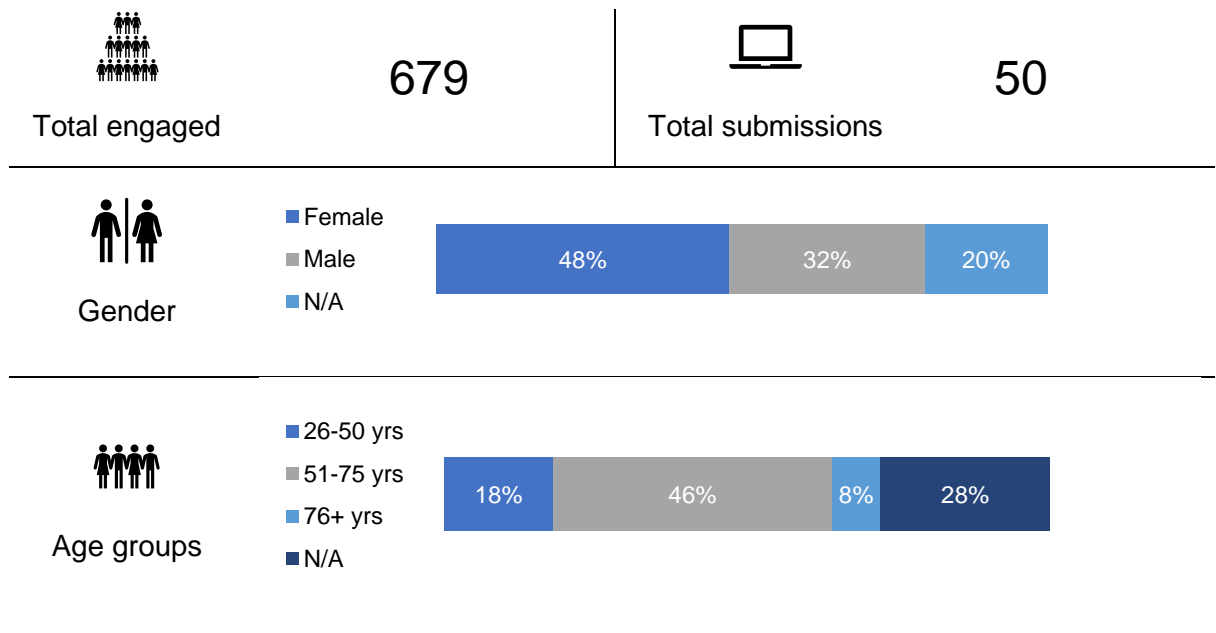
The key themes that emerged during the consultation included the preference for alternate construction material rather than concrete, the desire to preserve the natural bush feel of the area by protecting the existing trees and removing weeds.

There were some suggestions for changes to the path route and alignment, while other comments didn't want any change or thought that the funds could be better spent on other local paths.

1.1. Engagement date

11 September to 11 October 2020

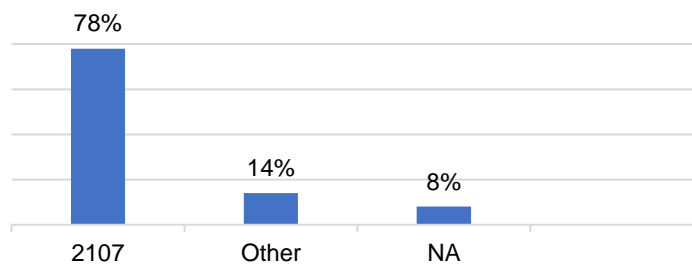
1.2. Who we engaged²




¹ Community and stakeholder views contained in this report do not necessarily reflect the views of the Northern Beaches Council or indicate a commitment to a particular course of action.

² No demographic data was captured for respondents who contributed feedback through direct emails or letters.


Postcodes




Feedback themes

- Improved accessibility
- Construction material
- Environmental impact
- Path alignment

1.3. How we engaged


Your Say

Visitors: 515

Visits: 629

Av. time onsite: 1
minute 15 seconds


Print media and collateral

Mail out to residents in immediate vicinity of the proposed shard path:

Distribution: 128

Site signs: Yes

Number: 3


Electronic direct mail (emails)

Community Engagement newsletter: 2

Distribution: 20,000

Council e-News: 2

Distribution: 150,000

2. Background

This fully funded project is part of the implementation of the Bike Plan to provide a safe and connected active transport network on the Northern Beaches.

