

Community engagement summary report

Project name	Proposed new Road Reserve Consent Approval adjoining 29 Battle Boulevard, Seaforth
Your Say campaign period	25 July 2022 – 24 August 2022
Background	<p>We gave public notice of our intention to consider an application for occupation of structures within Council's road reserve to the registered owner of 29 Battle Boulevard, Seaforth for an area of approximately 85 square metres.</p> <p>The purpose of the proposed Road Reserve Consent is for an elevated driveway. The requirement for this application is a condition of approved Development Application (DA134/2016) and the proposed consent will formalise the ongoing occupation of the structure on Council land once erected.</p> <p>The engagement was planned, implemented and reported in accordance with the Northern Beaches Council Community Engagement Matrix (2017). The project's impact was assessed as level four (lower impact local) resulting in a community engagement process devised on a single staged approach.</p> <p>A project page was established on our Have Your Say platform and included project information and the consent area plan.</p> <p>Feedback was captured through an online submission form embedded onto the project page. Email and written submissions were also invited.</p> <p>An open-field comments box provided community members a space to explain or elaborate on their support, not support or neutral sentiment as well as any other feedback they wished to contribute.</p>

Key Outcomes									
Number of submissions	6								
Online sentiment question	Do you support the proposed Road Reserve Consent application?								
Findings	<table> <tr> <td>Yes</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr> <td>No</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr> <td>Neutral</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr> <td>Prefer not to say</td><td>0</td></tr> </table>	Yes	1	No	5	Neutral	0	Prefer not to say	0
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How we engaged	The project was primarily promoted through resident notifications, Council's E-News and our Have Your Say community engagement newsletter.
Properties notified	28
Visitors to page	243

What we heard*	Resident Comment (verbatim*)	Council Response
1.	Valuable Council land is being clipped away with constant private requests and especially so from rich owners, and what public land we have left should be kept at all costs. Use Texas USA as an example of the result if allowed to continue.	Submission noted. In certain instances, such as when a safe access is required to a property, Council grants a consent to the permanent use of a council road reserve. The area at 29 Battle Boulevard, Seaforth which requires a road reserve consent, is already used as an access driveway. The main difference is that the new proposed access driveway will be an elevated structure and as such it needs to be formalised by a road reserve consent. This provides Council the necessary protection against any possible risks by requiring public liability insurance to be held by the applicant. It also provides Council with a monetary compensation in the form of an annual fee payment. Council reserves the right to terminate the consent at any time and for any reason.
2.	I consider that development of land and approval of DA's should not require permanent use of council road reserves.	Submission noted. In certain instances, such as when a safe access is required to a property, Council grants a consent to the permanent use of a council road reserve. The area at 29 Battle Boulevard, Seaforth which requires a road reserve consent, is already used as an access driveway. The main difference is that the new proposed access driveway will be an elevated structure and as such it needs to be formalised by a road reserve consent. This provides Council the necessary protection against any possible risks by requiring public liability insurance to be held by the applicant. It also provides Council with a monetary compensation in the form of an annual fee payment. Council reserves the right to terminate the consent at any time and for any reason.

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3.	Council land in this area should be kept free for the residents of the community	Submission noted. In certain instances, such as when a safe access is required to a property, Council grants a consent to the permanent use of a council road reserve. The area at 29 Battle Boulevard, Seaforth which requires a road reserve consent, is already used as an access driveway. The main difference is that the new proposed access driveway will be an elevated structure and as such it needs to be formalised by a road reserve consent. This provides Council the necessary protection against any possible risks by requiring public liability insurance to be held by the applicant. It also provides Council with a monetary compensation in the form of an annual fee payment. Council reserves the right to terminate the consent at any time and for any reason.
4.	It seems like a practical solution to a problem aggravated by the existing slope of the natural terrain	Submission noted.

**Personal details have been redacted where possible. Spelling and grammatical errors have been amended only where misinterpretation or offence may be caused.*

**Not every respondent made a comment in addition to answering the sentiment question.*