

Report for Creating a safer Oakover Rd and High St intersection

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Background and Introduction

One of the projects identified in the Junction Urban Master Plan was creating a safer intersection on the corner of Oakover Rd and High St. By removing the slip lane at this location, shorter, safer pedestrian crossings and more space for seating and trees can be provided without impacting traffic.

Council undertook a community consultation process to get feedback from the community to ascertain whether or not they support permanently closing the slip lane to create a new public open space.

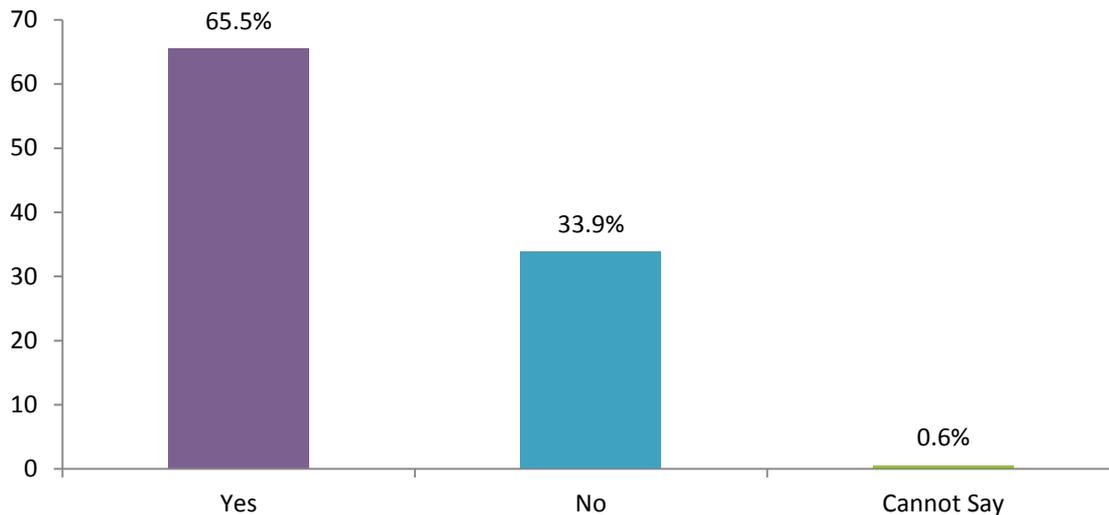
A survey was developed to capture the feedback from the community and there were also drop in sessions held. A total of 174 responses were received of which 173 responses were completed and one response was partial.

Given the divisiveness around this project, some extra analysis was conducted on the IP addresses of the responses to identify any duplication. The analysis indicated that there were 14 cases of IP address duplication. These responses were carefully analysed and the results suggested that two of these duplication were from the same respondents. The rest of the responses despite being received from the same device showed differences in responses. This suggested that the responses were most likely from different members within families or from a number of residents living in the same household.

The findings from the results received have been filtered by respondents who indicated that they support the closing of the slip lane and those who indicated that they do not support the closure. A summary of the general findings which include all responses received can also be found as Appendix A at the end of the report.

Findings

After looking at the proposed design for the slip lane area, do you support closing the slip lane to create a new public open space? Please explain your answer in the comments box below.



Value	Percent	Count
Yes	65.5%	114
No	33.9%	59
Cannot Say	0.6%	1
	Total	174

The majority of the 174 respondents supported closing the slip lane to create a new public open space (65.5% or 114 respondents). However, it is important to note that a third of the respondents did not support the closure (33.9% or 59 respondents) and one respondent chose ‘Can’t Say’.

YES – comments from respondents who support closing the slip lane

A wide range of comments were received from the respondents who support closing the slip lane. The following themes have been identified from the comments. The top three most mentioned reasons for supporting the closure were: trees and greenery, safety and need of open space in the area.

Themes	Number
trees and greenery	29
safety	27
need of open space in the area	22
beautification	22
pedestrian friendly space	19
less car traffic	9

encourages walking	8
traffic calming	7
as long as cars can turn into Oakover Rd	4
space designed with access	3
cyclist friendly	3
no effect on traffic	3
easier for cars to turn	3
people friendly	2
design fixes previous issues with pop up park	2
slip lane redundant in area	2
need to expand this area in near future	1
good place for lunch	1
corner could be rounded off a bit	1
reduce heavy vehicle usage	1
encourages sustainable transport modes	1
make sure it is not too flat to the surface of the road	1
creates vibrant shopping precinct	1
better living	1
seating areas	1

Verbatim Comments from respondents who support closing of slip lane

Count	Response
3	This is a builtup area in need of open public space
2	A new park will be great for the area. It's small, but the more trees the better!
1	A great idea to bring some greenery into this industrial area that is becoming residential
1	AS LONG AS YOU IMPROVE ABILITY FOR CARS TO TURN LEFT INTO OAKOVER ROAD
1	Area needs new pedestrian friendly spaces given the amount of people living in the area now.
1	As someone who has only recently bought a property in the area I often wondered why the slip lane was disused. It seems logical to reclaim this area as a public space. I think the bike service area is a particularly important feature as there are very few of these facilities in the area. I think it would be great if the council could come to some sort of arrangement to expand this area in the near future. As an interim fix the council should offer to integrate the 'Spirit of India's front fence into the project to bring it up to the same standard as the rest of the proposed development.
1	Attractive, safe and pedestrian-friendly
1	BUT only if the space is designed with access in mind. If not then reopen it to cars.
1	Beautifies the local busy- road based area. Preston can be more attractive and this helps!

1	Because the streetscape is for locals to use and enjoy, not a thoroughfare for cars and commuters who could easily use alternate routes. If we are supporting higher density living and apartments, we need to reclaim as many public spaces as possible!
1	Because then pedestrians don't have to cross the slip lane and they can get across quicker. Age:7.
1	Crossing here with kids (or even without!) is not good, kinda threatening in fact. I'd love to have a safer street, that is also welcoming to have more people out walking.
1	Darebin needs more trees and open space.
1	Do it do it do it do it! :-)
1	Fantastic!! Will provide traffic calming along High Street and a good place to eat my lunch!
1	Given the function of High Street as a 'place' rather than a corridor for heavy car traffic, a high speed left turn slip is completely inappropriate and counter to creating an attractive walkable environment. I completely support closing the slip lane, as well as council's other efforts to reduce car dominance along High Street in Preston.
1	Given the large number of multi-storey developments / apartment buildings being constructed, Darebin needs more open space and greenery. Also, it absolutely must be more pedestrian-friendly!!
1	Great that cars have slowed at the intersection making it safer for pedestrians and young families with young children.
1	I believe it may be easier and safer for drivers turning left, or right, into Oakover Road, with the closing of the slip lane.
1	I like the bike repair station, bike hoops, rubbish bins and added greenery. The space at the moment looks very sad so it would be good to see it rejuvenated and welcoming. The tram detail sounds nice too. The wider turning circle for drivers is a very important aspect of the proposed design. We live in the JUMP precinct and frequently walk, drive and cycle through the Oakover precinct.
1	I like the idea of green garden spaces. To plant a few bigger native trees to support the native bird life.
1	I live in the Junction precinct and it's currently a depressing concrete jungle in desperate need of more green. The proposed design will make it more pedestrian and cyclist friendly and safer.
1	I love the idea of deciduous / shade trees. A large oak (as noted in the brochure) would be perfect. If it were possible, I'd like to see the corner rounded off a bit for cars, to make the turn less tight- but not too much, to keep the public space large.
1	I support this because we should be promoting pedestrian access over car traffic.
1	I think this is a fantastic idea! More green space and less traffic is terrific!
1	I think this is a great idea. Any improvements to high st Preston is welcomed.
1	I totally support any urban design initiative that improves the aesthetic quality of Darebin

	and more importantly, that involves the planting of trees that will reduce the heat.
1	I would like to see continued changes to this stretch of High Street to promote foot traffic, calm vehicular traffic and reduce heavy vehicle usage.
1	Important for community, having open space with nature. Positive on so many levels! It's a must.
1	Improve safety Increase pedestrian amenities Encourage sustainable transport modes
1	It is better in every way creating a pleasant respite area and safer crossing for pedestrians as well as being visually interesting
1	It looks friendly and safe
1	It will make a pleasant, safer pedestrian respite
1	It will make the whole intersection safer for both motorists and pedestrians
1	It will provide an attractive and safer intersection
1	It's a great idea to continue the good work council is doing by adding trees to public spaces in the area. Well done, great idea!
1	It's fairly a unattractive space currently and we really don't need the slip lane and we DO need more public open space desperately.
1	Looks really nice! Thank you.
1	Love the design, just need to ensure cars don't drive over it if it is too flat to the surface of the road.
1	Love the space and trees
1	Makes the area a lot more people friendly. Not just a space for cars to pass through.
1	Making the area attractive, resident friendly, safer
1	More desirable public pace, reduce traffic speed. Over time all of the old industrial buildings in that area will become apartments and more people will be walking around the area. Helping to create a vibrant shopping precinct on the northern high street. When will the Woolworths site be redeveloped...?! Knock down the Paintmobile building (with peeling paint, haha) and create a pedestrian thoroughfare that connects through to a dynamic northern precinct on that Woolies site.
1	More public space makes for better living
1	My family drives, walks and cycles through this intersection. I support the proposal with some caution. I can't tell from the 3D whether a reasonable swept path has been allowed for vehicles turning left into Oakover. The hard corner is a nightmare at the moment! Also, the 3D isn't very helpful in understanding how the intersection would be traversed by people in wheelchairs and scooters. Those comments notwithstanding, I do appreciate the possibility of greening up an otherwise barren corner.
1	Need more roads to accommodate the increase in traffic and development. Not a good great location for a park - prefer railway place for open space. Concept needs to be implemented. No half baked design.

1	Nice green space
1	No effect on traffic, safer for pedestrians and increasing tree coverage - I fail to see a downside.
1	Please do everything you can to reduce the number of speeding cars on high street. The use of reclaimed timber for benches and maybe some fruit trees
1	Please keep the slip lane closed. As a pedestrian in this area, it is difficult enough to get across Oakover Road as is with the slip lane closed. If it were to be reopened, it would make crossing the road even harder. Cars drive way too fast through here and no one is looking out for pedestrians.
1	Please plant some decent natives, instead of introduced species
1	Plenty road has become a popular place for residents to take short walks to restaurants, neighbours, and the library. Closing the slip lane makes sense. When the slip lane was open, drivers accelerate. It disincentivise people to walk.
1	Promoting community pride in aesthetically appealing spaces as well as a safer area for pedestrians.
1	Provides a significant boost to safety and additional, much-needed public amenity at little cost to road traffic.
1	Safety for pedestrians is very important. Permanently closing the slip lane also makes it safer for cyclists using High St.
1	Slip lanes in general are very dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists. I support keeping the park. It hasn't been much used so far because it's very unattractive and traffic speeds in the area have been too high. The medians will improve that problem. As the high density units fill up there will be more people needing local open spaces. Plan for the future, make it nice and people will come. We should be prioritising pedestrians, not through traffic. That's one of the issues I voted in Greens councillors to do. So do it!
1	Some seating areas would be great as this area has few places to sit.
1	Still hard to turn right into High Street from Oakover because of visibility and hard to left from High Street into Oakover because it is such a sharp turn into a relatively narrow street.
1	The inclusion of large trees with wide canopies is very good. It mentions oaks. Is the Council using Algerian oaks? City of Melbourne Future Urban Forest gives them a good rating in response to predicted temperature increases.
1	The more green space in this area the better! The residents are changing and the surrounding needs to catch up
1	The only concern I have relates to the need for greater softening of the Left-Hand turn into Oakover Road.
1	The previous pop up was poorly designed, seating too close to reaps, inadequate turning for vehicles from High St into Oakover. His design appears to fix those issues.
1	The slip lane allowed people to drive with speed and aggression around the corner from High St into Oakover Rd. This was dangerous, particularly for pedestrians attempting to

	cross.
1	The slip lane is redundant in this location.
1	The slip lane was dangerous for pedestrians as it allowed cars to drive too fast around the corner.
1	There are plenty of roads, you should do way more things like this. There's barely any green space in Thornbury and Preston and more and more high rises. For the record, this is effectively nothing, so don't pat yourselves on the back too much. More parks and public space please, especially with higher density living
1	This area is going through a massive change, from industrial to high density residential. It is so important to dedicate any space possible to green space to ensure that current residents and residents of the future have a place to relax and absorb greenery. I highly support the proposed 'pocket park' as I believe that it is the first big step toward a new Preston South
1	This is a lovely design and makes the area more pedestrian friendly.
1	This is a terrific initiative. Thanks Darebin. The new, open, green space will really help continue the activation of the street scape and make it safer and more suitable for everyone
1	This is an area in transition. Council needs to start planning for the future face of the area. It will be a mixed use area with substantial increases in residents and jobs. Both parties will require access to high quality open space. Start planning for the future. Yes to a new public open space at the Oakover slip lane!
1	This is an excellent development for slowing traffic, greening the area and improving safety for pedestrians.
1	This project is ano brainer. The junction area is changing with more people moving in and more bars and restaurants opening in the area. We need as much public open space and safe streets as we can get.
1	This proposed design looks very nice. I like it.
1	Urbanite Ash trees would be highly suited to this location.
1	We have such few spaces where we can plant bigger trees and have some pedestrian break space, this is so perfect for this!
1	We need more open space in the junction area
1	With growing populations, more public space is a priority. Transform this area from a place to pass through to a desirable place to live
1	With large numbers of people moving into the immediate area in the next 10 years, it makes sense to take opportunity to close a redundant and dangerous slip lane and provide open space at the same time.
1	With the increase in the number of residents calling The Junction home, any green space will be very valuable to the community. There are many examples of these small parks throughout inner city Melbourne and all offer a space for pausing, gathering and a respite from the traffic and concrete. The removal of the slip lane does not remove the traffic - it

	still accommodates all directions of traffic, while at the same time providing a space for other community members who enjoy walking, riding or watching the world go by under the shade of a tree. I am a regular walker through the site, and would love a space to sit and enjoy a break from the concrete, asphalt and traffic.
1	Wonderful concept for the area
1	Yea I think it's a big improvement much safer
1	Yes - with more space to easily turn left onto Oakover Rd.
1	as a cyclist who travels along High Street it feels pretty dangerous riding along this area (cars seem to speed along here & try to cut cyclists off), but the area is changing to be more residential & so I think creating more of a community atmosphere by encouraging more people out on the streets would make the area safer & encourage cars to slow down in this now populated area. I'd also visit the area more if effort was put toward making it greener and less industrial
1	great design, sliplane must stay closed, it was really dangerous. this will be a key addition to fulfilling the vision of the JUMP masterplan.
1	highly supportive of proposal
1	safer and prettier
1	slows traffic in a good way - people hoon through the sliplane. at the end of this sliplane is where the bike lane starts and its a good place to get on and off bikes - when its been fenced off we have felt much safer - but its super ugly. it makes crossing the road easier and safer. with the preston parcel lockers located there - there is foot traffic at that intersection.
1	the design looks good

NO – comments from respondents who did not support closing the slip lane

A range of comments were received from the respondents who did not support closing the slip lane. The following themes have been identified from the comments. The top three most mentioned reasons for not supporting the closure were: the area proposed is not a suitable/ appropriate public open space area and won't be used, intersection will be blocked by increase in traffic and it would be difficult and dangerous for cars to turn.

