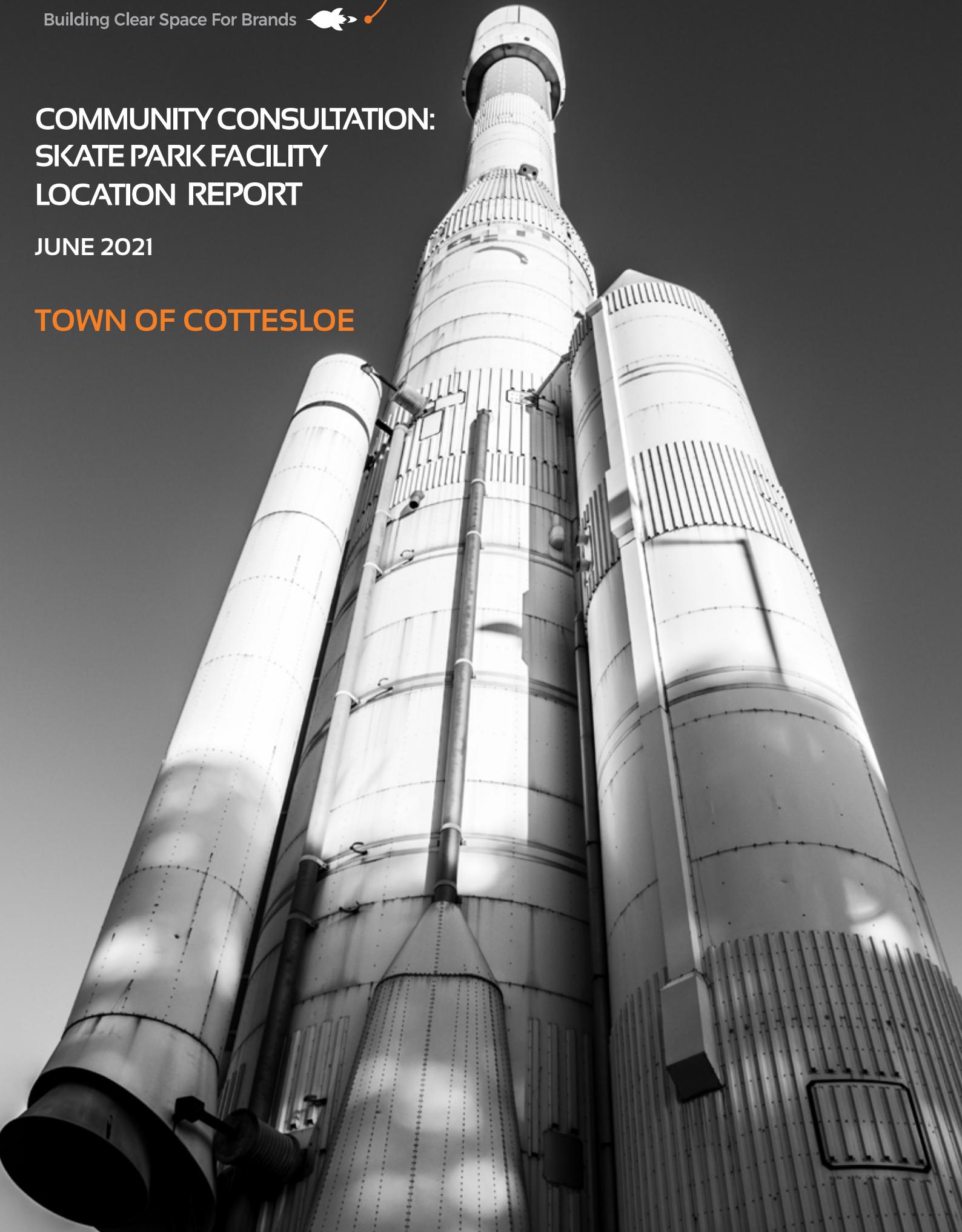


COMMUNITY CONSULTATION: SKATE PARK FACILITY LOCATION REPORT

JUNE 2021

TOWN OF COTTESLOE





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THE TASK:

PURPOSE

- Promote, design and engage the community to participate in community workshops to inform a decision on the preferred location between the Foreshore Precinct or John Black Dune.





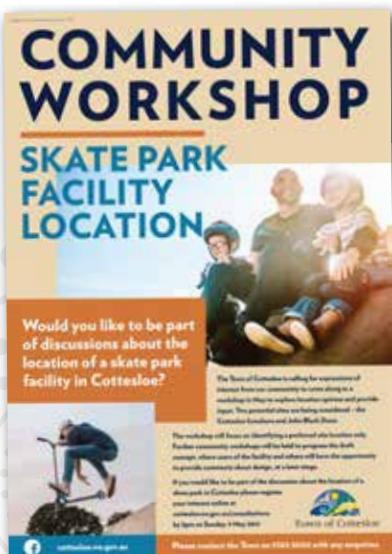
THE APPROACH :

PREPARATION

- Confirmed the objectives of the workshops with the Town of Cottesloe.
- Reviewed the previous project reports.
- Developed a project plan outlining key activities and associated timing.
- Developed a community engagement strategy to maximise community participation and representation.
- Designed an online survey to enable the community to express their interest in participating in a workshop and provide their details to facilitate effective and efficient group formation.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

- Designed and placed advertisements in the local papers.
- Developed and distributed hard copy invitations to residents within the immediate vicinity of each of the proposed locations.
- Designed, printed and placed posters on local notice boards.
- Developed and distributed a media release to local papers.
- Emailed invitations to representatives of local clubs and associations.
- Placed an article in the May 2021 edition of the Cottesloe News.
- Emailed invitations to all those who have previously expressed an interest in being involved in any future local skate park consultations.
- Posted workshop information and invitations on social media.
- Developed and placed FAQs on the Town of Cottesloe website.
- Placed a link to the expression of interest survey on the Town of Cottesloe website.





THE APPROACH :

WORKSHOP DESIGN AND PROCESS

- A rational and logical methodology was required to enable the workshop participants to fully explore the strengths and weaknesses of each location, and select their preferred location.
- It was determined that the workshop process would centre on participants developing and applying their own evaluation criteria to each of the two preferred locations.
- Workshop participants initially considered their evaluation criteria individually and then worked in groups to identify up to 10 criteria that their group could then use to evaluate the suitability of each of the proposed locations.
- Site location maps and characteristics were provided and presented to assist participants to apply their evaluation criteria to each of the proposed locations.
- Graph templates were provided to each group to assist them to consider and document site rankings across each criteria.
- Prior to applying their criteria to each site they were asked to rank each criteria in order of importance, acknowledging that some criteria will be more important than others.
- Once their criteria was applied, a representative from each group presented to all workshop participants; outlining their criteria, how they applied their criteria to each location, which location they preferred and why they chose this location.
- Participants were then asked to select their preferred sites within their preferred location.

WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

- Two 1.5 hour workshops were conducted with all those expressing an interest to attend a workshop, being invited to attend via email and/or SMS/phone call.
- Email reminders were sent to participants prior to each workshop.
- Participants were allocated to a particular workshop depending on their responses to the expression of interest survey.
- The first workshop was conducted on Wednesday 19 May 2021 and included those who had expressed an interest in using the skate park (i.e. them and/or their children).
- The second workshop was conducted on Thursday 20 May 2021 and included those from the community that had indicated that they and/or their children are not interested in using the skate park.
- Each workshop included people who lived in the immediate vicinity, wider community, as well as those who represented local clubs or associations.
- 36 of the 66 people who expressed an interest in attending the workshops, participated in a workshop.
- 13 people participated in the first workshop and 25 people participated in the second workshop.

FOLLOW-UP SURVEY

- An online survey was developed and sent to all those who responded that they could not attend a workshop.
- 13 people participated in the online survey.
- The survey provided respondents with evaluation criteria that was commonly developed and used in the workshops, and asked them to rank each location against this criteria.
- The criteria were as follows: security/passive surveillance, accessibility for all ages, impact on traffic, flexibility of the site, access to amenities, impact on local residents, environmental concerns, noise impacts and impact on current uses.
- Participants were then asked to identify their preferred location and outline why they chose this location.
- They were then asked if they had any other comments regarding locating a skate park at either of the two locations.
- Finally, they were asked for any other comments regarding the location of a skate park in the Town of Cottesloe.



THE WORKSHOP RESULTS :

DECISION CRITERIA

Workshop One Results

Participants in this workshop commonly expressed an interest in using the skate park (i.e. them or their children).

	Group One	Group Two	Group Three	Group Four
Group composition*	Local residents and club / association representatives	Aged 18 to 44 years	Aged 45 to 54 years	Aged 45 to 64 years
Evaluation criteria in order from most important to least important	Impact on local residents	Fastest development option	Accessibility	Impact on existing uses
	Visibility	Big enough skate park for all ages and skill levels	Security / safety	Cost
	Parking	Passive surveillance	Cost to transfer use	Access to amenities
	Close to amenities	Pathway accessibility	Zoning potential	Security and safety
	Proximity to other recreational activities	Near other activities (safety)	Design flexibility	Attraction for users
	Land value	Looks good	Impact on residents	Residential impact
	Opportunity for alternative uses	Near amenities (i.e. coffee)	Environmental impacts	
			Access to toilets	
			Road traffic	
			Draw card	

*Groups were designed with this composition in mind but there were a few people who sent representatives on their behalf and/or did not attend their scheduled workshop



THE WORKSHOP RESULTS :

DECISION CRITERIA

Workshop Two Results

Participants in this workshop commonly did not express an interest in using the skate park (i.e. them or their children).

	Group One	Group Two	Group Three	Group Four
Group composition	Aged 55 to 74 years	Aged 25 to 54 years	Aged 45 to 54 years	Aged 55 to 64 years
Evaluation criteria in order from most important to least important	Flexibility of site to enhance design	Environmental impact	Visibility	Proximity to residents
	Accessibility	Impact to residents	Natural lighting	Noise intrusion
	Amenities	Impact to existing uses	Noise	Light intrusion
	Impact on residents	Safety for users	Family facilities	Visibility
	Surrounding environment	Accessibility	Shade	Accessibility
	Impact on existing traffic and passers by	Co-location of amenities	Local attractor	Distance of current amenities
	Existing assets	Impact of construction	Protect vegetation	Access to facilities/conveniences
	Use of the natural slope	Traffic congestion		Parking/traffic not intruding on residents
	Dune erosion	Maintenance		Destruction of nature
	Impact of height if built up			

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THE WORKSHOP RESULTS :

DECISION CRITERIA

Workshop Two Results

Participants in this workshop commonly did not express an interest in using the skate park (i.e. them or their children).

