

Community Engagement Summary Report for 2024 LATM Study (Cumberland Park, Colonel Light Gardens and Daws Park)

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INTRODUCTION

Background

The Council has received numerous traffic enquiries from the community within the study area, including Colonel Light Gardens, Cumberland Park and Daws Park (see Figure 1). Concerns have been raised about non-residential traffic using local streets, particularly during peak hours and throughout the day.

Additionally, there are concerns about the upcoming North-South Corridor upgrade (T2D) by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT), which may cause further traffic issues within the adjacent local road network.

In response to ongoing local traffic concerns, the Council has initiated planning for a Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) study of Colonel Light Gardens, Cumberland Park and Daws Park.

This aims to:

- **Engage with the community** to identify local traffic-related issues within the study area, bounded by Cross Road to the north, Goodwood Road to the east, Daws Road to the south, and Winston Avenue to the west, covering Colonel Light Gardens, Cumberland Park, and Daws Park.
- **Provide a holistic approach** by integrating adjacent land use with the traffic and transport environment within the study area.

- **Conduct a gap analysis** to address community concerns on a daily basis that may not have been captured in the technical traffic assessment.
- **Ask the community input** on seven main categories of traffic-related issues, requesting specific locations and details of the problems they are experiencing.

The issues are related to:

- Issue 1: Traffic Speeding
- Issue 2: Traffic Volume
- Issue 3: Trucks/Large Vehicles
- Issue 4: Pedestrian Facility & Safety
- Issue 5: Bicycle Facility & Safety
- Issue 6: Parking
- Issue 7: Irresponsible Behaviour/Hooning

Method of Communication and Engagement

The Council's Traffic & Transport Team (hereinafter referred to as the Traffic Team) conducted an initial community engagement survey for all residents within the study area from 30 October 2023 to 1 December 2023.

During this period, 338 online responses were received, and 26 responses were gathered through offline methods, including emails, letters, phone calls, and in-person interactions.

Assessment Limitations

It is important to note that the scope of this LATM study is limited to local streets within the study area and exclude state-controlled roads such as Cross Road, Daws Road, and Goodwood Road.

However, comments related to DIT's roads will be reviewed and discussed with DIT as appropriate in the future.

This following provides an overview of the online survey statistics and analysis results on traffic-related feedback in the study area.

