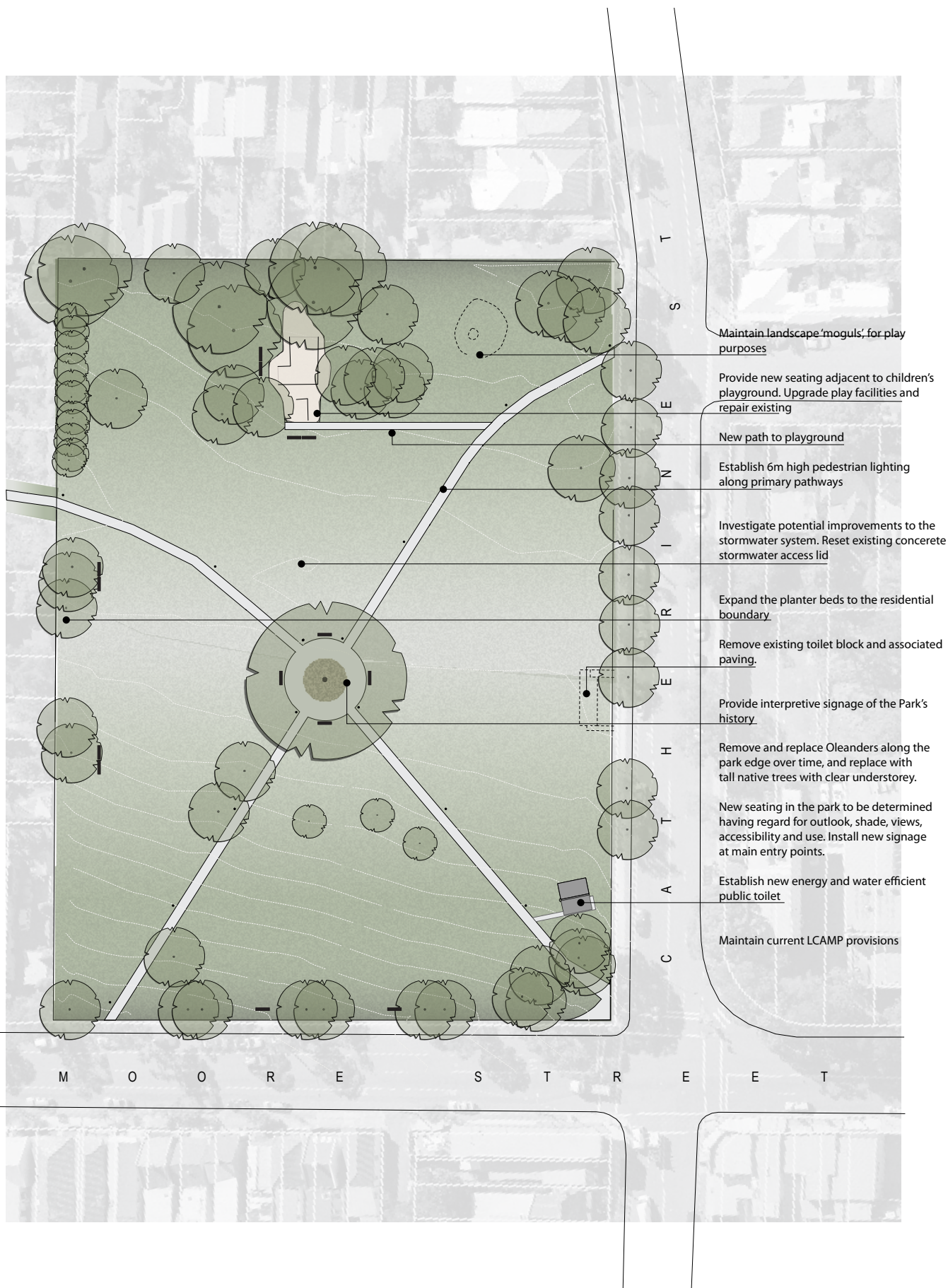


8. Master Plan



WAR MEMORIAL PARK - CONCEPT MASTER PLAN

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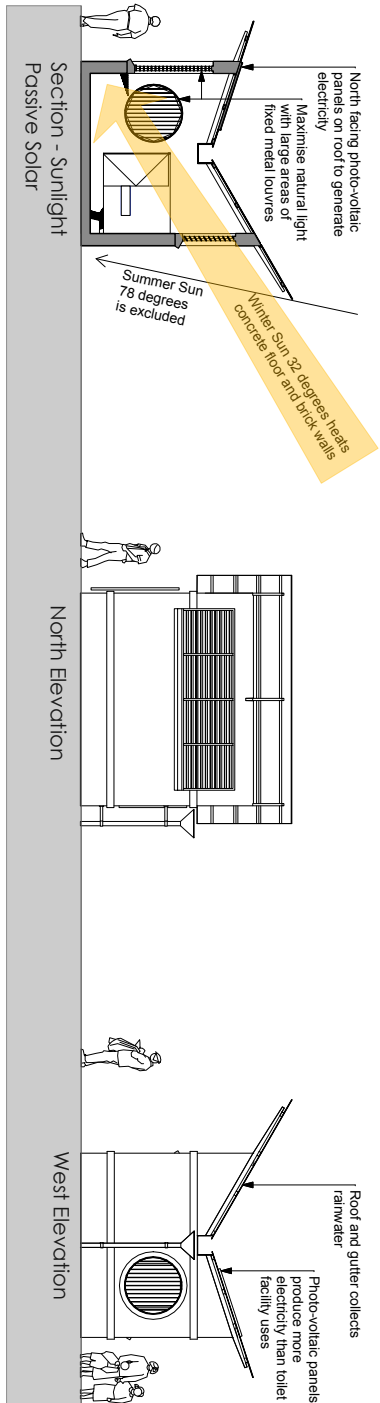


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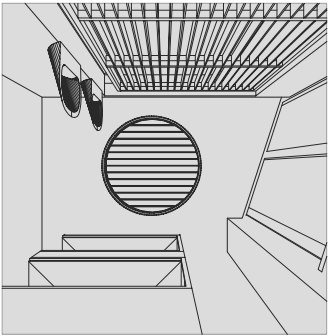


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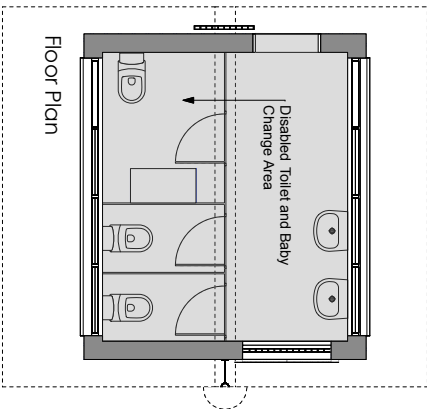




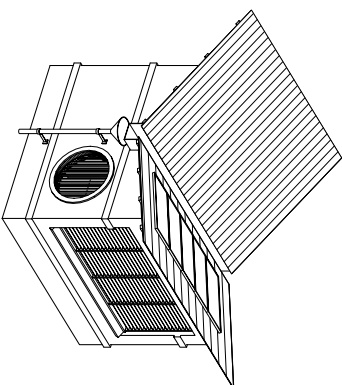
Location Option 2: Perspective View from Moore Street



Perspective View from Entrance



Floor Plan



Aerial View from South West



9. Appendices

Appendix 1

PRELIMINARY STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION – INVITATION FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

Submission Number	Category	Issues Raised
1	Park User	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 'boundaries' for dog areas are difficult to enforce. • Often dog owners have children and want to have dogs near playground but current rules won't allow that. Either have a fenced off area for dogs or fence playground properly so dogs can't get in. • Public toilet has been improved by door front on to park. It could be converted to parent's room with baby changing facility because it is only used by kids. • Problem with dog owners not cleaning up after their dogs. • Add slippery dip to playground. Possible locations include at end of high bridge; or where current ladder is. • Climbing web needs to be repaired.
2	User Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need paved circuit around park for children, around 5-15m inside the perimeter trees but avoiding the playground. • Insert BMX dirt jumps. There used to be some next to fence at NW corner.
3	Park User	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play equipment needs to be fenced for safety of toddlers and separate them from dogs. • Upgrade toilets. • Replace swing set with two new swings with infant and child seats, with centre like a 'T' like those at Sydney Park.
4	Park User	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Value the way in which the park is currently maintained – maintenance of vegetation, changes to toilet facilities, and pedestrian refuge island in Catherine Street. • Park is now utilised by families who have small backyards. • Attractions, such as Leichhardt Big Bike Day, encourage more usage of park. • Should maintain current 'ambience' of the park; avoid major built structures; allow short term parking nearby; avoid frequent organised sports events being held there; maintain open views of park to promote safety of park users.
5	User Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The park should be renamed to reflect the prior use of the land, which is believed to be a dairy. • Recommend fencing the playground.

