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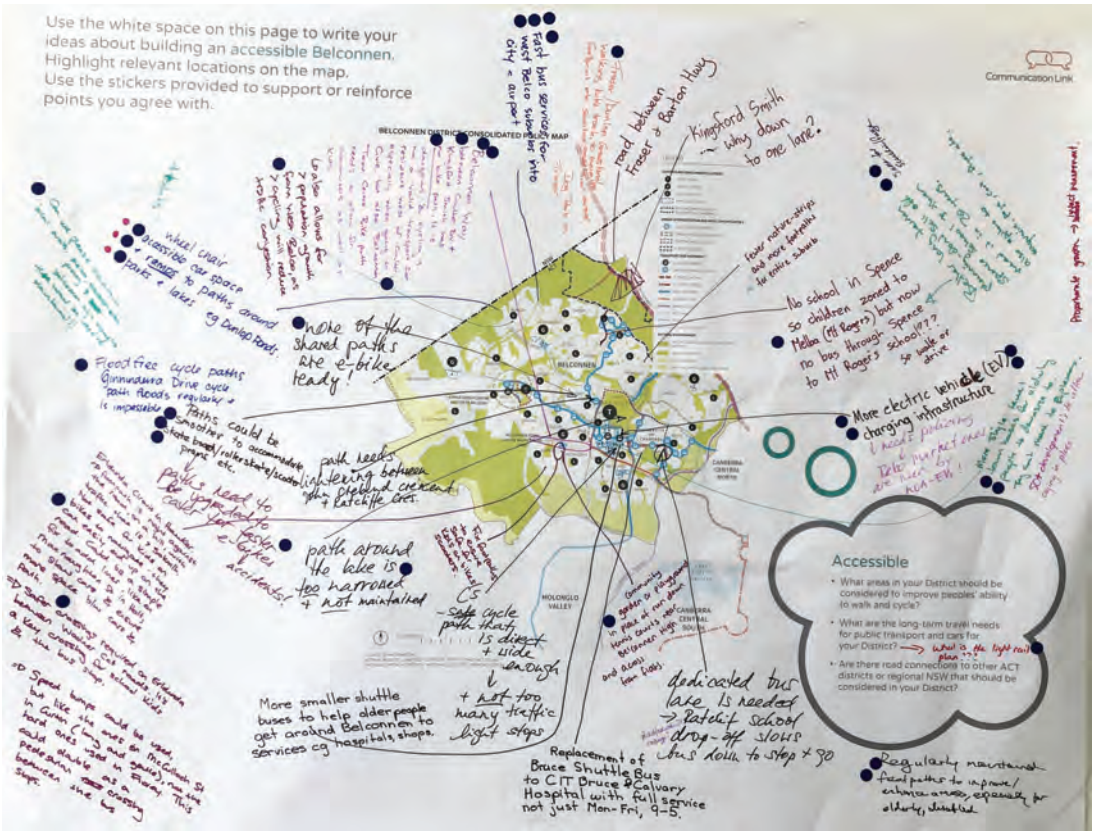
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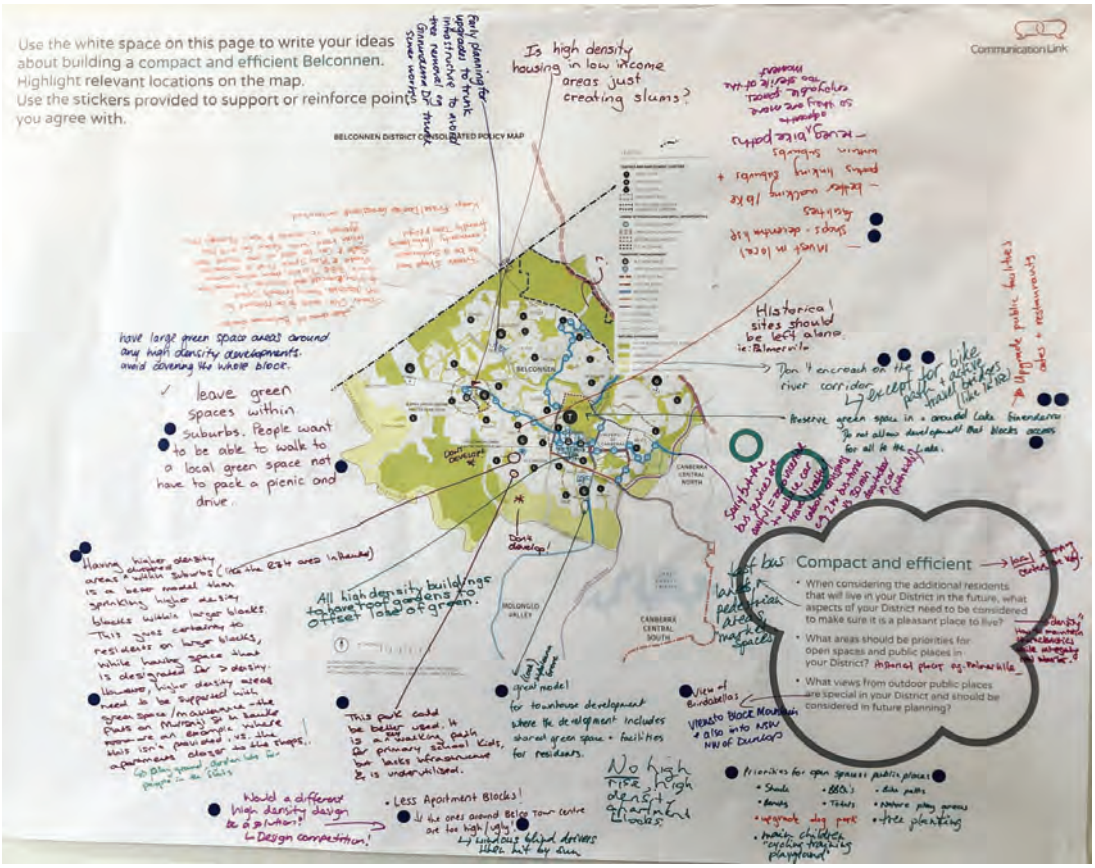
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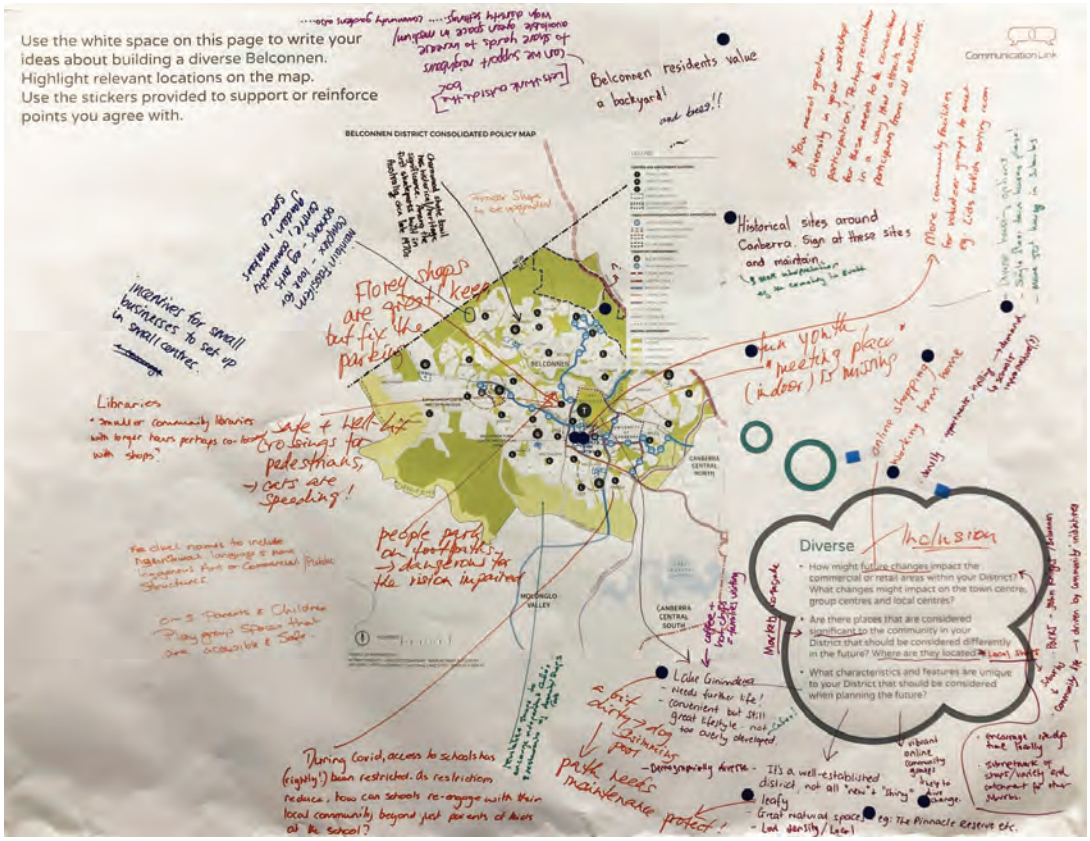