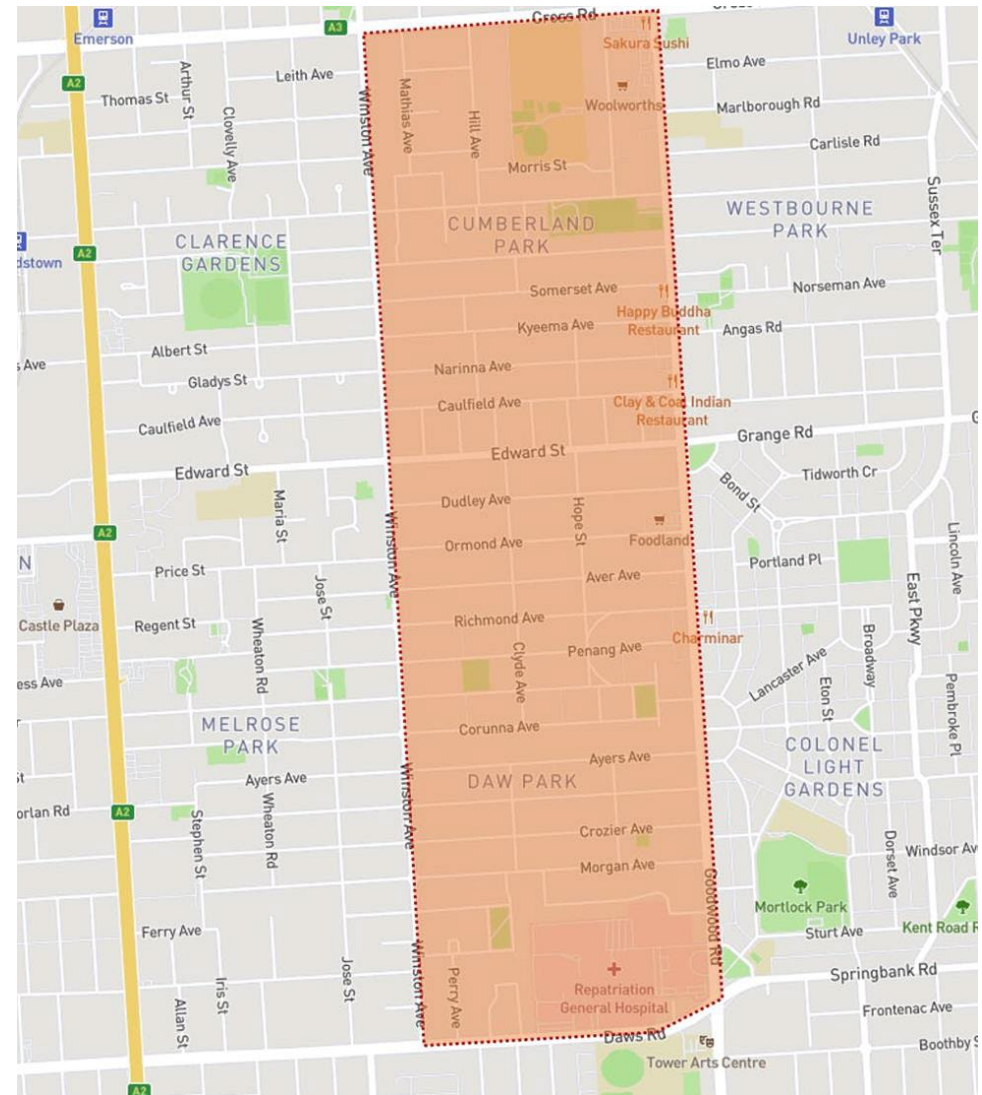


Figure 1. LATM Study Area

ONLINE SURVEY STATISTICS

As shown in Figure 2, a total of 338 responses were received from residents: 33.1% from Cumberland Park, 16.0% from Colonel Light Gardens, 29.0% from Daws Park, and 21.9% from outside the study area. With an estimated 2,205 households within the study area (Source: 2021 ABS Census data), the total number of participants represents approximately 12% of the households in the study area.

This percentage indicates that the survey responses provide a robust representation of the community within the study area.

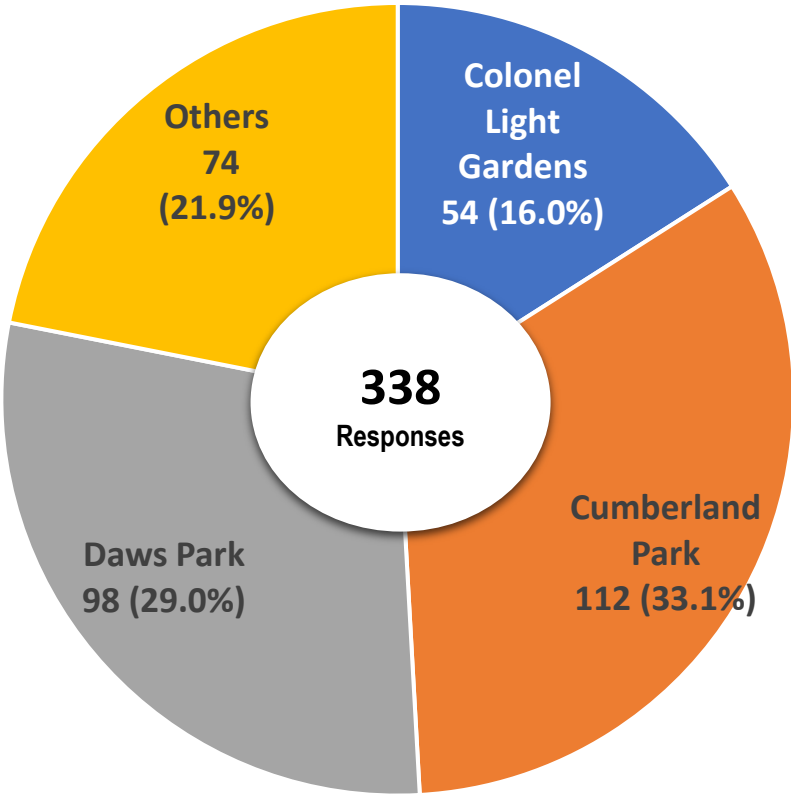


Figure 2. Initial Community Engagement Online Survey Responses

Figure 3 shows the connection within the study area. Over 90% of respondents interact with the area for their essential daily activities, such as living and working.