Submission Number	Category	Issues Raised
6	Park User	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like a memorial grove added, for spreading dogs ashes, etc. • Maintain toilet block in current location. • Need additional lighting to pathways only and not whole of park. • Fence the children's play area. • Remove Acacia species in vicinity of playground, retain deciduous species, and add new seating and tables in the area. • Wet areas of park should be identified with appropriate planting in these locations. • Would not like to see BMX track, skateboard ramps etc. • Remove noxious weeds from park, for eg. Wandering Jew, which dogs are allergic to. • Park requires better horticultural maintenance. • Ensure there is constant supply of dog bags. • Repair the protruding steel plate in vicinity of main fig tree as it is a trip hazard, • Repair toilet cisterns. • Do not relocate Cotton Palms to the park, as was suggested at the consultation session. • The park should continue as share area with the off lead dog zone.
7	Park User	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not recommend fencing the playground as unstructured play is more ideal. Otherwise, this would present problems for people with dogs and children with dogs being left unattended. • They have not spoken to any other parent who wants a fence around the playground, and no other parks in the vicinity have a fence (eg. 38th Battalion, Railway Parade/Brennan Park, Whites Creek, Piper St, Pioneer Park). • Recommend improving the swings and adding a slide. • Change position of seats around the playground to improve views and to be in the sun. • Maintain the current park restrictions, including leashed and no dog areas. Current dog access is appropriate but should be monitored. • The park is not a "dog park" and needs to allow a wide range of community activities. • Support the new design for the toilet block. This should be sited up to 5m into the park from the current location, rather than adjacent to either side of diagonal footpath. • Maintain vegetation so that good sightlines can continue to be achieved.

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8	Park User	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain toilet block in current location. • Fence the children's play area. • Need additional lighting to pathways only and not whole of park. • Remove Acacia species in vicinity of playground, retain deciduous species, and add new seating and tables in the area. • Wet areas of park should be identified with appropriate planting in these locations. • Would not like to see BMX track, skateboard ramps etc. • Remove noxious weeds from park, for eg. Wandering Jew, which dogs are allergic to. • Parks requires better horticultural maintenance. • Ensure there is constant supply of dog bags. • Repair the protruding steel plate in vicinity of main fig trees as it is a trip hazard, • Repair toilet cisterns. • Do not relocate Cotton Palms to the park, as was suggested at the consultation session.
9	Park User	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarified to another park user that there was no suggestion to ban dogs at the consultation session. • Stated there was no support at the consultation session for enclosing the playground, a bicycle course, moving playground closer to the fence. • Although noted there was support for extra lighting, seating around the perimeter, and the ecologically sound toilet. • Council officers were open to ideas from residents.