Themes	Number
area proposed is not a suitable/ appropriate public open space area and won't be used	33
intersection will be blocked by increase in traffic	24
difficult and dangerous for cars to turn	17
not value for money	12
not safe for children	5
busy corner/ area	4
not enough foot traffic for change	3
difficult for pedestrians to cross	2

design proposed will not be the same when implemented	2
not safe for children and pets to play	1
less safe for motorists and cyclists	1
space not accessible	1
effects on emergency services	1

Verbatim Comments from respondents who do not support closing of slip lane

Count	Response
2	Traffic has slowed considerably as a result of the new median strips, which is good for pedestrians and safety. However, this intersection is now quite clogged, in several directions. The proposed open space, whilst looking nice, is not likely to actually look like this. Proposed costs could be far better spent on something that is actually an open space, as opposed to a large curb.
1	"A new public open space"? Really? Three trees, paving and two wooden benches? Talk about clutching at straws. Who is going to congregate there? Smokers? Skateboarders? Don't try and claim the public need this space.
1	Closing the slip lane helps clog traffic going in both directions which is a problem during peak hours. It's slower for vehicles to turn left as they must slow right down to do a sharp turn and while they do this cars turning right into Oakover Rd or passing through get backed up waiting to turn.
1	Creates increased traffic flow issues coming out of Oakover rd onto high st. When the pop up park was in place I never once saw anyone using it. The area just isn't suitable for a public space, the slip way was put in for a reason in the first place.
1	Even in a small car, it's difficult to make the turning in a way that doesn't make the cars behind you almost hit your car. Please return it to a slip lane. You can still beautify the island section.
1	Green space was tried and was a failure, not an appropriate place for open space. Causes yeah congestion and it's not safe for children.
1	High Street, is incredibility busy now 7 days 24 hours a day. I go through Oakover road to high street every day. Ever since the slip lane has been closed its made turning right, or left more dangerous. There have been so many near misses with cars. When the slip lane was open it made this intersection alot safer. Why have it close when there is alot more cars on the road?
1	I live right near this corner and use it several times per day. Not once did I ever see anyone use the 'pop up' park. Who'd want to? Relax next to a busy road? No thanks! Since the closing the corner has been very problematic for all users with many near misses or people having to re-attempt the corner. Even with the less acute corner in the plan the slipway must be retained for the sake of safety. Please 'green up' the area - and all of Preston - but don't create hazardous road conditions. I ask again - who would want to use this a a place to relax?

1	I really do appreciate that the council is trying to make our city nicer but as a daily user of Oakover Rd i would like to see the slip lane reinstated traffic lights installed . It's a very busy Rd.
1	I think it is safer and the traffic flows much better with the slip lane open. Please reopen the slip lane.
1	It didn't work as a pop up park- it's on a. Busy road with nothing nice to look at- more functional as a slip lane
1	It is a busy corner in the middle of nowhere, it is unsafe for kids and pets to play. The cost for such a small area is not value for money
1	It is far less safe for motorists and cyclists in the current configuration. Return the slip lane!
1	It is not an are where I'd want to sit even if there were a few trees. It's busy with traffic and I'd rather go to a park or cafe. Use the money for something else and give it back to the cars. I use this road all the time and at the moment the turn from the south is a bit tight and slows down traffic from behind
1	It was an eyesore and no-one used it when it was trialled. Oakover Rd has quite a bit of traffic needing to left to get to St Georges Rd, Gilbert Rd or even the Aust Post Depot. The slip lane would make it much easier. Bring it back to what it was. Please stop wasting money unnecessarily Darebin Council. Fix the already established parks.
1	It's a busy area
1	It's already a very different intersection to navigate as a driver. Loosing the skip lane makes it harder
1	It's become a dangerous corner since the closure of the slip lane. The pop-up park blocked vision until you were very close to the intersection, and the corner turning from High (northbound) into Oakover is tight and difficult to negotiate.
1	No one used the pop up park. No one wants to spend time in a traffic island. the space is too small to form an effective park. The slip lane was useful and practical and prevented sharp turns in a busy traffic area. I am all in favour of pedestrian precincts but this is not the appropriate area! Too many cars here and not enough foot traffic to justify this change. PLEASE bring back the slip lane before there is a serious accident at this site!
1	Open for cars as huge traffic problem and last temporary park last was waste of council rates.
1	Open it up so traffic and awkward turning isn't requires. There's better places to make it more friendly to sit and relax. Plus not kid friendly.
1	Slip road is needed more. The temporary park was a waste of council money. The slip road must be reinstalled because the new single lane aspect means this will turn into a bottle neck.
1	Stairs are dangerous with no tactile markings for the blind, no handrails for the elderly and not accessible for people with prams or wheelchairs teens with

	<p>skateboards will play here with their skateboards rolling onto the road. People never sat there when the pop up 'plants in garbage bags' idea happened because those living in the area (mostly those in apartments) already have gardens/swimming pools as part of their complexes so would sit here first before going to sit on the side of the road. If there was grass it may be used for pets to go to the toilet but thats about it.</p>
1	<p>The current closure of the slip lane always feels far more dangerous than when it was open. The turn is extremely tight, far tighter than a normal left turn. I think turning it into a 'park' along the lines of the pop up is ridiculous, who wants to sit, converse, or do anything in a busy thoroughfare. However having three lanes ie left and right out of Oakover and left into makes sense to me.</p>
1	<p>The failure of the pop up park was proof that this area will never be utilised by locals as a 'new meeting space for the Preston Junction Community'. There is a lot of traffic around that corner making it too noisy and busy for relaxing or 'meeting'. Priority should be given to the cars to keep the traffic moving through the area. Having said that, where are all the 'green spaces' the developers were supposed to provide for locals (in exchange for waiver of development guidelines by council, e.g. minimum car spaces)?</p>
1	<p>The proposed design is very uninspiring and does not appear to be worth the effort or cost if it's purely about creating public space.</p>
1	<p>The slip lane helped traffic move more freely and made it easier for pedestrians to cross the road at busy times. Since the lane's closure, the intersection has been awkward, to say the least, and precarious for pedestrians. It makes the area off-putting for foot traffic - for instance, I would drive and park somewhere nearby, but would think twice about walking around the area, which would limit my patronage of businesses in the precinct. High Street in both Preston and Thornbury are great areas for walking, but this spot is a nuisance at present, and spoils the whole effect.</p>
1	<p>The slip lane should be reinstated to traffic ASAP. It was a very misguided decision to close it, and waste rate-payers money on a pop-up park. It was a poor location for a "park" , in an inhospitable location that no-one was ever going to use, surrounded by a never-ending cavalcade of trucks, cars and noisy motorbikes. Spend the money you were going to waste, on this fool's errand, and plant mature trees along this section of High Street and Oakover Road. If you have ever walked along this area in the height of summer you would be aware how the scorching footpaths along High St are in desperate need of some shade trees. This will require the planting of non-indigenous trees to provide an adequate level of shade and cooling in the massive concrete jungle that has been created in council's bid to accommodate apartment developers.</p>
1	<p>The space is quite small and i can't see it being well utilised. Re-open the slip lane.</p>
1	<p>The space is too small and the slip lane is needed. Without the slip lane the left turn is too dangerous.</p>
1	<p>The space is very small and bordered by two busy roads, which does not make it a place people are likely to stop or linger. As a pop up park it seemed</p>

	to get very little use, and it's not a pleasant place to stop or be. While I understand the aim of better/more open space in the area, this isn't a good location.
1	The traffic moves smoother with the slip lane. The corner is way to busy to want it to become a public precinct. I never saw anyone using it, when you made it into a green space. Such a waste of tax payers money, trying to reinvent the slip lane. Re - open the slip lane!
1	There is no foot traffic that travels West down Oakover Road. I totally support the development of public open spaces but this isn't one of those spaces that should be transformed. I use Oakover Rd/High Street Junction twice a day and I never saw anyone use the pop up park so why spend money doing it permanently.
1	There is no possibility of cars turning into both from the south and north and out of the road turning right or left and would be dangerous
1	There was a pop up park there for a while. It wasn't useable (I tried) and I never once saw anyone utilise it even though it was well resourced with trees, seating and ground cover.
1	This area has become very dangerous with cars both turning into Oakover and onto High St. It is way too tight a turn and an accident waiting to happen. The slip road needs to reopen. The 'green space' that was opened there last year was an ongoing joke, looked ridiculous and was never used. Very frustrating as a local.
1	This is not a quiet tranquil area, its a busy intersection. Its not safe place for children to play or to sit and rest. There is a lot of traffic that turn at that intersection its a road junction not a meeting place. There is not enough room on the junction to provide space for everything that is planned. You could sit and smell the petrol fumes and watch cars to go past but its not an area for a social gathering.
1	This space is too small and poorly located for a public open space
1	To me it just looks like turning the section into concrete no one wants to sit on a corner and watch the traffic go by
1	Traffic is bad enough we should be creating roads not closing them.
1	Unsafe environment for kids and people to socialise. ImaPacts traffic flow I
1	Waste of space
1	What a waste of money seriously who is going to enjoy that space especially in that location? Possible Andrew congregation area for alcoholics and druggies.
1	Who is going to use this space for anything other than a footpath
1	With the slip lane closed, the left hand turn from High St in Oakover rd is too tight. When the pop up green spaces was located at that spot earlier in the year, I walked past with my family. We commented that at no point would we use that space. It is too close to a major rd and there in no safety for young

	kids.
1	as a driver and pedestren on this intersection the area is not one where people will sit. i used the 'pop up park' there once. it felt strange to be sitting on the intersection of a busy street with my kids and i couldn't relax. while this is more appropariate, the current interseaction is far too sharp for a left turn off high st into oakover. if the need for pedestrian safety is of concern, put a zebra crossing in. the illustration makes this area look much bigger than it is,so a few trees and a seat are about all you could do, if considering a better flow of traffic through the intersection.
1	leave it as a slip for traffic, high st is congested enough
1	please leave the slip lane in place
1	there is very little pedestrian use of the area the pop up park was a disaster and NOT utilized it is not a residential area a public space should be located where it is utilized not an add hoc position like this
1	waste of money as more urgent council repairs on services needto be addressed. The road is already congested and have serious concerns of safety to all in case of a fire. Has traffic studies been done to the area on all the changes? has the effects on emergency services been tken inot account
1	we need the left hand slip lane as it takes the pressure off congestion of traffic and it is safer and to make it safe to walk and drive through

Verbatim Comments from respondent who chose 'Cannot Say'

Count	Response
1	Will the Trees make it dangerous for cars turning right into High St? If you can do this design but not impede visibility while also implementing a right turning lane into High Street while making a bit more room for cars turning left into Oakover (I think that is very do-able) then that would be PERFECT. A win/win situation EVERYBODY will be happy.

Do you have any other comments regarding the Oakover Slip Lane Project?

YES – other comments received from respondents who support closing the slip lane

The following verbatim other comments were received from respondents who supported closing the slip lane.