	Group Five	Group Six
Group composition	Aged 65 to 74 years	Aged 65 to 84 years
Evaluation criteria in order from most important to least important	Impact on residents	Impact on residents
	Impact on the beach	Toilets
	Impact on foreshore precinct	Noise
	Noise and light and general inconvenience	Accessibility
	Environmentally unsound	Public transport
	Neither stack up against other sites e.g. Railway Reserve is far superior, as is Harvey Field / Golf Course	Visibility
	Increased danger of injury to elderly residents and beachgoers who frequent the area	Only daylight operational hours. Public liability from drunks
	Neither take into account likely increase in housing density and traffic in the vicinity e.g. 120 Marine Pde	Economic impact on house values
	Loss of greenery, pine trees and bush	Parking
	Both nominated sites are in the heart of Cottesloe which simply lacks the space for them	Rubbish
	This process is faux consultation and we request open and full consultation as suggested by CONVIC	

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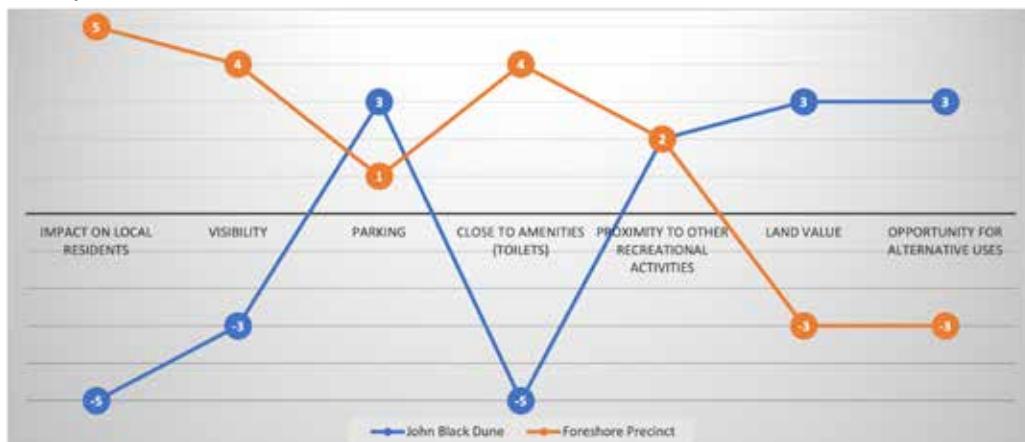
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RANKING EACH LOCATION AGAINST THE DECISION CRITERIA

Workshop One Results

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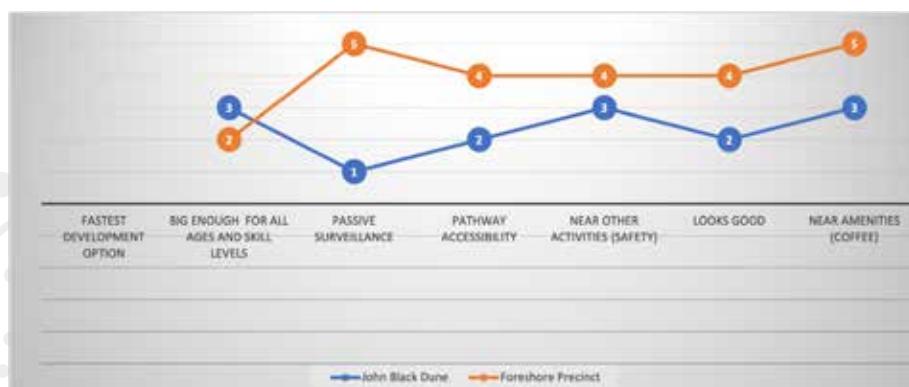
Group One



Preferred location: Foreshore Precinct

- Impact on local residents is most important (lighting and noise).
- The area should be seen and not hidden away (deter antisocial behaviour).
- There is more available parking near John Black Dune.
- Proximity to amenities is important (Sunday night pub sessions - urinating in the car park).
- The foreshore is high in value, concern that a skate park would take away from the value.
- There are more alternate uses for the Foreshore Precinct so a stronger rating applies to John Black Dune.

Group Two



Preferred location: Foreshore Precinct - or the one that is completed the fastest.

- Most importantly, they want it now! (frustrated with how long it has taken to get a skate park).
- Needs to be big enough for all ages.
- Passive surveillance is important (visibility).
- Needs to be accessible for local kids.
- Should be near other activities and amenities.
- Better visual appearance at the Foreshore Precinct.



THE WORKSHOP RESULTS :

RANKING EACH LOCATION AGAINST THE DECISION CRITERIA

Workshop One Results

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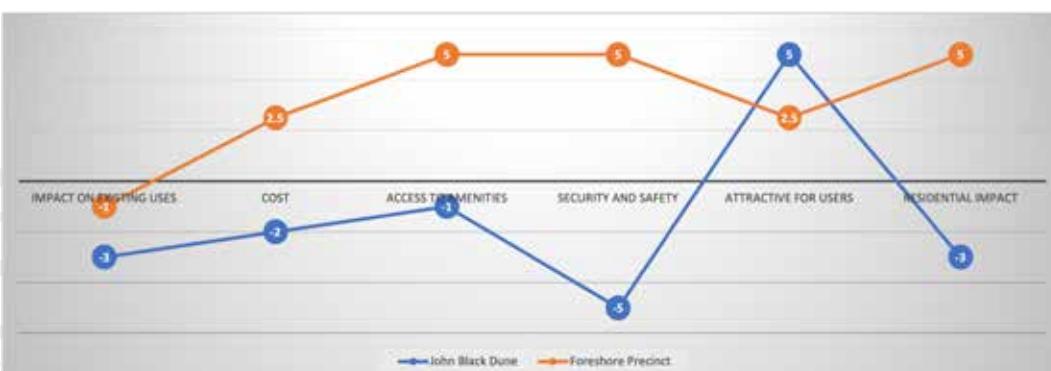
Group Three



Preferred location: Neutral

- Most important that it is accessible for all users (ages and physical abilities).
- Needs to be secure and safe (good visibility).
- Cost of the infrastructure is important.
- Smaller area on the Foreshore Precinct, offers less potential to expand.
- More design flexibility at John Black Dune.
- Less impact to residents at the Foreshore Precinct.
- John Black Dune is full of introduced species (removing introduced species is better than removing plants endemic to the area).
- Concerned about road traffic (volume and speed), particular at the Foreshore Precinct.
- Foreshore Precinct would be a stronger draw card - drawing from a larger catchment.

Group Four



Preferred location: Foreshore Precinct (if John Black Dune then skate park needs to be in the middle, away from residents).

- Both locations will be negatively impacted by the introduction of a skate park.
- John Black Dune is full of weeds but removing trees will be negative for the environment.
- Believe that the development of the skate park on the Foreshore Precinct will be cheaper (lighting already there).
- Access to amenities and security and safety are important .
- Locations/sites within John Black Dune make a big difference to the residents.
- Concerned about congestion at the Foreshore Precinct.



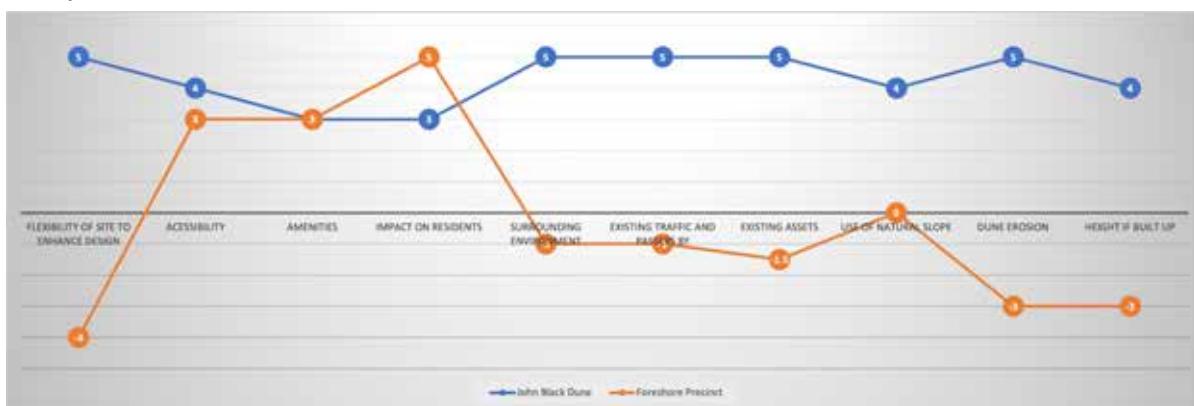
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RANKING EACH LOCATION AGAINST THE DECISION CRITERIA

Workshop Two Results

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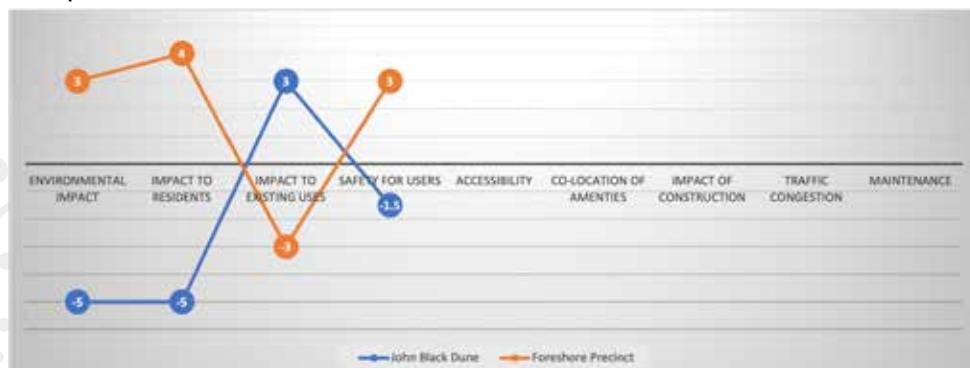
Group One



Preferred location: John Black Dune

- The Foreshore Precinct is very constrained, offering limited flexibility to enhance the design.
- Accessibility is similar in both locations.
- Both locations are similar distances away from amenities.
- The Foreshore Precinct is further away from residents but John Black Dune is still a reasonable distance and the Tennis Club doesn't get noise complaints from residents.
- There is more existing traffic at the Foreshore Precinct.
- John Black Dune has some natural slope that could make it an interesting location for a skate park.
- The skate park could block the line of sight if built up at the Foreshore Precinct.

Group Two



Preferred location: Mixed opinions

- Locating a skate park at John Black Dune would have a negative impact on the environment.
- A skate park at John Black Dune would have a major impact on residents, compared to the Foreshore Precinct.
- John Black Dune is under-utilised (positive impact to existing uses).
- The Foreshore Precinct is much safer due to more 'people traffic' at this location.
- Traffic congestion impacts are the same at both locations.
- Concerned about maintenance due to the dust/sand at John Black Dune.



