



Town of Cottesloe

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

CONSULTATION ANALYSIS REPORT

Proposed Closure of Beach Access Path N11

19 July 2021 – 2 August 2021



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***Our Community** are our residents, local groups and clubs, businesses, organisations, individuals and government stakeholders who have a common interest in Cottesloe.*

Community can be:

- **Communities of Place** – People living in neighbourhoods and localities.
- **Communities of Identity** – People from ethnic groups, young people, people with disabilities, religious groups etc.
- **Communities of Interest** – People involved in groups or activities which might cut across other communities. For example board riders, tourists, business owners etc.

It is important to note that people see themselves as belonging to one community of place but can identify more than one community of interest or identity.

1. PROJECT BACKGROUND

- The community indicated in a survey carried out in January and February 2021 that the preference would be for N11 to be closed with N10 and N12 remaining open as part of the Town's Beach Access Path Rationalisation. However, as this access configuration was not directly consulted on earlier this year, Council sought public opinion on the proposal.
- Community feedback on the proposed closure of N11 was requested by way of a survey.
 - The survey was open to the community from 19 July 2021 and closed on 2 August 2021.
 - The consultation summary is attached.
- The survey was issued and promoted using the following resources:
 - E-Newsletter (Residents and Ratepayers database)
 - Town of Cottesloe Facebook Posts
 - Letterbox Drop to immediately affected residents and businesses
 - Town of Cottesloe website

2. PARTICIPATION GOAL AND METHODOLOGY

PARTICIPATION GOAL (IAP2's Public Participation Spectrum):

The Town was committed to working across **2** of IAP2's participation goals for this project:

INFORM – To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives opportunities and/or solutions.

CONSULT – To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.

METHODOLOGY

The below methods were used to **inform** the public of an opportunity to participate and provide feedback regarding the Parking Strategy 2021 – 2024:

- E-Newsletter
 - Distributed through the Residents and Ratepayers Database (approximately 1000 subscribers)
- The Town's website – *Latest News* and *Have A Say* pages
- Cott News (Post Newspaper)
- Impacted Resident and Ratepayer Letters (Letterbox delivery)

The below methods were used to obtain feedback (**consult**) from residents, stakeholders and the wider community regarding the Parking Strategy 2021 - 2024:

- Online Survey – open for 2 weeks from 19 July 2021 to 2 August 2021
- Formal submissions (Email/Written):
 - Though not formally requested for this consultation, as per the Community Engagement Policy all written correspondence is accepted as feedback and is provided in this report to be used in conjunction with the survey analysis, in consideration of the proposal.

3. SURVEY OUTCOMES

Overview of Survey Results

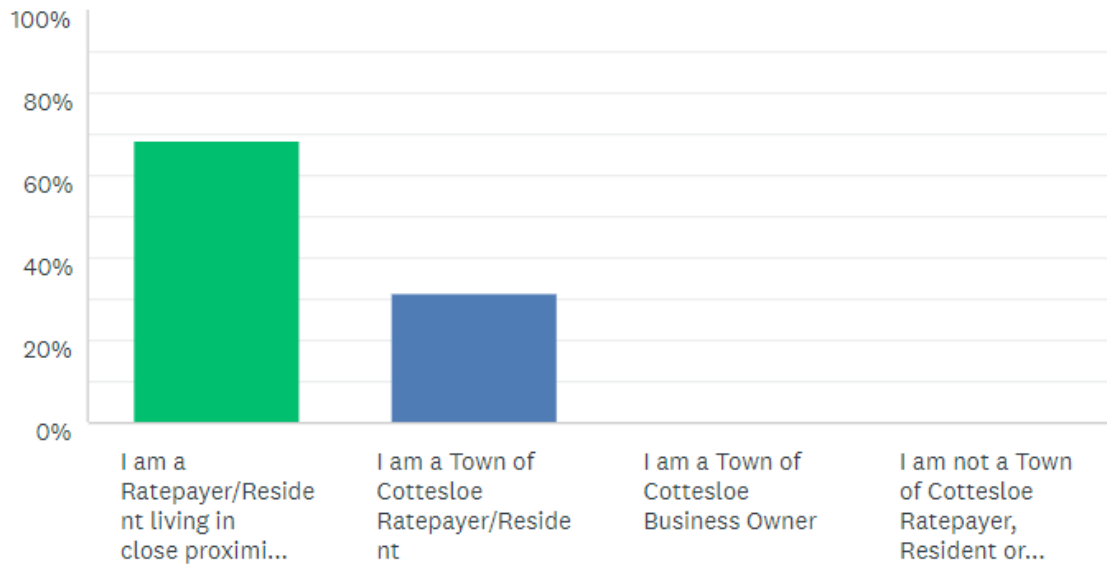
The feedback provided from this engagement will be used to inform consideration of the proposed closure of Beach Access Path N11.