Count	Response
2	A great idea!
2	Just do it!
1	- the stairs could be visually confusing the people with vision impairment, they need a railing and stair nosings and TGSIs or to be a different surface to the main ground

	surface to indicate a change in gradient and potential tripping hazard. - could the ramp access be moved into the centre or along the building line? - the natural gradient ramp is not obvious, needs railings.
1	A pedestrian crossing on high street would be a nice to have
1	A piazza/seating type area would be good, for people to stop, eat their lunch, etc. Bike loops could be useful.
1	As a resident of the Junction I enthusiastically support the Oakover Slip Plan Project. The increase in tree canopy will improve the experience of walking and the seats will provide a place to meet friends or take a quick break.
1	As long as the vehicle turning is improved, then the new design would be a good one for the area.
1	As more residents move into the area, this is a great idea. People can stop with their dogs. Changing the face of the area, from industrial to liveable.
1	Cars can still use the road. It's safer and will mean more people congregate and socialise in the street. It's an important way to build friendships in the neighbourhood. The design is simple enough so people can use it in their own way. I fully support it!
1	Consider including a raised pedestrian table across Oakover as part of the project, as per a number of other side roads abutting High Street.
1	Could we have a water bottle refilling station there?
1	Council is slowing speeds and installing a median in this area to accommodate the expected increased numbers of pedestrians. It also has retained the bike lanes to assist cyclists. It makes no sense whatsoever to reopen the slip lane, which is not needed and poses a hazard for cyclists and pedestrians in the area.
1	Create a community area
1	Drinking fountain to also include a dog drinking fountain Access to power in the garden beds for 'fairy' lighting in trees. Power points for doing a pop-up entertainment (Eg Carols on the corner) Therapeutic stones embedded into paving.
1	Excellent planning and design
1	Exciting prospect at having a permanent green public open space at the slip lane
1	Feature trees will be important to the space
1	Get working!
1	Great idea. I bought an apartment last October and it's great to see the development on high st, making it safer for cyclists and pedestrians.
1	Great initiative.
1	Great work by council - testing an idea first and arriving to a fact-based solution.
1	I fully support it

1	I like what you are doing with the JUMP project
1	I really think it's a great proposal I love what's happening in the area, keep up the good work
1	I support building a pocket park in place of the slip lane
1	I think it is a great idea and it will greatly enhance the Junction
1	I think it is great that the slip lane is being converted into open space, I just think it is prudent that people driving north and turning left from High Street into Oakover Rd need a more natural turn as the 90-degree angle is a bit difficult to navigate at the moment.
1	I think more than two bicycle loops are needed. I'm a cyclist and I want cycling to be encouraged in Darebin as much as possible. More bike loops please.
1	I travel down that part of High Street on the bus or car. I have not noticed any issues with the traffic. The traffic flows at the steady 40km speed, no hold ups, just a slower amble.
1	I would like to see more greenery included in the design above. The trees are great, but I think we need designs that reduce the amount of concrete in our cities.
1	I would support implementation of similar road infrastructure changes in Darebin.
1	It is a wonderful Council initiative to make our living space more attractive and improve the amenity of the area.
1	It is forward thinking
1	It would only work and enhance the area if there is a lot of greenery and less of a concrete/grey feel. Possibly with grass, sitting area and maybe herb garden?
1	JUMP improvements have been talked about for a long time - get a wriggle on :) PS - the travel islands that have been placed along High street wasn't the greatest idea. Traffic has worsened and it is more difficult for cars to turn.
1	Just do it, we need more of this innovative thinking and to further prioritise pedestrians (and the safety of pedestrians)! Also, please consider placing some strategically placed bollards / more trees / planter boxes etc on the perimeter of the area to protect pedestrians from out of control drivers.
1	Love it! Also love all of the new median strips and trees in the area. The native plants in the new gardens are awesome.
1	Maybe some feature ground lighting for night highlight trees, seating or public art, denser planting of trees to create protected oasis
1	More public space makes for better living.
1	More space for bicycles would be nice.
1	My only concern regarding the redesign of this space is that it is an extremely hard turn when turning in a vehicle left from High Street onto Oakover. Any works to address this would be welcomed.

1	Need to think about traffic flow and safety.
1	Plant lots of trees!
1	Please ensure WSUD and other rain gardens are utilised in the design.
1	Please incorporate ground level greenery, garden beds, grasses, etc. Current design looks very concrete heavy.
1	Please please do not reopen as a road!
1	Please, please make Oakover Road a No Right Turn into High Street. It's a nightmare in the mornings trying to turn left there with all the right hand turners having to wait so long to turn right. I have to do rabbit runs around all the back streets to get out of that intersection. I use this intersection twice a day, at least.
1	Potentially widening the current Oakover Rd entrance to avoid trucks and cars going over the pavement and/or garden bed.
1	Providing community infrastructure in this area will only increase in cost as the area gentrifies. Use this as public open space while the opportunity exists! Let's move away from reliance on cars in this area that is so well serviced by public and active transport. Help to catalyse change in the area.
1	Since the closure of the slip lane it is very difficult for pedestrians to cross safely. Please install greater traffic calming measures to improve pedestrian safety
1	So pedestrians have one less road to cross.
1	Some more signage to make people aware of the speed limit would be a good idea.
1	Suggestions include: As much greenery as possible whilst allowing for pedestrian movement. Presently the municipality has an excessive amount of concrete and other impervious surfaces. Native trees instead of deciduous trees to provide winter greenery. A pedestrian friendly crossing across Oakover Road (presently there is none). A boulevard of Eucalypts along Oakover Road to soften the road and provide winter greenery and habitat for wildlife including nectar feeding birds.
1	The Artist's proposed design for the new public open space is a definite beautification of the site and a public-friendly upgrade. I do hope it goes ahead.
1	The crossing of Oakover Lane and the train line requires urgent attention. The condition of the road in the area is a traffic hazzard.
1	The face of the area is changing. Start introducing public space now. Darebin will be a more desirable place
1	The forest of signs on the High Street median strips before and after Oakover make it extremely difficult to see approaching cars when turning right into Oakover from High. I understand the need to ensure drivers see the median strip itself, but couldn't this be achieved by reflective markers along the base of the strips and fewer signs? I've seen several near misses, presumably because drivers' vision has been blocked. Finally, is council factoring in the huge amount of construction (and subsequent traffic) that will be occurring when the Australia Post site closes and is rebuilt as apartments??

1	The more large trees the better. Please consider installing a zebra crossing where Oakover joins High Street to make it even safer.
1	The new design is far preferable to the old, dangerous slip lane.
1	The pop park gave us a taste of how we can bring this area to life so that it works to calm traffic, be a safer place for pedestrians and bring much needed green space to the Junction - the large trees and seating is a great addition.
1	The pop up park was great, I've been sad its been gone for so long.
1	The proposal looks great on paper. I hope it will, if completed, look as good.
1	The redesign of this area needs to include differentiated colours/pavers for the crossings to indicate that it is a pedestrian crossing. It's been shown that cars respond to different pavement colours by slowing down. The crossing of Oakover Road as well as the High St crossing should include this in the design.
1	The works that have been done already in the junction has made massive changes to the character of the area. More people walk the streets, the cars are slower and riding along high street is significantly safer, due to the changes to the street and traffic calming its has created. Council should be applauded on their work to date. This slip lane closure is a no brainer.
1	There are plenty of roads, you should do way more things like this. There's barely any green space in Thornbury and Preston and more and more high rises. For the record, this is effectively nothing, so don't pat yourselves on the back too much. More parks and public space please, especially with higher density living.
1	This improves and adds value to the area. It will encourage people to acknowledge each other as they pass by. It will slow down the speed of the area.
1	This will compliment the new trees on high st
1	Trees. We need more greenery in your proposal. Soon there wont be a green space left at junction. Can you put more greenery in. More than one tree? What about a ring of skinny tres
1	Widen the left turn area so increase current size and reduce proposed open public space.
1	a bubbler/water filling station & somewhere to lock up bikes would be a good addition that would encourage people to stop and use the space
1	lets do it
1	this looks really great, i strongly support this vision
1	this project should be about the future of the junction area, not one dominated by cars speeding through!
1	trees and seats would be nice - wasnt super keen on the last one with the food truck cause having groups of people loiter at an intersection was a bit odd! the more greenery the better. High street needs more green.

NO – other comments received from respondents who do not support closing the slip lane

The following verbatim other comments were received from respondents who did not support closing the slip lane.

Count	Response
2	I like the new median strips. Much safer. Pedestrian lights could also enable safer passage.
1	Anyone I have spoken to around here thinks it is idiocy and would prefer money to go to providing other improvements in this area to compensate for the horrible environment being created by over development.
1	As there is no slip lane for turning left into Oakover Road it is very dangerous for all, drivers, walkers. Please put it back to how it was.
1	As there is only going to be more traffic in Darebin in the future, making busy intersections smaller is short-sighted and potentially dangerous. At some point it is likely a right turning lane and/or traffic lights will be needed at that intersection, and losing the slip lane to unnecessary "public space" will make this harder to achieve. Further, I can't imagine why people would want to sit and hang out at the intersection of two busy roads.
1	Bring back the slip lane and when the constructors are finished there they can move to the roundabouts on the corner of Massey Ave and Glasgow Ave and Radford Rd and Glasgow Ave. They have been completely ruined by trucks since becoming detour routes during the construction of the roundabout corner of Massey Ave and Broadhurst Ave.
1	Bring it back :)
1	By closing it off the way it is now makes it difficult to turn off an already busy street
1	Dangerous for cyclist and residents
1	Dig up the concrete in the island and plant some trees.
1	Enough said I think.
1	Far too dangerous for an open space. The fumes from cars and the chance of cars mounting the area because of traffic congestion or a wet day mishap....Far far too dangerous to be an open space for pedestrians
1	I do not support the closure of the slip lane. I think it is safer and better for traffic with the lane open.
1	I don't know why it's taking so long- Just turn it back into a skip lane
1	I encourage to keep looking for little pockets to improve. This spot however isnt suitable.
1	I love useable outdoor space - Green or paved. i believe the slip lane should be

	re-opened and the cash used elsewhere. That spot is inappropriate for "relaxation" or "hanging out".
1	I mostly drive through this precinct but I also walk here.
1	I never saw anybody "enjoying" the pop-up park while it was there and I pass it twice each day. The area isn't close to any houses so doesn't get much foot traffic. Provide a decent through road for traffic to pass north-south through Darebin before providing these traffic clogging "solutions". Why do you even expect that people would come to this spot for relaxation when traffic passes by all day long making it an unpleasant spot for a quiet cup of tea. You'll never find families with kids here, it just isn't safe.
1	Invest MONEY INTO PARKS.
1	It does need some kind of crossing there for pedestrians
1	It is an extremely tight turn into oak over road travelling any direction from high, especially left if there is any waiting traffic in the side street. Adding the risk of increased pedestrian traffic will increase time spent at the corner and congestion.
1	It's caused traffic congestion!
1	Its dangerous for children, should be kept as slip road
1	Keeping it closed also impedes the traffic flow. Please re-open as a turning lane.
1	Leave it open as it allows the traffic to flow alot quicker with alot less risk.
1	Perhaps it might be possible to compromise from the original slip lane, and the current impossible jutting out corner, which puts both cars coming out of Oakover and cyclists in jeopardy.
1	Please reinstate the slip lane to ease traffic congestion. Invest capital funds in other green areas.
1	Please reopen before someone is seriously hurt.
1	Please spend money elsewhere.
1	Reinstate it (the slip way) and beautify the traffic island. Not a soul will use it as a place to sit and relax - please see the reality of this.
1	Return it back to car use as it was safer.
1	Seems such an odd place to be trying to put public open space. It's an intersection between busy roads, and that section of High St doesn't have a lot of appeal for people to sit and enjoy it - you won't lift the street character much by creating this public space. And if it does attract people, the narrowed road at that place is more likely to cause accidents through the reduced vision of cars, and potentially increased number of pedestrians.
1	Slip way entering oak over from high street is much more useful as new planting in middle of road has made this turning a bottle neck.
1	Stop wasting tax payers money and leave the slip lane as a slip lane.

1	The artists impression in the brochure is not to scale, giving the impression that the 'park' will be much more spacious than actually possible. The people and cars are drawn smaller than they should be proportionate to the space). This is deceptive... unless the council has acquired some of the car park from the reception centre on the corner??
1	The design of the public space above looks great so if it does go ahead at least the turn has been rounded not like the sharp turn it is at the moment. Your work is appreciated even though you probably cop plenty of criticism at times
1	There is a park just further up on St Georges Road which could be turned into a great place to sit under trees, there is already a playground and seating and shelter could be proved for a community gathering area. I would rather see money spent on developing this area where there is plenty of space to grow extra trees. It will provide a permanent area designed to enjoy a quiet rest or family time with picnic areas and playground without too much through traffic to worry about.
1	This is the biggest white elephant I've ever seen.
1	Turn it into a bike lane to meet up with the bike path on St Georges Road.
1	Waste of tax payer funds in my opinion. Can think of a million better ways to spend money then putting a park on a busy intersection, causing traffic issues that simply won't be used...crazy idea but thanks for the opportunity to provide feedback
1	With the current closure of the slip lane the intersection has become more congested and turning in to Oakover road is much harder to navigate.
1	With the new median strips in place, anything that gets traffic off high street quicker with the slip lane will help those trying to turn right from the other side of high street (apartment car park).
1	Yes, I do not feel this design is necessary and is costly. I support the idea of more trees and making the footpath safe but from the picture of the design it is not really open space just more concrete. I am sorry the Darebin Council disagrees and feel I do have a point regarding my objections
1	Yes, don't waste public money on such a small area. Just one block down toward the railway line there is long strips of grassy area that could be developed into a nicer open space. Also, how about making the developer leave open space in front of their apartment buildings?
1	Yes. Return it to car use. It's not a useful public space
1	You have made that intersection very dangerous for drives turning left or right into Oakover. Visibility of on coming traffic along high st is now blocked by the low level street signs.
1	it is a safety issue if it closed off completely as it is hard to do a left hand turn and right hand turn builds up traffic waiting for the left hand turns
1	its currently difficult to drive in that intersection. the turning lane into high st is only a single lane, with cars held up if a car is turning right. A better option would be a left and right turning lane and a wider lane that is not so sharp for turning left from high st. Have traffic lights been considered as an option for this intersection. there seems to be a bit of traffic on both high st turning right into Oakover, as well as

	exiting the street onto high st in both directions at busy times that create delays.
1	removal of the slip lane has made entering Oakover Road dangerous
1	terrible proposal