The proposal is to build a 1.5m path of coloured concrete through Catalpa Reserve, Avalon Beach, providing a connection from Central Road, The Appian Way and Catalpa Avenue.

3. Engagement approach

Community and stakeholder consultation for the Catalpa Reserve new path project was conducted from 11 September to 11 October 2020, and was planned, implemented and reported in accordance with Council's [Community Engagement Matrix](#) (2017).

Project information and an opportunity to engage was included on the Council's Have Your Say project page. Behavioural economics principles guided the development of the online content to ensure clear and consistent information was provided to our community. A concept plan was used to support the page content.

Feedback was primarily collected through an online comment form with email and written responses also accepted.

To promote the engagement to local residents, an email notification was sent to 128 people adjacent and in the vicinity of the proposed new path in Avalon Beach.

The project was included in the Community Engagement and Council's regular e-newsletters to reach the wider Northern Beaches community.

3.1. Engagement objectives

- Provide accessible information so community and stakeholders can participate in a meaningful way (inform).
- Identify community and stakeholder concerns, local knowledge and values (consult).

4. Key Findings

The key themes that emerged from the feedback were:

- accessibility benefits
- path alignment and materials
- environmental impact
- allocation of funds.

Many respondents supported the plan, agreeing that it would provide a durable, all weather surface and improve access and connection between local streets. Some comments questioned the accessibility for prams and mobility scooters given that there would be steps on the path.

The material proposed for the path was a key reoccurring theme. Several respondents felt that crushed rock or permeable concrete with a natural scheme would be more environmentally sustainable choices than concrete. There was a suggestion for mosaics in the concrete. A couple of comments wanted to retain the natural bushy character of the reserve and didn't want a path at all. One respondent thought that a hard-concrete surface would increase runoff and make the flooding issue worse.

Several respondents didn't want to see any trees removed or impacted, the habitat of koalas preserved, and some weed eradication or bushcare undertaken in the Reserve.

There were a few comments that suggested alternate routes or locations that should be given higher priority such as connections with local retirement villages and Avalon shops and others that felt the money could be better spent elsewhere.

A summary of the main themes, comments and Council's response is included in the table below.

Theme	What we heard	Response
Improved accessibility	The reserve has drainage issues and gets boggy in wet weather. The new path will increase accessibility, be a short cut to local side streets	Improving accessibility is the key objective of this project. An additional park bench seat will also be installed adjacent to the path for people to rest and enjoy the open space.
Construction material	Concrete is not environmentally friendly, attractive or in keeping with the local character.	Eco concrete is proposed to be used for this path. Eco concrete is more ecological as it requires less carbon dioxide and energy to produce without compromising durability, compared to traditional concrete Concrete is considered the safest and most durable material for this location. Other options such as crushed rock will erode over time and the path will become rough and uneven
Environmental impact	Don't cut down or damage trees. Koalas used to live in this area.	No trees are identified for removal and significant tree roots will be protected. New tree plantings to enhance the existing native trees will be included in the project. Council is actively working to remove bushland weeds in Catalpa Reserve.
Path location	There are other locations in Avalon that require a path more	There has been a longstanding request from the community for Council to build a path through Catalpa Reserve
No change/do not want	Unnecessary urbanisation of green space. The existing dirt path is adequate.	Pathways and improved accessibility will assist people to move more easily through the reserve and allow for more people to enjoy the open space.