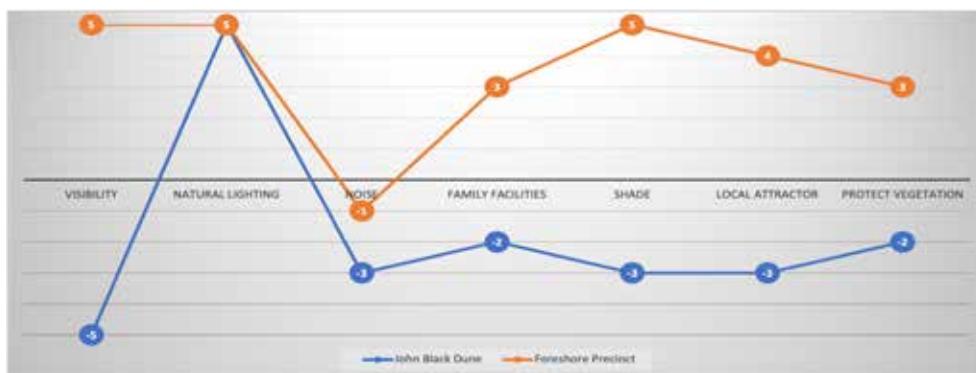
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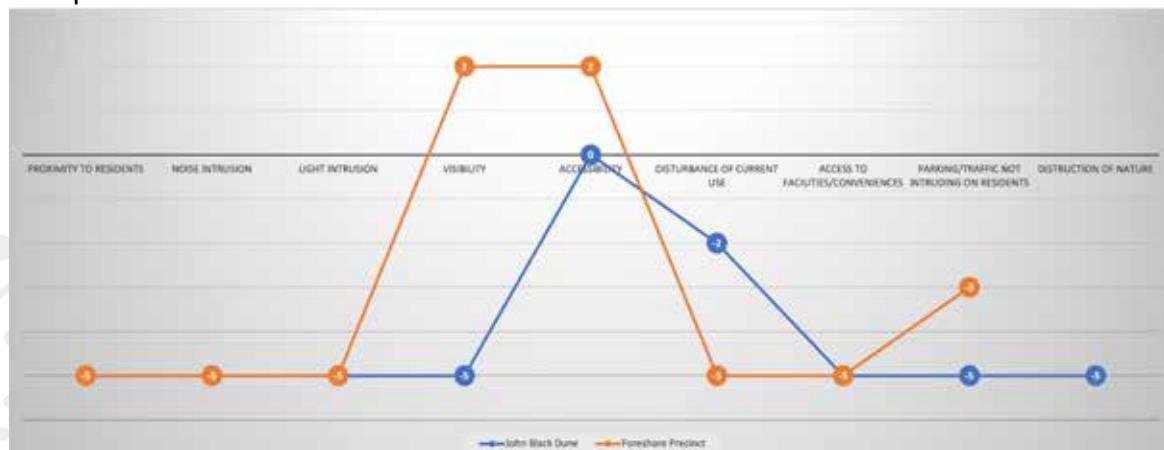
Group Three



Preferred location: Foreshore Precinct

- A lot more visible at the Foreshore Precinct.
- Natural lighting is better at the foreshore (prefer to not have extra lighting).
- Noise is a major concern but the Foreshore Precinct would be less impacting.
- Having family facilities near the skate park is important (Foreshore Precinct is closer to the playground).
- John Black Dune does not have natural shade.
- Kids being able to go by themselves to the skate park is important. The Foreshore Precinct would be safer.
- The skate park could be designed around the trees on the Foreshore Precinct.

Group Four



Preferred location: Neither location

- Proximity to residents is a key issue for both locations.
- The impact of lighting is an issue for both locations.
- There are no studies for us to refer to regarding noise impacts.
- Concerned about potential events (particularly at night).

^a Concerned about further development because it is being called a district park (phase 2 plan).

- Concerned that no one will walk from John Black Dune, to the toilets across the road.
- Concerned about more people in their residential streets (including people coming from other suburbs).



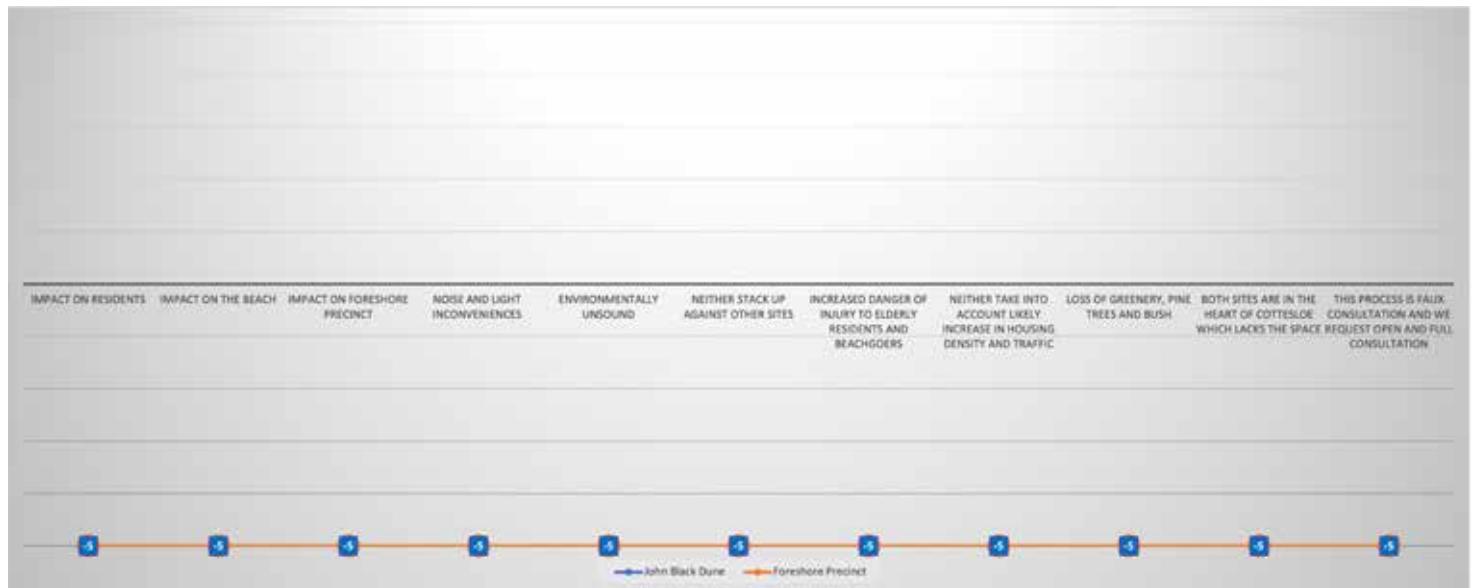
THE WORKSHOP RESULTS :

RANKING EACH LOCATION AGAINST THE DECISION CRITERIA

Workshop Two Results

Participants in this workshop commonly did not express an interest in using the skate park (i.e. them or their children).

Group Five



Preferred location: Neither location

- We struggled to find any positives in either location.
- Impact on residents at both locations was negative.
- Noise is negative.
- Both locations are environmentally unsound.
- Neither sites stack up against alternatives.
- Increased danger for the elderly using John Black Dune.





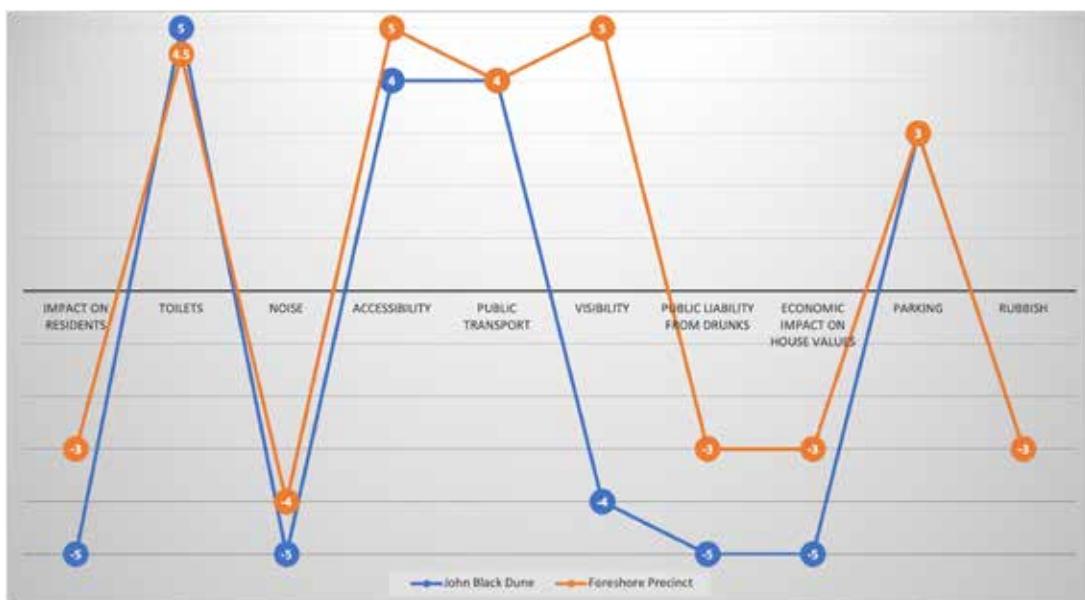
THE WORKSHOP RESULTS :

RANKING EACH LOCATION AGAINST THE DECISION CRITERIA

Workshop Two Results

Participants in this workshop commonly did not express an interest in using the skate park (i.e. them or their children).

Group Six



Preferred location: Neither location

- Impact on the residents at John Black Dune is a major concern.
- Toilets are closer at John Black Dune.
- Noise is a major impact for John Black Dune.
- Noise is a little bit less impactful at the Foreshore Precinct.
- Both locations are equally accessible.
- Public transport access is similar for both locations.
- John Black Dune is not particularly visible.
- The Foreshore Precinct has much higher visibility.
- Both sites have natural light only (concerned about drunks on skateboards).
- John Black Dune would have a much higher negative impact on house values.
- Parking availability and rubbish impacts are equal at both locations.



THE WORKSHOP RESULTS :

SELECTING SITES WITHIN EACH PREFERRED LOCATION

Workshop One Results

Participants in this workshop commonly expressed an interest in using the skate park (i.e. them or their children).

Group One



Site preference show from 1 (most preferred) to 3 (least preferred).

Group Two



Site preference show from 1 (most preferred) to 3 (least preferred).



THE WORKSHOP RESULTS :

SELECTING SITES WITHIN EACH PREFERRED LOCATION

Workshop One Results

Participants in this workshop commonly expressed an interest in using the skate park (i.e. them or their children).

Group Three

Did not select a preferred location.

Group Four



Site preference show from 1 (most preferred) to 3 (least preferred).



THE WORKSHOP RESULTS :

SELECTING SITES WITHIN EACH PREFERRED LOCATION

Workshop Two Results

Participants in this workshop commonly did not express an interest in using the skate park (i.e. them or their children).

Group One



This group selected one preferred site.

Group Two



Note: This group had 'mixed opinions' on the preferred location and only selected one preferred site.



THE WORKSHOP RESULTS :

SELECTING SITES WITHIN EACH PREFERRED LOCATION

Workshop Two Results

Participants in this workshop commonly did not express an interest in using the skate park (i.e. them or their children).

Group Three



Proposed a skate park that was placed in and around the existing trees.

Groups Four, Five and Six

Each group did not select a preferred location.



THE WORKSHOP RESULTS :

OTHER COMMENTS

Workshop One

Participants in this workshop commonly expressed an interest in using the skate park (i.e. them or their children).

- Will there be seating and lighting?
- Will it be similar to the lighting on the beach?
- What will be the hours of operation?
- Will there be CCTV?
- Who will control it? Who will address any problems?
- What is the exact size of the proposed skate park?
- The size of the skate park is quite small.
- Are the trees at the Foreshore Precinct heritage listed?
- The Foreshore isn't big enough, has this been set-up to fail?
- You asked us to select a size that cannot fit (Foreshore Precinct). You can't simply build against the pine trees.

Workshop Two

Participants in this workshop commonly did not express an interest in using the skate park (i.e. them or their children).

- There is no rationale as to why the recreational precinct was removed and not in the list for this workshop.
- The public has not been consulted on why these two sites were selected.
- Can we say neither are suitable?
- Is it definite that either of these sites will go ahead?
- We don't know how much additional space is required for the amenities or even what amenities are required.
- The CONVIC report said that the site may be expanded into a larger site.
- The railway land or a location near the adventure playground would be more suitable.
- This is a fake consultation process, trying to design this without the master plan.