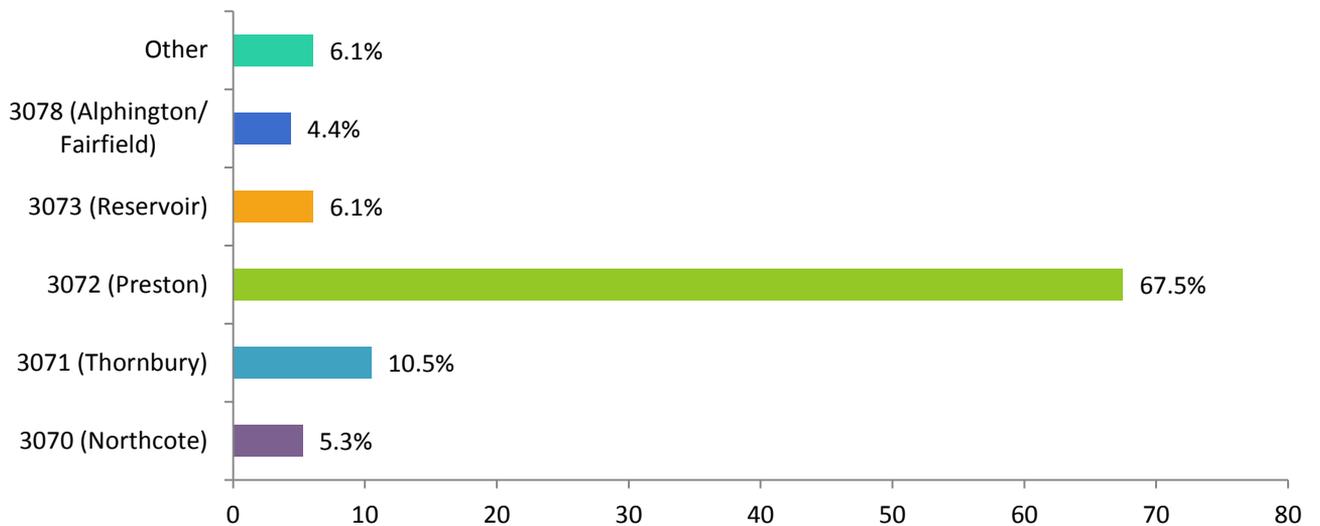
The following verbatim other comment was received from the respondent who chose 'Cannot Say'.

Count	Response
1	There is plenty of room for the council to include a right turning lane. I'd say at least 65% of traffic turns left into High St from Oakover which is a breeze to do. Turning right can be a nightmare though and banks up traffic.

About You

What is your postcode?

YES – postcode of respondents who support closing the slip lane



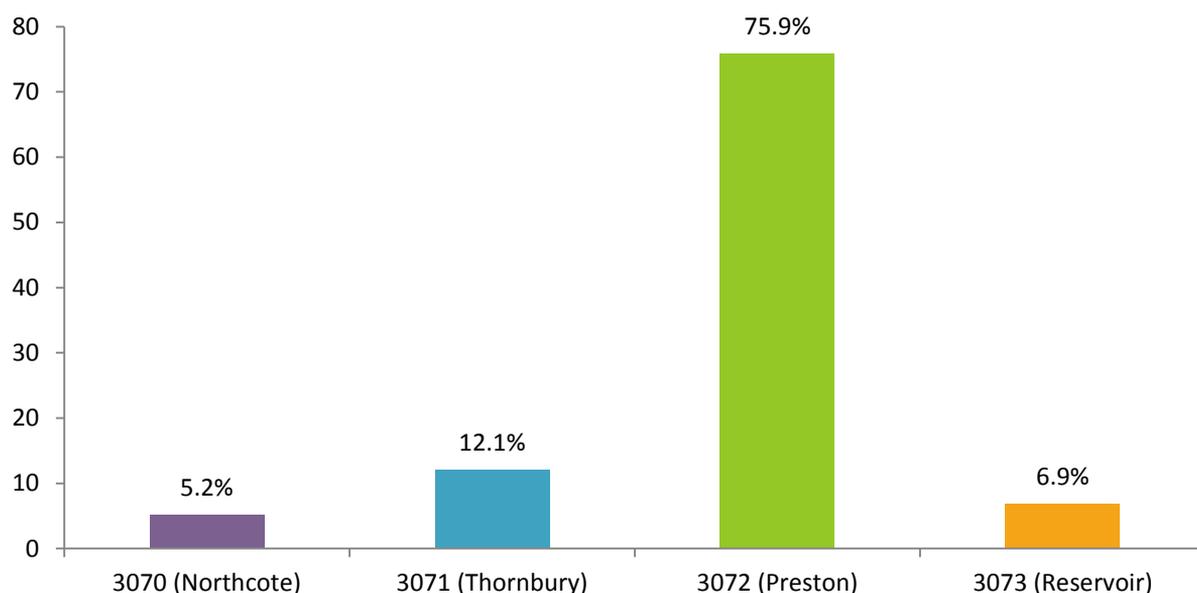
Value	Percent	Count
3070 (Northcote)	5.3%	6
3071 (Thornbury)	10.5%	12
3072 (Preston)	67.5%	77
3073 (Reservoir)	6.1%	7
3078 (Alphington/ Fairfield)	4.4%	5
Other	6.1%	7
	Total	114

The majority of the 114 respondents who supported closing the slip lane live in 'Preston' (67.5%). There were also a notable proportion of respondents who live in 'Thornbury' (10.5%). The large majority of the respondents live in Darebin.

The following postcodes were received from respondents who chose 'Other'.

Other	Count
3058	3
3053	1
3067	1
3081	1
Total	6

NO – postcode of respondents who do not support closing the slip lane



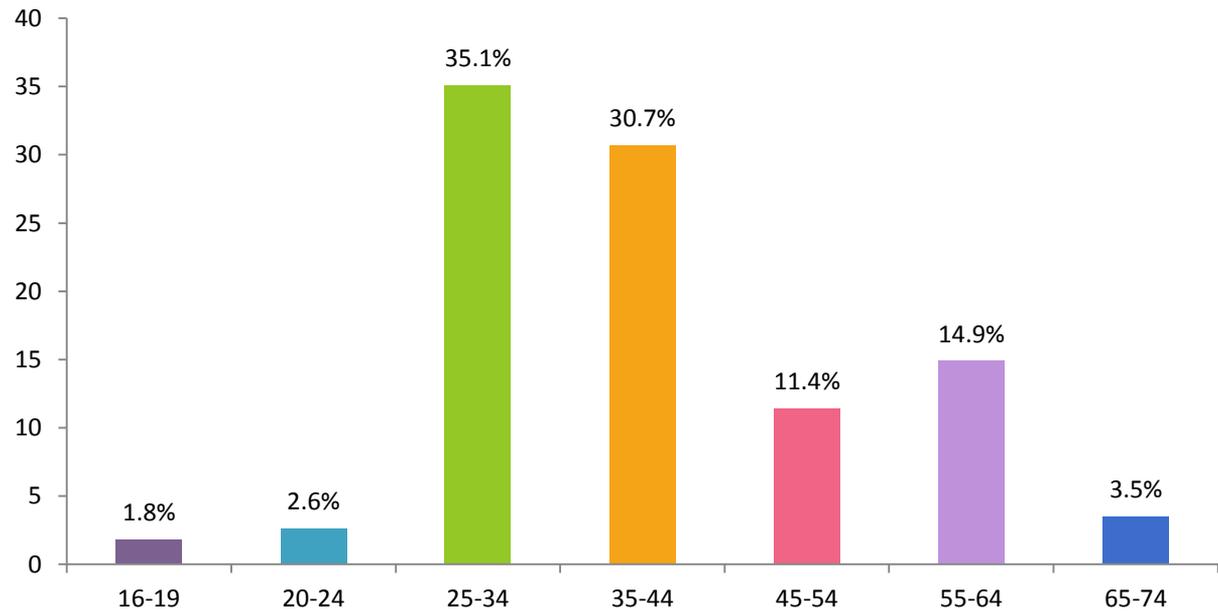
Value	Percent	Count
3070 (Northcote)	5.2%	3
3071 (Thornbury)	12.1%	7
3072 (Preston)	75.9%	44
3073 (Reservoir)	6.9%	4
	Total	58

Three quarters of the respondents who did not support closing the slip lane live in 'Preston' (75.9%). There were also a notable proportion of respondents who live in 'Thornbury' (12.1%). All respondents live in Darebin.

The respondent who chose 'Cannot Say' indicated that they live in Preston.

What is your age group?

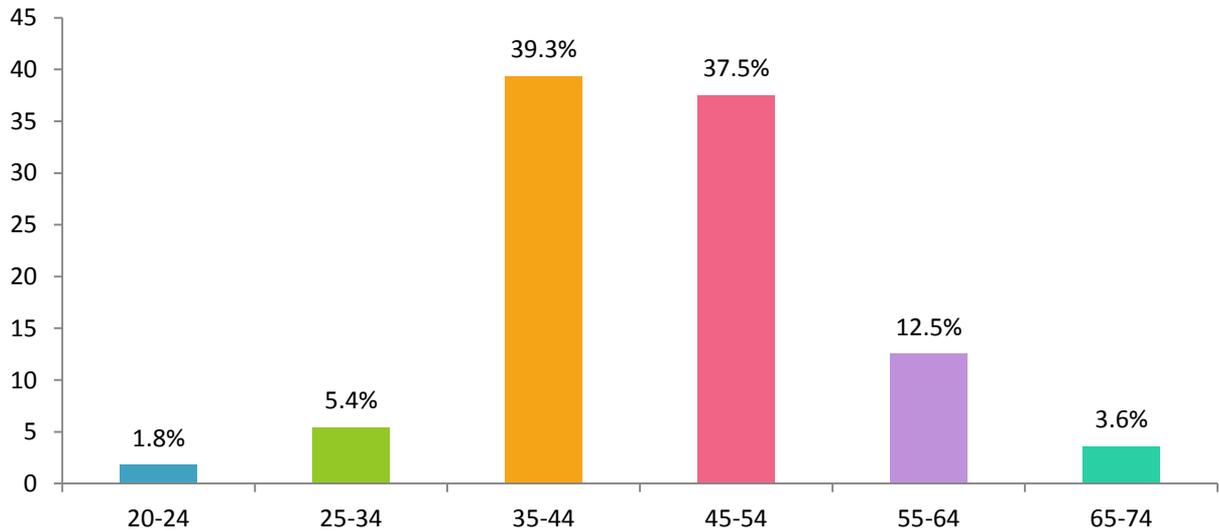
YES – age group of respondents who support closing the slip lane



Value	Percent	Count
16-19	1.8%	2
20-24	2.6%	3
25-34	35.1%	40
35-44	30.7%	35
45-54	11.4%	13
55-64	14.9%	17
65-74	3.5%	4
	Total	114

The highest proportion of the 114 respondents who supported closing the slip lane indicated they were in the '25-34' age group (35.1%). This was closely followed by the '35-44' age group. All age groups with the exception of '75 and over' were represented.

NO – age group of respondents who do not support closing the slip lane



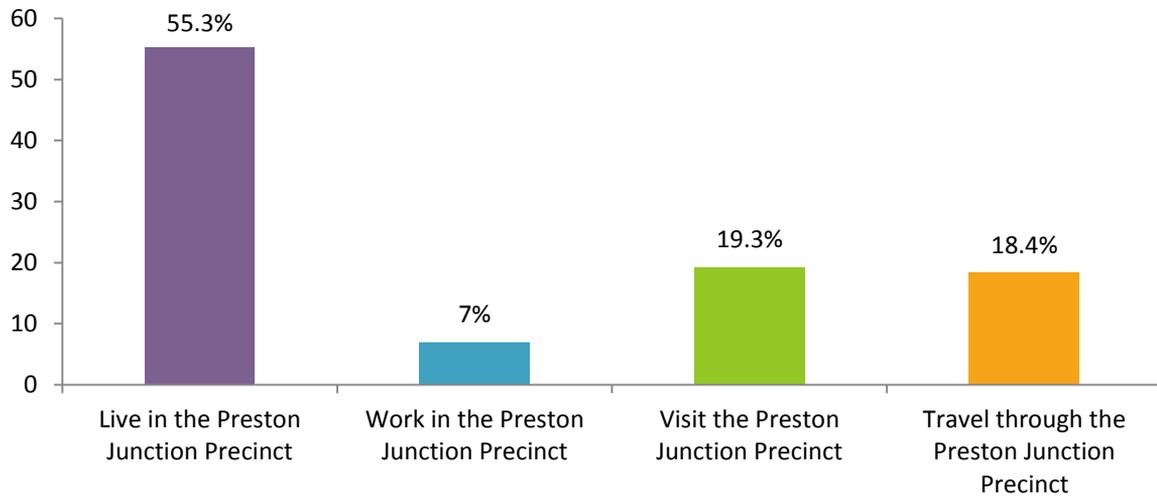
Value	Percent	Count
20-24	1.8%	1
25-34	5.4%	3
35-44	39.3%	22
45-54	37.5%	21
55-64	12.5%	7
65-74	3.6%	2
	Total	56

The highest proportion of the 56 respondents who did not support closing the slip lane indicated they were in the '35-44' age group (39.3%). This was very closely followed by the '45-54' age group. Most age groups were represented except for the '16-19' and '75 and over' age groups.

The respondent who chose 'Cannot Say' indicated that they were in the '45-54' age group.