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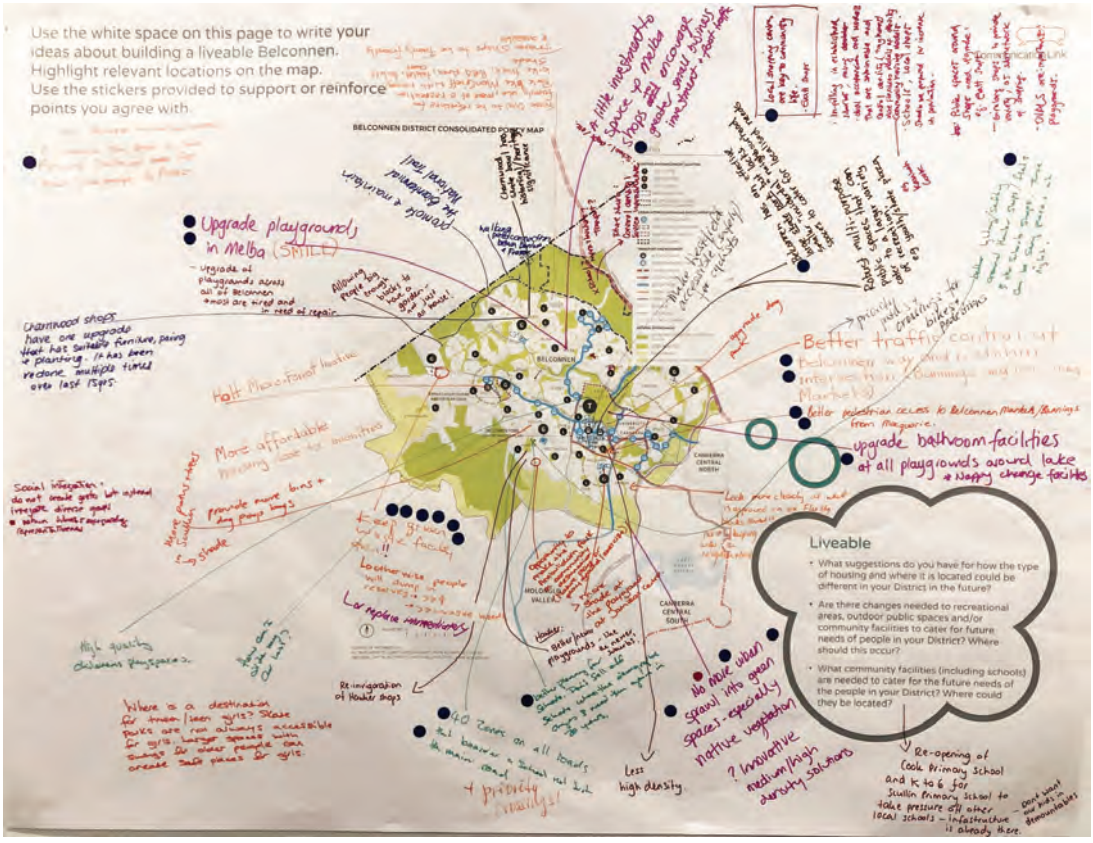
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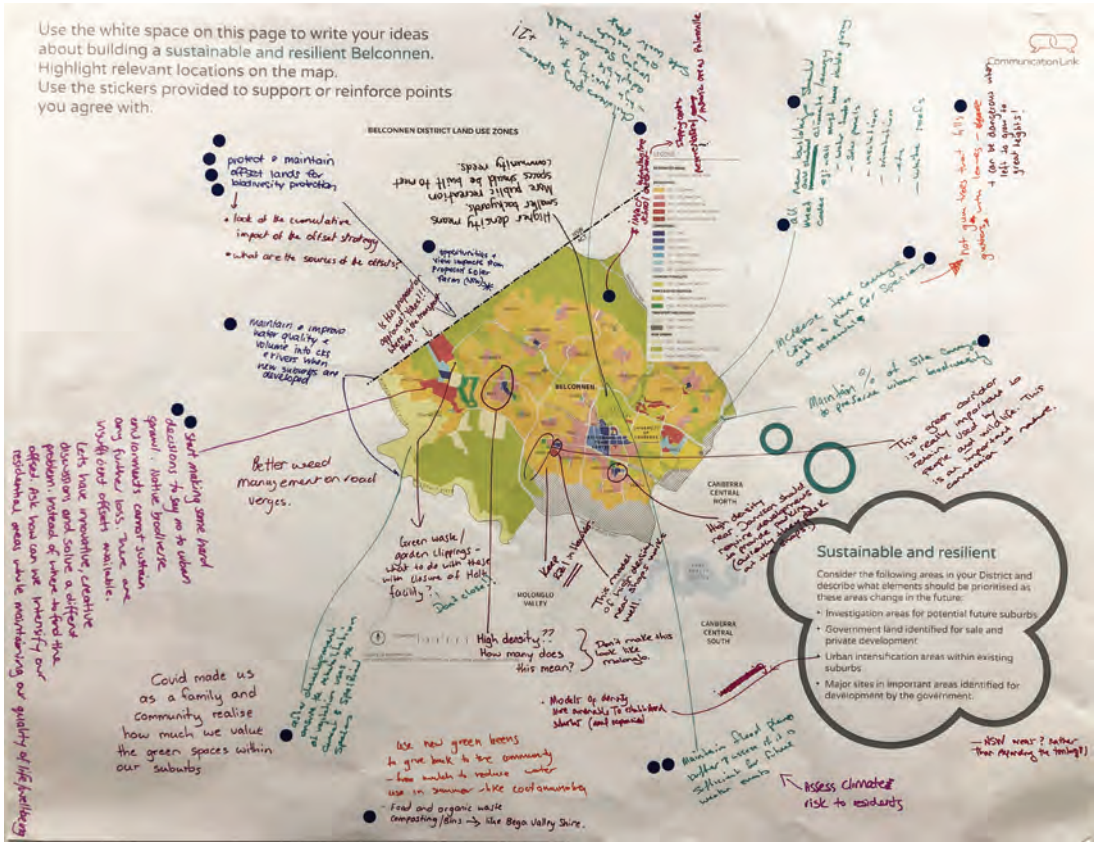
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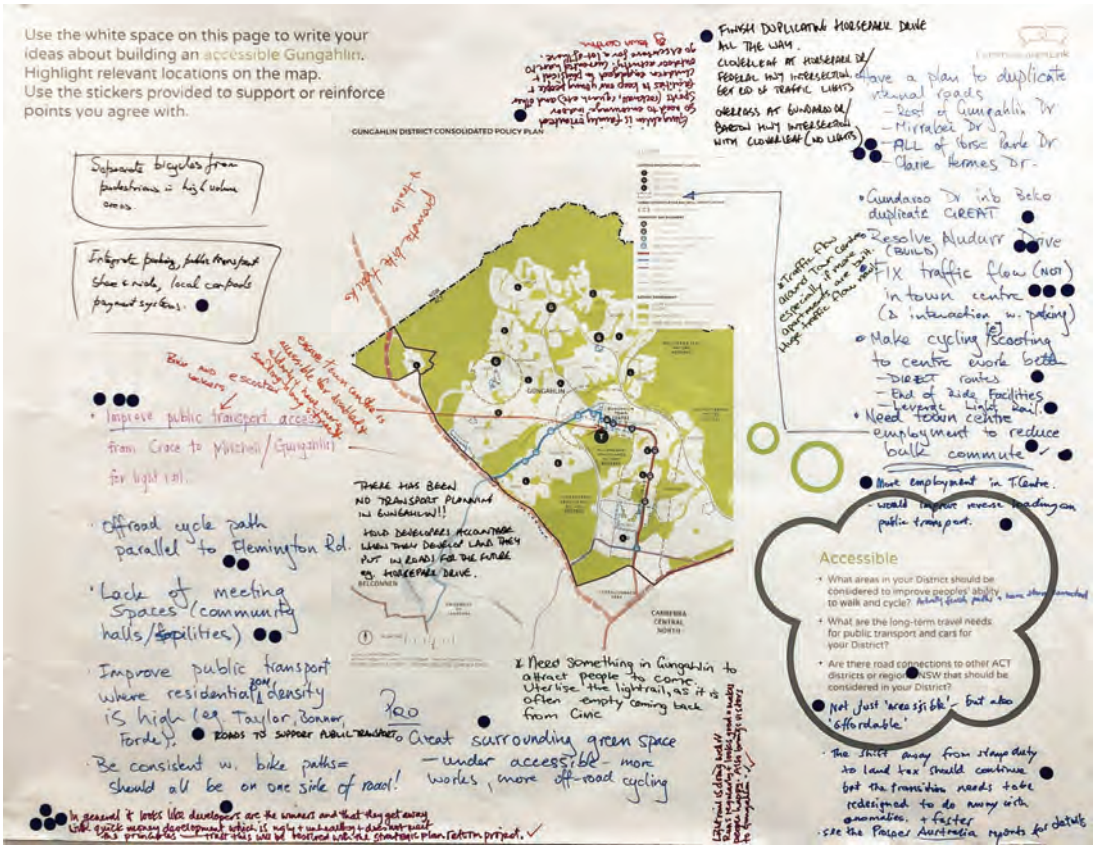