THE SURVEY RESULTS:

QUESTION ONE:

Please score each of the following decision criteria for the John Black Dune location.

	5 (VERY GOOD)	4	3	2	1	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5 (VERY POOR)	UNSURE	TOTAL
Security/passive surveillance at this location	30.77% 4	0.00% 0	15.38% 2	15.38% 2	7.69% 1	0.00% 0	7.69% 1	7.69% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	15.38% 2	13
Accessibility for all ages at this location	53.85% 7	7.69% 1	15.38% 2	7.69% 1	7.69% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	7.69% 1	13
Flexibility of site (placement and design of the skate park) at this location	61.54% 8	15.38% 2	15.38% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	7.69% 1	13
Impact on traffic	38.46% 5	30.77% 4	7.69% 1	0.00% 0	7.69% 1	7.69% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	7.69% 1	0.00% 0	13
Access to amenities at this location	53.85% 7	15.38% 2	7.69% 1	7.69% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	7.69% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	7.69% 1	13
Impact on local residents at this location	30.77% 4	7.69% 1	15.38% 2	7.69% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	7.69% 1	15.38% 2	0.00% 0	15.38% 2	0.00% 0	13
Environmental concerns at this location	38.46% 5	15.38% 2	23.08% 3	0.00% 0	7.69% 1	7.69% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	7.69% 1	0.00% 0	13
Noise impacts at this location	30.77% 4	23.08% 3	0.00% 0	7.69% 1	0.00% 0	7.69% 1	7.69% 1	15.38% 2	0.00% 0	7.69% 1	0.00% 0	13
Impact on current uses at this location	69.23% 9	7.69% 1	0.00% 0	7.69% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	15.38% 2	0.00% 0	13

- With the exception of 'impacts on local residents', John Black Dune rates well across all criteria.
- John Black Dune rates most positively for 'flexibility of site' and 'impact on current uses'
- The results suggest that John Black Dune is considered to be a suitable location for a skate park in the Town of Cottesloe.





THE SURVEY RESULTS :

QUESTION TWO:

Please score each of the following decision criteria for the Foreshore Precinct location.

	5 (VERY GOOD)	4	3	2	1	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5 (VERY POOR)	UNSURE	TOTAL
▼ Security/passive surveillance at this location	38.46% 5	15.38% 2	15.38% 2	7.69% 1	7.69% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	15.38% 2	13
▼ Accessibility for all ages at this location	46.15% 6	0.00% 0	23.08% 3	15.38% 2	7.69% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	7.69% 1	13
▼ Impact on traffic	23.08% 3	7.69% 1	7.69% 1	15.38% 2	7.69% 1	7.69% 1	7.69% 1	7.69% 1	7.69% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	13
▼ Flexibility of site (placement and design of the skate park) at this location	15.38% 2	7.69% 1	0.00% 0	15.38% 2	7.69% 1	15.38% 2	0.00% 0	15.38% 2	7.69% 1	15.38% 2	0.00% 0	13
▼ Access to amenities at this location	38.46% 5	15.38% 2	0.00% 0	30.77% 4	7.69% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	7.69% 1	13
▼ Impact on local residents at this location	23.08% 3	7.69% 1	23.08% 3	23.08% 3	15.38% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	7.69% 1	0.00% 0	13
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▼ Impact on current uses at this location	30.77% 4	0.00% 0	7.69% 1	7.69% 1	0.00% 0	7.69% 1	0.00% 0	23.08% 3	0.00% 0	15.38% 2	7.69% 1	13

- The Foreshore Precinct rated positively for security/passive surveillance, accessibility for all ages and having access to amenities.
- Responses were quite divided across the other evaluation criteria, particularly in regard to the flexibility of the location for the placement and design of the skate park.

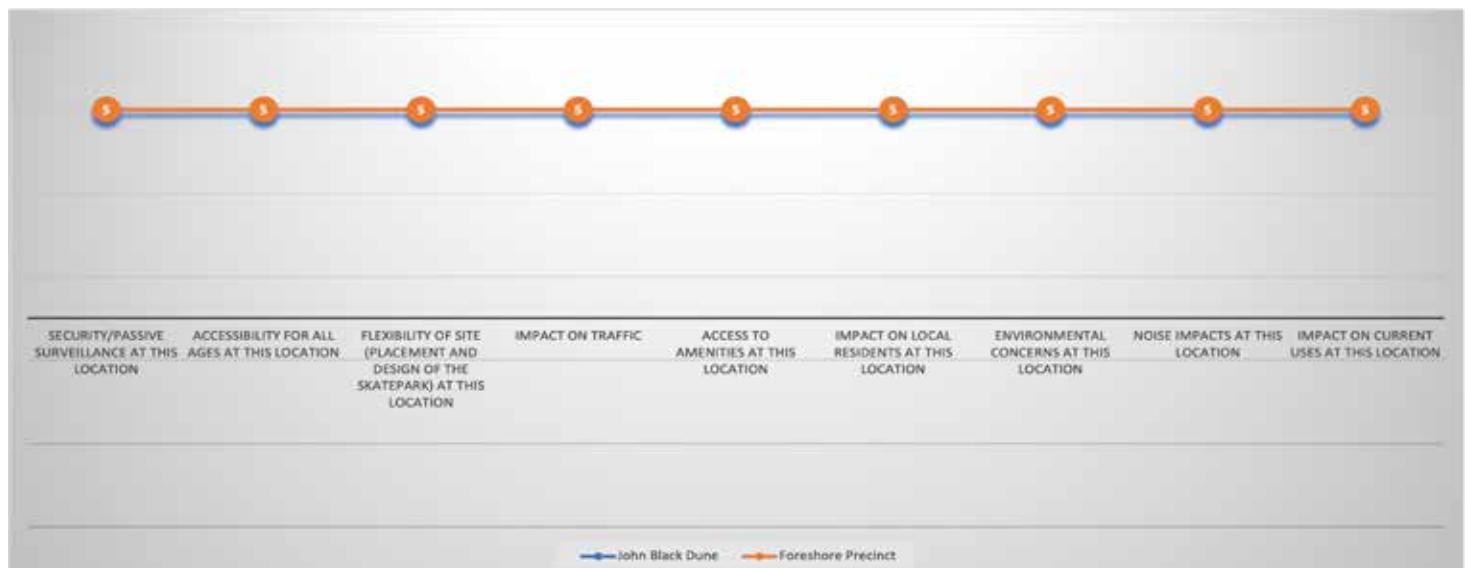




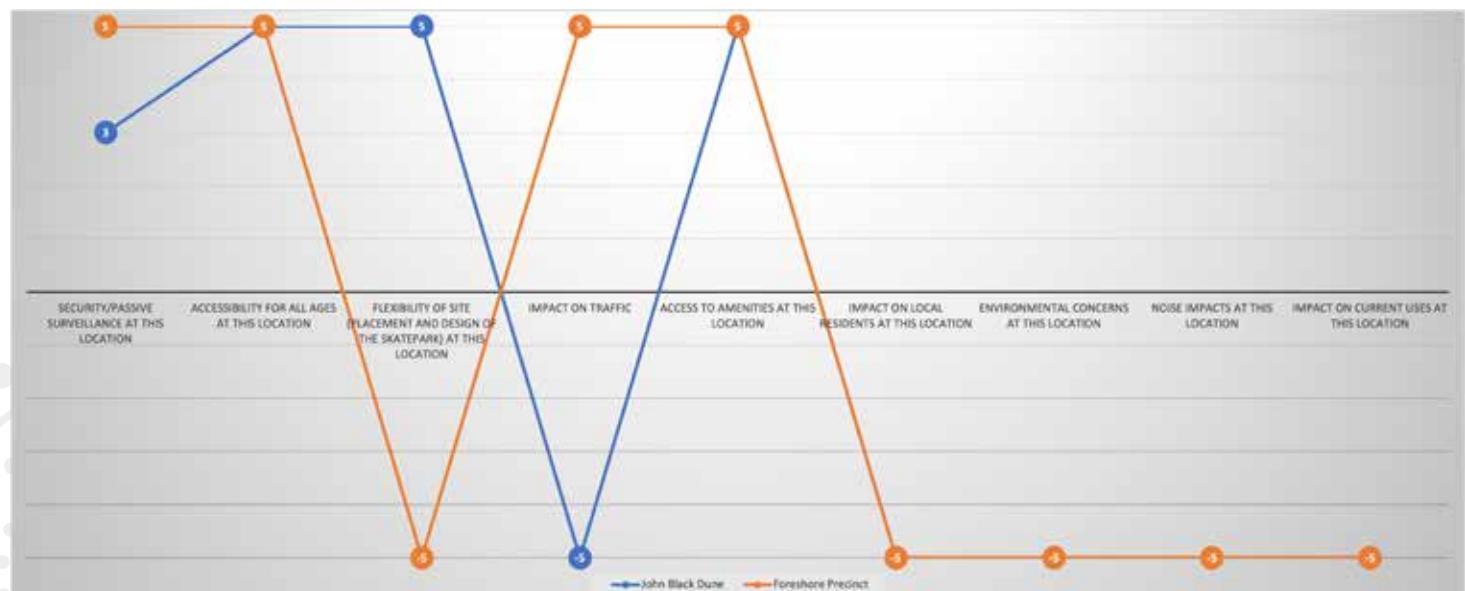
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INDIVIDUAL RESPONSES FOR QUESTIONS ONE AND TWO

