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Hawthorndene New Footpath Network Study Consultation Outcomes

In June 2024, Council invited the Hawthorndene community to help us understand where Council should extend and link the existing footpath network to facilitate safer and more convenient access for the local community.

We would like to thank those who provided feedback and recommendations during the consultation period. We received 148 pins on our online interactive map that indicated priority locations for new footpaths and identified hazards or maintenance issues requiring attention. We also had insightful conversations with community members during our drop-in sessions held at Apex Park and GD Wholesale Fruit and Veg.

What we heard

The feedback received was highly informative, with many members of the community sharing with us their first, second and third priorities for new footpath locations. Some of these priority locations were new footpaths for an entire street, while others were shorter connectivity issues which at times made walking or cycling difficult or unsafe.

In reviewing the feedback received, several streets were identified as priority locations for new footpaths, including Sycamore Crescent, Chancery Lane and Gorse Avenue (Sycamore intersection). Additionally, multiple intersection improvements were flagged where alterations will increase safer access for pedestrians and road users. These are some of the priority locations where investigations and designs will be undertaken this year. Further information about what we heard from the community is available on the project Your Say Page: <https://yoursay.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/new-footpath-study-hawthorndene>

Other locations, such as Batley Avenue, were also identified, however, due to site and construction limitations, significant removal of trees would be required to accommodate a new footpath.

All the feedback received has been reviewed and has given Council a clearer understanding of the community's priorities in the Hawthorndene area. This will allow Council to better plan future works in the area, including aligning upcoming kerb and road works along with new footpaths, subject to available funding.

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Hawthorndene Drive Pedestrian Crossings

As part of the 2024/25 Capital Works Program, funding has been endorsed for the construction of two pedestrian refuges on Hawthorndene Drive. These pedestrian refuges will be installed post community consultation and design. As part of the design, Council will undertake footpath network improvements as required. A separate consultation will be undertaken in April / May 2025, for the pedestrian refuges.

Maintenance issues

Whilst this consultation focused on new footpath connections, maintenance concerns regarding the current footpath network were also identified. Requests for footpath maintenance were forwarded to Council's Operations Support team for assessment and the scheduling of maintenance works where required.

What are the next steps?

As part of the Hawthorndene New Footpath Study, funding has been allocated to develop designs based on community feedback and recommendations. Council's Engineering team will develop designs for priority locations including Sycamore Crescent, Chancery Lane and Gorse Avenue. A subsequent consultation process will be undertaken with residents directly impacted by these designs. Construction of these footpaths is subject to future funding and Council approval as part of the Annual Business Plan and Budget process.

Additionally, further footpath links may be considered for design, subject to the final location of the pedestrian refuges on Hawthorndene Drive.

Further information

For more information on our detailed consultation findings and to view the interactive map, please visit the Your Say page: yoursay.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/new-footpath-study-hawthorndene.

To stay informed and receive future updates about this project and the above items you can subscribe to follow the project via the Your Say page in the top right.

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