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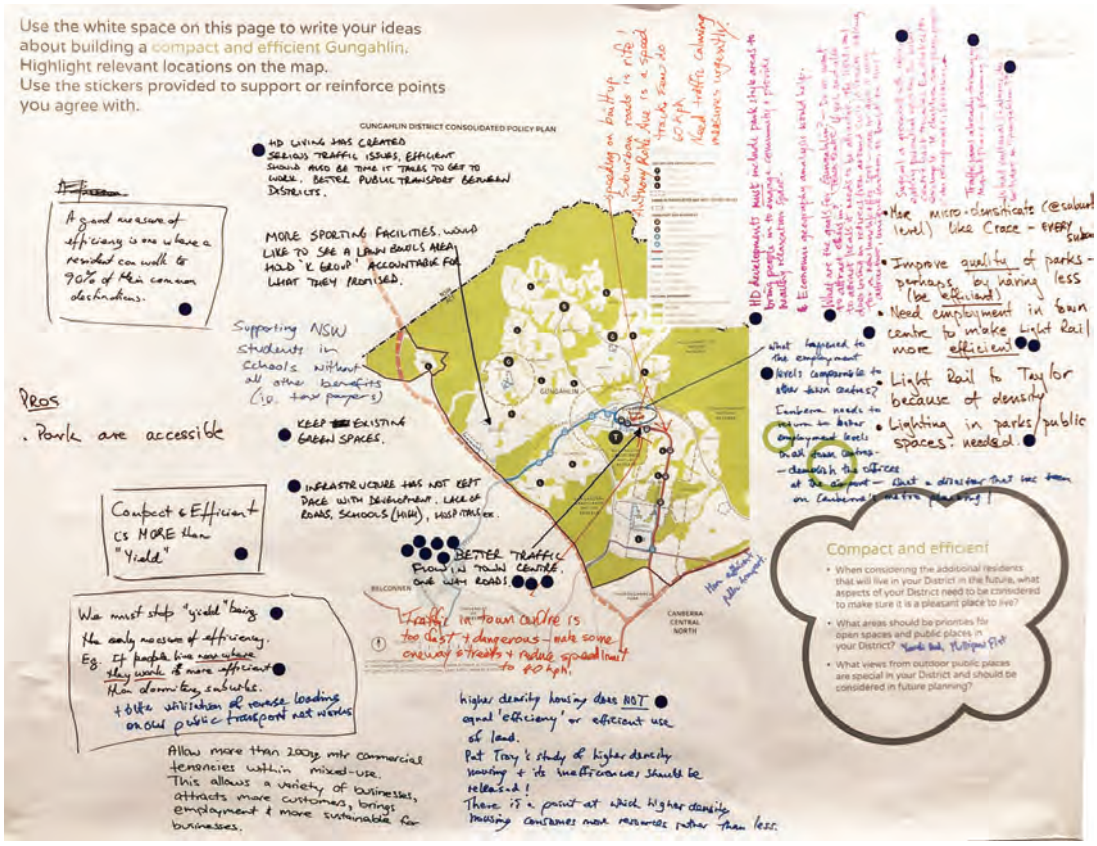


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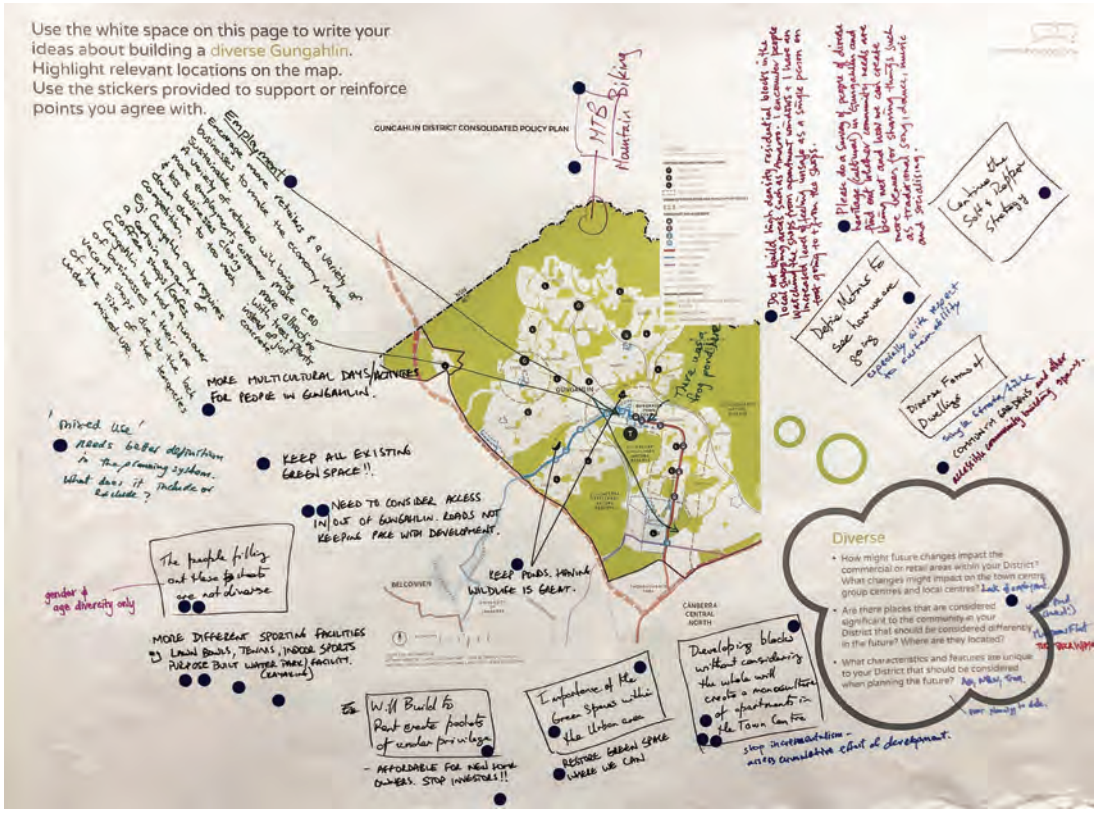
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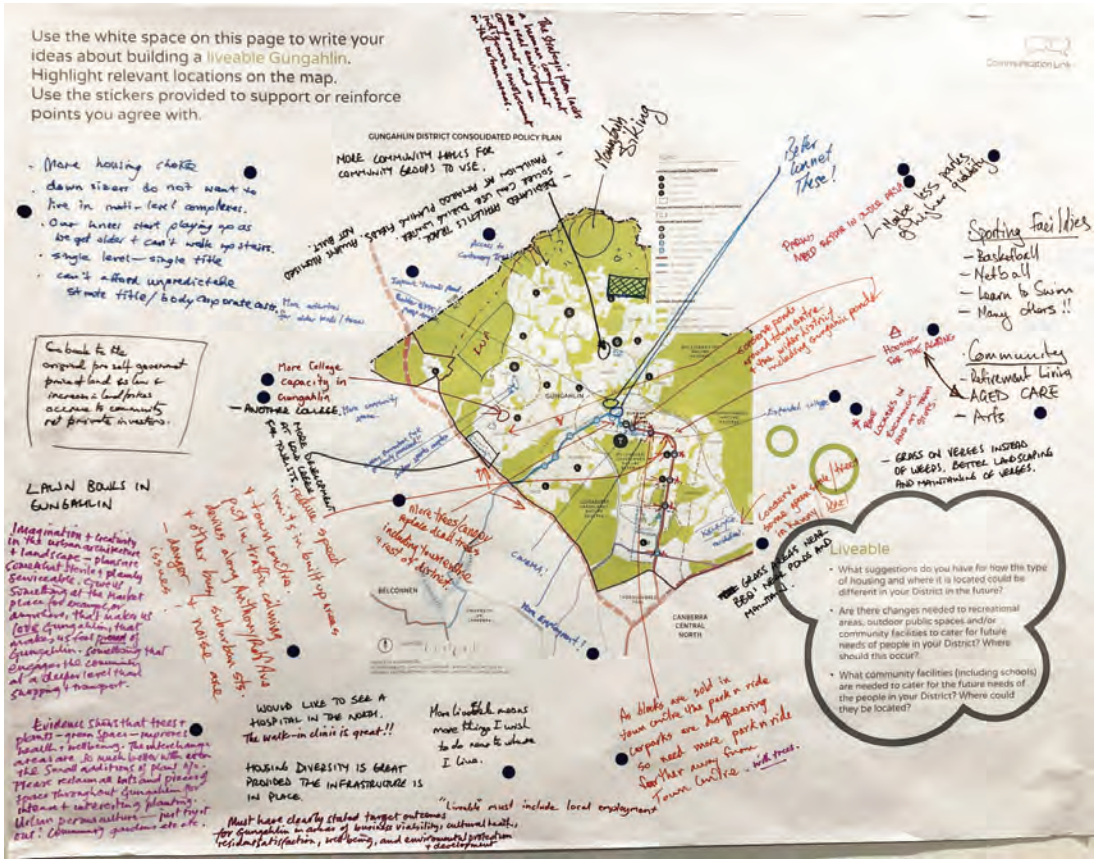
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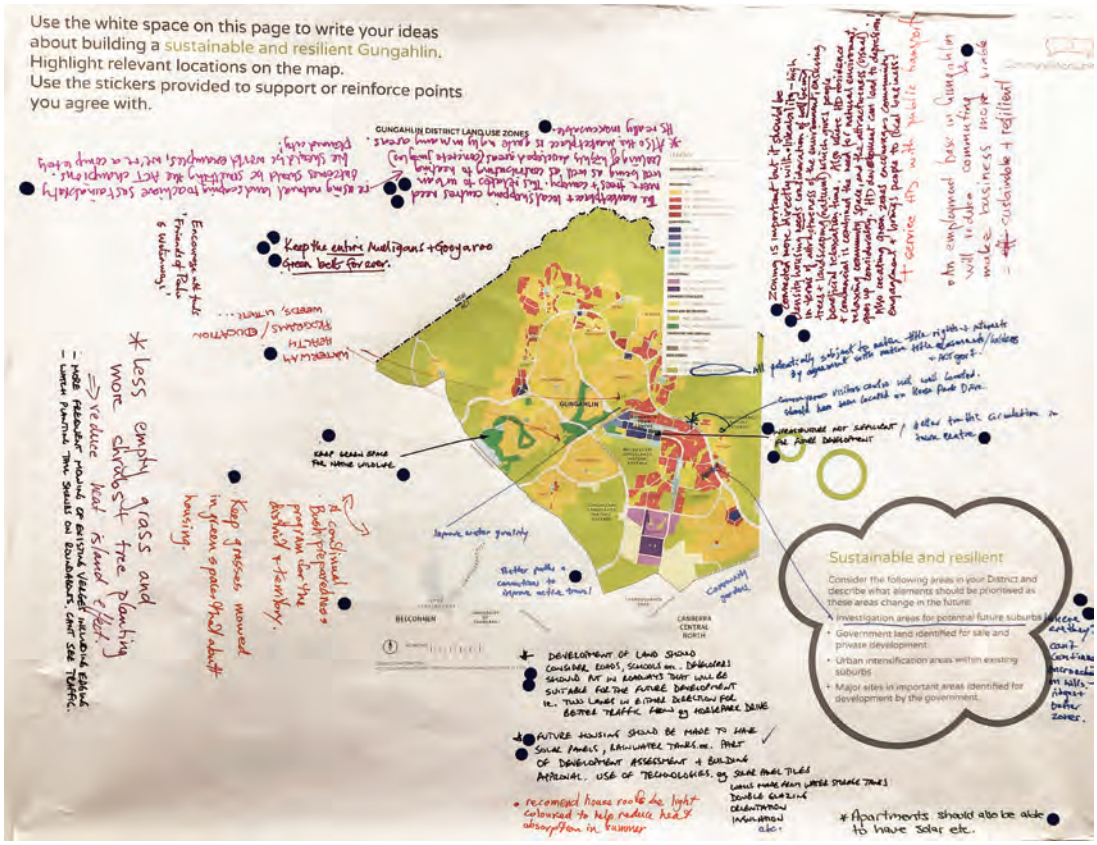