Respondent One



Respondent Two

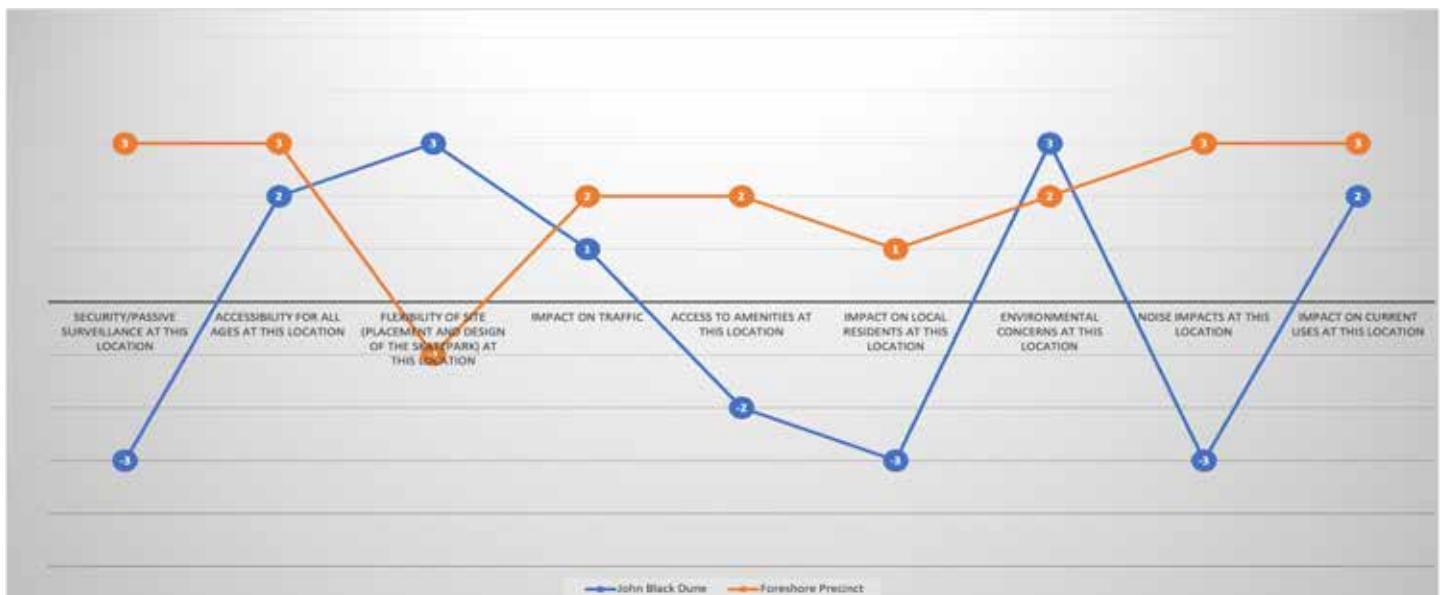




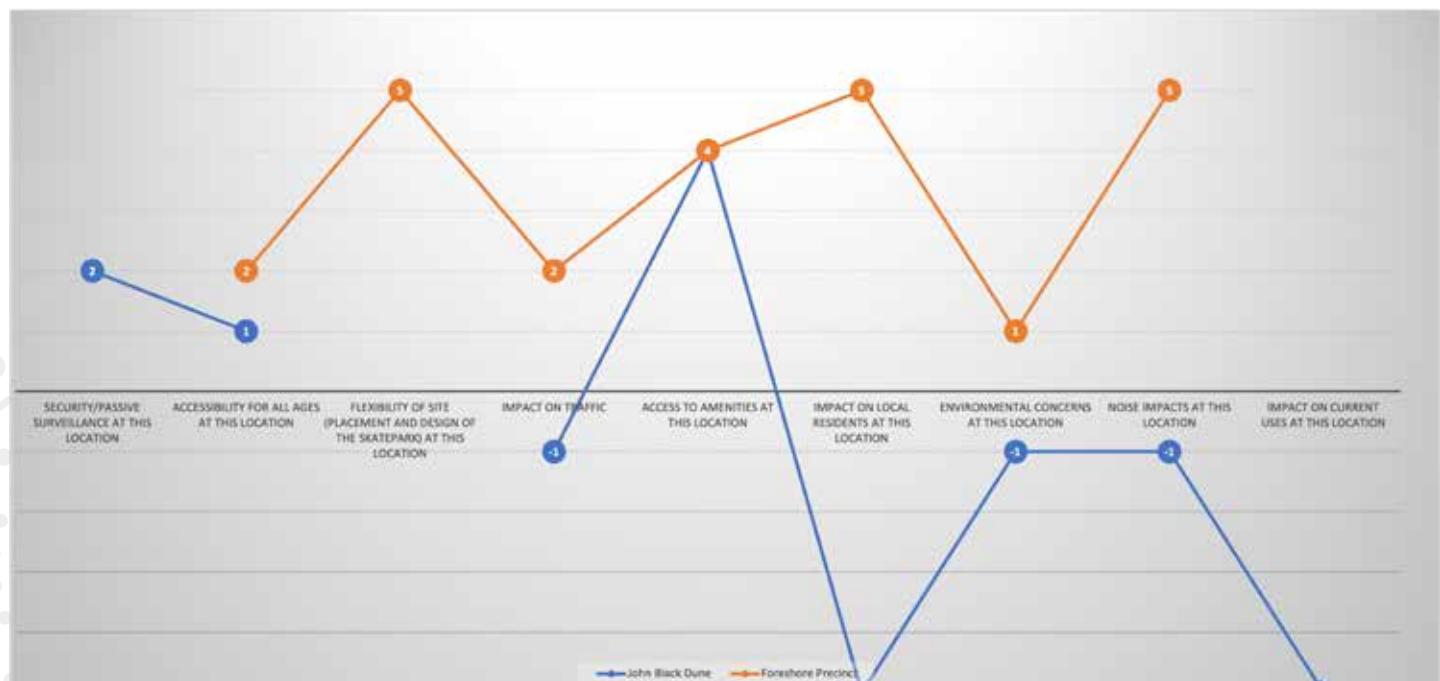
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Respondent Three



Respondent Four

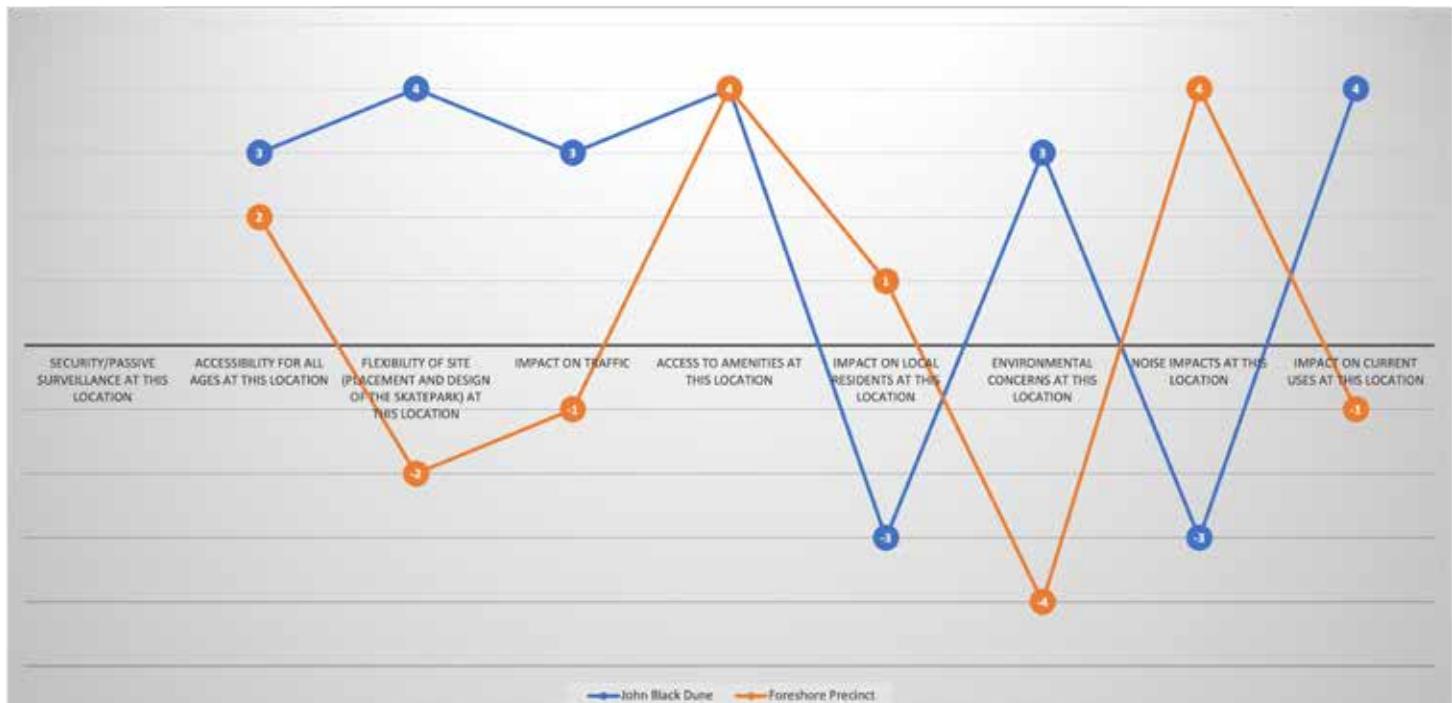




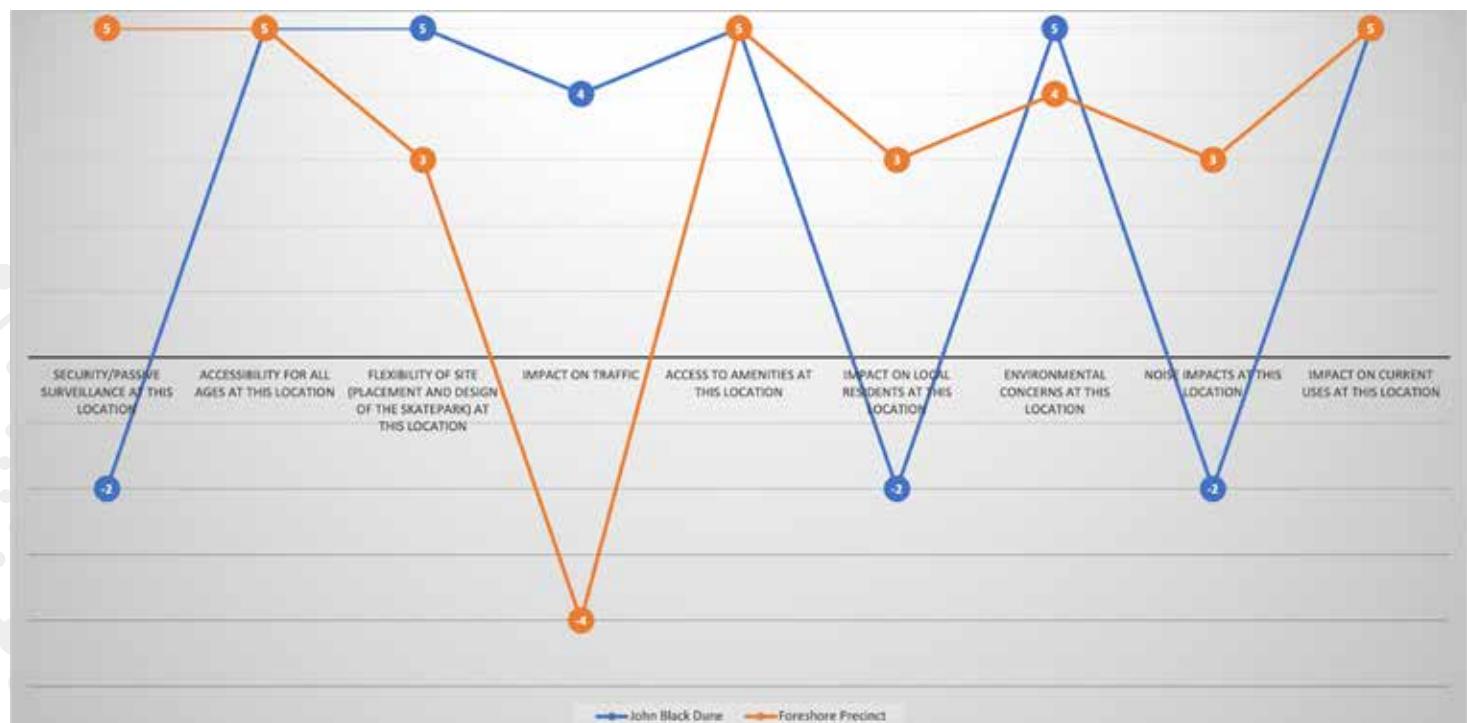
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Respondent Five