Online Survey

- At the close of the survey a total of 52 responses had been collected.
- All survey submissions were checked, 51 were deemed to be valid. 1 entry contained nonsensical letters/numbers and was removed from analysis.
- Analysis was completed on the remaining 51 survey submissions.
- No written submissions were received.

QUESTION 1 (Mandatory) – Please select which best describes you (you must choose at least one).

51 respondents answered this question with the following result:



- 35 respondents (69%) identified as Cottesloe ratepayer/residents living in close proximity of Beach Access Path N11 (Marine Parade, Grant St to North St up to Broome St).
- 16 respondents (31%) identified as Cottesloe ratepayer/residents.

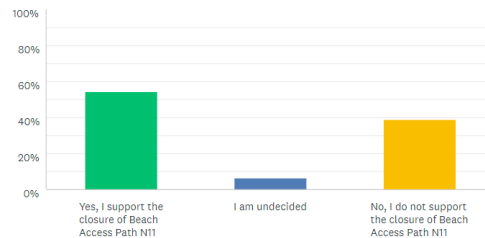
QUESTION 2 (Mandatory) – Please enter your name and residential address.

You must complete all details as requested for your submission to be considered

All 51 respondents provided a Cottesloe address (verified).

QUESTION 3 (Optional) – Do you support the proposed closure of Beach Access Path N11, with N10 and N12 remaining open?

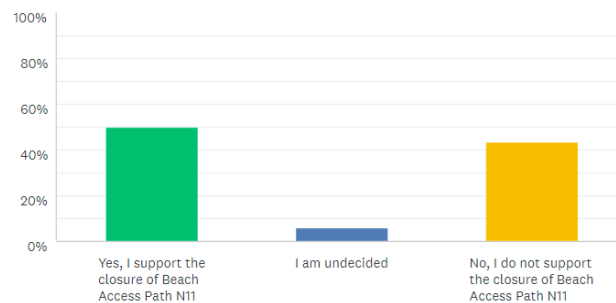
46 of the 51 respondents answered this question with the following result:



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, I support the closure of Beach Access Path N11	54.35%	25
I am undecided	6.52%	3
No, I do not support the closure of Beach Access Path N11	39.13%	18
TOTAL		46

Immediate Stakeholder Outcome

The collected data was filtered to extract the result from the 35 respondents who identified as Cottesloe ratepayer/residents living in close proximity of Beach Access Path N11 (Marine Parade, Grant St to North St up to Broome St). Of the 35 respondents in this group 32 answered question three with the following result:



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, I support the closure of Beach Access Path N11	50.00%	16
I am undecided	6.25%	2
No, I do not support the closure of Beach Access Path N11	43.75%	14
TOTAL		32

QUESTION 4 (Optional) – Please tell us why (in 80 words or less). If required you may provide further feedback via email to: town@cottesloe.wa.gov.au by 4pm Monday, 2 August 2021

42 respondents provided a comment which can be found in the attachment to this report.

