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Re: Davies Park Improvement Plan – Feedback and Comments

- **The round grassy open space** – Without seating or other functions, this space may appear as the entry to a football club, like the spaces around Suncorp Stadium. The space requires plentiful seating, a drink fountain, litter bins and some kind of design theme or apparent activity planning, which raises it above just being grass and concrete.
- **The multi-use games area** – In the visualisation, the area appears as a large, flat slab of concrete with a fence behind it. The multi-use games area requires shade, seating and design which considers what games may occur there, and what these games may require. A large, flat slab would be a poor outcome. This multi-use area should accommodate a skatepark and a small stage space for events and gatherings.
- **Jane Street Community Garden** – The proposed location is a poor outcome for the Jane Street Community Garden. It provides poor access to northern light, overshadowing across its whole length from mature trees and a long frontage facing the goal post of the soccer pitch. Plants will be substantially shaded and then constantly impacted by soccer balls and players looking for soccer balls. After hours there is no street surveillance and the site may become a problem area. The current gardens have a quiet atmosphere. The proposed site will place them at the entry to the busy markets, which may impact the gardens with unmanned visitation. The Northey Street Community Gardens were rehabilitated without relocation. The Jane Street Community Garden could also be rehabilitated on site, by capping soil areas and raised planter beds through an incremental improvement process. The

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gardens do not have to be relocated to be made functional or safe. The Jane Street Community Garden is one of West End's most loved public spaces and its improvement should be a priority in the immediate funding of works.

- **Multi-use court** – The single court is simply a conversion of a sand court into a hard court within the existing football grounds, which are fenced off. The multi-use court should be in a fully public space and not fenced. The balance of the lease area implies there will be two more courts, but this is not defined or certain. Is it to be a public, freely accessible court? The plan should make clear the intention of this large leased area.
- **New toilet block** – The location of a new toilet block would be better in a more central place which is proximate to the proposed Montague Road park improvements, as well as to the markets, sports area and Jane Street Community Garden. A much better and central location would be where the shared roadway turns toward Montague Road, or near the multi-use games area. The existing toilet block should be refurbished and retained, since there is an under provision of toilet facilities in this busy park and two toilet blocks would better serve the improved park facilities and the markets.
- **Mound reshaping area** – The existing avenue of trees provide a pleasant green corridor. Mound reshaping can occur without removal of the perimeter trees. There is no value in removing the trees.
- **Mound removal area** – This large area is large enough to be a pocket park in its own right. The relationship to the multi-use court area could be strengthened by moving the hard mixed-use court adjacent, and by making the court part of the public park. The fence/lease boundary would be between the court and the football grounds.
- **Playspace** – The playspace is located near the mature trees which have suffered from trampling and have serious health issues. The playspace should be located on the flat area, not on the banks near the trees, since this will only encourage more trampling. Play facilities for small children should more importantly be provided adjacent to the new grassy open space on Montague Road, since there is plenty of set-back area and the space needs facilities and activities to activate it.

- **Area adjacent to Montague Road (south)** – There are no proposed upgrades for this large, open area of land that fronts Montague Road. This space currently houses fig trees which provide good levels of shade and amenity, and has a high level of visibility from both Montague Road and the internal shared roadway. This area can be viewed as another pocket park within the overall Davies Park precinct. Activation of this space is required to accommodate the open nature of the area, the high level of street appeal it affords and its use as a thoroughfare for people accessing the Saturday markets.