Respondent Six

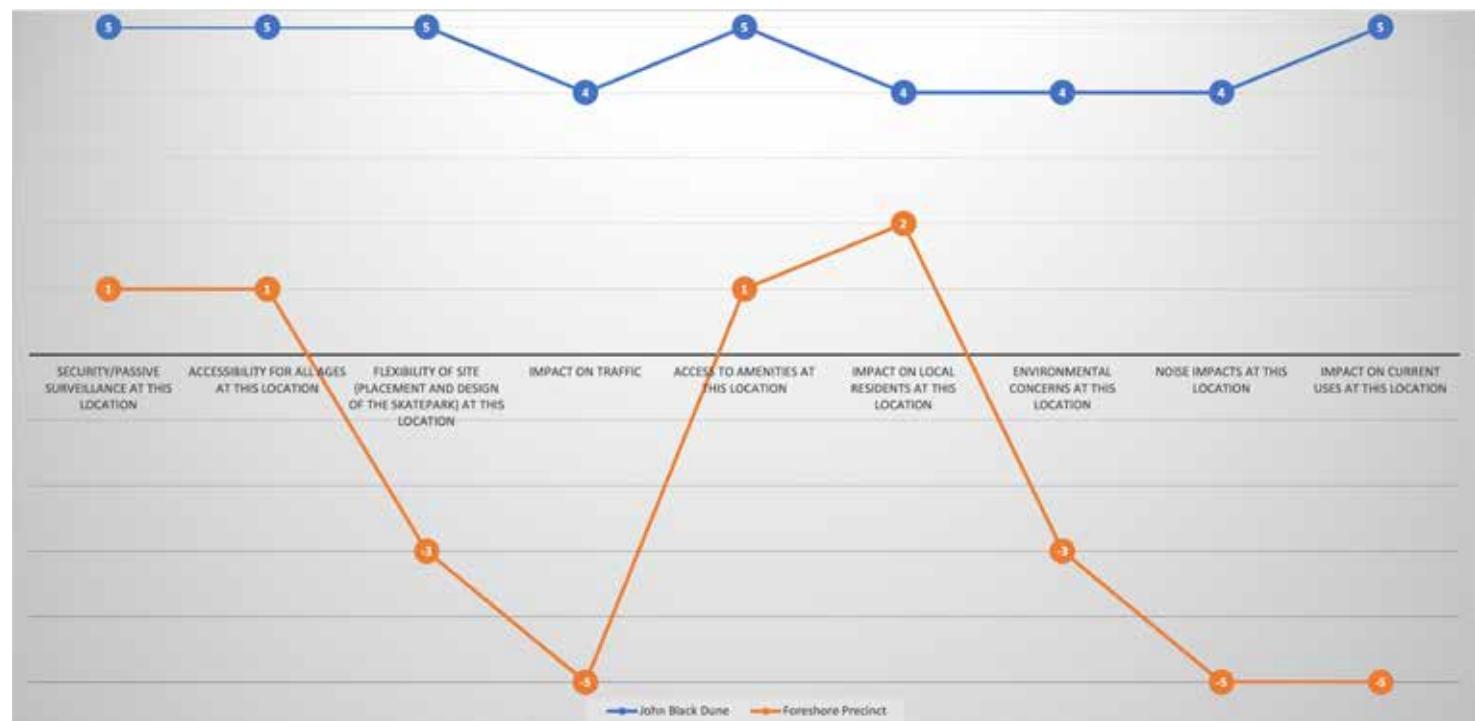




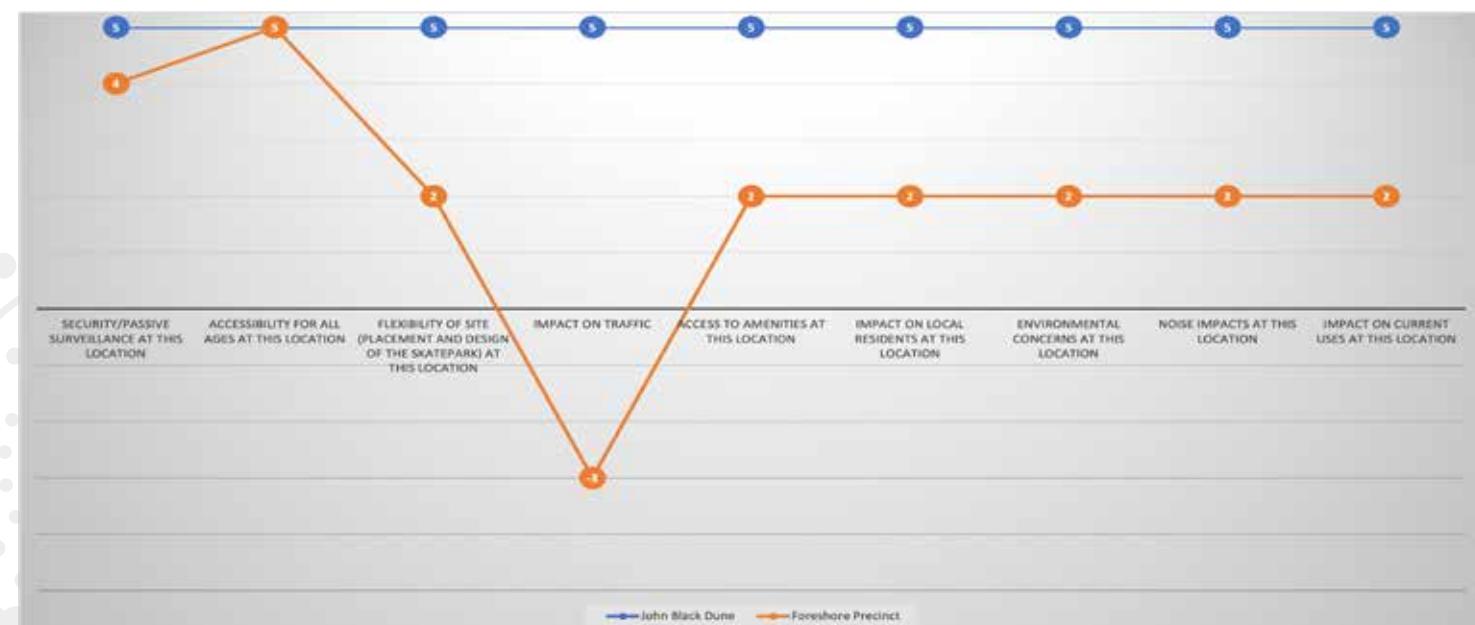
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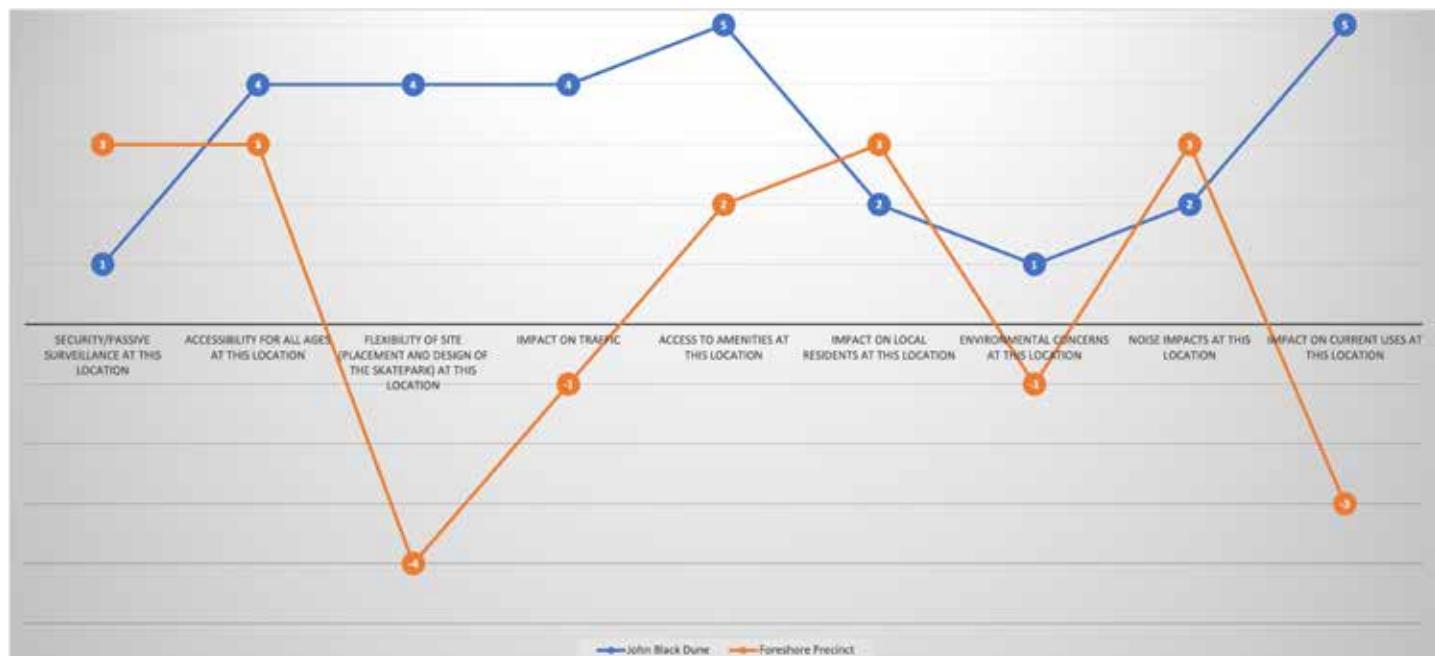