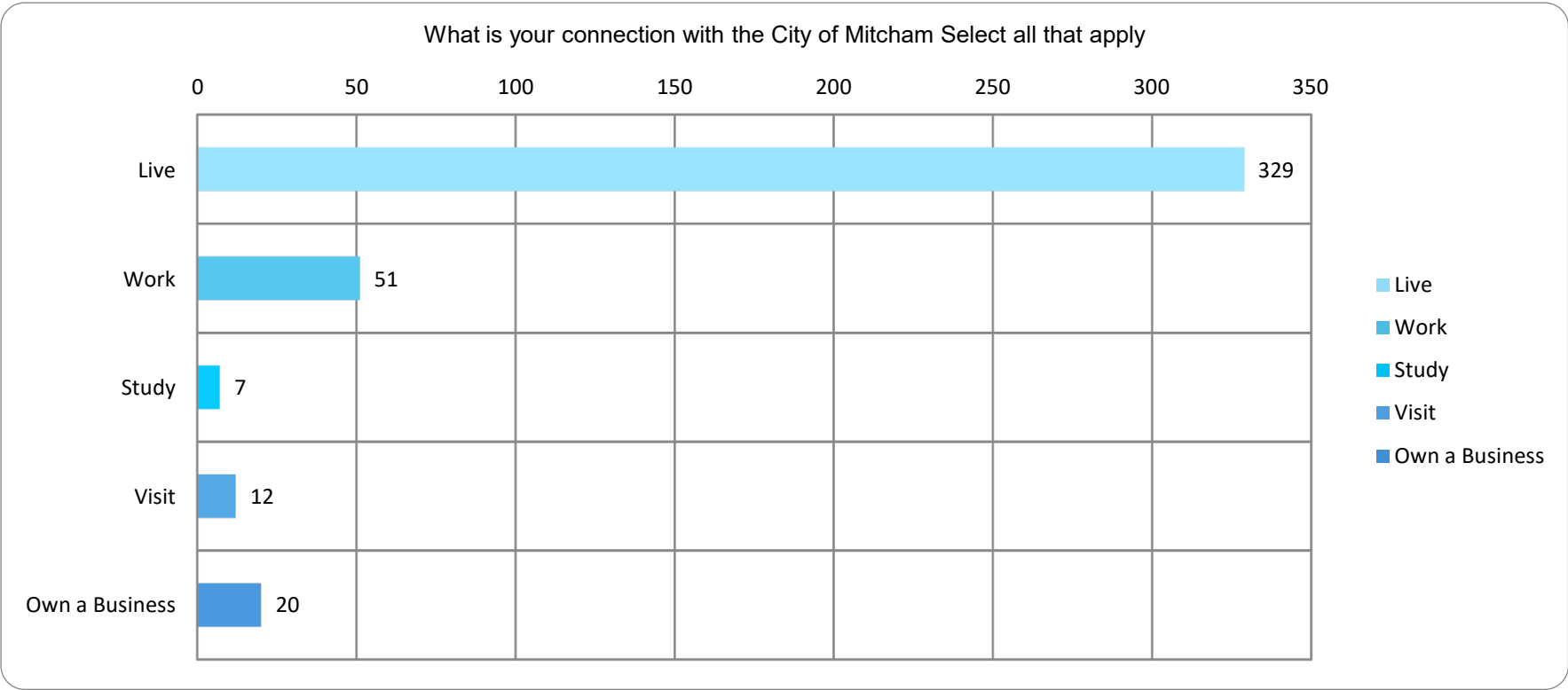


Figure 3. Respondents connection with the Council within the study area

It is also noted that the participant is interested in the Council's performance across various areas, as shown in Figure 4. The top three areas of interest are: 'Traffic/Transport and Infrastructure' at 13.2%, 'Parks and Open Spaces' at 10.7%, and 'Council Services' at 8.6%.