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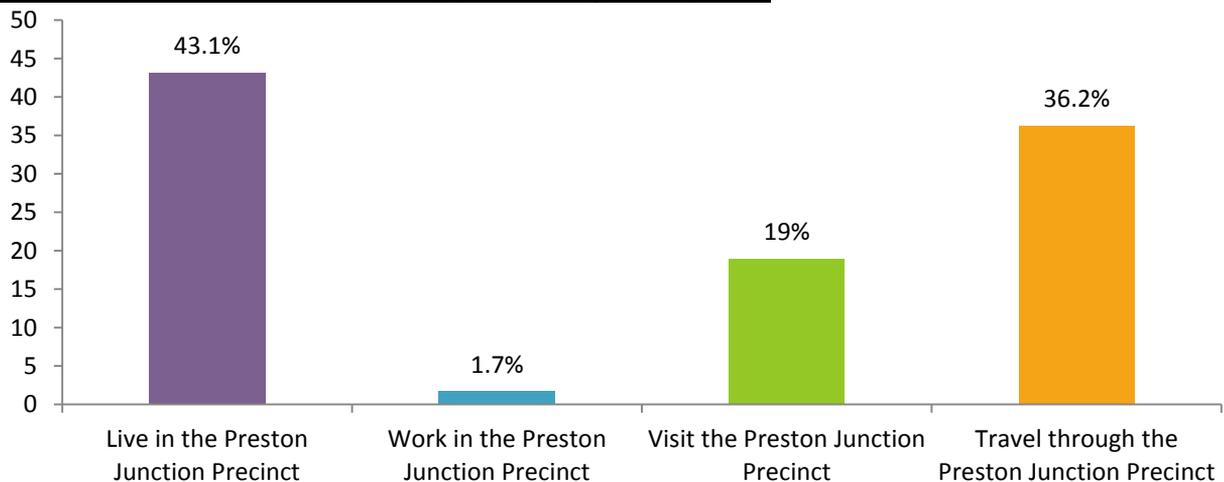
YES – Respondents who support closing the slip lane



Value	Percent	Count
Live in the Preston Junction Precinct	55.3%	63
Work in the Preston Junction Precinct	7.0%	8
Visit the Preston Junction Precinct	19.3%	22
Travel through the Preston Junction Precinct	18.4%	21
	Total	114

Over half of the 114 respondents who supported closing the slip lane indicated that they 'Live in the Preston Junction Precinct' (55.3%).

NO – Respondents who do not support closing the slip lane



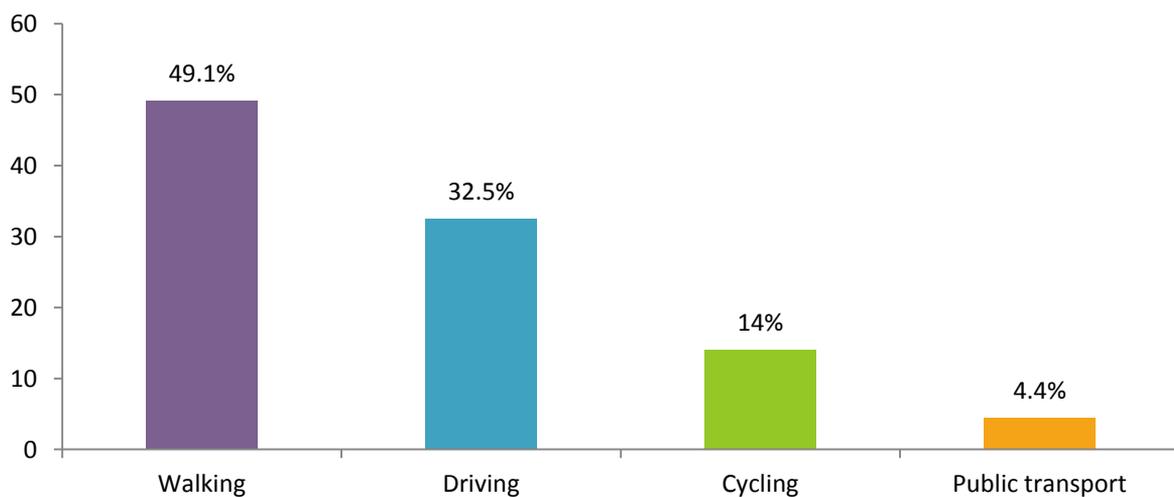
Value	Percent	Count
Live in the Preston Junction Precinct	43.1%	25
Work in the Preston Junction Precinct	1.7%	1
Visit the Preston Junction Precinct	19.0%	11
Travel through the Preston Junction Precinct	36.2%	21
	Total	58

The highest proportion of the respondents who did not support closing the slip lane indicated that they 'Live in the Preston Junction Precinct' (43.1%). This was followed by 'Travel through the Preston Junction Precinct' (36.2%).

The respondent who chose 'Cannot Say' indicated that they 'Travel through the Preston Junction Precinct'.

Which transport mode do you primarily take when going past the Oakover slip lane area?

YES – Respondents who support closing the slip lane

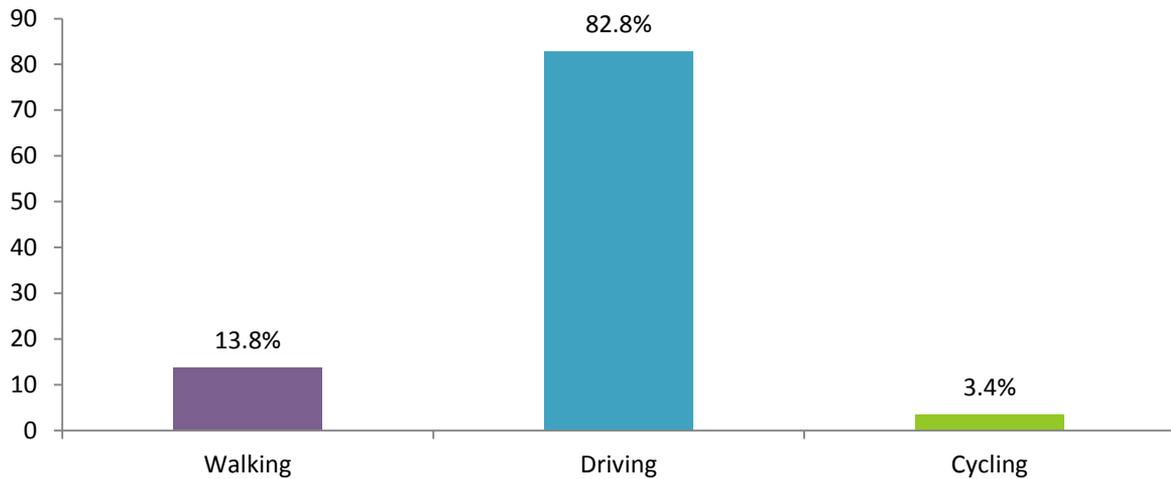


Value	Percent	Count
Walking	49.1%	56
Driving	32.5%	37
Cycling	14.0%	16
Public transport	4.4%	5

	Total	114
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Just under half of the 114 respondents who supported closing the slip lane indicated that they walked when going past the Oakover slip lane (49.1%). Just under a third indicated that that drove past.

NO – Respondents who did not support closing the slip lane



Value	Percent	Count
Walking	13.8%	8
Driving	82.8%	48
Cycling	3.4%	2
	Total	58

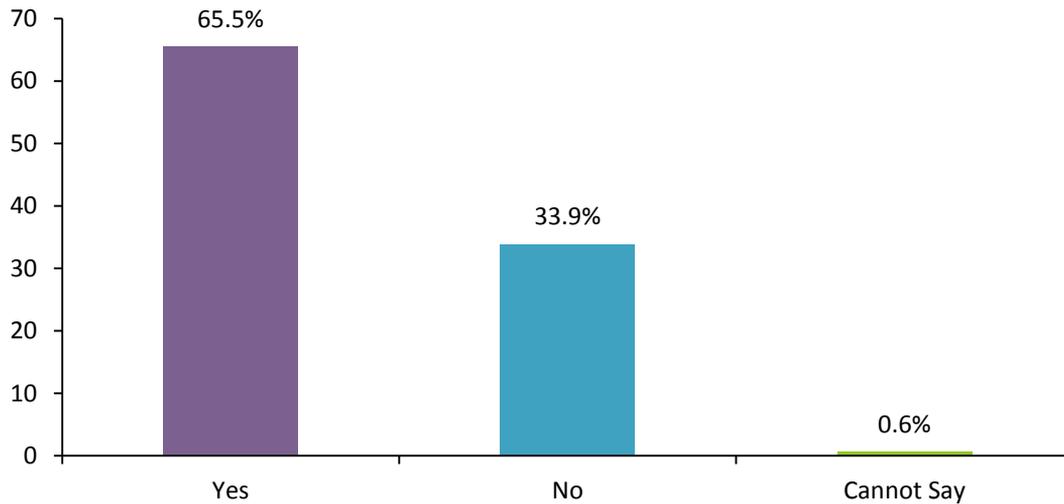
The large majority of the 58 respondents who did not support closing the slip lane indicated that they drove when going past the Oakover slip lane (82.8%).

The respondent who chose 'Cannot Say' indicated that they drove when going past the Oakover slip lane.

Appendix A

General Findings

After looking at the proposed design for the slip lane area, do you support closing the slip lane to create a new public open space? Please explain your answer in the comments box below.



Value	Percent	Count
Yes	65.5%	114
No	33.9%	59
Cannot Say	0.6%	1
	Total	174

The following are the verbatim comments that were received to support the response of the respondents.

Count	Response
3	This is a builtup area in need of open public space
2	A new park will be great for the area. It's small, but the more trees the better!
2	Traffic has slowed considerably as a result of the new median strips, which is good for pedestrians and safety. However, this intersection is now quite clogged, in several directions. The proposed open space, whilst looking nice, is not likely to actually look like this. Proposed costs could be far better spent on something that is actually an open space, as opposed to a large curb.
1	"A new public open space"? Really? Three trees, paving and two wooden benches? Talk about clutching at straws. Who is going to congregate there? Smokers? Skateboarders? Don't try and claim the public need this space.
1	A great idea to bring some greenery into this industrial area that is becoming residential

1	AS LONG AS YOU IMPROVE ABILITY FOR CARS TO TURN LEFT INTO OAKOVER ROAD
1	Area needs new pedestrian friendly spaces given the amount of people living in the area now.
1	As someone who has only recently bought a property in the area I often wondered why the slip lane was disused. It seems logical to reclaim this area as a public space. I think the bike service area is a particularly important feature as there are very few of these facilities in the area. I think it would be great if the council could come to some sort of arrangement to expand this area in the near future. As an interim fix the council should offer to integrate the 'Spirit of India's front fence into the project to bring it up to the same standard as the rest of the proposed development.
1	Attractive, safe and pedestrian-friendly
1	BUT only if the space is designed with access in mind. If not then reopen it to cars.
1	Beautifies the local busy- road based area. Preston can be more attractive and this helps!
1	Because the streetscape is for locals to use and enjoy, not a thoroughfare for cars and commuters who could easily use alternate routes. If we are supporting higher density living and apartments, we need to reclaim as many public spaces as possible!
1	Because then pedestrians don't have to cross the slip lane and they can get across quicker. Age:7.
1	Closing the slip lane helps clog traffic going in both directions which is a problem during peak hours. It's slower for vehicles to turn left as they must slow right down to do a sharp turn and while they do this cars turning right into Oakover Rd or passing through get backed up waiting to turn.
1	Creates increased traffic flow issues coming out of Oakover rd onto high st. When the pop up park was in place I never once saw anyone using it. The area just isn't suitable for a public space, the slip way was put in for a reason in the first place.
1	Crossing here with kids (or even without!) is not good, kinda threatening in fact. I'd love to have a safer street, that is also welcoming to have more people out walking.
1	Darebin needs more trees and open space.
1	Do it do it do it do it! :-)
1	Even in a small car, it's difficult to make the turning in a way that doesn't make the cars behind you almost hit your car. Please return it to a slip lane. You can still beautify the island section.
1	Fantastic!! Will provide traffic calming along High Street and a good place to eat my lunch!
1	Given the function of High Street as a 'place' rather than a corridor for heavy car traffic, a high speed left turn slip is completely inappropriate and counter to creating an attractive walkable environment. I completely support closing the slip lane, as well as council's other efforts to reduce car dominance along High Street in Preston.
1	Given the large number of multi-storey developments / apartment buildings being constructed, Darebin needs more open space and greenery. Also, it absolutely must be more pedestrian-friendly!!