Submission Number	Category	Issues Raised
10	Park User	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twice daily user of park for 8 years. • The park can be characterised as a “wide and open park with the Fig tree the focal point of the park”. • Parents with children value the clear sightlines anywhere within the park for safety reasons. • There is high recreational use of the park. • The dog areas are highly utilised. • Non–organised sport is regularly played on flat areas of the park. • There is high usage of play equipment and footpaths on park by children. • Paths are poorly lit at night and residents do not feel safe walking through there at night. Recommend addition of one light per path and resetting the stormwater grates and hydrant covers which are a trip hazard. • Recommend removing the Acacia trees in the vicinity of the playground and replacing with Platinus spp. to provide shade in summer and sunlight in winter. Also, there should be two picnic tables added next to the playground. • Extend the planter bed on western boundary by another 2m with tall, medium and groundcover plantings as per Council’s forest Policy, to screen adjacent residences and provide area for exploration by dogs. • Remove Wandering Jew from western edge of park. • Recommend adding another dog bag station at entrance to park from laneway from Ainsworth Street. • Remove Oleanders from southern boundary and relaced with tall, straight-trunked trees. • Extend path from Catherine Street path around toilet block around toilet block to new entrance of toilet block. • Remove Oleanders from eastern boundary because of their toxicity and because they require a lot of maintenance. • Extend planter bed from corner of Catherine and Moore Streets to planter bed surrounding location of existing toilet block as per Council’s Forest Policy. Relocate existing seat towards the park so it is outside new garden area • Relocation of existing garbage bin to next to existing dog poo bag station • North of existing toilet block, recommend plantings as per Leichhardt Council existing Urban Forest Policy with particular focus on species found desirable for the Grey-headed Flying-foxes (Pteropus poliocephalus) which frequent the park.

Submission Number	Category	Issues Raised
10 (Cont.)	Park User	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relocation of existing seat towards the park so it is outside new garden area. • Continuation of the dog recreation off leash times within the park. • Continued maintenance of existing trees upon the southern slope of the park which provide welcome shade during summer. • More proactive consultation/information to residents of Ainsworth Street regarding garden and lawn clippings being deposited within the park. • Mulch to be laid on bare area 1 – 2 metres from the path surrounding the fig tree • Ongoing regular weed control • Establishment of a council sanctioned Park Care group • Regular maintenance of the plumbing within the toilet block • The Cotton Palm Trees from Victoria Road have no place within the park and should not be considered as desirable plantings within the park • Installations of bicycle and/or skate board facilities are unnecessary as these facilities already exist at White Creek Reserve. • Regular re-stocking of dog poo bags.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION –

INVITATION FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS DURING EXHIBITION

Submission Number	Category	Issues Raised
1.	Park User	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree with park zoning and core objectives. • Support decision not to fence the playground • The dog access arrangements seem reasonable and only need to be enforced and there needs to be dog owner education • Placement of lighting along paths needs to consider play areas as many children use paths for bikes, skates and rollerblading. • Support upgrade of play equipment. • Believe a dog memorial grove is inappropriate for the park.
2.	Park User	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not support the removal of the 'mounds' as many children use it to ride their bikes over, including, to learn to ride. • Viewing the 'see-through' toilets in the park has revealed that there seems to be no 'anti-social behaviour' associated with them. Like the artwork on toilets block. Suggest solar panels are placed on top and a baby change facility installed inside. • The location for the new toilets is sited too far away from the playground. Suggest they are redeveloped in the same location. • Do not support bollard lighting and believe children could injure themselves on these travelling along on bikes, etc. Suggest installation of 1 or 2 "solar spots" that have focused light spill. • Support more play equipment except do not believe that children over 8 years of age will not use equipment for their purposes. Support a slippery dip but not a bike track. • Support benches and suggest they be constructed of wrought iron and wood for a stylish finish. • Support removal of the Wandering Dew. • Do not support the removal of the Oleanders. • More poo dog bags are required. • Believes the Fig tree is "sacred" and should be listed and not interfered with. However there is a wet patch that needs resolving in the south section of the park. • The suggestion of renaming the park is a possibility – however notes that to locals it will always be known as War Memorial Park.

Submission Number	Category	Issues Raised
3.	Park User	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fence has not been accommodated around the playground. Unstructured play could still be facilitated by placing the fence around a larger area incorporating trees, etc. When a parent is looking after more than one child a fence would ensure all of their safety. It would also ensure dogs do not enter the area. • Recommend retaining the “moguls” as they are not unsightly, children love playing on them, and people picnic on them. • The bubbler near the moguls currently does not work and needs to be fixed.
4.	Park User	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the Strategy to maintain park largely as it is. • Support the upgrade of the playground. • Strongly support to maintenance of existing mature trees and complement with native plating. • Support for the removal of the Oleanders and their replacement with native trees with some understorey planting to encourage biodiversity without compromising security. • Suggestions for trees in place of Oleanders are Cedar Wattles, Melaleuca, Casuarina, Red Cedar, Christmas Bush and Blueberry Ash. Suggest involvement of the Council's Biodiversity officer in the selection. • Support new lighting to improve safety but do not support bollard lighting, believe these would be a hazard for cyclists. • Do not support removal of moguls as they are popular with park users. • The south-west corner of the park has great views to the city which could accommodate memorial/lookout/directional signage. • Suggest the provision of paths from the existing paths to the playground which would provide a circuit for children on bikes etc. • The existing seats under the Fig tree are well used. • Believe recent changes to the amenities block have solved anti-social behaviour problems and should only be replaced if they are a maintenance problem.