Appendix A – Full summary of community responses received online

No.	Comments
1	Why does the path have to be coloured concrete? Can the proposed path be similar to National parks paths which are natural to the bush surroundings. How will Mobility scooters, wheel chairs & prams access the stairs up & down the existing path/stairs to The Appian way? Are you making a ramp?
2	A good initiative, but why use concrete? Council should be minimising the use of concrete where ever possible as concrete production is a major source of greenhouse gas. It is also extremely ugly in a natural setting. There are other alternatives like the contacted soil used at Palm Beach. Please think in environmentally sound and aesthetically responsible ways rather than the extremely excessive use of concrete that has been characteristic of this council.
3	As a [REDACTED] resident who has used this shortcut into Avalon for many years, I think it's a great idea. The stairs at the Appian Way are very steep, not sure how this will be addressed for prams? It also looks like Council is skirting the pathway closest to the back of properties in Catalpa Place. This is where bike riders have made an absolute mess with ramps, digging holes and leaving timber boards around to use as bike jumps. It's an absolute hazzard. If the proposed new path took that route, it would get rid of this issue.
4	Can this pathway be made of the crushed brick that we have on some of the trails around. It looks so much better than concrete. A pathway is a great idea.
5	Catalpa Reserve is a delightful, natural grassy reserve with several islands of beautiful native trees - palms, sandpaper figs etc. The playground area encourages local children into a natural area. I feel that a concrete path would totally destroy the feel and character of the Reserve. No "improvement" is needed - in fact, a concrete path would destroy its character. Please leave more areas natural with no hard and constructed surfaces.
6	Couldn't be more pleased. I use this only in the dry weather.
7	excellent idea to make a lovely secluded park more accessible.
8	Excellent. Do it will all haste. The walkways are at a strategic point in the commute to a wide area as they cut off a longer trek by roadside from Central Road and Avalon Parade along Hudson Parade to Riverview Road. It's a great plan given the increasing usage of the walkways. Many second dwellings are in the area increasing local population. An important additional benefit would be lighting at points on the paths. During days with shorter daylight hours it can be very dark under the vast canopy of trees in the late afternoon. Thank you for the invitation to comment.
9	Fabulous idea !! I live on the boarder and people are now using this as a dog park. Could you please provide dog poo bags as nobody pics up. Thank you
10	Go for it. Gets waterlogged and mushy at times so has to be better. Thanks
11	Good idea to put a path through Catalpa Res. Good location for path route. Want to ensure no trees are removed nor roots compromised in construction. Not a fan of more concrete in Avalon. Seems to be the preferred default option for NBC, but Avalon residents would prefer the more rustic, less formal, crushed gravel option, and really don't want more concrete ANYWHERE. However, understand this area is often quite wet and on a slope, so may be necessary in this case.
12	Great idea - will be accessible to more users!
13	Great idea! It gets very soggy through there when it has been raining. It would be even better if you had a path branching off to catalpa place as well.
14	Great idea. I walk there regularly.
15	Has the council dealt with the infestations of noxious weeds in the park yet? Tradescantia, Madeira vine etc are taking over the edges and among trees in the reserves. Council garden people have even mowed over native vegetation planted by volunteers.