1	Great that cars have slowed at the intersection making it safer for pedestrians and young families with young children.
1	Green space was tried and was a failure, not an appropriate place for open space. Causes yeah congestion and it's not safe for children.
1	High Street, is incredibly busy now 7 days 24 hours a day. I go through Oakover road to high street every day. Ever since the slip lane has been closed it's made turning right, or left more dangerous. There have been so many near misses with cars. When the slip lane was open it made this intersection a lot safer. Why have it close when there is a lot more cars on the road?
1	I believe it may be easier and safer for drivers turning left, or right, into Oakover Road, with the closing of the slip lane.
1	I like the bike repair station, bike hoops, rubbish bins and added greenery. The space at the moment looks very sad so it would be good to see it rejuvenated and welcoming. The tram detail sounds nice too. The wider turning circle for drivers is a very important aspect of the proposed design. We live in the JUMP precinct and frequently walk, drive and cycle through the Oakover precinct.
1	I like the idea of green garden spaces. To plant a few bigger native trees to support the native bird life.
1	I live in the Junction precinct and it's currently a depressing concrete jungle in desperate need of more green. The proposed design will make it more pedestrian and cyclist friendly and safer.
1	I live right near this corner and use it several times per day. Not once did I ever see anyone use the 'pop up' park. Who'd want to? Relax next to a busy road? No thanks! Since the closing the corner has been very problematic for all users with many near misses or people having to re-attempt the corner. Even with the less acute corner in the plan the slipway must be retained for the sake of safety. Please 'green up' the area - and all of Preston - but don't create hazardous road conditions. I ask again - who would want to use this a place to relax?
1	I love the idea of deciduous / shade trees. A large oak (as noted in the brochure) would be perfect. If it were possible, I'd like to see the corner rounded off a bit for cars, to make the turn less tight- but not too much, to keep the public space large.
1	I really do appreciate that the council is trying to make our city nicer but as a daily user of Oakover Rd I would like to see the slip lane reinstated traffic lights installed. It's a very busy Rd.
1	I support this because we should be promoting pedestrian access over car traffic.
1	I think it is safer and the traffic flows much better with the slip lane open. Please reopen the slip lane.
1	I think this is a fantastic idea! More green space and less traffic is terrific!
1	I think this is a great idea. Any improvements to high st Preston is welcomed.
1	I totally support any urban design initiative that improves the aesthetic quality of Darebin and more importantly, that involves the planting of trees that will reduce the heat.
1	I would like to see continued changes to this stretch of High Street to promote foot traffic, calm vehicular traffic and reduce heavy vehicle usage.

1	Important for community, having open space with nature. Positive on so many levels! It's a must.
1	Improve safety Increase pedestrian amenities Encourage sustainable transport modes
1	It didn't work as a pop up park- it's on a. Busy road with nothing nice to look at- more functional as a slip lane
1	It is a busy corner in the middle of nowhere; it is unsafe for kids and pets to play. The cost for such a small area is not value for money
1	It is better in every way creating a pleasant respite area and safer crossing for pedestrians as well as being visually interesting
1	It is far less safe for motorists and cyclists in the current configuration. Return the slip lane!
1	It is not an area where I'd want to sit even if there were a few trees. It's busy with traffic and I'd rather go to a park or cafe. Use the money for something else and give it back to the cars. I use this road all the time and at the moment the turn from the south is a bit tight and slows down traffic from behind
1	It looks friendly and safe
1	It was an eyesore and no-one used it when it was trialled. Oakover Rd has quite a bit of traffic needing to left to get to St Georges Rd, Gilbert Rd or even the Aust Post Depot. The slip lane would make it much easier. Bring it back to what it was. Please stop wasting money unnecessarily Darebin Council. Fix the already established parks.
1	It will make a pleasant, safer pedestrian respite
1	It will make the whole intersection safer for both motorists and pedestrians
1	It will provide an attractive and safer intersection
1	It's a busy area
1	It's a great idea to continue the good work council is doing by adding trees to public spaces in the area. Well done, great idea!
1	It's already a very different intersection to navigate as a driver. Loosing the skip lane makes it harder
1	It's become a dangerous corner since the closure of the slip lane. The pop-up park blocked vision until you were very close to the intersection, and the corner turning from High (northbound) into Oakover is tight and difficult to negotiate.
1	It's fairly a unattractive space currently and we really don't need the slip lane and we DO need more public open space desperately.
1	Looks really nice! Thank you.
1	Love the design, just need to ensure cars don't drive over it if it is too flat to the surface of the road.
1	Love the space and trees
1	Makes the area a lot more people friendly. Not just a space for cars to pass through.
1	Making the area attractive, resident friendly, safer

1	More desirable public space, reduce traffic speed. Over time all of the old industrial buildings in that area will become apartments and more people will be walking around the area. Helping to create a vibrant shopping precinct on the northern high street. When will the Woolworths site be redeveloped...?! Knock down the Paintmobile building (with peeling paint, haha) and create a pedestrian thoroughfare that connects through to a dynamic northern precinct on that Woolies site.
1	More public space makes for better living
1	My family drives, walks and cycles through this intersection. I support the proposal with some caution. I can't tell from the 3D whether a reasonable swept path has been allowed for vehicles turning left into Oakover. The hard corner is a nightmare at the moment! Also, the 3D isn't very helpful in understanding how the intersection would be traversed by people in wheelchairs and scooters. Those comments notwithstanding, I do appreciate the possibility of greening up an otherwise barren corner.
1	Need more roads to accommodate the increase in traffic and development. Not a good location for a park - prefer railway place for open space. Concept needs to be implemented. No half baked design.
1	Nice green space
1	No effect on traffic, safer for pedestrians and increasing tree coverage - I fail to see a downside.
1	No one used the pop up park. No one wants to spend time in a traffic island. the space is too small to form an effective park. The slip lane was useful and practical and prevented sharp turns in a busy traffic area. I am all in favour of pedestrian precincts but this is not the appropriate area! Too many cars here and not enough foot traffic to justify this change. PLEASE bring back the slip lane before there is a serious accident at this site!
1	Open for cars as huge traffic problem and last temporary park last was waste of council rates.
1	Open it up so traffic and awkward turning isn't required. There's better places to make it more friendly to sit and relax. Plus not kid friendly.
1	Please do everything you can to reduce the number of speeding cars on high street. The use of reclaimed timber for benches and maybe some fruit trees
1	Please keep the slip lane closed. As a pedestrian in this area, it is difficult enough to get across Oakover Road as is with the slip lane closed. If it were to be reopened, it would make crossing the road even harder. Cars drive way too fast through here and no one is looking out for pedestrians.
1	Please plant some decent natives, instead of introduced species
1	Plenty road has become a popular place for residents to take short walks to restaurants, neighbours, and the library. Closing the slip lane makes sense. When the slip lane was open, drivers accelerate. It disincentivise people to walk.
1	Promoting community pride in aesthetically appealing spaces as well as a safer area for pedestrians.
1	Provides a significant boost to safety and additional, much-needed public amenity at little cost to road traffic.
1	Safety for pedestrians is very important. Permanently closing the slip lane also makes it safer for cyclists using High St.

1	Slip lanes in general are very dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists. I support keeping the park. It hasn't been much used so far because it's very unattractive and traffic speeds in the area have been too high. The medians will improve that problem. As the high density units fill up there will be more people needing local open spaces. Plan for the future, make it nice and people will come. We should be prioritising pedestrians, not through traffic. That's one of the issues I voted in Greens councillors to do. So do it!
1	Slip road is needed more. The temporary park was a waste of council money. The slip road must be reinstated because the new single lane aspect means this will turn into a bottle neck.
1	Some seating areas would be great as this area has few places to sit.
1	Stairs are dangerous with no tactile markings for the blind, no handrails for the elderly and not accessible for people with prams or wheelchairs teens with skateboards will play here with their skateboards rolling onto the road. People never sat there when the pop up 'plants in garbage bags' idea happened because those living in the area (mostly those in apartments) already have gardens/swimming pools as part of their complexes so would sit here first before going to sit on the side of the road. If there was grass it may be used for pets to go to the toilet but that's about it.
1	Still hard to turn right into High Street from Oakover because of visibility and hard to left from High Street into Oakover because it is such a sharp turn into a relatively narrow street.
1	The current closure of the slip lane always feels far more dangerous than when it was open. The turn is extremely tight, far tighter than a normal left turn. I think turning it into a 'park' along the lines of the pop up is ridiculous, who wants to sit, converse, or do anything in a busy thoroughfare. However having three lanes i.e. left and right out of Oakover and left into makes sense to me.
1	The failure of the pop up park was proof that this area will never be utilised by locals as a 'new meeting space for the Preston Junction Community'. There is a lot of traffic around that corner making it too noisy and busy for relaxing or 'meeting'. Priority should be given to the cars to keep the traffic moving through the area. Having said that, where are all the 'green spaces' the developers were supposed to provide for locals (in exchange for waiver of development guidelines by council, e.g. minimum car spaces)?
1	The inclusion of large trees with wide canopies is very good. It mentions oaks. Is the Council using Algerian oaks? City of Melbourne Future Urban Forest gives them a good rating in response to predicted temperature increases.
1	The more green space in this area the better! The residents are changing and the surrounding needs to catch up
1	The only concern I have relates to the need for greater softening of the Left-Hand turn into Oakover Road.
1	The previous pop up was poorly designed, seating too close to reaps, inadequate turning for vehicles from High St into Oakover. His design appears to fix those issues.
1	The proposed design is very uninspiring and does not appear to be worth the effort or cost if it's purely about creating public space.
1	The slip lane allowed people to drive with speed and aggression around the corner from High St into Oakover Rd. This was dangerous, particularly for pedestrians attempting to cross.
1	The slip lane helped traffic move more freely and made it easier for pedestrians to cross the road at busy times. Since the lane's closure, the intersection has been awkward, to

	say the least, and precarious for pedestrians. It makes the area off-putting for foot traffic - for instance, I would drive and park somewhere nearby, but would think twice about walking around the area, which would limit my patronage of businesses in the precinct. High Street in both Preston and Thornbury are great areas for walking, but this spot is a nuisance at present, and spoils the whole effect.
1	The slip lane is redundant in this location.
1	The slip lane should be reinstated to traffic ASAP. It was a very misguided decision to close it, and waste rate-payers money on a pop-up park. It was a poor location for a "park"; in an inhospitable location that no-one was ever going to use, surrounded by a never-ending cavalcade of trucks, cars and noisy motorbikes. Spend the money you were going to waste, on this fool's errand, and plant mature trees along this section of High Street and Oakover Road. If you have ever walked along this area in the height of summer you would be aware how the scorching footpaths along High St are in desperate need of some shade trees. This will require the planting of non-indigenous trees to provide an adequate level of shade and cooling in the massive concrete jungle that has been created in council's bid to accommodate apartment developers.
1	The slip lane was dangerous for pedestrians as it allowed cars to drive too fast around the corner.
1	The space is quite small and I can't see it being well utilised. Re-open the slip lane.
1	The space is too small and the slip lane is needed. Without the slip lane the left turn is too dangerous.
1	The space is very small and bordered by two busy roads, which does not make it a place people are likely to stop or linger. As a pop up park it seemed to get very little use, and it's not a pleasant place to stop or be. While I understand the aim of better/more open space in the area, this isn't a good location.
1	The traffic moves smoother with the slip lane. The corner is way too busy to want it to become a public precinct. I never saw anyone using it, when you made it into a green space. Such a waste of tax payers money, trying to reinvent the slip lane. Re - open the slip lane!
1	There are plenty of roads; you should do way more things like this. There's barely any green space in Thornbury and Preston and more and more high rises. For the record, this is effectively nothing, so don't pat yourselves on the back too much. More parks and public space please, especially with higher density living
1	There is no foot traffic that travels West down Oakover Road. I totally support the development of public open spaces but this isn't one of those spaces that should be transformed. I use Oakover Rd/High Street Junction twice a day and I never saw anyone use the pop up park so why spend money doing it permanently.
1	There is no possibility of cars turning into both from the south and north and out of the road turning right or left and would be dangerous
1	There was a pop up park there for a while. It wasn't useable (I tried) and I never once saw anyone utilise it even though it was well resourced with trees, seating and ground cover.
1	This area has become very dangerous with cars both turning into Oakover and onto High St. It is way too tight a turn and an accident waiting to happen. The slip road needs to reopen. The 'green space' that was opened there last year was an ongoing joke, looked ridiculous and was never used. Very frustrating as a local.
1	This area is going through a massive change, from industrial to high density residential.

	It is so important to dedicate any space possible to green space to ensure that current residents and residents of the future have a place to relax and absorb greenery. I highly support the proposed 'pocket park' as I believe that it is the first big step toward a new Preston South
1	This is a lovely design and makes the area more pedestrian friendly.
1	This is a terrific initiative. Thanks Darebin. The new, open, green space will really help continue the activation of the street scape and make it safer and more suitable for everyone
1	This is an area in transition. Council needs to start planning for the future face of the area. It will be a mixed use area with substantial increases in residents and jobs. Both parties will require access to high quality open space. Start planning for the future. Yes to a new public open space at the Oakover slip lane!
1	This is an excellent development for slowing traffic, greening the area and improving safety for pedestrians.
1	This is not a quiet tranquil area, it's a busy intersection. It's not safe place for children to play or to sit and rest. There is a lot of traffic that turn at that intersection it's a road junction not a meeting place. There is not enough room on the junction to provide space for everything that is planned. You could sit and smell the petrol fumes and watch cars to go past but it's not an area for a social gathering.
1	This project is ano brainer. The junction area is changing with more people moving in and more bars and restaurants opening in the area. We need as much public open space and safe streets as we can get.
1	This proposed design looks very nice. I like it.
1	This space is too small and poorly located for a public open space
1	To me it just looks like turning the section into concrete no one wants to sit on a corner and watch the traffic go by
1	Traffic is bad enough we should be creating roads not closing them.
1	Unsafe environment for kids and people to socialise. Impacts traffic flow I
1	Urbanite Ash trees would be highly suited to this location.
1	Waste of space
1	We have such few spaces where we can plant bigger trees and have some pedestrian break space; this is so perfect for this!
1	We need more open space in the junction area
1	What a waste of money seriously who is going to enjoy that space especially in that location? Possible Andrew congregation area for alcoholics and druggies.
1	Who is going to use this space for anything other than a footpath
1	Will the Trees make it dangerous for cars turning right into High St? If you can do this design but not impede visibility while also implementing a right turning lane into High Street while making a bit more room for cars turning left into Oakover (I think that is very do-able) then that would be PERFECT. A win/win situation EVERYBODY will be happy.