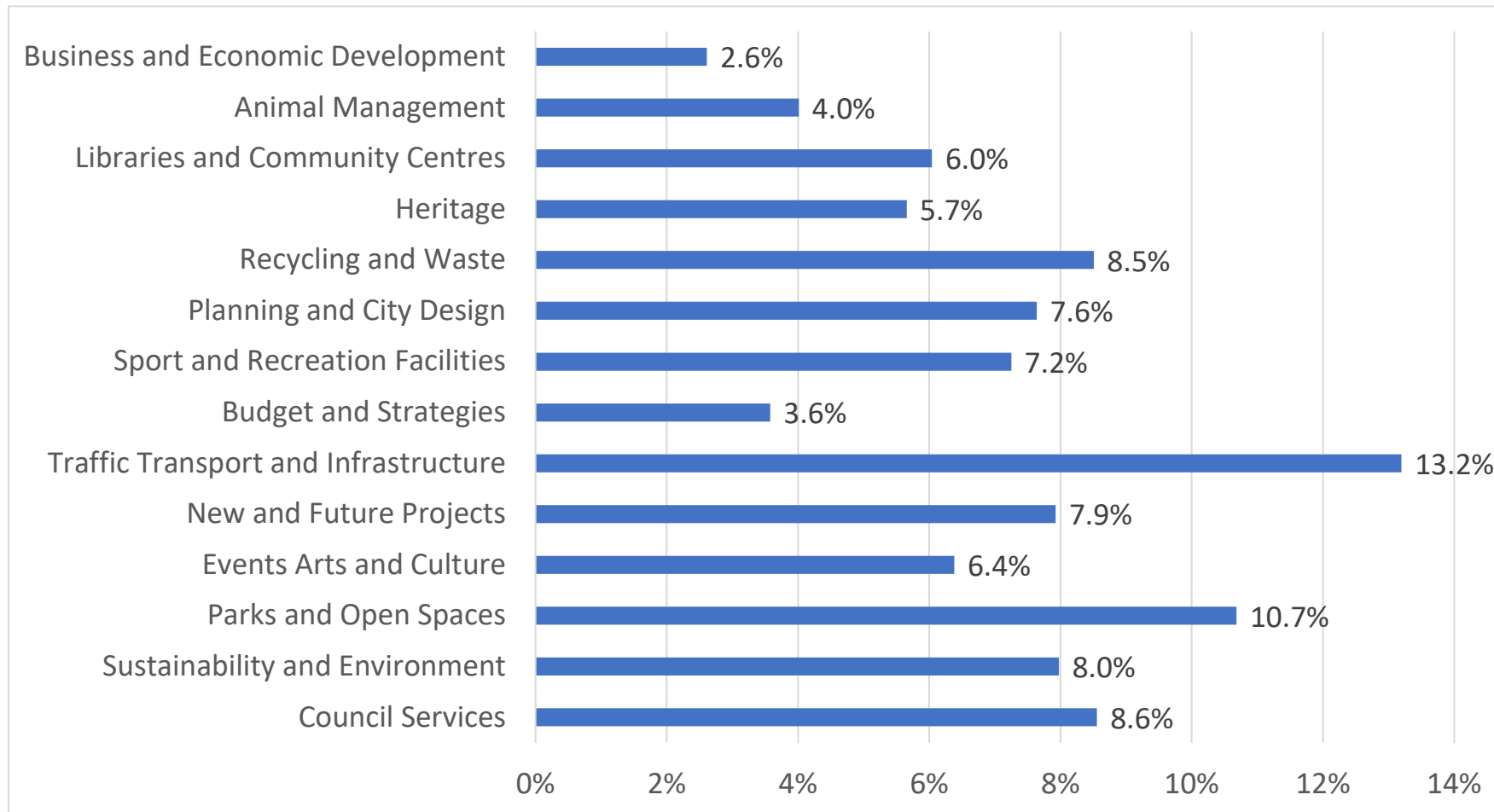


Figure 4. The areas of Council the community are interested in

FEEDBACK ANALYSIS RESULT

Feedback by Type of Traffic-related Issues

The number of survey feedback responses by type of issues is shown in Figure 5.

The feedback indicates that traffic issues occur throughout the day and night, with more severe problems during peak hours.

This is likely due to a combination of factors, including congestion in the adjacent road network and nearby land uses such as schools, parks, and shops.