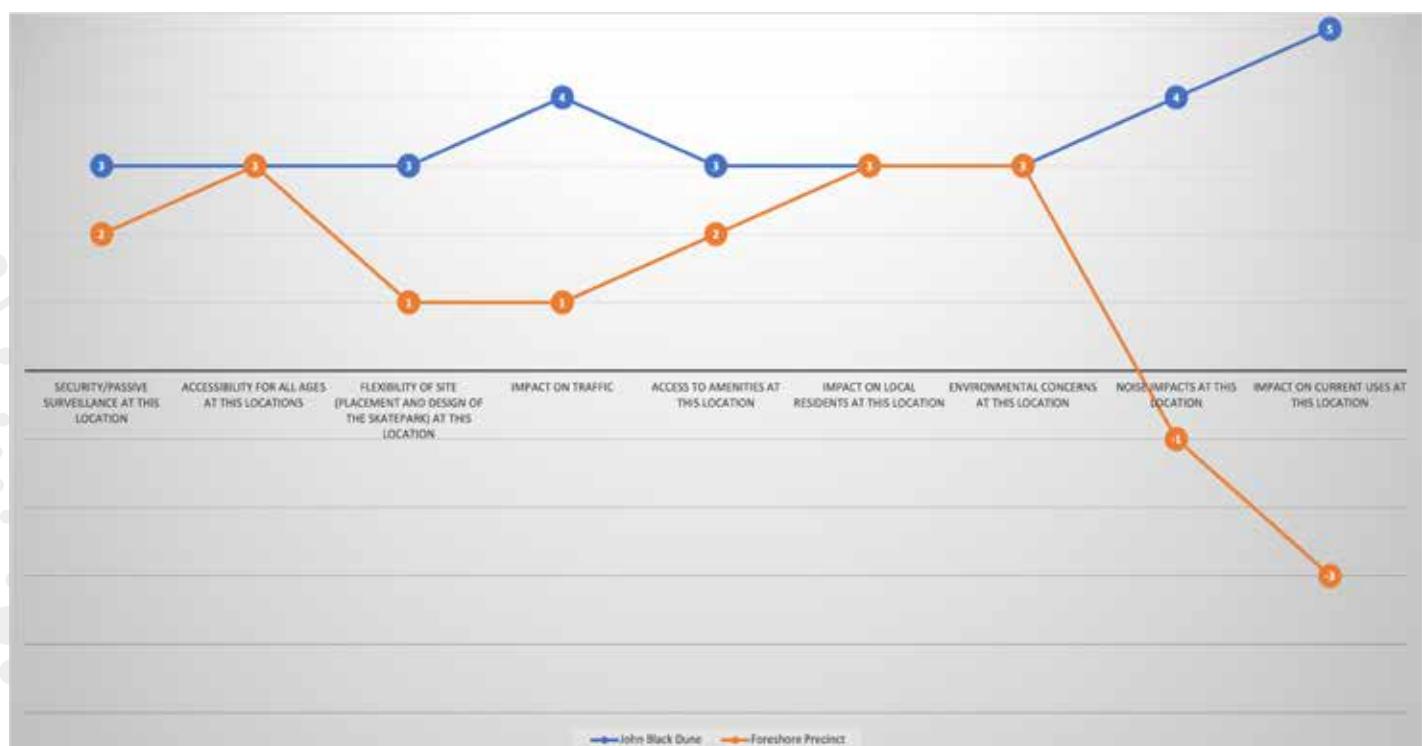
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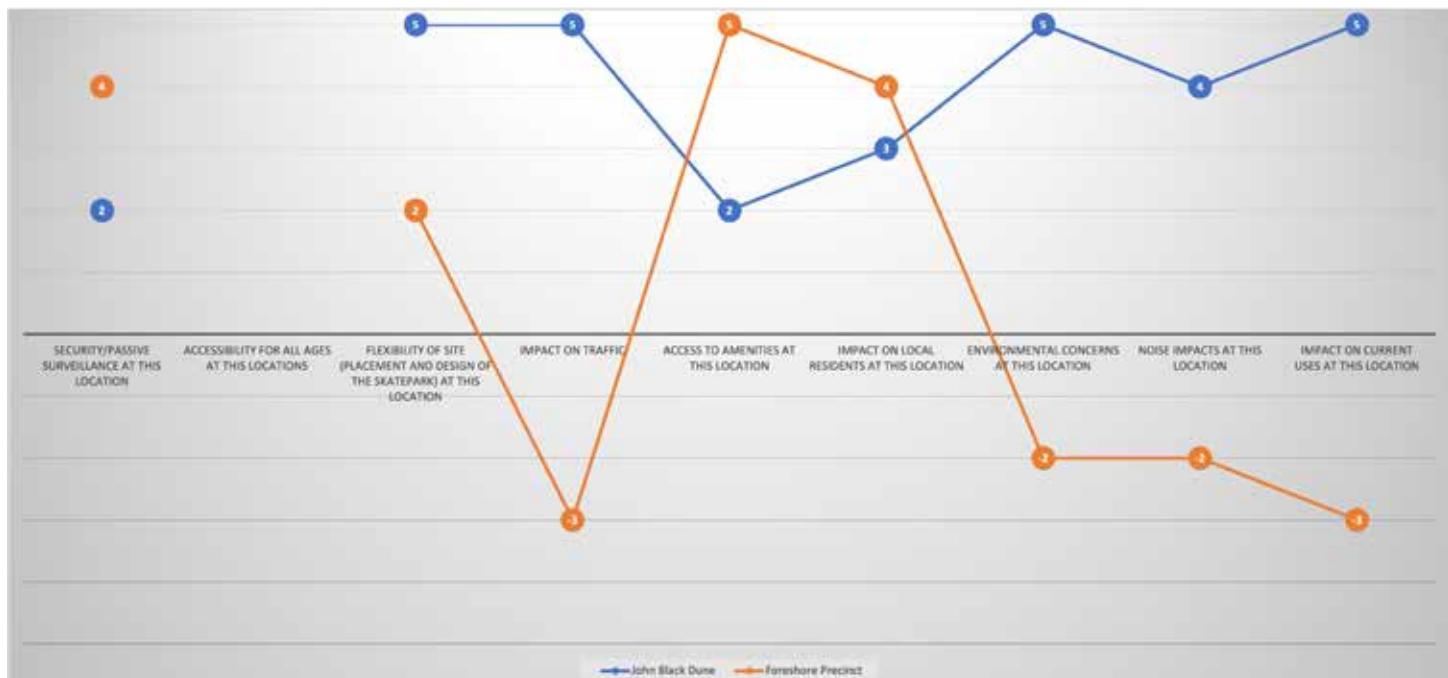




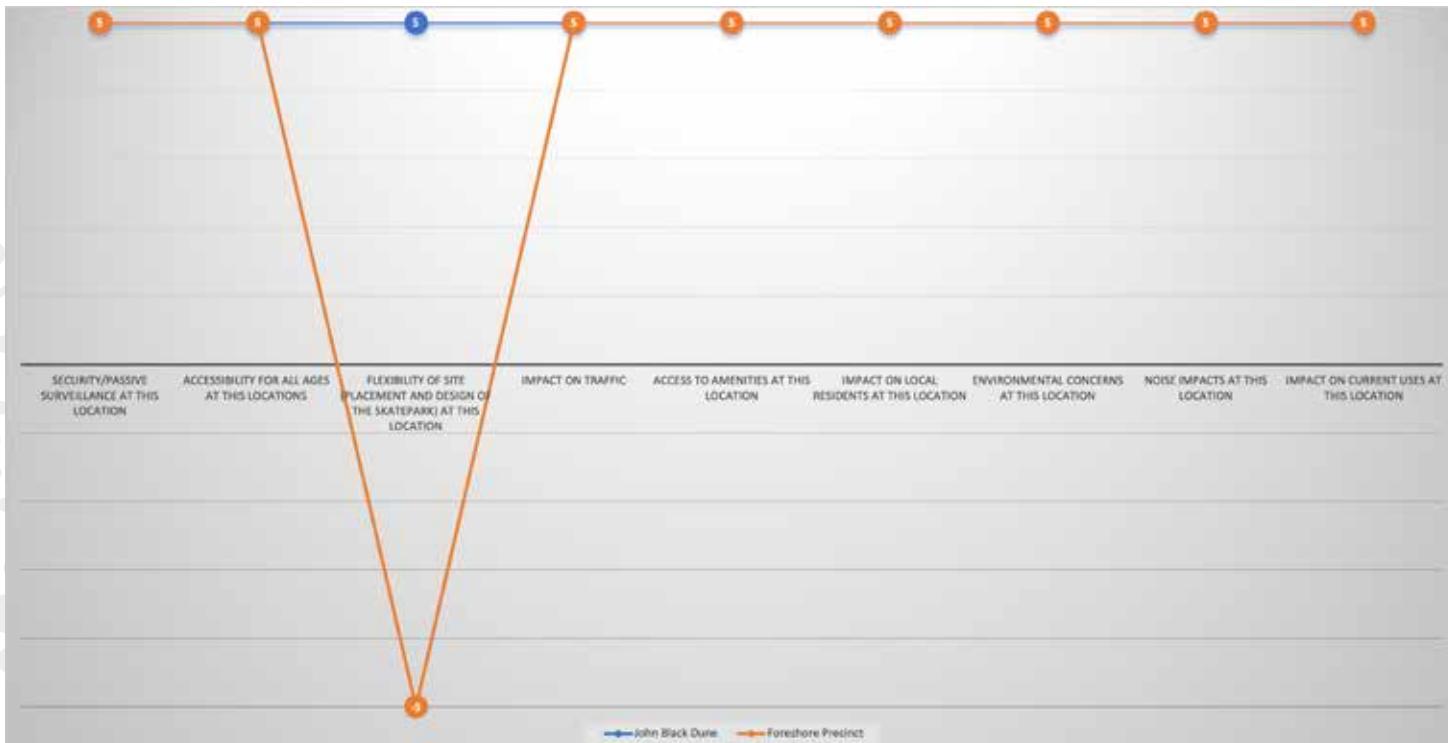
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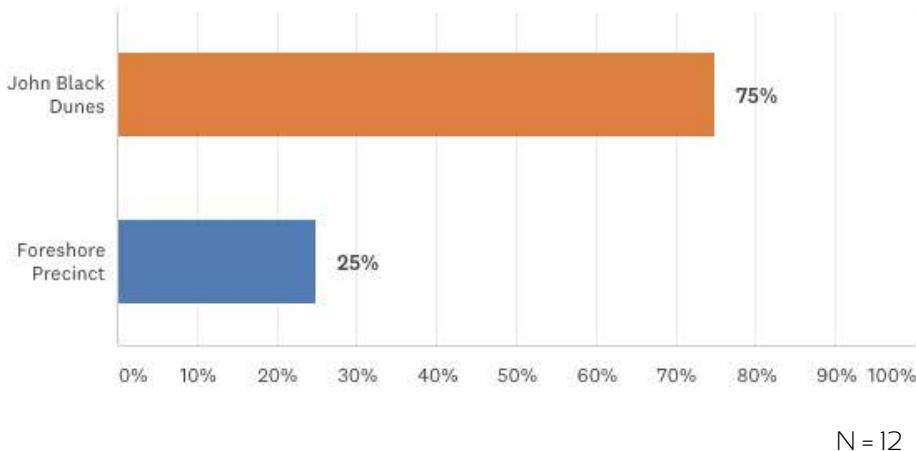




THE SURVEY RESULTS :

QUESTION THREE:

Which of the two locations do you prefer?



QUESTION FOUR:

Why do you prefer this location?

More Available Space At John Black Dune

- Support for John Black Dune
 - The skate park would take up too much of the foreshore.
 - Keeps coastline clear. It would encourage use of that space and give more space for a larger skate park.
 - The size of the space gives the opportunity for an exciting skate park design, possibly built lower in the ground to assist with noise abatement, including seating and space for spectators and picnics.
 - It offers more flexibility of design, amenities could actually be co-located with it at the top or bottom of the car park useable by beachgoers too (design and location of new potential amenities currently being looked at by the ToC), it can be placed sufficiently away from residential premises, whilst being co-located with another sport facility (tennis courts)

Competing Uses At The Foreshore

- Support for John Black Dune
 - While the foreshore has some advantages (mainly passive surveillance and further away from residences), there are already many competing proposals at this site (including the rejected maintenance and a number of car parking bays). I think this would both compromise the potential complexity of the skate park (suiting all ages) and mean the loss of other activities on the foreshore.
 - Does not impact green space at the Foreshore Precinct and noise concerns for foreshore and ambience for picnics, etc.

Opportunity To Enhance John Black Dune

- Support for John Black Dune
 - The present vegetation is mostly weedy Victorian tea tree. Town of Cottesloe is committed to remove this and replace with local native species when any development happens. New trees and other local species can help with noise mitigation and enhance this present wasteland.
 - I walk my dog in John Black Dune, and I don't think the environmental argument against this location for the skate park holds... apart from a few rabbits, there isn't much there to protect.



THE SURVEY RESULTS :

Passive Surveillance

- Support for John Black Dune
 - I think John Black Dune Park is not slated for anything in the immediate future, and the skate park could be placed at a location to increase passive surveillance and access to amenities or it could be close to the tennis courts and thus be a part of the sporting precinct - also allowing passive surveillance and possibly use of the tennis court amenities.
- Support for the Foreshore Precinct
 - The supervision element - skate parks built in low public supervision areas have attracted other elements not the skaters. This leaves our local youth who will use it most vulnerable. Skate parks built in public traffic areas have no negative behaviour and are great places for users and spectators to spend time, similar to Fremantle skate park, Saint Kilda skate park, Bondi skate park.