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16	<p>Hi Cameron, All looks very nice in a small park that will benefit the surrounding people that reside in the neighboring streets. I don't see any problem with it-yet. Depends how its build and what materials are going to be installed.</p> <p>While NBC is looking at paths. Before they start on Catalpa reserve How about NBC dig up the mish-mash of crappy pavers across Avalon and spend the money like they did in Mona Vale, Dee Why and other NBC suburbs with the similar paving format.</p> <p>By the way the Tree scape outside the organic shop, Nourish is an accident waiting to happen. See safer streets in Bali. Having lived in Avalon for over 50 years Avalon is looking more tired than ever. It is well overdue for a facelift and the people are calling for it.</p> <p>PS. get rid of those stupid white ugly posts in the middle of the shopping strip in Old Barrenjoey road. They never worked. They are an eyesore.</p> <p>PPS. Can we have some thought to an outdoor exercise area like that of Narrabeen Shark Park. Maybe over near the surf club area.</p> <p>PPPS. Indian Myna Bird population is growing to uncontrollable numbers. How about we issue kids with tasers and a bounty reward to NBC. Nothing like watching the clever little buggers fly in and out of Woolworths to pinch a grape of the fruit display and fly out the automatic doors before they close. Or boldly sitting on the cash register. Seriously, I've sent the pics to Woolworths H.O. and got the reply.</p> <p>Honestly, Avalon is looking crap and it is not shyly talked about. Time for an overhaul. I work in Cromer, travel all over Sydney and truly, Avalon is shabby. Fix it. Its embarrassing.</p> <p>NBC can not ride on the shirt tails of the rich and famous that live and travel and visit here or the TV shows or adds that are created here. The new netball courts and Dunbar Park Childs play area are all very nice. BUT you can put lipstick on a pig but its still a pig. Not criticizing but just stating the obvious that doesn't seem to be getting any attention. Happy to help with an army of local Avalon Surf Club members and residents.</p> <p>Look forward to hearing from you.</p>
17	<p>I am disappointed with Council's choice of concrete. Surely a free draining porous surface would be more pleasing for the eye and the environment.</p>
18	<p>I feel creating a path would make the reserve more of a thoroughfare which would not be ideal considering that many of the houses that back into the reserve do not have fencing and are open to the reserve. We are not in favour of the path.</p>
19	<p>I like the idea More access to recreation and green areas are always a great idea</p>
20	<p>I live nearby (near Avalon Sailing club) and hardly ever see anyone walking through this park. The proposed footpath leads to very few houses towards Appian Way. My suggestion would be to consider walkway from Hudson Pde next to kindergarten through bushland to join walkway rear of Retirement village, this would connect to walkway through to Avalon Village. Happy to talk [REDACTED]</p>
21	<p>I think concrete will be overkill and will completely change the park. More water run off. What is wrong with keeping the nice grass. If you have to make one please consider compacted sandstone like Dunbar Park. At the moment the path is a worn track made by people who walk through to the Catalpa Avenue side of the park. I don't think this is going to divert them. What is required is spending some money on bush care and reducing the weeds in the groves and saving the trees from a vine that is overtaking them. Thanks for the opportunity for me to have a say.</p>
22	<p>I think it's a great idea to have a pathway as it is often muddy. Have you thought of using permeable concrete to allow full water penetration? I'm currently researching this product that is based in Victoria, but they have a Sydney office. It would be a good investment for council for future pathways and parking areas.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>
23	<p>If there is finance for footpaths in Avalon I can't see why this particular path should have any priority. Many of us don't have a footpath at all even though we are in walking distance to Avalon village. For example Park Avenue has only the council strip which is undulating</p>

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	and dangerous in parts due to exposed tree roots. Walking on the road - the other option - has become more dangerous over the past few years due to an increase in parked vehicles. I would rather footpaths in this sort of situation be prioritised. Thank you.
24	It does get very muddy from Central Road to The Appian Way but I think a concrete pathway 1.5m is too wide for a natural area like that. Our natural environment is why most of us live here. I think the Council should get rid of the weeds under the trees. This Council seems to be very fond of 1.5m wide pathways.
25	Looking at the concept plan, it looks like council will be chopping down trees to create this path. For that reason, I and many others are against the proposal! We need as many green areas and trees as we can get and keep, for many reasons. Reasons that current and future generations unfortunately are facing, caused by government and councils already chopping down too many trees and clearing green areas for development in the past (and still happening), like climate change, loss of habitat for our unique flora and fauna etc.!! Loss of trees and green areas makes liveability in Northern Beaches Council more and more impossible, for all living beings!!! If you can create this path without tree chopping, then I and many others would be for it.
26	Looks just brilliant. Pathways away from roads makes so much sense. Can we have a similar pathway running alongside the Kindergarten to Avalon in Toongarrie Reserve to link up with the pathway behind Pittwater Palms retirement village. The muddy track is very well used by mums and strollers, school kids on bicycles, dog walkers and so many more. Also a bollard instead of a barrier at the existing pathway would be great. Much appreciated,
27	New Path Catalpa Reserve, To provide better access for prams, wheelchairs and mobility scooters. When I lived in Capua my children used The Appian Way to Central Rd to get to Avalon Primary School. I understand the fifteen steep steps to The Appian Way will remain therefore improved access will only be from Central Rd. If a concrete path was built, it would be necessary for the user to leave this path and travel on the existing grass area to make any use of the park. If people are able to do this, in what way does a concrete path improve access? I believe this precious money would be better used to provide easy access where it would provide the most benefit. Also concreting over soil when it has minimum value is just extending the concrete jungle.
28	Nice concept. Perhaps a gently sloping path(following existing slope) with NO stairs would be more manageable for the people with prams or mobility scooters(I realise the stairs at Appian way would have to remain) Also, why not branch the path to Catalpa Ave also. Many people walk through there on their way to Avalon via Central Rd and then along path behind Retirement Village (this path need some "levelling" attention) I live at [REDACTED] and most people cut directly behind our place and continue thru to Catalpa. Perhaps a crushed component rather than concrete?
29	No more of the bushland should be destroyed. Existing pockets of bush and trees should be cared for and weeds removed. The whole area used to be forested.
30	Thanks for this. We think it is a great idea. We live in [REDACTED] and use this route often to walk to Avalon Village. After rain the informal track becomes muddy and slippery and a path would be a great improvement. It would also help us when we take our grandchildren to play on the play equipment in the Reserve.
31	The argument that it would improve access for prams wheel chairs and mobility scooters ignores the fact that the existing path that you are proposing to connect with on The Appian Way has approximately 10 stairs at the start on The Appian Way so it would still be inaccessible to prams Wheel Chairs and mobility scooters.
32	The park would definitely benefit from a pathway as it gets very boggy in wet weather, and must be difficult with prams. Also there's a big gap between the current ground level and the beginning of the stairs and pathway to appian Way.
33	The proposed path in Catalpa Reserve is a great idea. By promoting a safe walking environment for all community members it is an important strategy to enhance equality in