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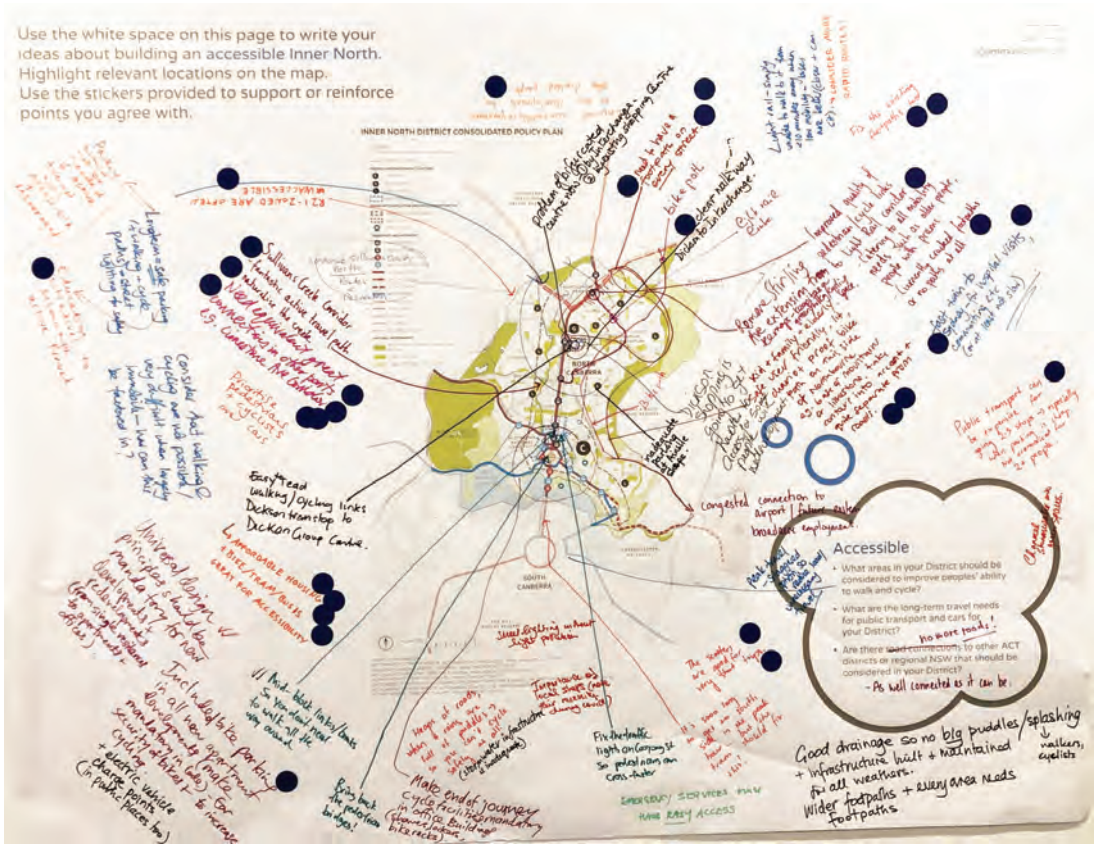


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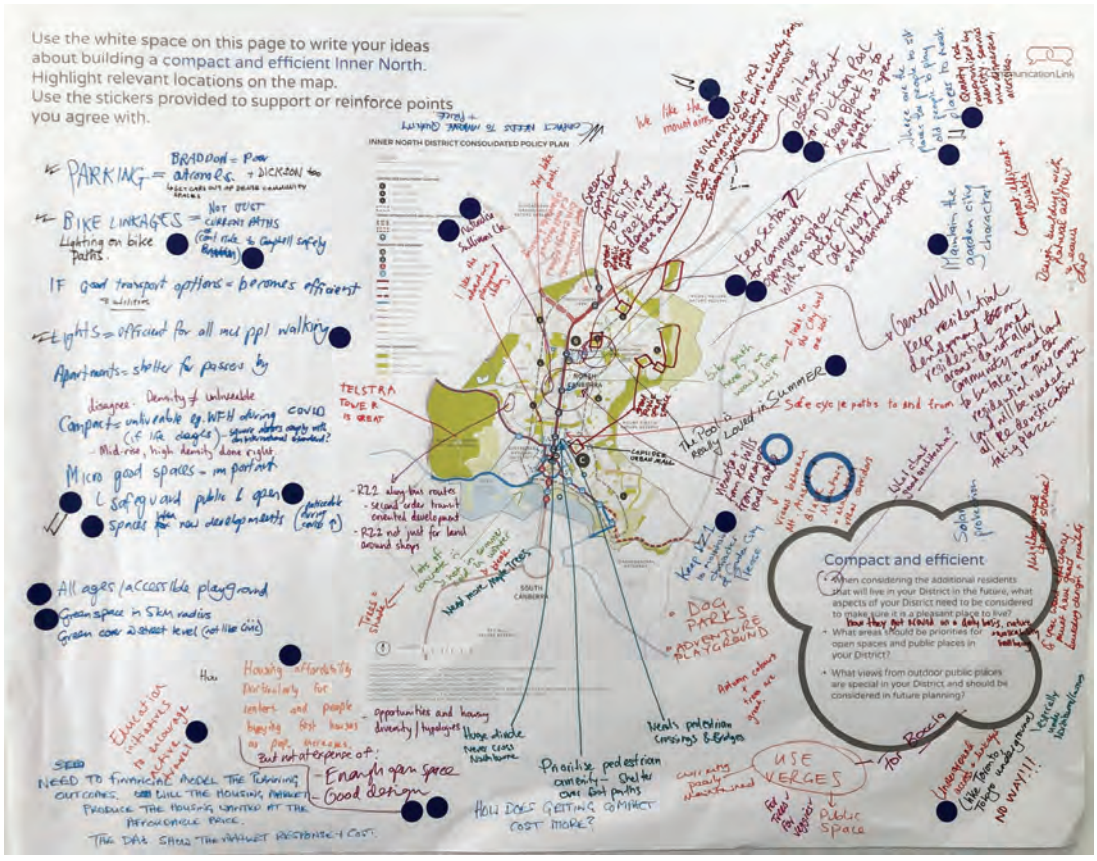


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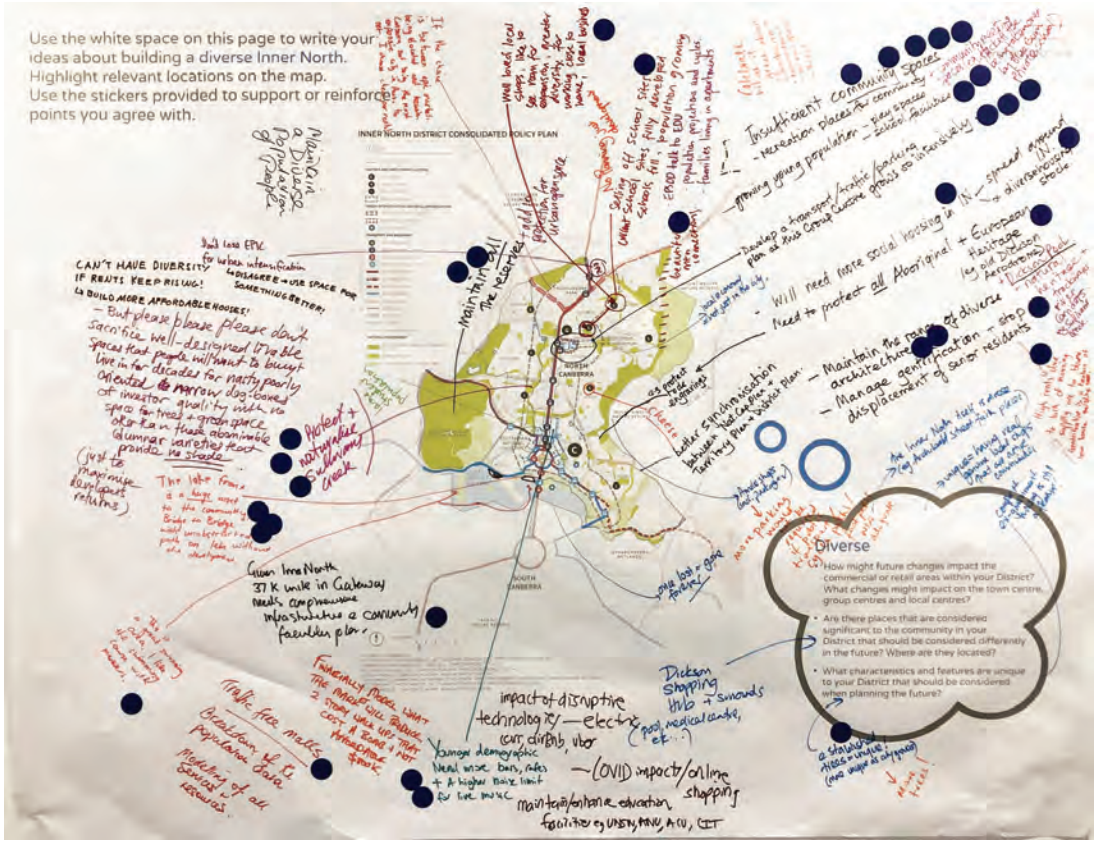