1	With growing populations, more public space is a priority. Transform this area from a place to pass through to a desirable place to live
1	With large numbers of people moving into the immediate area in the next 10 years, it makes sense to take opportunity to close a redundant and dangerous slip lane and provide open space at the same time.
1	With the increase in the number of residents calling The Junction home, any green space will be very valuable to the community. There are many examples of these small parks throughout inner city Melbourne and all offer a space for pausing, gathering and a respite from the traffic and concrete. The removal of the slip lane does not remove the traffic - it still accommodates all directions of traffic, while at the same time providing a space for other community members who enjoy walking, riding or watching the world go by under the shade of a tree. I am a regular walker through the site, and would love a space to sit and enjoy a break from the concrete, asphalt and traffic.
1	With the slip lane closed, the left hand turn from High St in Oakover rd is too tight. When the pop up green spaces was located at that spot earlier in the year, I walked past with my family. We commented that at no point would we use that space. It is too close to a major rd and there in no safety for young kids.
1	Wonderful concept for the area
1	Yea I think it's a big improvement much safer
1	Yes - with more space to easily turn left onto Oakover Rd.
1	as a cyclist who travels along High Street it feels pretty dangerous riding along this area (cars seem to speed along here & try to cut cyclists off), but the area is changing to be more residential & so I think creating more of a community atmosphere by encouraging more people out on the streets would make the area safer & encourage cars to slow down in this now populated area. I'd also visit the area more if effort was put toward making it greener and less industrial
1	as a driver and pedestrian on this intersection the area is not one where people will sit. I used the 'pop up park' there once. it felt strange to be sitting on the intersection of a busy street with my kids and I couldn't relax. while this is more appropriate, the current intersection is far too sharp for a left turn off high st into oakover. if the need for pedestrian safety is of concern, put a zebra crossing in. the illustration makes this area look much bigger than it is, so a few trees and a seat are about all you could do, if considering a better flow of traffic through the intersection.
1	great design, slip lane must stay closed, it was really dangerous. this will be a key addition to fulfilling the vision of the JUMP masterplan.
1	highly supportive of proposal
1	leave it as a slip for traffic, high st is congested enough
1	please leave the slip lane in place
1	safer and prettier
1	slows traffic in a good way - people hoon through the slip lane. at the end of this slip lane is where the bike lane starts and it's a good place to get on and off bikes - when it's been fenced off we have felt much safer - but its super ugly. it makes crossing the road easier and safer. with the Preston parcel lockers located there - there is foot traffic at that intersection.
1	the design looks good

1	there is very little pedestrian use of the area the pop up park was a disaster and NOT utilized it is not a residential area a public space should be located where it is utilized not an ad hoc position like this
1	waste of money as more urgent council repairs on services need to be addressed. The road is already congested and have serious concerns of safety to all in case of a fire. Has traffic studies been done to the area on all the changes? has the effects on emergency services been taken into account
1	we need the left hand slip lane as it takes the pressure off congestion of traffic and it is safer and to make it safe to walk and drive through

Do you have any other comments regarding the Oakover Slip Lane Project?

The following are the verbatim other comments that were received from the respondents.

Count	Response
2	A great idea!
2	I like the new median strips. Much safer. Pedestrian lights could also enable safer passage.
2	Just do it!
1	
1	- the stairs could be visually confusing the people with vision impairment, they need a railing and stair nosings and TGSIs or to be a different surface to the main ground surface to indicate a change in gradient and potential tripping hazard. - could the ramp access be moved into the centre or along the building line? - the natural gradient ramp is not obvious, needs railings.
1	A pedestrian crossing on high street would be a nice to have
1	A piazza/seating type area would be good, for people to stop, eat their lunch, etc. Bike loops could be useful.
1	Anyone I have spoken to around here thinks it is idiocy and would prefer money to go to providing other improvements in this area to compensate for the horrible environment being created by over development.
1	As a resident of the Junction I enthusiastically support the Oakover Slip Plan Project. The increase in tree canopy will improve the experience of walking and the seats will provide a place to meet friends or take a quick break.
1	As long as the vehicle turning is improved, then the new design would be a good one for the area.
1	As more residents move into the area, this is a great idea. People can stop with their dogs. Changing the face of the area, from industrial to liveable.
1	As there is no slip lane for turning left into Oakover Road it is very dangerous for all, drivers, walkers. Please put it back to how it was.
1	As there is only going to be more traffic in Darebin in the future, making busy intersections smaller is short-sighted and potentially dangerous. At some point it is likely a right turning lane and/or traffic lights will be needed at that intersection, and losing the slip lane to

	unnecessary "public space" will make this harder to achieve. Further, I can't imagine why people would want to sit and hang out at the intersection of two busy roads.
1	Bring back the slip lane and when the constructors are finished there they can move to the roundabouts on the corner of Massey Ave and Glasgow Ave and Radford Rd and Glasgow Ave. They have been completely ruined by trucks since becoming detour routes during the construction of the roundabout corner of Massey Ave and Broadhurst Ave.
1	Bring it back :)
1	By closing it off the way it is now makes it difficult to turn off an already busy street
1	Cars can still use the road. It's safer and will mean more people congregate and socialise in the street. It's an important way to build friendships in the neighbourhood. The design is simple enough so people can use it in their own way. I fully support it!
1	Consider including a raised pedestrian table across Oakover as part of the project, as per a number of other side roads abutting High Street.
1	Could we have a water bottle refilling station there?
1	Council is slowing speeds and installing a median in this area to accommodate the expected increased numbers of pedestrians. It also has retained the bike lanes to assist cyclists. It makes no sense whatsoever to reopen the slip lane, which is not needed and poses a hazard for cyclists and pedestrians in the area.
1	Create a community area
1	Dangerous for cyclist and residents
1	Dig up the concrete in the island and plant some trees.
1	Drinking fountain to also include a dog drinking fountain Access to power in the garden beds for 'fairy' lighting in trees. Power points for doing a pop-up entertainment (E.g. Carols on the corner) Therapeutic stones embedded into paving.
1	Enough said I think.
1	Excellent planning and design
1	Exciting prospect at having a permanent green public open space at the slip lane
1	Far too dangerous for an open space. The fumes from cars and the chance of cars mounting the area because of traffic congestion or a wet day mishap....Far far too dangerous to be an open space for pedestrians
1	Feature trees will be important to the space
1	Get working!
1	Great idea. I bought an apartment last October and it's great to see the development on high st, making it safer for cyclists and pedestrians.
1	Great initiative.
1	Great work by council - testing an idea first and arriving to a fact-based solution.
1	I do not support the closure of the slip lane. I think it is safer and better for traffic with the lane open.
1	I don't know why it's taking so long- Just turn it back into a skip lane

1	I encourage to keep looking for little pockets to improve. This spot however isn't suitable.
1	I fully support it
1	I like what you are doing with the JUMP project
1	I love useable outdoor space - Green or paved. I believe the slip lane should be re-opened and the cash used elsewhere. That spot is inappropriate for "relaxation" or "hanging out".
1	I mostly drive through this precinct but I also walk here.
1	I never saw anybody "enjoying" the pop-up park while it was there and I pass it twice each day. The area isn't close to any houses so doesn't get much foot traffic. Provide a decent through road for traffic to pass north-south through Darebin before providing these traffic clogging "solutions". Why do you even expect that people would come to this spot for relaxation when traffic passes by all day long making it an unpleasant spot for a quiet cup of tea. You'll never find families with kids here, it just isn't safe.
1	I really think it's a great proposal I love what's happening in the area, keep up the good work
1	I support building a pocket park in place of the slip lane
1	I think it is a great idea and it will greatly enhance the Junction
1	I think it is great that the slip lane is being converted into open space, I just think it is prudent that people driving north and turning left from High Street into Oakover Rd need a more natural turn as the 90-degree angle is a bit difficult to navigate at the moment.
1	I think more than two bicycle loops are needed. I'm a cyclist and I want cycling to be encouraged in Darebin as much as possible. More bike loops please.
1	I travel down that part of High Street on the bus or car. I have not noticed any issues with the traffic. The traffic flows at the steady 40km speed, no hold ups, just a slower amble.
1	I would like to see more greenery included in the design above. The trees are great, but I think we need designs that reduce the amount of concrete in our cities.
1	I would support implementation of similar road infrastructure changes in Darebin.
1	Invest MONEY INTO PARKS.
1	It does need some kind of crossing there for pedestrians
1	It is a wonderful Council initiative to make our living space more attractive and improve the amenity of the area.
1	It is an extremely tight turn into oak over road travelling any direction from high, especially left if there is any waiting traffic in the side street. Adding the risk of increased pedestrian traffic will increase time spent at the corner and congestion.
1	It is forward thinking
1	It would only work and enhance the area if there is a lot of greenery and less of a concrete/grey feel. Possibly with grass, sitting area and maybe herb garden?
1	It's caused traffic congestion!
1	Its dangerous for children, should be kept as slip road

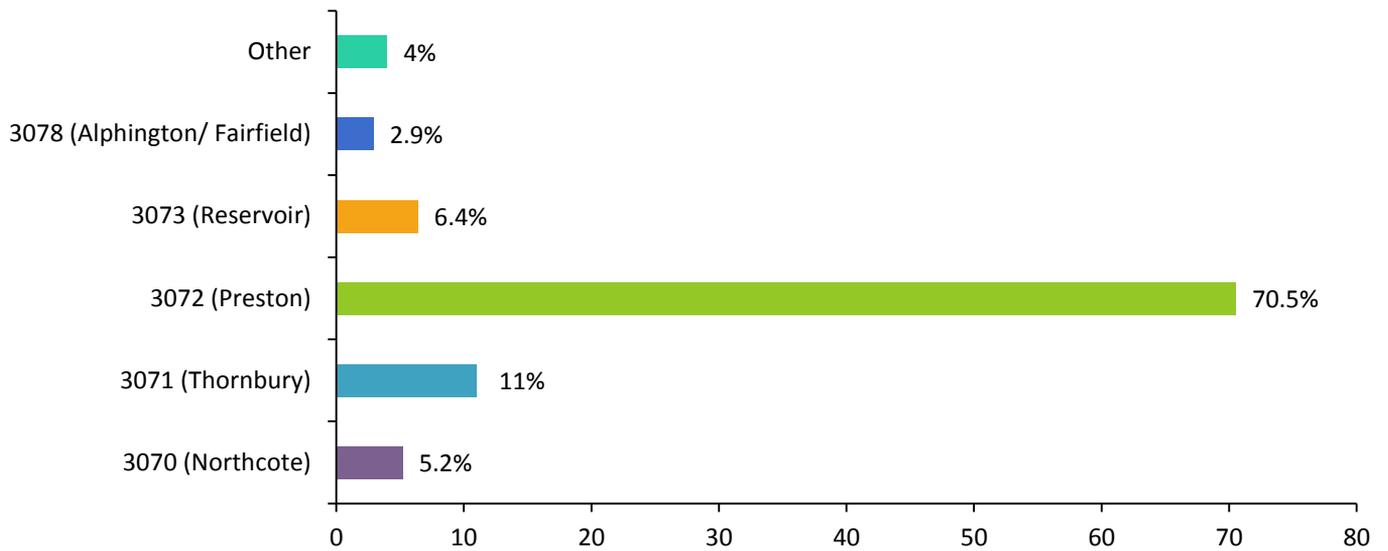
1	JUMP improvements have been talked about for a long time - get a wriggle on :) PS - the travel islands that have been placed along High street wasn't the greatest idea. Traffic has worsened and it is more difficult for cars to turn.
1	Just do it, we need more of this innovative thinking and to further prioritise pedestrians (and the safety of pedestrians)! Also, please consider placing some strategically placed bollards / more trees / planter boxes etc. on the perimeter of the area to protect pedestrians from out of control drivers.
1	Keeping it closed also impedes the traffic flow. Please re-open as a turning lane.
1	Leave it open as it allows the traffic to flow a lot quicker with a lot less risk.
1	Love it! Also love all of the new median strips and trees in the area. The native plants in the new gardens are awesome.
1	Maybe some feature ground lighting for night highlight trees, seating or public art, denser planting of trees to create protected oasis
1	More public space makes for better living.
1	More space for bicycles would be nice.
1	My only concern regarding the redesign of this space is that it is an extremely hard turn when turning in a vehicle left from High Street onto Oakover. Any works to address this would be welcomed.
1	Need to think about traffic flow and safety.
1	Perhaps it might be possible to compromise from the original slip lane, and the current impossible jutting out corner, which puts both cars coming out of Oakover and cyclists in jeopardy.
1	Plant lots of trees!
1	Please ensure WSUD and other rain gardens are utilised in the design.
1	Please incorporate ground level greenery, garden beds, grasses, etc. Current design looks very concrete heavy.
1	Please please do not reopen as a road!
1	Please reinstate the slip lane to ease traffic congestion. Invest capital funds in other green areas.
1	Please reopen before someone is seriously hurt.
1	Please spend money elsewhere.
1	Please, please make Oakover Road a No Right Turn into High Street. It's a nightmare in the mornings trying to turn left there with all the right hand turners having to wait so long to turn right. I have to do rabbit runs around all the back streets to get out of that intersection. I use this intersection twice a day, at least.
1	Potentially widening the current Oakover Rd entrance to avoid trucks and cars going over the pavement and/or garden bed.
1	Providing community infrastructure in this area will only increase in cost as the area gentrifies. Use this as public open space while the opportunity exists! Let's move away from reliance on cars in this area that is so well serviced by public and active transport. Help to catalyse change in the area.

