



# Your feedback on the Maidstone site redevelopment

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The Department of Transport is revitalising the old Victoria University site at the corner of Williamson and Hampstead roads in Maidstone on behalf of the Victorian Government.

The site will be used for a new tram maintenance and stabling facility for Melbourne's Next Generation Trams, a construction site for a new Melbourne Water sewer connection, and other essential services.

In late 2021, the Department of Transport invited Maidstone residents and traders to complete a survey to provide feedback on the current site, the local area and how this development will make a positive difference to the local community. We also met with key stakeholders, including Maribyrnong City Council, Heritage Victoria, industry groups and cultural representatives.

The community feedback will help inform the early stages of planning and design for the future essential services site.

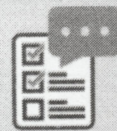
## What we asked

The survey on the Engage Victoria website was open from August until mid-October 2021. It was available in English, Simplified Chinese, Italian and Vietnamese - the languages commonly spoken by the local community.

We asked people about several topics including what they know and value about the site, ways to improve the site, and any of their concerns.

We let people know about the survey using letterbox drops, targeted emails and social media as we were unable to hold face-to-face meetings during the coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions.

## Who we heard from



**319** people completed the survey



**87%**

live in Maidstone or nearby



**70%**

travel past the site at least a few times every week



**24** work nearby or own a local business



**26** lived in the student accommodation, or know someone who did

**22** lived in the migrant hostel, or know someone who did



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## What we heard

- People said what makes Maidstone special is its location, followed by the local environment, the people and the history of the area
- Most people knew about the history of the site, especially its use as hostels for new migrants and then university student accommodation
- Most people expected the revitalisation of the site to bring benefits for Maidstone, including better public transport, local jobs, and more business
- Many people wanted greater access to the site. Ideas included restoring and re-using buildings or using parts of the site for sport and recreation
- Some people were keen on better links to the Maribyrnong River
- People valued the trees, the old accommodation blocks and historic elements
- 65 percent of people used public transport. Tram was most popular followed by bus and train
- People wanted to see better tram services and connections, and better cycling links
- The most common concerns people had about the new development were an increase in traffic, changes to the local area, and noise. People were keen to ensure the projects fit in with the local area.

## Next steps

Thanks to everyone who provided feedback about the new essential services site in Maidstone.

The feedback will help inform the early stages of planning and design for the entire site, as well as for the development of the tram maintenance and stabling facility, and broader transport planning.

Our current focus is on delivering the tram maintenance and stabling facility to support the rollout of the new trams.

We are considering how any additional development of the site could benefit the Maidstone community, drawing on feedback from residents, traders, and key stakeholders.

While we plan for its future, we are looking after the site by keeping the native vegetation healthy, spraying weeds and managing pests. We have also installed CCTV cameras and improved fences to increase safety in and around the site

We value your feedback and contributions. There will be a further opportunity for you to provide feedback on the tram maintenance and stabling facility as part of the planning approvals process.

**More information:**  
[transport.vic.gov.au/next-gen-trams](https://transport.vic.gov.au/next-gen-trams)



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