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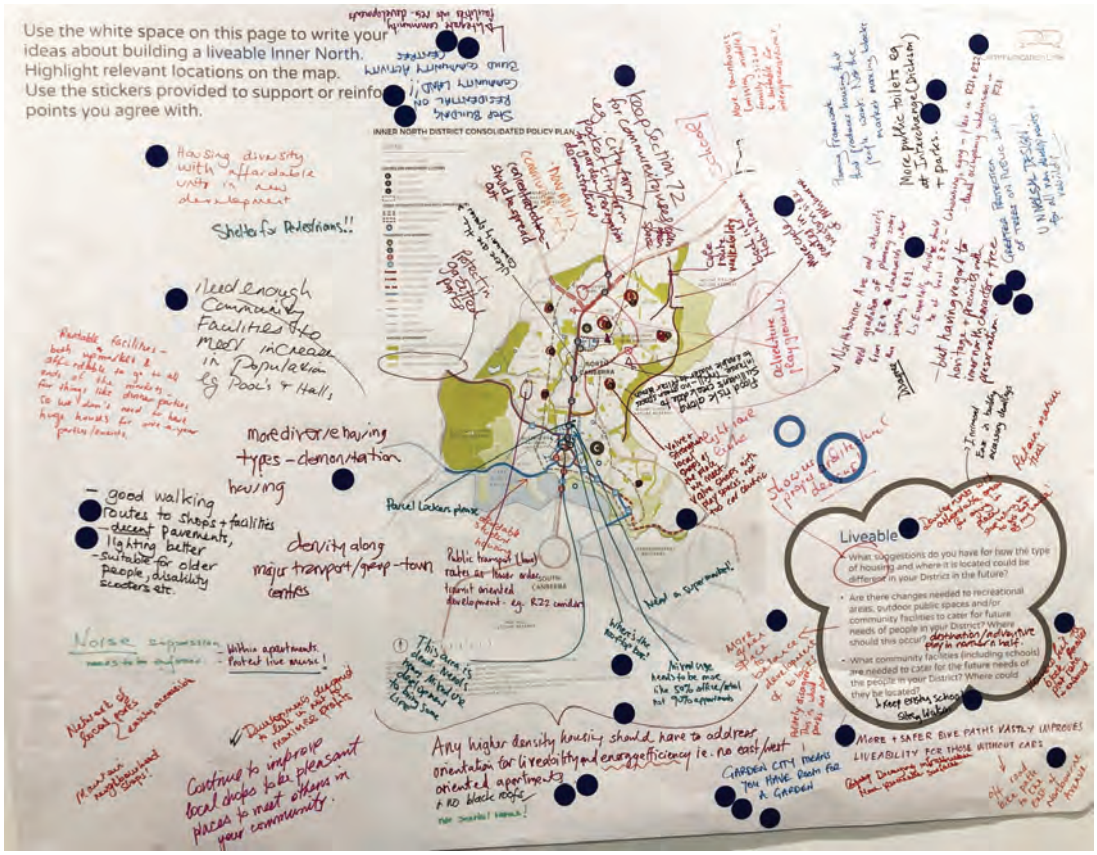
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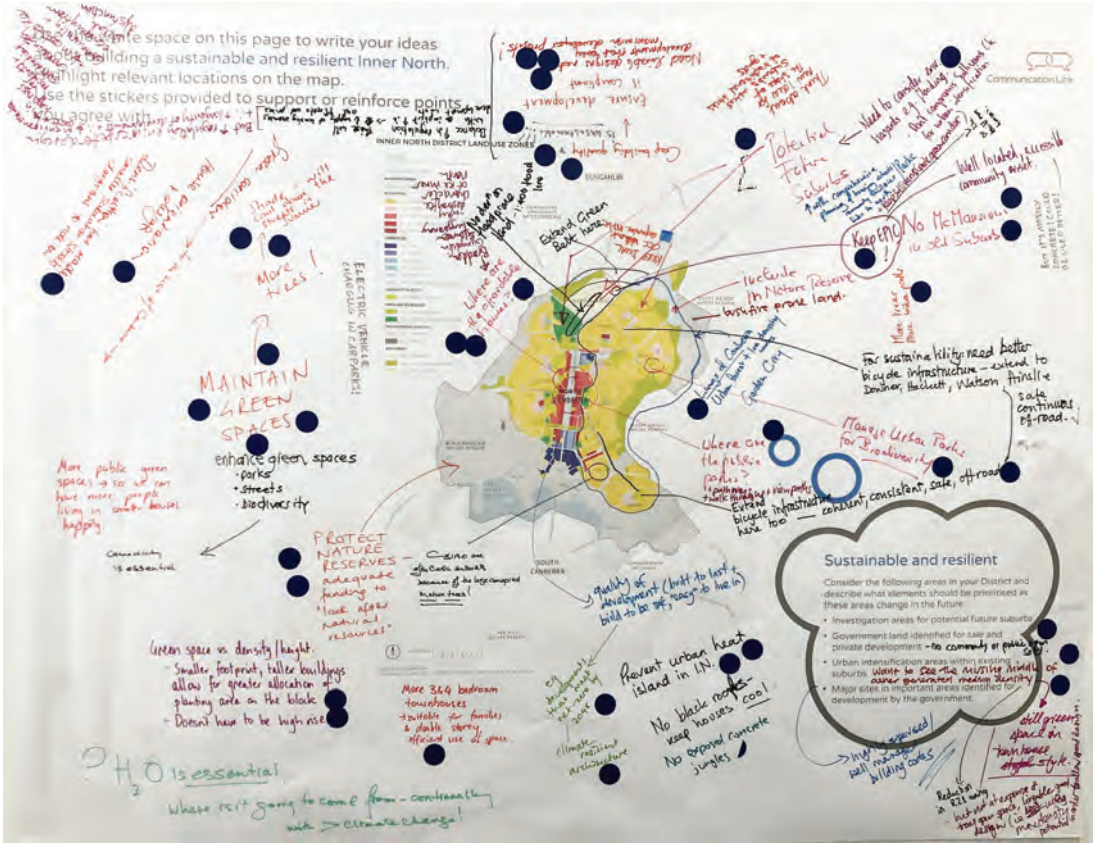
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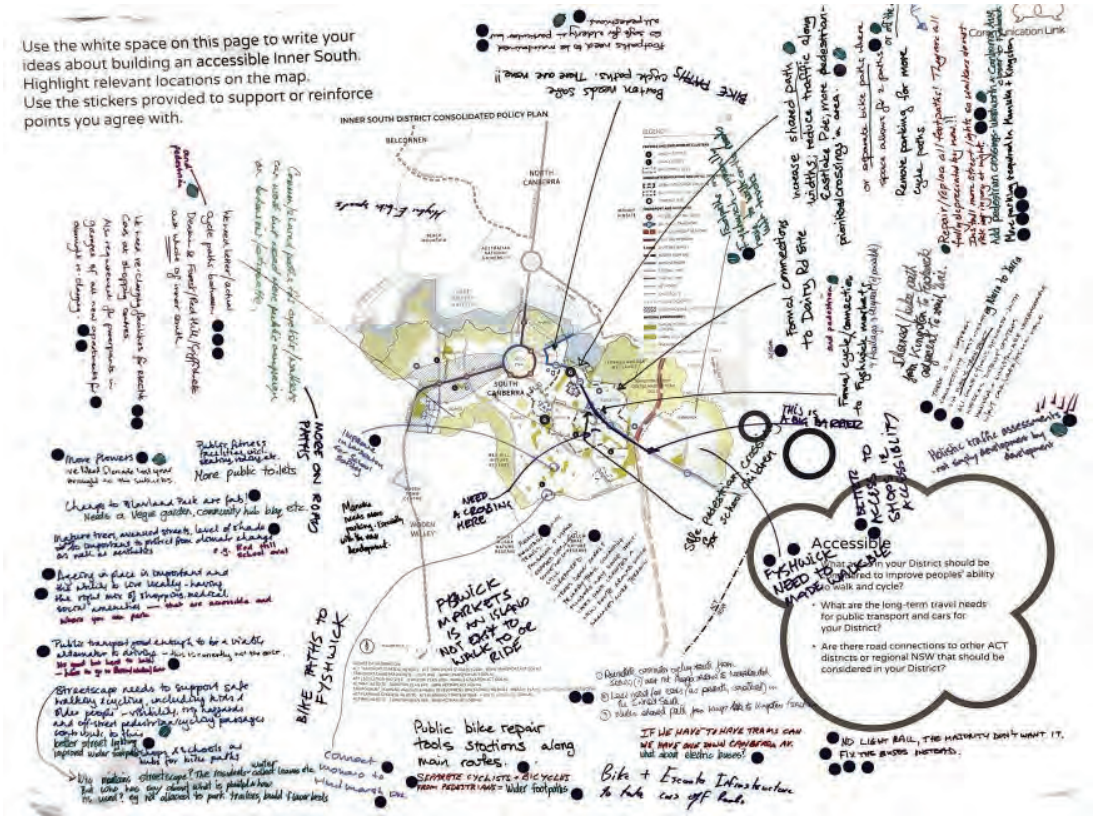