1	Reinstate it (the slip way) and beautify the traffic island. Not a soul will use it as a place to sit and relax - please see the reality of this.
1	Return it back to car use as it was safer.
1	Seems such an odd place to be trying to put public open space. It's an intersection between busy roads, and that section of High St doesn't have a lot of appeal for people to sit and enjoy it - you won't lift the street character much by creating this public space. And if it does attract people, the narrowed road at that place is more likely to cause accidents through the reduced vision of cars, and potentially increased number of pedestrians.
1	Since the closure of the slip lane it is very difficult for pedestrians to cross safely. Please install greater traffic calming measures to improve pedestrian safety
1	Slip way entering oak over from high street is much more useful as new planting in middle of road has made this turning a bottle neck.
1	So pedestrians have one less road to cross.
1	Some more signage to make people aware of the speed limit would be a good idea.
1	Stop wasting tax payers money and leave the slip lane as a slip lane.
1	Suggestions include: As much greenery as possible whilst allowing for pedestrian movement. Presently the municipality has an excessive amount of concrete and other impervious surfaces. Native trees instead of deciduous trees to provide winter greenery. A pedestrian friendly crossing across Oakover Road (presently there is none). A boulevard of Eucalypts along Oakover Road to soften the road and provide winter greenery and habitat for wildlife including nectar feeding birds.
1	The Artist's proposed design for the new public open space is a definite beautification of the site and a public-friendly upgrade. I do hope it goes ahead.
1	The artists impression in the brochure is not to scale, giving the impression that the 'park' will be much more spacious than actually possible. The people and cars are drawn smaller than they should be proportionate to the space). This is deceptive... unless the council has acquired some of the car park from the reception centre on the corner??
1	The crossing of Oakover Lane and the train line requires urgent attention. The condition of the road in the area is a traffic hazard.
1	The design of the public space above looks great so if it does go ahead at least the turn has been rounded not like the sharp turn it is at the moment. Your work is appreciated even though you probably cop plenty of criticism at times
1	The face of the area is changing. Start introducing public space now. Darebin will be a more desirable place
1	The forest of signs on the High Street median strips before and after Oakover make it extremely difficult to see approaching cars when turning right into Oakover from High. I understand the need to ensure drivers see the median strip itself, but couldn't this be achieved by reflective markers along the base of the strips and fewer signs? I've seen several near misses, presumably because drivers' vision has been blocked. Finally, is council factoring in the huge amount of construction (and subsequent traffic) that will be occurring when the Australia Post site closes and is rebuilt as apartments??
1	The more large trees the better. Please consider installing a zebra crossing where Oakover joins High Street to make it even safer.
1	The new design is far preferable to the old, dangerous slip lane.

1	The pop park gave us a taste of how we can bring this area to life so that it works to calm traffic, be a safer place for pedestrians and bring much needed green space to the Junction - the large trees and seating is a great addition.
1	The pop up park was great, I've been sad it's been gone for so long.
1	The proposal looks great on paper. I hope it will, if completed, look as good.
1	The redesign of this area needs to include differentiated colours/pavers for the crossings to indicate that it is a pedestrian crossing. It's been shown that cars respond to different pavement colours by slowing down. The crossing of Oakover Road as well as the High St crossing should include this in the design.
1	The works that have been done already in the junction has made massive changes to the character of the area. More people walk the streets, the cars are slower and riding along high street is significantly safer, due to the changes to the street and traffic calming it has created. Council should be applauded on their work to date. This slip lane closure is a no brainer.
1	There are plenty of roads; you should do way more things like this. There's barely any green space in Thornbury and Preston and more and more high rises. For the record, this is effectively nothing, so don't pat yourselves on the back too much. More parks and public space please, especially with higher density living.
1	There is a park just further up on St Georges Road which could be turned into a great place to sit under trees, there is already a playground and seating and shelter could be proved for a community gathering area. I would rather see money spent on developing this area where there is plenty of space to grow extra trees. It will provide a permanent area designed to enjoy a quiet rest or family time with picnic areas and playground without too much through traffic to worry about.
1	There is plenty of room for the council to include a right turning lane. I'd say at least 65% of traffic turns left into High St from Oakover which is a breeze to do. Turning right can be a nightmare though and banks up traffic.
1	This improves and adds value to the area. It will encourage people to acknowledge each other as they pass by. It will slow down the speed of the area.
1	This is the biggest white elephant I've ever seen.
1	This will compliment the new trees on high st
1	Trees. We need more greenery in your proposal. Soon there won't be a green space left at junction. Can you put more greenery in. More than one tree? What about a ring of skinny trees
1	Turn it into a bike lane to meet up with the bike path on St Georges Road.
1	Waste of tax payer funds in my opinion. Can think of a million better ways to spend money then putting a park on a busy intersection, causing traffic issues that simply won't be used...crazy idea but thanks for the opportunity to provide feedback
1	Widen the left turn area so increase current size and reduce proposed open public space.
1	With the current closure of the slip lane the intersection has become more congested and turning in to Oakover road is much harder to navigate.
1	With the new median strips in place, anything that gets traffic off high street quicker with the slip lane will help those trying to turn right from the other side of high street (apartment car park).

1	Yes, I do not feel this design is necessary and is costly. I support the idea of more trees and making the footpath safe but from the picture of the design it is not really open space just more concrete. I am sorry the Darebin Council disagrees and feel I do have a point regarding my objections
1	Yes, don't waste public money on such a small area. Just one block down toward the railway line there is long strips of grassy area that could be developed into a nicer open space. Also, how about making the developer leave open space in front of their apartment buildings?
1	Yes. Return it to car use. It's not a useful public space
1	You have made that intersection very dangerous for drives turning left or right into Oakover. Visibility of on coming traffic along high st is now blocked by the low level street signs.
1	a bubbler/water filling station & somewhere to lock up bikes would be a good addition that would encourage people to stop and use the space
1	it is a safety issue if it closed off completely as it is hard to do a left hand turn and right hand turn builds up traffic waiting for the left hand turns
1	its currently difficult to drive in that intersection. the turning lane into high st is only a single lane, with cars held up if a car is turning right. A better option would be a left and right turning lane and a wider lane that is not so sharp for turning left from high st. Have traffic lights been considered as an option for this intersection. there seems to be a bit of traffic on both high st turning right into Oakover, as well as exiting the street onto high st in both directions at busy times that create delays.
1	let's do it
1	removal of the slip lane has made entering Oakover Road dangerous
1	terrible proposal
1	this looks really great, I strongly support this vision
1	this project should be about the future of the junction area, not one dominated by cars speeding through!
1	trees and seats would be nice - wasn't super keen on the last one with the food truck cause having groups of people loiter at an intersection was a bit odd! the more greenery the better. High street needs more green.

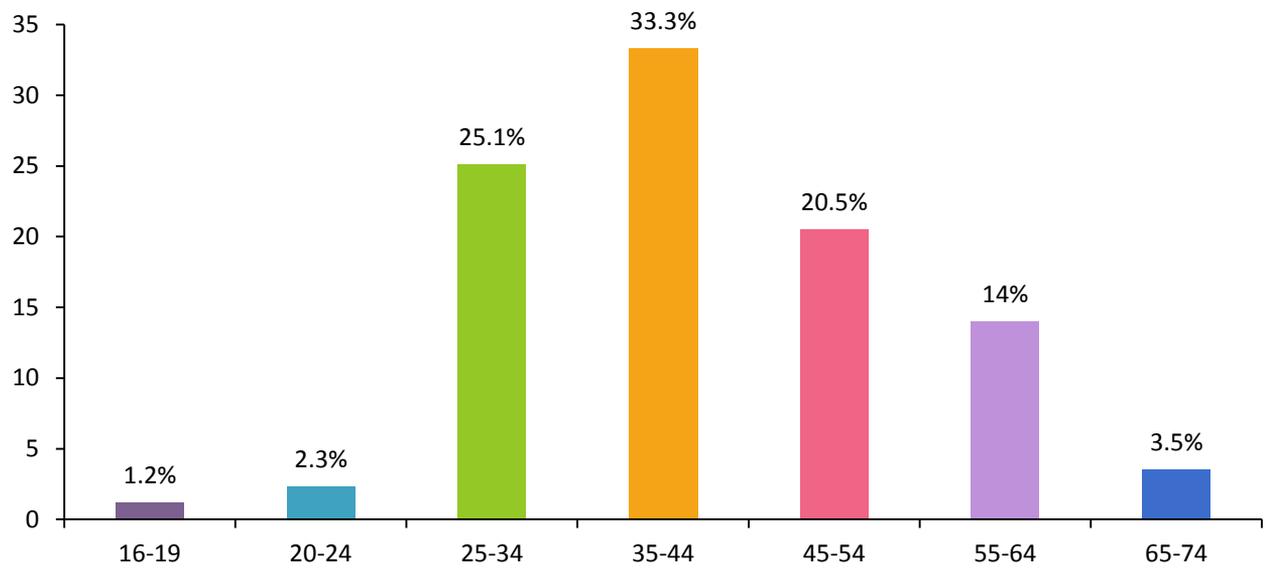
What is your postcode?



Value	Percent	Count
3070 (Northcote)	5.2%	9
3071 (Thornbury)	11.0%	19
3072 (Preston)	70.5%	122
3073 (Reservoir)	6.4%	11
3078 (Alphington/ Fairfield)	2.9%	5
Other	4.0%	7
	Total	173

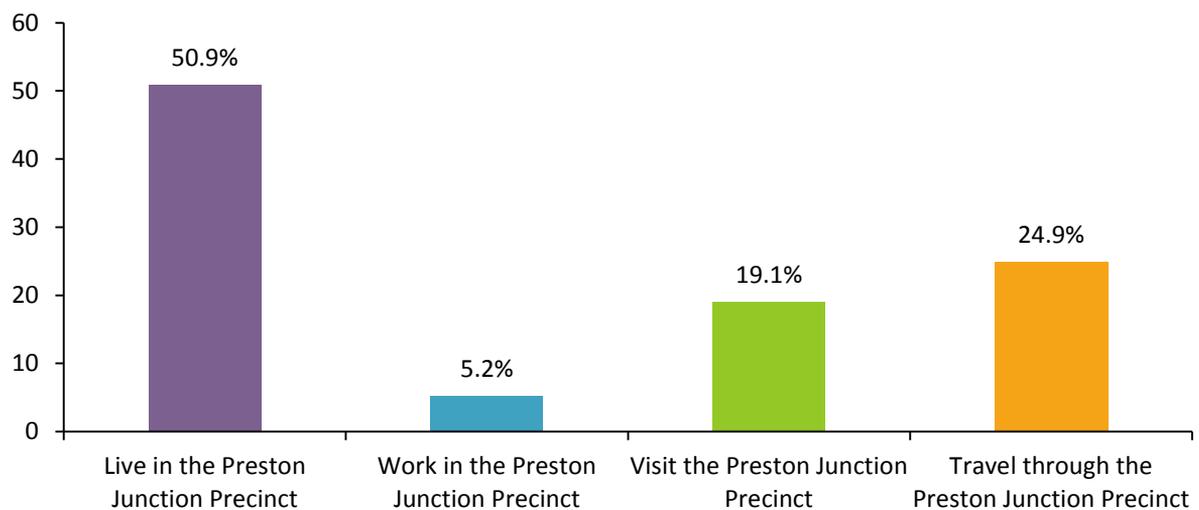
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What is your age group?



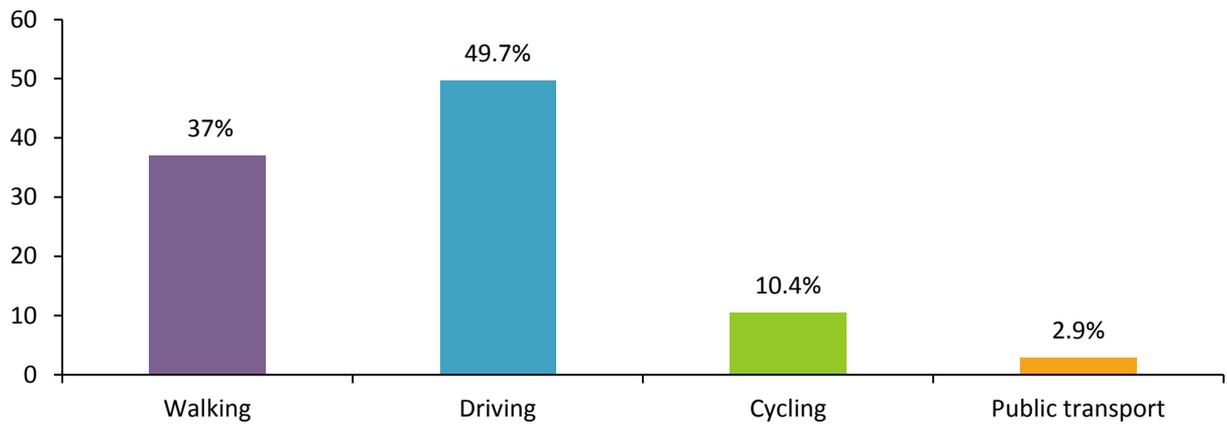
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20-24	2.3%	4
25-34	25.1%	43
35-44	33.3%	57
45-54	20.5%	35
55-64	14.0%	24
65-74	3.5%	6
	Total	171

Do you:



Value	Percent	Count
Live in the Preston Junction Precinct	50.9%	88
Work in the Preston Junction Precinct	5.2%	9
Visit the Preston Junction Precinct	19.1%	33
Travel through the Preston Junction Precinct	24.9%	43
	Total	173

Which transport mode do you primarily take when going past the Oakover slip lane area?



Value	Percent	Count
Walking	37.0%	64
Driving	49.7%	86
Cycling	10.4%	18
Public transport	2.9%	5
	Total	173