4. IN CONCLUSION

Key Findings

Based on the findings from this community consultation, the following conclusions have been identified for consideration:

1. Collectively 54% of respondents indicated they supported the closure of Beach Access Path N11.
2. When the affected stakeholder group was removed from the collective, the result was inconclusive (respondents in this group are 16 to 14 in support with 2 are undecided)

5. ATTACHMENTS

1. Survey Summary Data
 - a. Affected Stakeholders
 - b. Stakeholders outside the affected area



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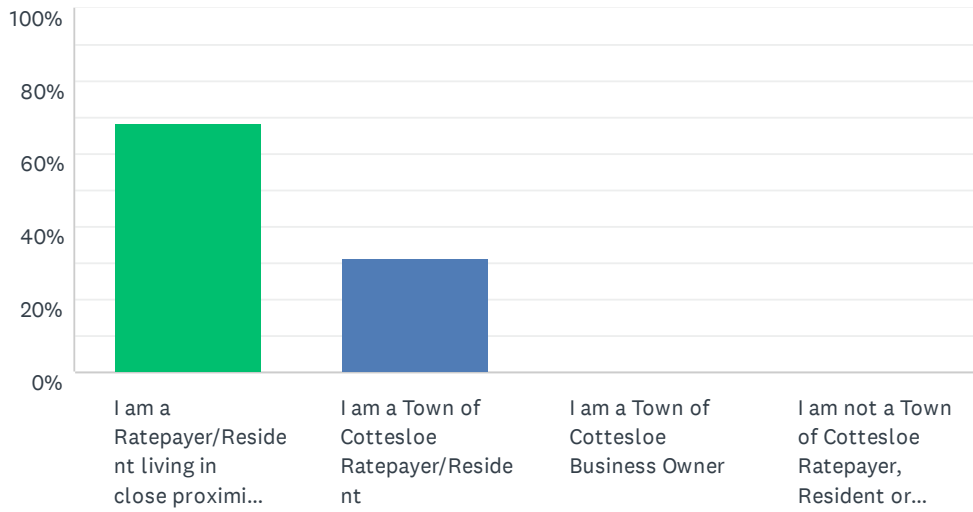
Consultation Period – 19 July 2021 TO 2 August 2021

ATTACHMENT 1

Survey Summary Data Report

Q1 Please select which best describes you (you must choose at least one)

Answered: 51 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I am a Ratepayer/Resident living in close proximity of Beach Access Path N11 (Marine Parade, Grant St to North St up to Broome St).	68.63%	35
I am a Town of Cottesloe Ratepayer/Resident	31.37%	16
I am a Town of Cottesloe Business Owner	0.00%	0
I am not a Town of Cottesloe Ratepayer, Resident or Business Owner	0.00%	0
TOTAL		51

Q2 Please enter your name and residential address. Please note that for your feedback to be validated, your full contact details must be provided (including your full name).

Answered: 51 Skipped: 0

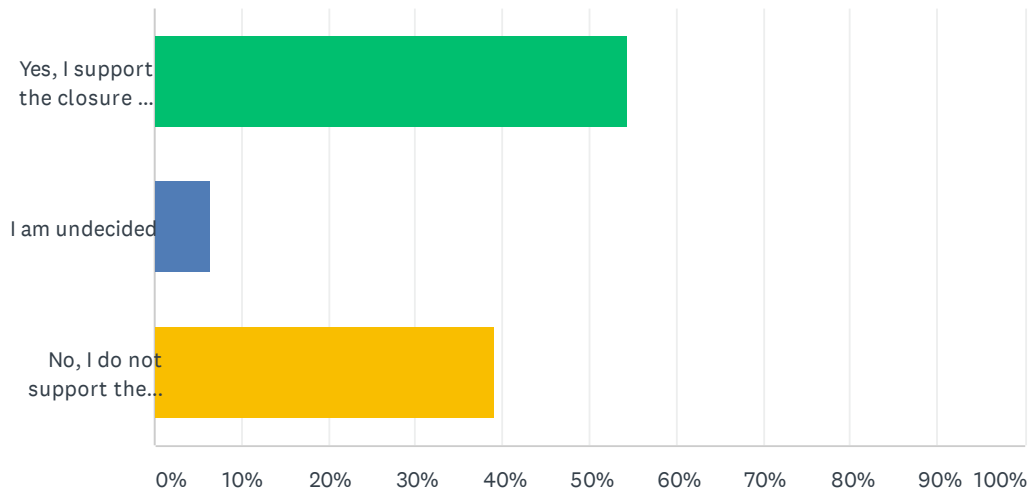
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Full Name	100.00%	51
Company	0.00%	0
Residential Address	100.00%	51
Address 2	0.00%	0
Suburb/City/Town	100.00%	51
State	0.00%	0
Post Code	100.00%	51
Country	0.00%	0
Email Address	0.00%	0
Phone Number	0.00%	0

#	FULL NAME	DATE
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Pages 3 - 8 have been removed from this document as they contain respondents personal information.