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	our community. It is important that community members who are dependent on wheelchairs, scooters and with prams are able to easily access nature parks and thoroughfares. The path will promote use of this beautiful reserve and help to build an environment that promotes active transport - thus boosting our community's health and wellbeing. thank you in advance for this pathway.
34	This council is obsessed with footpaths and concrete. Can't see the point. Been here for nearly 60 years still walk there with no problems. Object strenuously to more trees being cut down along the old koala corridor. 4 generations of [REDACTED] family.
35	This is a great idea and may hopefully reduce car traffic on Riverview Road, as more residents may walk to Avalon village via this pathway rather than driving.
36	This path will be very welcome. That area can get muddy when wet and this path will allow access.
37	This path would be enhanced with mosaics such as the magic carpet & hopscotch I installed at Tramshed Narrabeen Reservoir at Chatswood peace Park. As well as enhancing the environment & creating community involvement it would enhance a greater sense of place & also employ artists such as myself in these difficult times.
38	This seems like a sensible idea. The park does sometimes get a bit damp and a path would make access for many people much easier
39	Very good. I also want the council to make sure that koala habitat is not destroyed. Forty years ago we had many koalas in the area (one lived in our front garden) and we felt very blessed to see it regularly.
40	Very happy with the proposal
41	We agree that the proposal is a positive step towards connecting community.
42	We are long residents of The Appian Way, and we welcome the concept for a usable durable concrete path to link the existing path on the Appian Way to Hudson Parade. The park does get very 'boggy' with rain, given it is at the bottom of the surrounding valleys runoff / seepage, so a concrete path will be necessary for use in all seasons, and for longer term maintenance. A compacted sandstone path or similar type construction would not be suitable for the sites geology / hydrology.
43	We had hoped that this pathway could be linked to the one behind Pittwater Palms so that there would be an off-road access for walkers from the Appian Way to Durbar Park in Avalon Village.
44	We think a very good idea. People should be encouraged to use it as a short cut to the Avalon Village for access to shops/schools/beach.
45	What is the matter with you people that you cannot appreciate a unspoiled reserve in the heart of the suburb. We use Catalpa Reserve every day - it is charming, secluded and green. Are concrete and bitumen the only words you understand. I can only imagine the chaos of kids on bikes and skateboards competing with an inevitable influx of pedestrians charging through the reserve. Please go and peddle your unused bitumen and concrete somewhere else.
46	when are you going to install a foot path connecting Park avenue to Barrenjoey Rd Avalon Beach. Surely this footpath has been too long ignored by Council. All the issues you raise with catalpa Reserve apply more so with the needed footpath for Park Avenue. Its all very well to think about prams, what about the older residents who live in the area around Park Ave-they can't even walk safely to the Village and bus let alone having to negotiate the traffic in a motorised chair. Its time this Council considered the live at home elderly apart from younger families who may occasionally push their prams through the Reserve. why can't people continue to use the reserve without having to spend more ratepayers money on what I consider to be a very subjective consideration by council- designed to benefit the few and not the elderly residents of Avalon. Surely the cost benefit analysis would suggest the residents of Park