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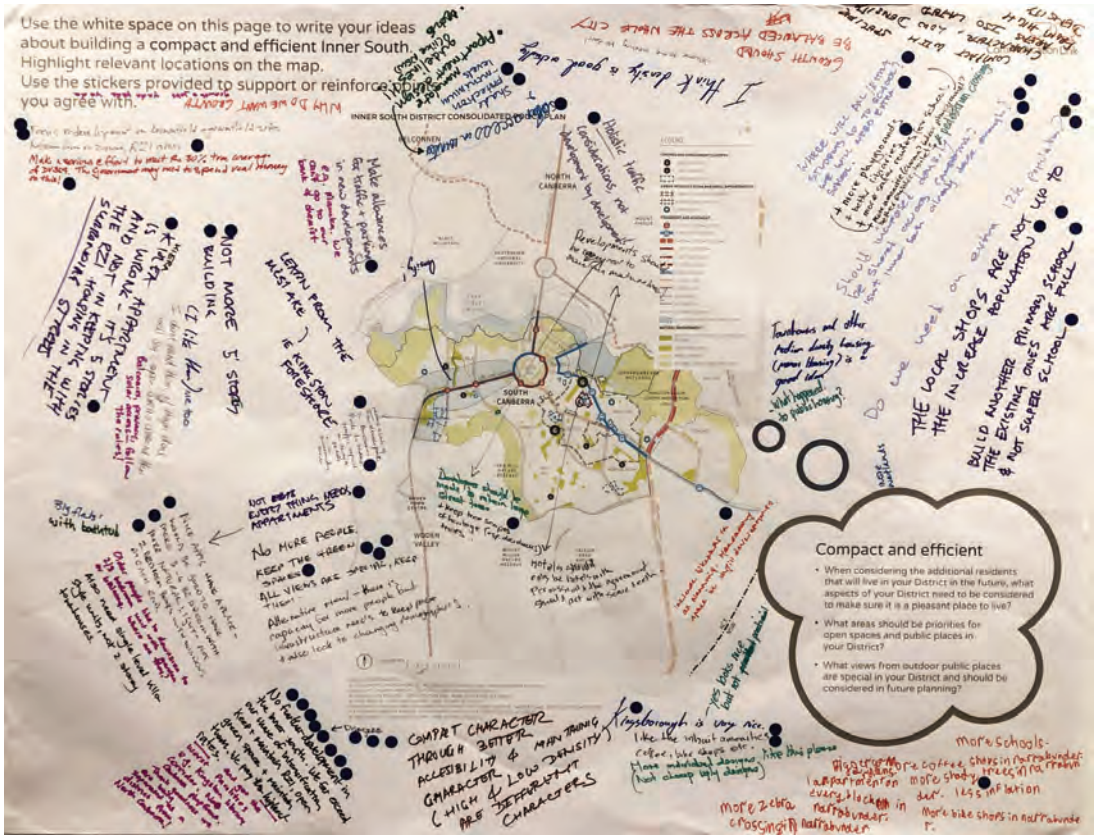


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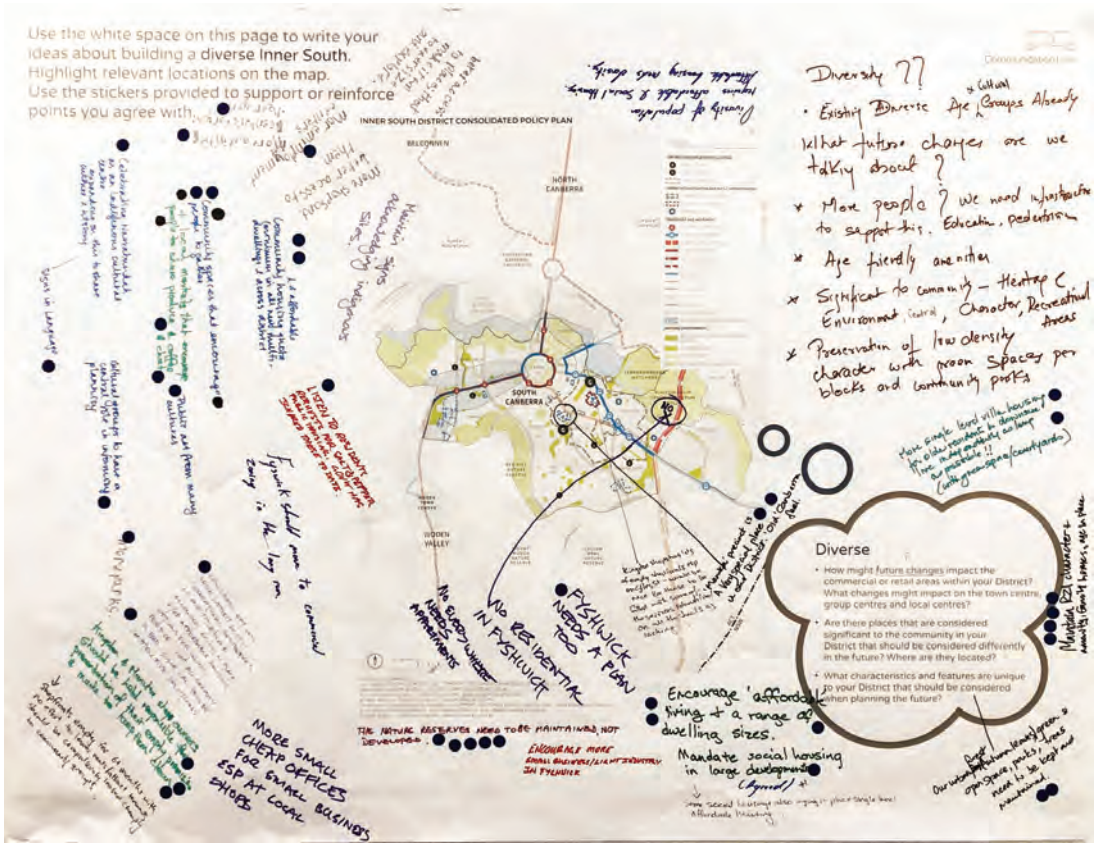
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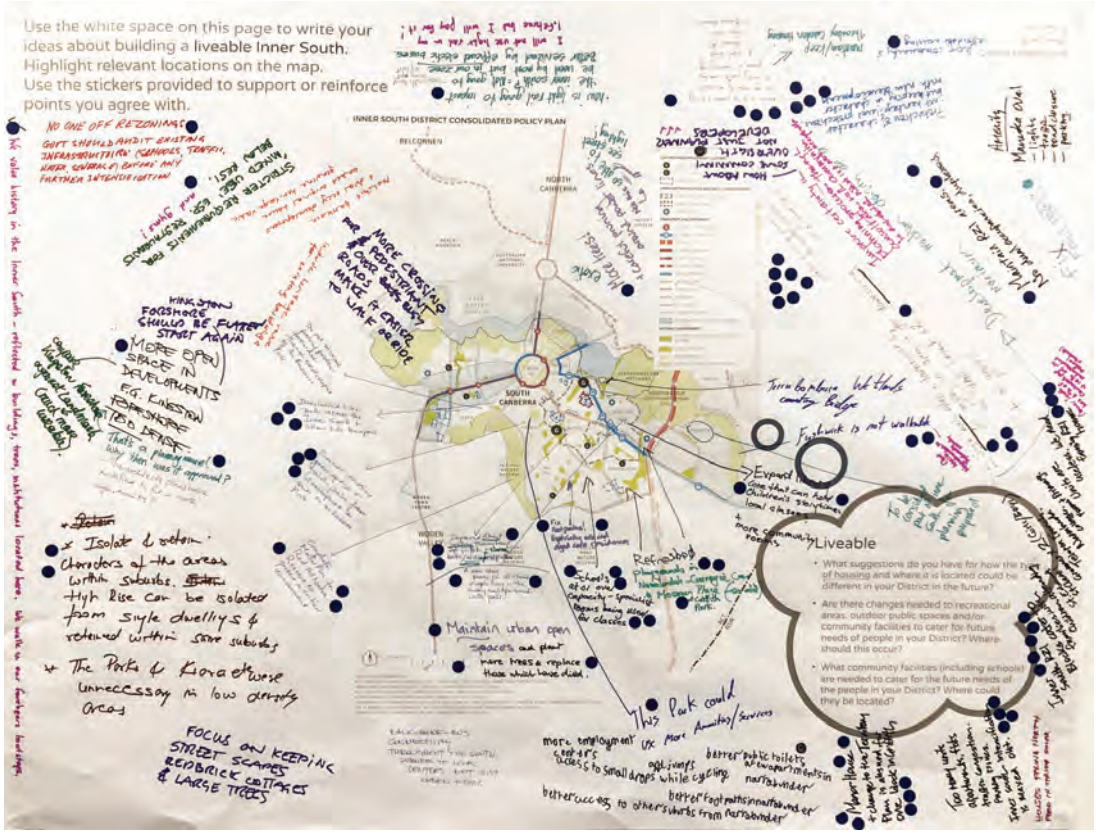