Q3 Do you support the proposed closure of Beach Access Path N11, with N10 and N12 remaining open?

Answered: 46 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, I support the closure of Beach Access Path N11	54.35%	25
I am undecided	6.52%	3
No, I do not support the closure of Beach Access Path N11	39.13%	18
TOTAL		46

Q4 Please tell us why (in 80 words or less). If required you may provide further feedback via email to: town@cottesloe.wa.gov.au by 4pm Monday, 2nd August 2021

Answered: 42 Skipped: 9

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I am undecided because I don't know the cost of maintaining the path and I don't know if the path is damaging the environment. I would prefer council money to be spent maintaining beach paths rather than building skateboard parks which will mean that concrete will be poured onto beautiful green parks.	7/28/2021 1:34 PM
2	N10 and N12 provide sufficient access to the beach	7/25/2021 9:08 PM
3	I rarely use N11. I mainly use N12 as it the most convenient path to use via North St.	7/25/2021 3:01 PM
4	It's not in good shape. Needs better maintenance. Eliminating it saves money, and access to the beach is not infringed since N10 & N12 are close by.	7/25/2021 10:12 AM
5	N12 is close , 41 meters from the existing Nedlands Swanbourne beach access. N12 has no immediate parking bays. N12 is 61 meters to the beach. N11 is adjacent to existing parking bays & is only 41 meters to beach. N11 is used by many more people than N12 (we observe this having lived here for 15 years) especially by people accessing the dog beach. Maintenance of the access paths has been absolutely minimal & of a poor standard over the 15 years we have lived here. NO NOT CLOSE N11.	7/23/2021 11:26 AM
6	If the council is looking for a path to close, N11 is the best one. Residents nearby can easily use N12 and N10 as they are in close proximity. N12 needs to remain open to service North St residents / all residents living north of Broome St / all North Cott residents.	7/23/2021 9:41 AM
7	because the public is using all the paths and the test should always be the level of public use of public assets	7/23/2021 4:50 AM
8	As long as N10 and N12 remain open, I have no issues with N11 closing if it is to enable remediation to the dunes area.	7/22/2021 2:33 PM
9	I'm just questioning if they need to stay all open, specially during summer. A ongoing problem is the kitesurfing. They choice not to use the narrow paths and instead drag the their kites over the dunes and yes they jump the fences.	7/22/2021 1:44 PM
10	Agree with the Council's strategy to rationalise beach access paths. Beach access at this point is adequately served by adjacent paths	7/21/2021 1:56 PM
11	If it helps the Town of Cottesloe and the nearby Residents, I agree.	7/21/2021 1:40 PM
12	preservation of dune vegetation.	7/21/2021 12:31 PM
13	I am very pleased N12 will remain open and applaud the council on this decision. I also however feel N11 provides necessary access, will reduce land and wear on surrounding access and is a necessary amenity for beach users. As this is an existing path the economic cost of maintaining this extra path is minimal in the context of the council maintenance and program spend.	7/21/2021 11:36 AM
14	Unnecessary with other path access	7/21/2021 8:29 AM
15	will put more pressure on existing access points at peak times	7/21/2021 8:02 AM
16	Less access points = better chance for the dunes to recover and to minimise erosion.	7/20/2021 8:56 PM
17	Rarely used because foot traffic comes down North St and uses N12 or from Margaret street and uses N9. N11 also leads straight into rocks under water in shallows	7/20/2021 7:34 PM
18	don't need 3 paths all so close to each other	7/20/2021 4:42 PM

