

YOUR LOCAL SHOPS



Consultation Stage 1 Summary - September 2015

Council is preparing a Stonnington-wide Activity Centres Strategy for our retail and commercial centres. The Strategy will set out a 20-30 year strategic framework for the future capacity for growth as well as identifying the economic, social and community role of individual activity centres. Stage 1 Consultation was undertaken from 5 to 30 September 2015.

Purpose of Stage 1 Consultation: To introduce the project to stakeholders and gather information to inform the initial formulation of the Strategy.

Activities: Online survey. Street intercept surveys held in centres. Household surveys dropped off to nearby residents and picked up or returned by mail.

Postcards: 2000 distributed	Online survey: 34 participants
Social media posts: 7 Sept 2015, 16 Sept 2015, 17 Sept 2015	Street intercept surveys: 167 participants
Ads: Advertorial Sept, InStonnington Aug/Sept 2015	Household surveys: 489 participants
Street decals: Stickers placed on the footpath in all neighbourhood centres around Stonnington.	Who: 63% of participants were residents. Participants who were employees were more likely to live outside of Stonnington.

Neighbourhood Activity Centres



Liked aspects

- Street and online surveys: Accessibility, Sense of community, Shop diversity.
- Household surveys: Accessibility (49% - 235), Sense of community (22% - 108), Shop diversity (60.3% - 61).

Improvements to centres

- Street and online surveys: Landscaping and trees (72), Footpaths & seating areas (84), Bicycle paths, parking & pedestrian crossings (80), Public transport infrastructure (46).
- Household surveys: Landscaping and trees (43.1% - 207), Footpaths & seating areas (39.2% - 188), Parking (36% - 173), Bicycle paths & pedestrian crossings (32.9% - 158), Public transport infrastructure (30.2% - 145).

Reason for visiting centres

- Street and online surveys: Cafes, post office, bakery, specialty stores.
- Household surveys: Cafes, bars & restaurants (318), food shopping (237), Post office (150) and socialising with friends (149).

Travel to centres

Household surveys - Most respondents visited local centres either frequently or regularly and either walked (39.2% - 188) or travelled by car (44.2% - 212).

Development

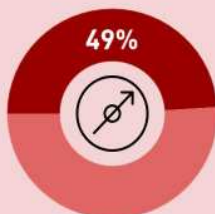
- Street and online surveys - Support for increased development: strongly support (42), support (62), neutral (24), don't support (34), strongly don't support (29).
- Household surveys - Support for increased development: strongly support (60), somewhat support (153), neutral (91), somewhat oppose (66), strongly oppose (85), can't say (25).

Preferred maximum height limit

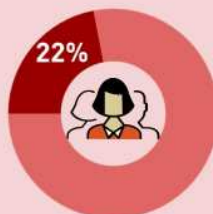
- Street and online surveys: three storeys (80).
- Household: less than three storeys (55% - 264).



What Participants liked



Location / Proximity



Community / Atmosphere



Shop Variety / Quality



What Participants would improve



Landscaping and Trees



Footpaths and Seating



Parking



Reason for visiting centres



Cafes, Bars and Restaurants



Food shopping



Post Offices



Socialising with Friends



Most used mode of travel to centres



4 out of 10 of respondents use cars



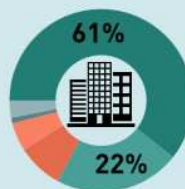
4 out of 10 of respondents walk



Preferred development and building height



5 out of 10 of respondents support development



61% of respondents support developments less than three storeys