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	Avenue and surrounds deserve a fairer allocation of Council funds (and a return on their rates) that the expense of (limited funds) of this ill conceived proposal
47	Yes please!
48	Why does the path have to be coloured concrete? Can the proposed path be similar to National parks paths which are natural to the bush surroundings. How will Mobility scooters, wheel chairs & prams access the stairs up & down the existing path/stairs to The Appian way? Are you making a ramp?
49	A good initiative, but why use concrete? Council should be minimising the use of concrete where ever possible as concrete production is a major source of greenhouse gas. It is also extremely ugly in a natural setting. There are other alternatives like the compacted soil used at Palm Beach. Please think in environmentally sound and aesthetically responsible ways rather than the extremely excessive use of concrete that has been characteristic of this council.

Appendix B - Submission attachments

I am writing as a resident of [REDACTED] who regularly walks through Catalpa Reserve and enjoys it very much as it is, although the drainage at the bottom of the cut through from Appian Way requires some work. I also use the playground there often with my two young sons. I really appreciate the natural environment of this reserve and playground and the fact that there are no concrete/hard engineered surfaces.

Accessibility

I understand that this proposed new path is an attempt to create greater accessibility, however it will not actually greatly increase accessibility. On the proposed concept plan the path is described as providing a 'connection' through Catalpa Reserve to Central Road, The Appian Way and Catalpa Avenue to 'allow greater accessibility for prams, wheelchairs and mobility scooters'. Yet the concept plan does not provide much greater accessibility for prams, wheelchairs or mobility scooters than currently exists as there appear to be three sets of three stairs in the proposed path and it connects to the existing path to Appian Way which has approximately 15 stairs. Therefore, a pram, wheelchair or mobility scooter would only be able to access this path from Central Road and would only be able to use half of this path before being confronted with stairs. I have a baby and would not consider taking a pram down 15 stairs to access the park from Appian Way and it is possible to wheel a sturdy pram in from Central Road when the grass has been regularly cut.

Concrete Path of 1.5 meters

The material and scale of the proposed path are not in keeping with the local environment.

Concrete is a hard, unnatural and unforgiving material and it would be much more preferable if this path could be created out of a softer, more natural material.

To add a concrete path of 1.5 meters width to such a small park seems unnecessary. It will take a significant amount of space away from the grassy area which is currently used by people exercising their dogs and by children playing games. I have seen boys practising baseball here and with a path dissecting the green space, such activities will be curtailed.

The proposed concrete path would also be a hard surface which children could fall and hurt themselves on, whereas this area is currently free of any such danger and parents can let their children roam around without worry that they will trip on concrete or fall down concrete stairs.

I have often watched boys playing on the dirt bike track they have created between the Appian Way cut through and Catalpa Avenue. I can only imagine that they would also race along a concrete path in the same way and eventually someone will be very hurt when they fall off their bike on this concrete path. As a mother of sons who will no doubt one day ride to school through this park, I would prefer that it was not possible for them to travel fast downhill along a concrete path with stairs.

Drainage and location

The proposed concept does not completely address the significant drainage issue at the bottom of the existing path and stairs from Appian Way or the fact that many people do not walk through the reserve where the path is proposed.

Whenever there is any substantial rainfall the area at the bottom of the existing path from Appian Way turns into a large boggy mess, this is exacerbated by bike riders and foot traffic moving through the reserve towards Catalpa Avenue. It is likely that even with a new path going through the park people will still walk along the existing dirt track to the east of the grove of palms/trees. This can be a quicker route to Avalon shops along Central Road, depending where you are trying to go, so will still be used and will still be a boggy mess during rain.