The feedback highlights the types of traffic-related issues on local streets as follows:

- Traffic volumes: 24%
- Speed: 20%
- On-Street Parking: 14%
- Pedestrian Facility & Safety: 13%
- Trucks/Large Vehicles: 10%
- Hoon Activity: 10%
- Bicycle Facility & Safety: 9%

Additionally, 29 comments were provided regarding roads managed by DIT.

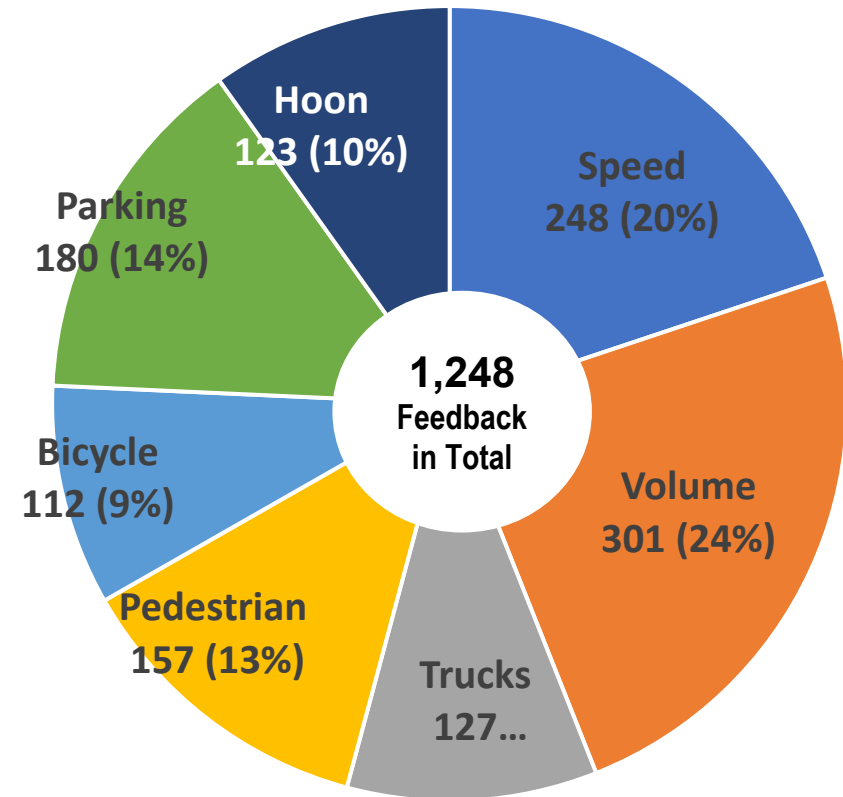


Figure 5. Survey Feedback by Type of issues

Feedback by Local Streets

Respondents provided 1,248 feedback on the overall east-west local streets and on 37 specific local streets, categorised into seven identified traffic-related issues within the study area.

Among these, Winston Avenue, a north-south sub-arterial road parallel to South Road and Goodwood Road, was noted for having the highest number of traffic issues. Feedback specifically highlighted concerns about high Traffic Volume (31.1%), Bicycle facility & safety (20.6%), and Pedestrian Facility & Safety (18.4%), particularly during peak hours.

Most of the remaining local streets are east-west links connecting South Road/Winston Avenue to Goodwood Road. Feedback for these streets primarily highlighted concerns about high traffic volume and speeding.