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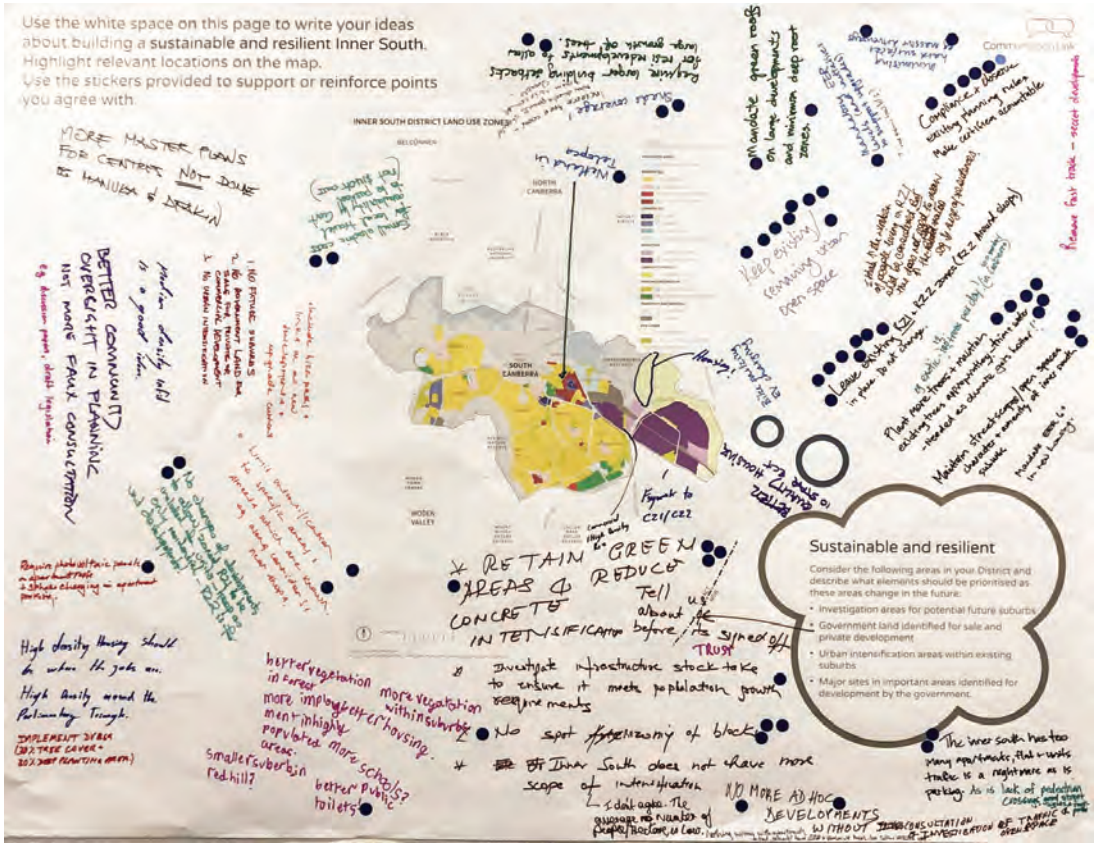
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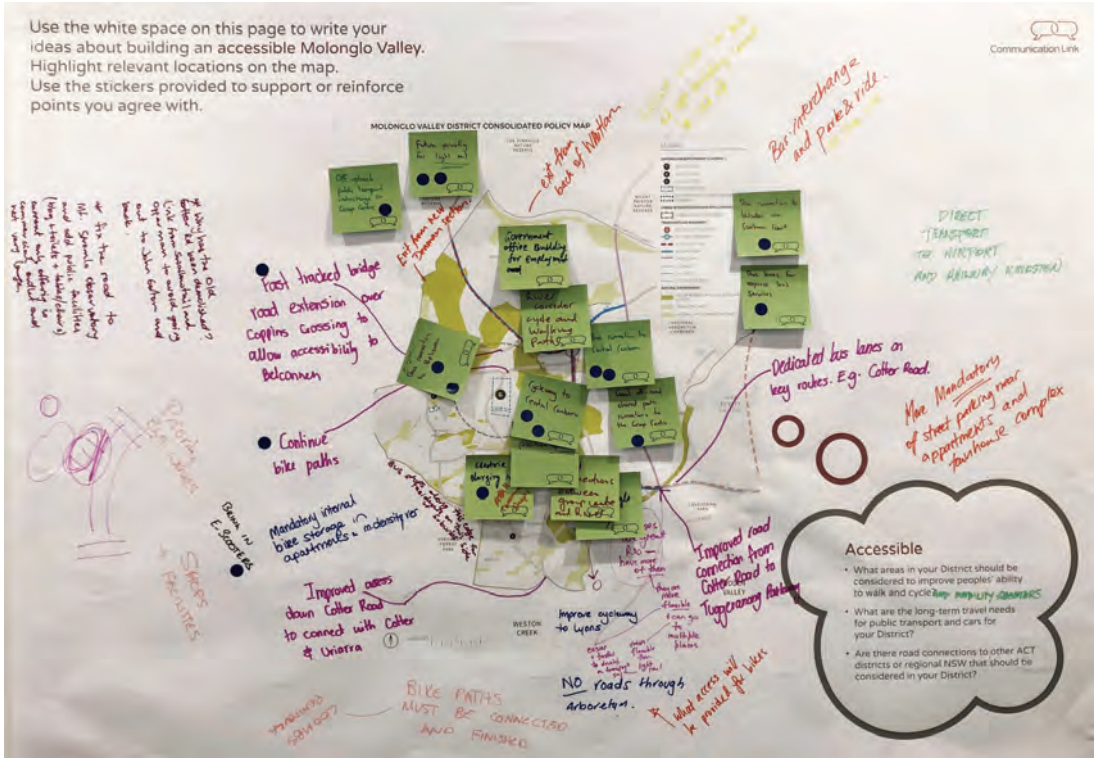


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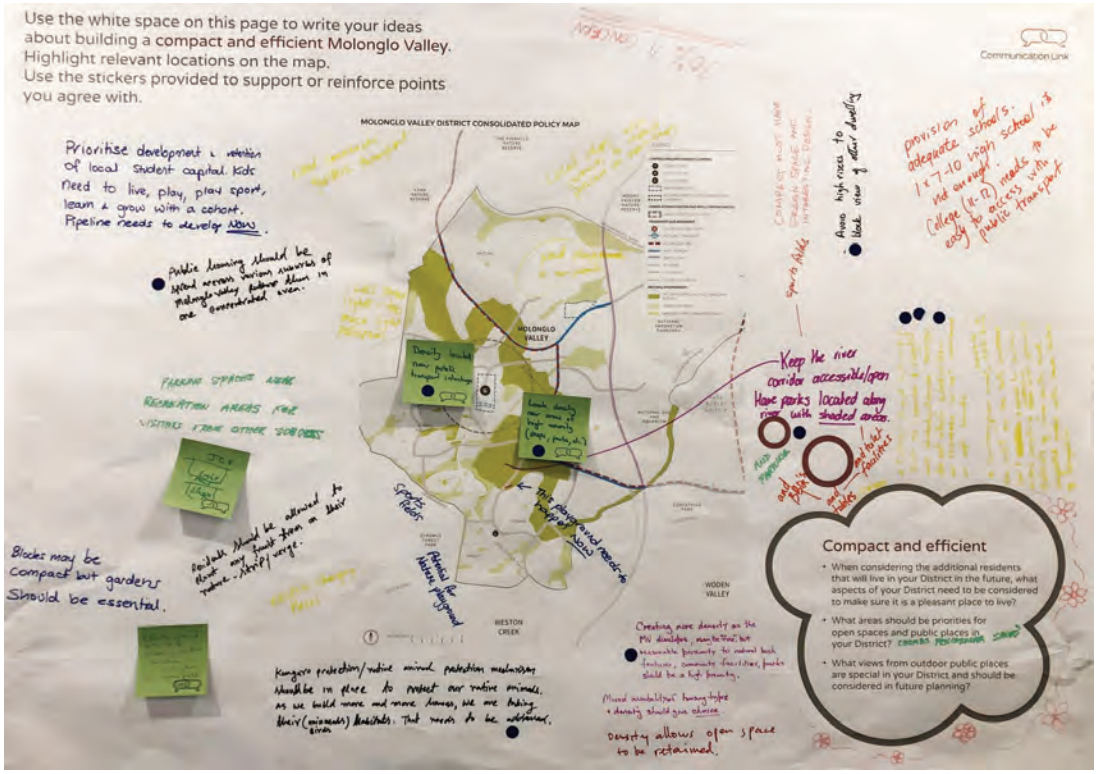