Given the issues outlined above, I would ask that council revise the planned path through Catalpa Reserve in terms of position, material and scale.

I have been using this park regularly for four years with my grandson and have spent many hours there. I also use it to cut through from Appian Way to Catalpa Ave when walking from Capua Place to Avalon. I love that it is so private, so undeveloped and without infrastructure beyond two seats and the playground, which is simple and quite adequate. I am concerned that the proposed path is unnecessarily large and unnecessary in the planned location and too intrusive into the natural feel of the park. I would have thought there were much higher priorities for Council's park budget. What is the problem that this proposal is trying to address? What is actually wrong with a low-impact dirt path in a park with low usage? It just needs a bit of attention to water flow where the boys have made a jump, and, of course, making jumps is a problem anywhere. But otherwise, I like it how it is.

Low usage and inappropriate location of proposed path:

During these many hours in the park, I have seen few people actually walking through the park e.g. in an hour and a half at the playground this week, I saw one jogger come along from Catalpa Avenue to Appian Way and one person walking their dog from Catalpa Ave into the park area where they let it roam off-leash, then they returned to Catalpa Ave. I do see a few locals use it for dog exercise – which does not require a concrete path. Of the relatively low level of pedestrian usage that I see, most people come from Catalpa Ave across to Appian Way or vice versa. I rarely see someone come from Central Rd to Appian Way or vice versa. The existing dirt paths are created by the users and there is no sign of wear across the main part of the park where path is proposed. So I think the proposed path is a poor use of Council funds and in the wrong place. Instead, any upgrade of the path needs to be along the main path currently used, winding along the site boundaries from steps at Appian Way to Catalpa Ave, and potentially along a branch coming off to go to Central Rd. The jumps made by local lads for bikes are in this area and they would need to be spoken to. This would also avoid the problem of becoming a waterfall in heavy rain whereas proposed path will have much run off flowing over steps. Water flow would need to be catered for in the design by occasional narrow gaps framed by timber or slope, as in National Park trails.

Why such a wide concrete path in a location not useful for prams or wheelchairs?

Why is it so wide? Your proposal states the 1.5 m coloured concrete path is to facilitate access for prams and wheelchairs. I have never seen a pram pushed through the park, and I have two grandsons aged 4 and 3 months living in Capua Place and another 3 ½ year old lives downstairs. Given how steep the hills are in Brindisi Place and Capua Way, and that there are no footpaths on these streets or Riverview, where would someone realistically bring a pram or wheelchair from? A concrete path in the name of disability and parent access is not needed here because it does not connect to any other concrete paths. There are also several sets of steps in the proposed design within the park, and the existing long steep flight of steps going up to Appian Way. This would be impossible for a wheelchair to use, and very difficult for a pram. So what usage is this big path meant to assist?

Change to feel of park due to width and concrete

The 1.5 m width and concrete surface in a tiny undeveloped park will be visually intrusive and change the feel of the park which is currently unengineered and its charm is in the natural ambience. Crushed sandstone or the material used in some National Park trails around the harbour would fit in with the landscape and be quite adequate for the usage. If it wound around the site boundaries on north-eastern side with a branch to Central Rd – as with the dirt paths worn by usage – the main area of the park would remain a delightful sanctuary of grassland without concrete. The path does not need to be wide, enough for two people to walk side by side is all that is required. This would seem a more appropriate location, design and material for this location. I hope that a new design can be proposed which maintains the natural feel of the park and caters appropriately for the route and real level of usage. The current proposal is expensive overkill which detracts from the amenity of the park.

Appendix C – Submissions received by email

In 2012 Pittwater Council undertook a flood plain management study, out of that study came a proposal to build a water retention pit in Catalpa Reserve. If this had been done then the park would probably drain more quickly and there wouldn't be a need to build a path.

As to the argument that it would improve access for prams wheel chairs and mobility scooters ignores the fact that the existing path that you are proposing to connect with on The Appian Way has approximately 10 stairs at the start on The Appian Way so it would still be inaccessible to prams Wheel Chairs and mobility scooters.

Please reconsider the retention pit in Catalpa Reserve.