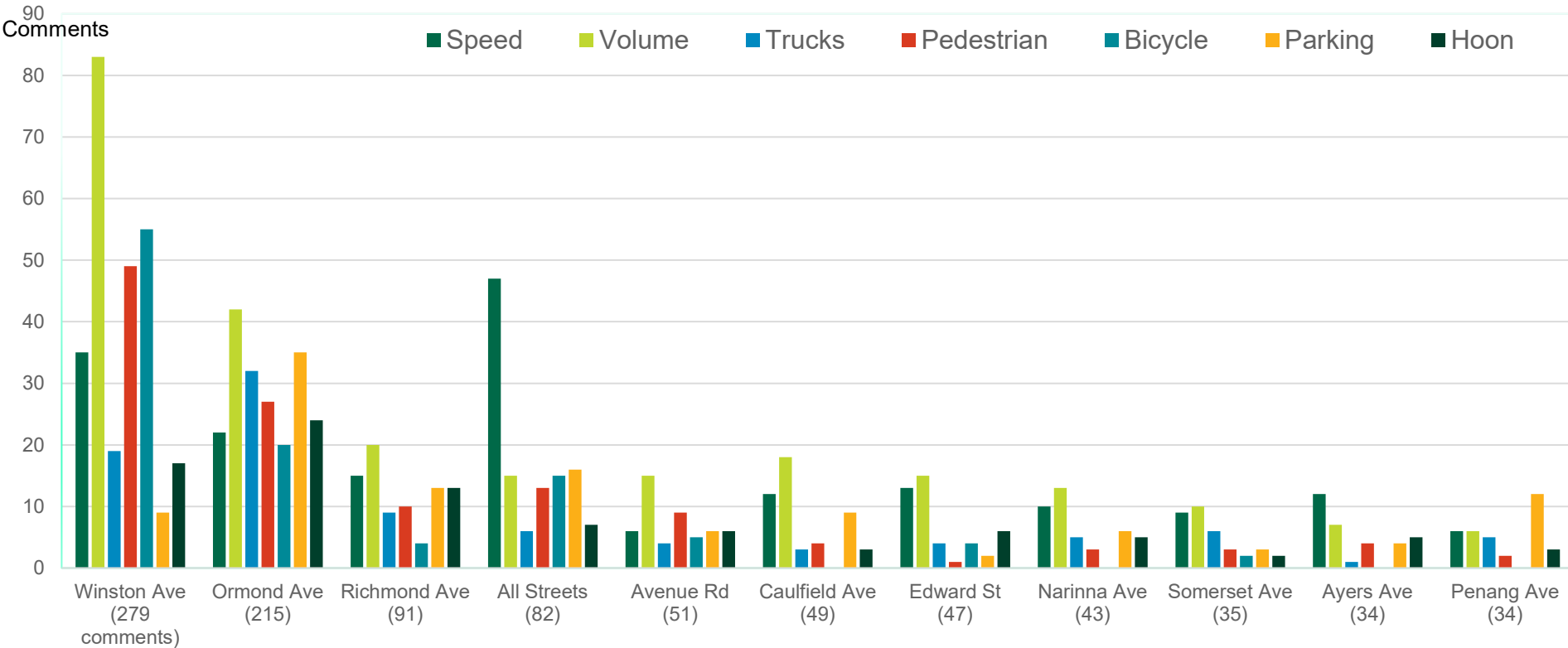


Figure 6. Traffic Issues – Top 10 Local Streets

Overview of Community Feedback by Type of Issues

An overview of the community feedback by type of issues is provided in Table 1 below and on the attached Map.

Issue Type	Number of Feedback	Description	Suggestions by the community
Speeding	248 	Cars racing through East-West links from Winston Ave/South Rd to Goodwood Rd	• New '40' speed zone • Removal of the existing '40' speed zone • Slow points • Speed humps/No speed humps • Road closure near DIT's intersections • More policing • Safe pedestrian crossing points along busy roads • Safe bike lanes along busy roads • On-street parking control • Upgrade street lights
Traffic Volume	301 	• Overall traffic volumes have increased in recent years • Unwanted high traffic cutting through East-West links from Winston Ave/South Rd and Goodwood Rd • Near misses or failure to give way at intersections due to congestion • Increased traffic on some streets as drivers avoid existing traffic calming measures, such as speed humps • Queuing across intersections and roundabouts • Traffic congestion around school areas • Delays for traffic exiting local streets at intersections with DIT roads • Cars using local streets to bypass traffic signals and delays on DIT roads	
Trucks/Large Vehicles	127 	• Trucks cutting through local streets, such as Ormond Ave • Trucks parked on streets	