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19	I am unaware why N11 should be closed. Closing it may diminish beach access for those with disabilities and would be less convenient for adults with young children, who have parked on Marine Parade close to N11	7/20/2021 4:31 PM
20	I feel all beach paths are necessary to allow the spread of persons onto the beach at regular intervals.	7/20/2021 3:26 PM
21	Unless there are convenient access points to the beach some visitors are likely to go straight over the dunes which are fragile and easily damaged by even the occasional human traffic. The cost of maintaining the path is likely to be less than repairing damaged dunes.	7/20/2021 3:04 PM
22	I think that leaves a big break between access to the beach. This could encourage people walking over dunes to get access .	7/20/2021 3:00 PM
23	Increased dune erosion over the next decade with ballooning cost likely. Extra cost of keeping open is not worth the inconvenience of walking an extra couple of metres.	7/20/2021 2:44 PM
24	Adequate access is provided via beach access paths on either side	7/20/2021 2:36 PM
25	Less paths will allow for more dune rehabilitation and the remaining paths provide sufficient access	7/20/2021 1:32 PM
26	Access to the Beach should be maximised for all people	7/20/2021 1:10 PM
27	Our family often uses this path to access the beach especially in peak season when the beach at the bottom of Grant st is overcrowded we like to find a less busy location for a swim	7/20/2021 12:58 PM
28	Better to lose one path than all 3. We use N10 & N12 regularly	7/20/2021 12:56 PM
29	A lot of kite surfers (myself included) use this beach access path to go on down winders. That spreads the load on the beach easily and keeps kites away from the reef to the south. It just makes sense to retain this access.	7/20/2021 12:43 PM
30	This creates a precedent whereby the council will consider removing perfectly good beach paths. We need to spread the foot traffic and beach users across as much of the stretch of beach as possible, not cause increase density along the beach. This is a complete waste of funding and unnecessary.	7/20/2021 12:38 PM
31	There is sufficient access paths in the area - N11 is excess - it is not required and the dunes and vegetation suffer from access paths - the less the better	7/20/2021 8:57 AM
32	These paths provide important and historical amenity - they should not be lost/closed because of fear of injury or cost to maintain/repair/replace	7/19/2021 7:12 PM
33	I am very much in favour of the proposal to keep access path N12 open because it takes all the pedestrian traffic from North Street and all the feeder streets that join North St e.g. Margaret and Broome streets. Access path N10 and 11 do not carry any where near as many beachgoers and can be closed. Closure of N10 and 11 will save rate payers money due to less upkeep required to maintain these paths.	7/19/2021 7:08 PM
34	South Marine pde has money spent to improving beach front, they should have more planting pine trees. Plus, when will you upgrade north cottesloe?	7/19/2021 6:41 PM
35	They are all well used paths onto a very busy area of beach. Beach users and dog owners tend to stay near the access paths and the more access paths to this beach, the more people are spread out and the less likely there are to be unhappy encounters between the various users on this valuable community asset. If you have to close one, then this is the better choice but I don't support the decision and believe that there are better ways to save on Council worker time.	7/19/2021 5:16 PM
36	The access points are well positioned as they are and the Town should continue to maintain all paths to provide balanced access along the beach front.	7/19/2021 4:57 PM
37	The retention of N12 reflects commonsense as there are several hundred residents in the northern half of the blocks between Grant and North St naturally using this path when they are seeking the shortest direct access to the beach. It is not logical to channel more people down N12 (resulting in additional costs and repairs) when those living near N11 or parking along the beach nearby still need to access the beach and may want to use the existing N11.	7/19/2021 4:40 PM
38	Good to have less impact on fragile dune system. Few people use this beach access. It also	7/19/2021 4:10 PM

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	saves money	
39	I see no reason to close any beach access paths given Cottesloe is a suburb by the beach. Cost can not be an issue given the cost of the ridiculous pirate ship under construction in south cottesloe and the unused "adventure" park further down	7/19/2021 4:10 PM
40	If, and only if, one of the paths must be closed then N11 is my choice because: 1. N11 leads to a small reef and swimmers must walk to a clear section. 2. N12 is near a shower and leads to a clear stretch of ocean. 3. N12 is seen by visitors on the 102 bus and is nearer to the bus stop than N11. 4. N12 is at the iconic northern boundary of Cottesloe and is a logical choice for pedestrians coming down North Street. I have no opinion on path N10.	7/19/2021 3:33 PM
41	Those most disadvantaged by path closures are those with reduced mobility. Why close any path as they have been working well for decades and are all well used. This will just make access more difficult for those we should be making it easier for.	7/19/2021 3:31 PM
42	Need to keep better access to dog beach area	7/19/2021 2:01 PM