Timing

- Support for John Black Dune
 - Possibility of getting it to happen more quickly at the John Black Dunes - this process has taken so long and so much time has been wasted - just get it happening.

Noise Considerations

- Support for John Black Dune
 - If situated centrally it should minimise noise impacts on nearby residents; there appears to be easier vehicle access; won't have to destroy foreshore vegetation.
- Support for the Foreshore Precinct
 - Away from residences.





THE SURVEY RESULTS :

QUESTION FIVE:

Do you have any other comments regarding locating the skate park at either of the two locations?

Those who preferred John Black Dune

- John Black Dune is being under-utilised.
- John Black Dune is a great location and would improve the area a lot.
- Hopefully the Council has taken into consideration the long term foreshore development, and that the skate park will fit in with that.
- I think the foreshore is too small and a skate park in the foreshore precinct provides less flexibility for future.
- At the foreshore it would be to the detriment of the natural vegetation and there would be noise impact on beachgoers.
- Passive surveillance in the evenings would be better on the foreshore but the increased safety aspects for small kids around the skate park during the day at John Black Dune Park would, I think, outweigh the previous point. Traffic along Marine Parade is very close to the foreshore site.
- The only claim made in the survey that was unique to Grant Marine Park was the idea that the site allowed activities for the whole family, from playground for the children through to skateboarding and picnicking or enjoying the view for adults. Location near the tennis courts may allow this mixed usage of tennis and skateboarding for different aged or interested children. Another point made in the survey was that a skate park that was too small would be a failure, citing the Mosman Park example. I think it is really important to ensure that skateboarders who want to skate locally - both present and future, and of all ages - are consulted to ensure a sufficiently interesting and diverse design. I think it is possible that John Black Dune Park might be more costly to prepare for a skate park, so urge the Council to secure external funding for the project. Another comment made in the survey a few times suggested Cottesloe should have a 'world class' skate park along the lines of Venice Beach in California, or Bondi Beach, to attract skateboarders from a wide area. If this avenue is pursued, there might be funding available to promote business opportunities in Cottesloe by attracting families from further afield.
- I'd like to acknowledge the pre-selection of the foreshore location proposed (north of Napier) in terms of its respect of local residents/noise impact. I don't think it is as good as the central JBD location (though I don't know, depends how the noise carries), but it could have been way worse. Main concern on this foreshore location: the proximity to Marine Parade (skateboards going wayward into the traffic, risk to kids etc...), but presumably this can be managed in the design of the skate park and its boundary and the reduction of speed on Marine Parade (which I think is planned in the Foreshore redevelopment).
- The best location was the Grant Marine Park but for some reason this was taken out after there was huge local support for this location - I am not fussed where it is - just get one somewhere.

Those who preferred the Foreshore Precinct

- Need toilet facilities.
- Also this area is very boring at the moment. It will be a display of a youth progressive council.
- Why was Sea View golf precinct deleted at this stage, despite the consultants report stating the site should also be considered?



THE SURVEY RESULTS :

QUESTION SIX:

Any further comments regarding the location of a skate park in the Town of Cottesloe?

Consider Alternate Locations

- Skate park opposite McCall Centre and Mosman Park council go halves.
- At Cottesloe I feel that we have plenty of public open space, amenities and beautiful beaches. Wouldn't it benefit another western suburb more?
- There could be more room for a skate park in the Cottesloe Oval precinct. Worth looking at this location as a possible site. Would be good to have all sports areas in the one precinct.
- It is really crucial to minimise the reduction in the resources the Town already has, by choosing a location which won't compromise nearby activities. There is a need also to minimise disturbance to either householders or nearby users of other amenities wherever the skate park is located. This would very likely conflict with the 'passive surveillance' criterion and so needs careful consideration.
- What about in the Civic Centre grounds? Many attributes already available therein, more so than the current two sites proposed.
- The support and the best location was Grant Marine park - we are only after a small local skate park for the kids in the area - happy to just see surveys stopping and building started!

Questions To Be Addressed

- I think it is unfortunate that some sketch plans of a skate park of the size the community requested were not prepared and set on maps for this stage of the discussion. We do not know how close the skate park will be to residents on Napier Street for example. We do not know if competitions or night lighting are proposed.

Harsh Foreshore Conditions

- Regardless of the location to be chosen, but probably more so for the foreshore precinct: conditions are really harsh: high UV, sand being picked up, salt spray depositing and penetrating salt everywhere, that skate park will need to be built tough/ clever vs UV degradation and concrete cancer ... and somehow have a way of swiping the sand/salt of it before use? Playgrounds all need to be updated.

More Family Friendly Places Needed

- More needs to be done for family friendly spaces as the average age of residents in Cottesloe has changed and includes many more young families

Support For John Black Dune

- Please put a skate park at John Black Dune - it would be great for the local kids.



THE INSIGHTS:

SUPPORTING AND HINDERING CHARACTERISTICS

In considering the workshop and online survey results it is useful to identify the perceived supporting and hindering characteristics for each location.

Foreshore Precinct

SUPPORTING

- A more visible location offering stronger passive surveillance and safety, and acting to deter anti-social behaviour.
- A skate park in this location will look better in this location and be more attractive to users.
- Less anticipated negative impact on house prices from a skate park in this location.
- Further away from local residents than John Black Dune.
- Less perceived negative impact on the environment.
- Closer to other recreational and family facilities.
- This location offers more shade.

HINDERING

- The line of sight could have a negative impact at this location if the skate park is built up.
- Generally less area to develop the skate park (reducing flexibility of design and size).
- A skate park in the foreshore precinct provides less flexibility for future.
- The existing trees may restrict the size and design of the skate park.
- Traffic along Marine Parade is very close to the foreshore site.
- There will be more impact to existing uses at this site.
- There would be noise impact on beachgoers.
- There is more existing traffic and passers by.

John Black Dune

SUPPORTING

- It was proposed that the natural slope could make it an interesting place for a skate park.
- The area offers more flexibility for the design and size of the skate park.
- Parking is more accessible / available at this location.
- John Black Dune is being under-utilised.
- Can be part of the sporting precinct.
- Less existing traffic and passers by.

HINDERING

- It is believed that a skate park at this location will have a more negative impact on house values.
- A less visible location with corresponding concerns about safety /security.
- There appears to be more environmental concerns in this location.
- Closer to local residents than the Foreshore Precinct.
- A master plan has not been developed for this area.



THE INSIGHTS:

SUMMARY LOCATION PREFERENCES

Which location do you prefer?

The following table shows a summary of the preferred locations when workshop and survey participants were asked directly to nominate their preferred location, from the two options provided.

Workshops

	Foreshore Precinct	John Black Dune	Neutral	Mixed Opinions	Neither
Workshop One					
Group One					
Group Two					
Group Three					
Group Four					
Workshop Two					
Group One					
Group Two					
Group Three					
Group Four					
Group Five					
Group Six					
	4	1	1	1	3

Online Survey

	Foreshore Precinct	John Black Dune	Skipped
Response totals	3	9	1

Interpreting The Location Rankings

Caution needs to be taken when interpreting the workshop graphs but if each of the group's graphs (ranking each location against the decision criteria) are considered independent of the question above, the following results are inferred.

	Foreshore Precinct	John Black Dune	Neither
Workshop One			
Group One			
Group Two			
Group Three			
Group Four			
Workshop Two			
Group One			
Group Two			
Group Three			
Group Four			
Group Five			
Group Six			
	8	1	1



THE CONCLUSIONS :

WHICH LOCATION?

Considerations

The majority of the participants in Workshop One indicated preference for the skate park to be built at the Foreshore Precinct. This was driven by this location being considered to be more visible (offered passive surveillance) and attractive, having less negative impact on local residents and being closer to existing recreation activities and amenities.

Workshop Two participants commonly expressed that neither location was preferred with other locations being suggested to be more suitable. There were also significant concerns raised regarding the lack of transparency of the decision processes in limiting this consultation process to the Foreshore Precinct and John Black Dune.

The online survey results showed preference for John Black Dune with 75% of the participants preferring this location. John Black Dune was preferred because it offered more space (skate park design flexibility and size), does not currently have competing uses, has access to amenities and would enhance the area.

Within the online survey results, noise impacts on local residents and reduced passive surveillance were noted as weaknesses for John Black Dune. In regard to noise impacts, it was suggested that site placement and noise abatement strategies needed to be considered to minimise impact. In regard to passive surveillance it was noted that it would always be difficult to find the right balance between having a good level of passive surveillance at a location while also not impacting on local residents and/or other users at that location.

In guiding the Council forward it is recommended that community consultation and communication activities be undertaken to address the following three key questions:

Question One: Will it fit within the Foreshore Precinct?

In regard to the Foreshore Precinct, a number of participants questioned if there is sufficient space for an appropriately sized skate park with flexible design options to be constructed here. They were also concerned that the trees would need to be removed and raised issues in regard to being able to allow for sufficient clearance around the trees if they remained.

Question Two: What is the bigger picture for John Black Dune?

Participants found it difficult to evaluate the suitability of John Black Dune for a skate park, without a clear understanding of the bigger picture for this area. Workshop participants commonly considered that this area was more likely to negatively impact local residents. However, this was considered in comparison to leaving it as it is, as opposed to considering it against other potential future developments and how a skate park could/would be integrated (i.e. lacked the information to consider the bigger picture for the area). Noise abatement strategies were also not discussed or considered.

Question Three: Are there alternate options?

The workshops suggest that the community does not fully understand how decisions have been made regarding the selection of a suitable location for the skate park. It was expressed that there has been a lack of consultation and transparency regarding decision making to date. In moving forward, as outlined in this report, the Council now has some location criteria from the community that it can use to guide its decision making and communications regarding a suitable location for a skate park.



THE CONCLUSIONS :

These location criteria include:

- Flexibility of site (placement and design of the skate park)
- Level of security/passive surveillance
- Impact on local residents
- Environmental concerns
- Accessibility for all ages
- Impact on current uses
- Access to amenities
- Impact on traffic
- Noise impacts

Determining The Preferred Location

If Council chooses to progress one of the two locations considered in this community consultation, then the workshop results suggest that there would be least resistance to the skate park being located at the Foreshore Precinct. However, the online survey results suggests strong support for the skate park being located at John Black Dune. Therefore it is difficult to provide a clear recommendation. It is also important to note that only a relatively small proportion of the community participated in this research.

In considering the research insights to form a recommendation, it is proposed that the location that Council should progress depends on the level of priority they place on each of the decision criteria identified in this report.

If Council considers the perceived impact to local residents and security/passive surveillance as the key criteria determining the preferred location then, according to the results, the Foreshore Precinct appears to be the better location. In progressing this location, the Council will need to ensure there is sufficient space at this location to allow for flexibility of design and size. They would also need to be mindful of safety risks associated with the close proximity of the location to traffic and passers by.

If Council considers that the flexibility and size of the skate park and the impact on current uses of the location are important, then John Black Dune appears to be the better location. However, Council will need to be mindful of the potential impact on local residents and security/passive surveillance concerns.