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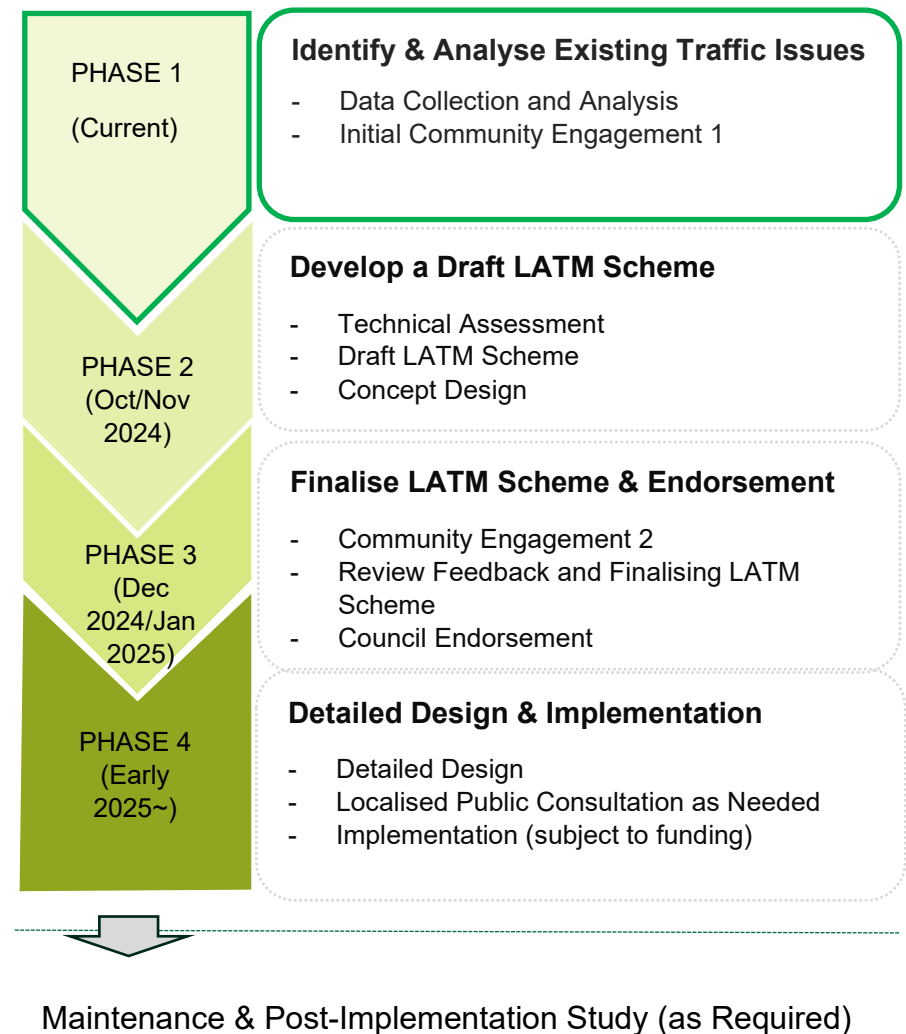
Issue Type	Number of Comments	Comment Description	Suggestions by Respondents
Pedestrian Facility & Safety	157 	- Lack of safe pedestrian crossing points along busy roads - Sightline concerns due to cars parked around schools - Insufficient lights	
Bicycle Facility & Safety	112 	- Conflict with cars parked on streets - Lack of safe bicycle routes	
Parking	180 	- Parking on both sides of the street making it difficult and unsafe for vehicle to navigate through and access driveways - Cars parked along narrow streets - Parking issues around schools - Insufficient on-street parking near industrial and retail shops - Unsafe intersections and driveways due to cars parked too closely	
Hooning	123 	- Dangerous driving behaviour around school zone - Hooning (reckless driving) during the day or night, contributing to traffic noise and speeding	
DIT Roads	29	Reckless driving, Traffic noise at nights, increased number of heavy vehicles, and issues with traffic signal operation, such as time restricted 'No Right Turn' restriction into local streets from South Road or Goodwood Road during peak hours	