Appendix 2

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION SESSION

Held at War Memorial Park on 26 September 2009

Attended by approximately 18 people

Key Issues Raised

- Happy with the park as it is.
- Playground old and tired, needs upgrading. Equipment too limiting, need to consider other age groups, perhaps monkey bars. Consider fencing
- Love the park as it is – maintenance is good –no BMX dirt bikes.
- Great park for kids dog/walking, – not a place for organised.
- Comment that there was once a BMX loop – was moved to a more suitable other location
- The parks sense of openness an advantage
- Kids using the playground at night
- Why War Memorial Park as a name. Need some interpretive signage in relation to the history of the park.
- Need to retain openness at the edge, consider removing and replacing the oleanders
- Oleanders ok if maintained.
- Lighting for pedestrian access along the diagonal paths
- Seating currently poorly located. Tables or fixed seating in proper locations
- Wandering Dew a maintenance issue – allergies
- Drainage through the park needs to be looked at. There's a house that pumps water from housing in the corner
- Trip hazards in path need fixing
- Need more dog bags
- Trucks over parks have left tyre marks. Need to keep non-required vehicles off the grass.
- Sharp edges on the seats around the Fig trees
- Use of the park for non-organised sports game. Should be booked through Council. This occurs on Sundays maybe dislocated from Cohen Park
- Benches at perimeter facing inward

Presentation of New Public Toilet Concept Design

- Design excellent. Lighting on existing toilet all night. Has a composting toilet been considered?
- General agreement to locate on perimeter – near the bus stop
- Does anyone monitor toilets – who uses it – when?
- Develop toilets in same spot or slightly closer to playground

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION SESSION - Exhibition Stage

Held at Easton Park on 20 February 2010

Attended by approximately 11 people

Key Issues Raised

- During the 1970's there was a slippery dip, traditional swings and a hemi-spherical climbing frame (the latter was for use by older kids).
- The existing grassed mounds/moguls are the site of an adventure playground.
- Resident backing on to the park is concerned about the bollard lighting in that it may be a hazard for children travelling along paths on bikes, skates etc who may run into them. Possibility of use of different lights that may only require use of 2 or 3 to light up the required areas.
- Support for less lights with more focused light spill.
- Support for lights along perimeter to street – this would need to be discussed with Council.
- Possibility of including lighting off off-lead dog area because people like to use this area at night and need to see around this area to pick up do poo.
- View that lighting is fine from the alleyway to the central Fig tree but from this tree to the intersection it is not.
- Possibility of lighting up Fig tree – but question if this would this impact on bats?
- There used to be Conifer trees all along the western boundary. Concern that Council have planted a Fig tree in this location – it is unsuitable location for such a large tree.
- The mounds should not be removed because kids love playing on them and it will save costs by not removing them. Consideration should be given to how planting or play equipment could be added to them.
- It is not only residents who use the park – people use park to have lunch on work days.
- Agree with removal of Cedar Wattles near the playground because they are near the end of their lifespan. Winter sun is needed to playground, so could consider deciduous trees to enable eastern sun and evergreen trees to protect from the wester sun.
- Don't support expanded planter bed along western boundary. It is an area that receives little sun and water overflow but it is planted with drought-tolerant and sun-loving plants. It is also hardly ever maintained.
- There was support for and against the removal of Oleanders. There was suggestion that they be replaced with native trees. Their maintenance requirements was highlighted and safety issues raised by the police.
- Suggestion for seating along the western boundary.

Appendix 3

Site Survey



