



3 CONSULTATION

The stakeholder and community engagement process for Civic Link involved conducting consultations to understand the impacts, challenges, and opportunities from the perspectives of local businesses, stakeholders, and landowners. This included more focused engagement with local businesses and landowners prior to finalising the detailed design. Additionally, the process involved working together with landowners to resolve issues related to servicing and access.

On 11 March 2024, the Civic Link Block 3 draft Concept Design went on public exhibition. The community was consulted, and an update was provided on the community engagement portal webpage about the adoption of the concept plan and project timeline, along with links to the council report. A second community consultation was held in February 2025, depicting the proposed detail design, which reflected community comments received in the previous consultation of March 2024.

The Key Findings by Council revealed that Community feedback on the Civic Link project was overwhelmingly positive, with comments highlighting its vibrant, multi-generational, and child-friendly design. Some community members advocated for immediate pedestrianisation and the removal of vehicles. The proposed green spine with shade and deciduous trees received nine supportive comments, with additional requests for water-sensitive urban design (WSUD) and educational plant naming.

Safety concerns were addressed with the inclusion of CCTV, better lighting, and measures to protect pedestrians and cyclists from vehicles. Youth engagement sessions revealed a desire for youth-friendly spaces with charging stations, weather protection, retractable tables, and more private alcoves. Concerns about parking loss and traffic circulation were raised, with some suggestions for maintaining existing parking and creating no-parking zones.

Potential conflicts between pedestrians and cyclists were a major concern, with suggestions for a dedicated cycleway and secure bicycle parking. Creative and artistic elements, including murals, a history wall, and spaces for curated events, were requested and will be considered in the detailed design phase. Accessible toilets, while not included in Block 3, are supported in nearby Block 2. Various other miscellaneous suggestions were also noted and will be addressed where possible.

The Powerhouse Museum has been consulted on an ongoing basis throughout the project. Utilities in the area were also approached early in the process to understand their scheduled works to ensure coordination.