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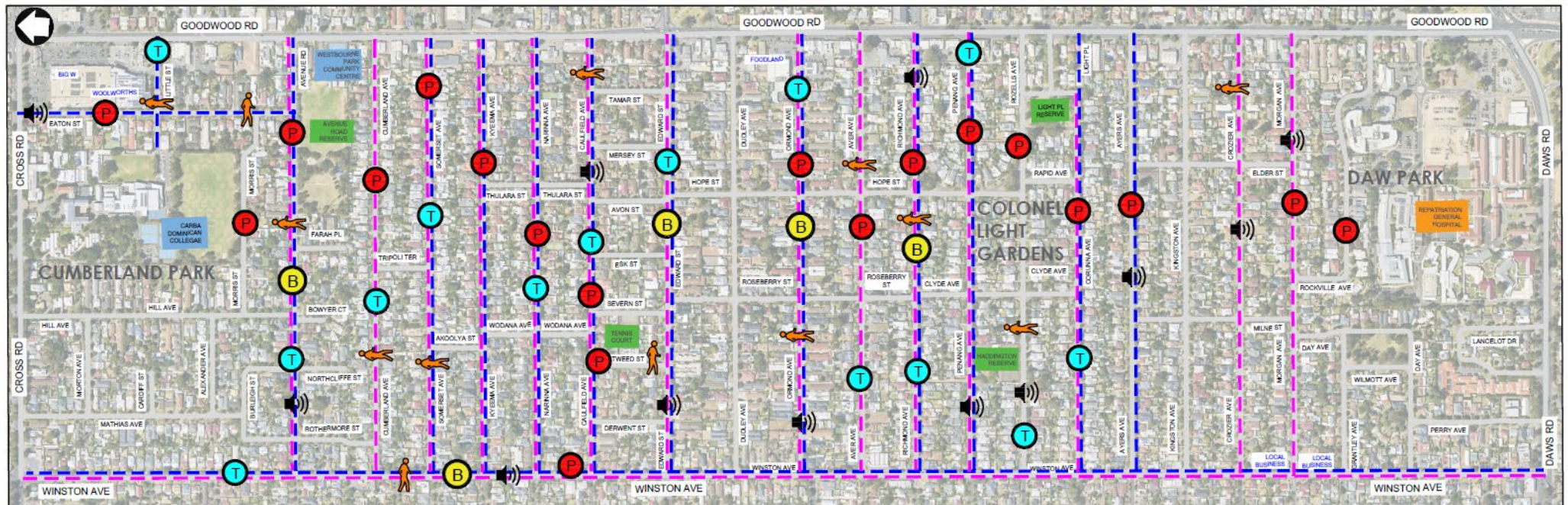
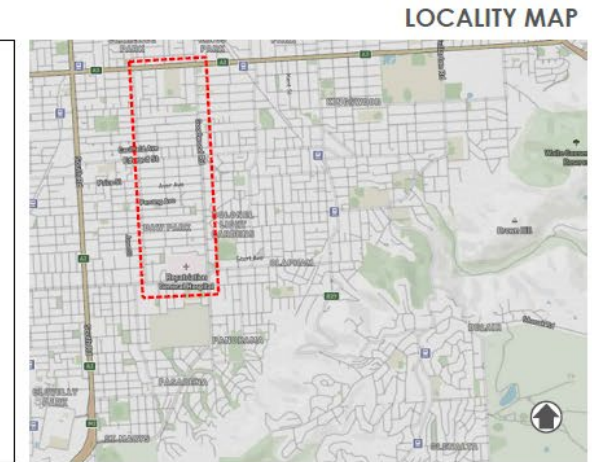
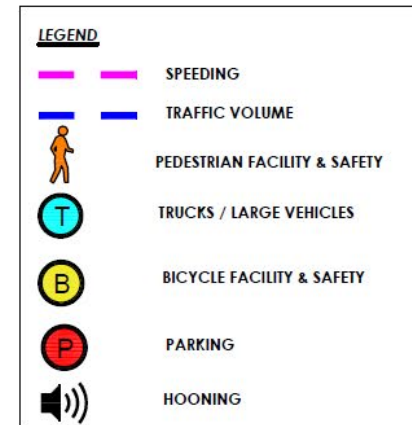
Based on the findings from the community feedback in this report, the Traffic Team will conduct a further technical assessment to develop a draft LATM scheme.

Following this, a second round of community engagement will be undertaken to gather feedback on the draft LATM scheme within the study area. This feedback will be reviewed and used to finalise the proposed LATM Scheme for Council's endorsement and implementation.

Attachment. Map Overview of Community Comments by Type of Issues



COMMUNITY FEEDBACK BY TYPE OF ISSUES



Note : The map is based on recurring community comments regarding various issues on the local streets.

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