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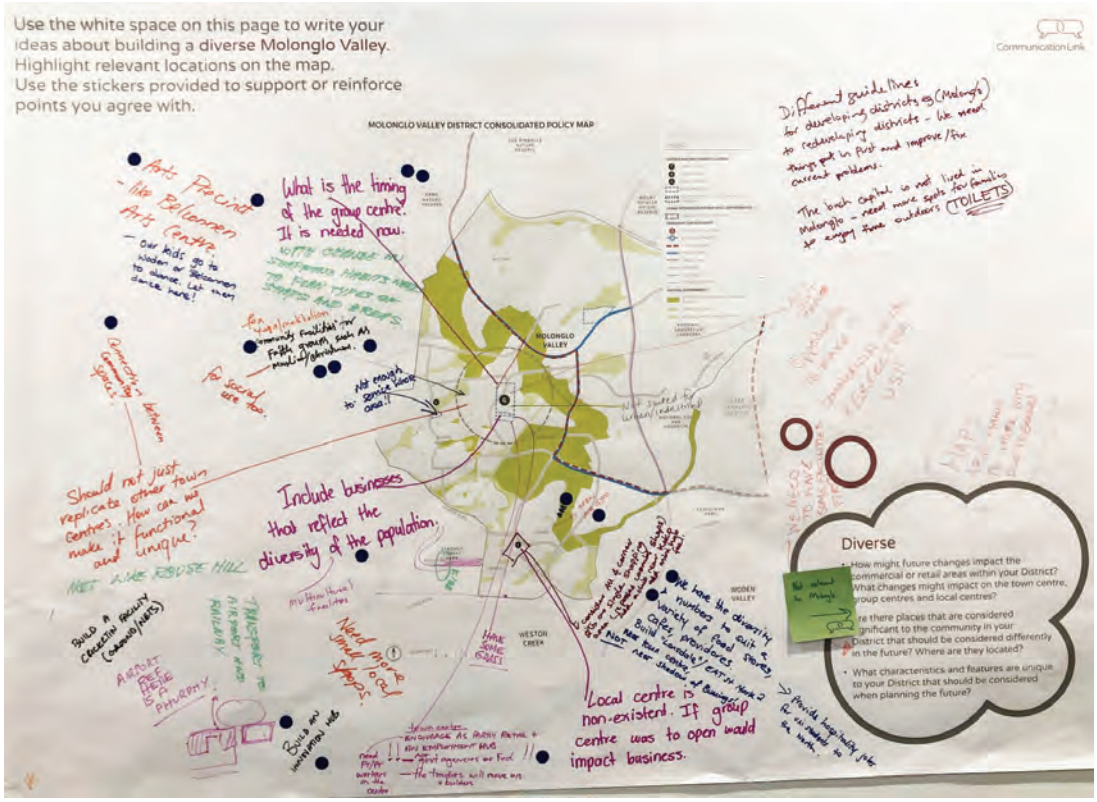
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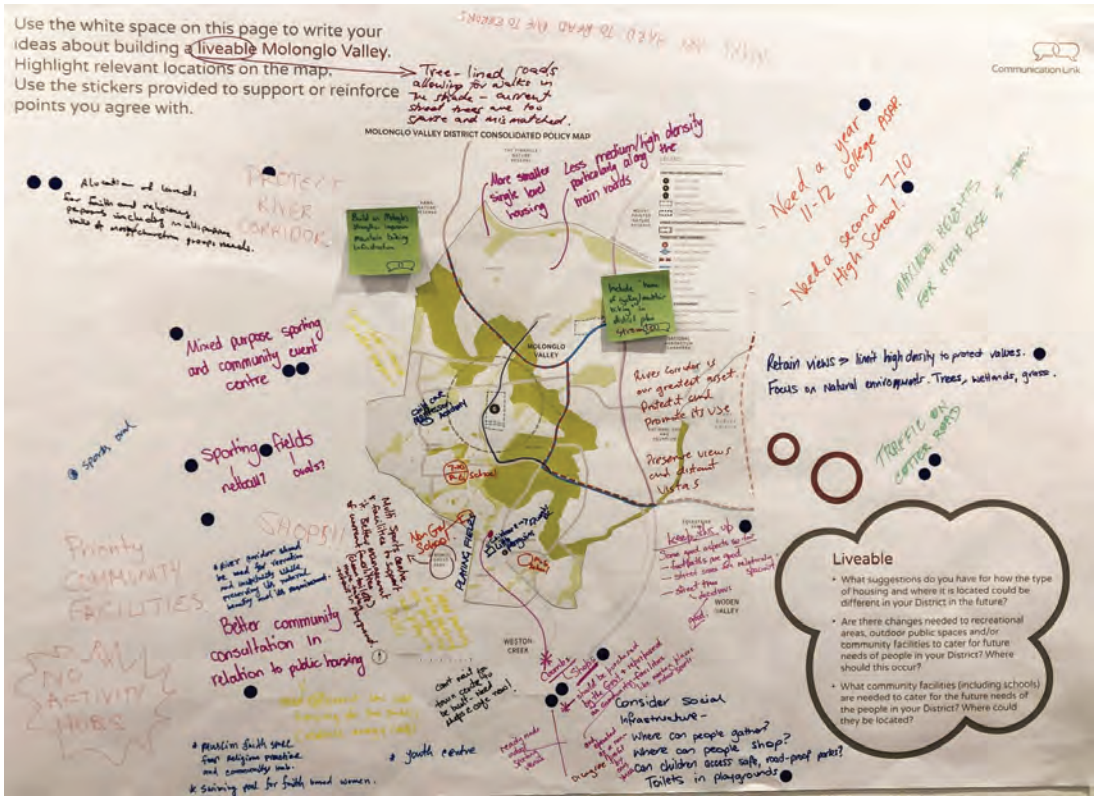
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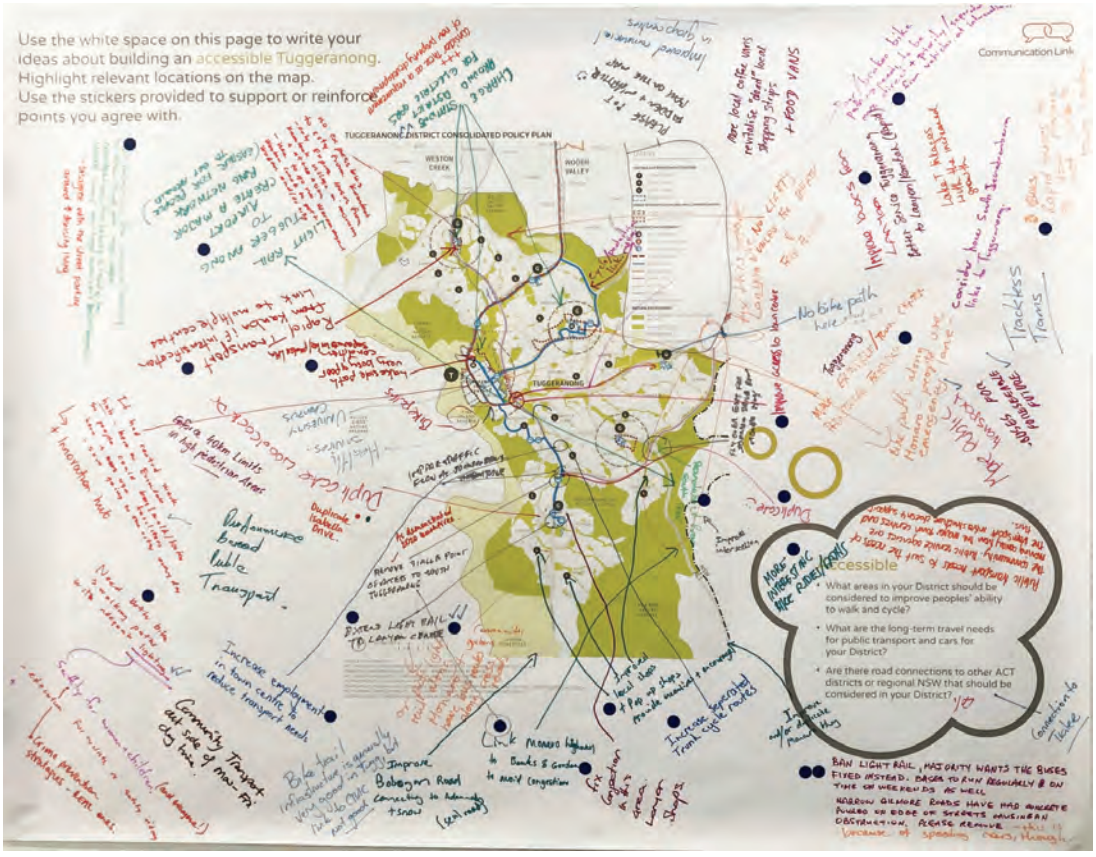


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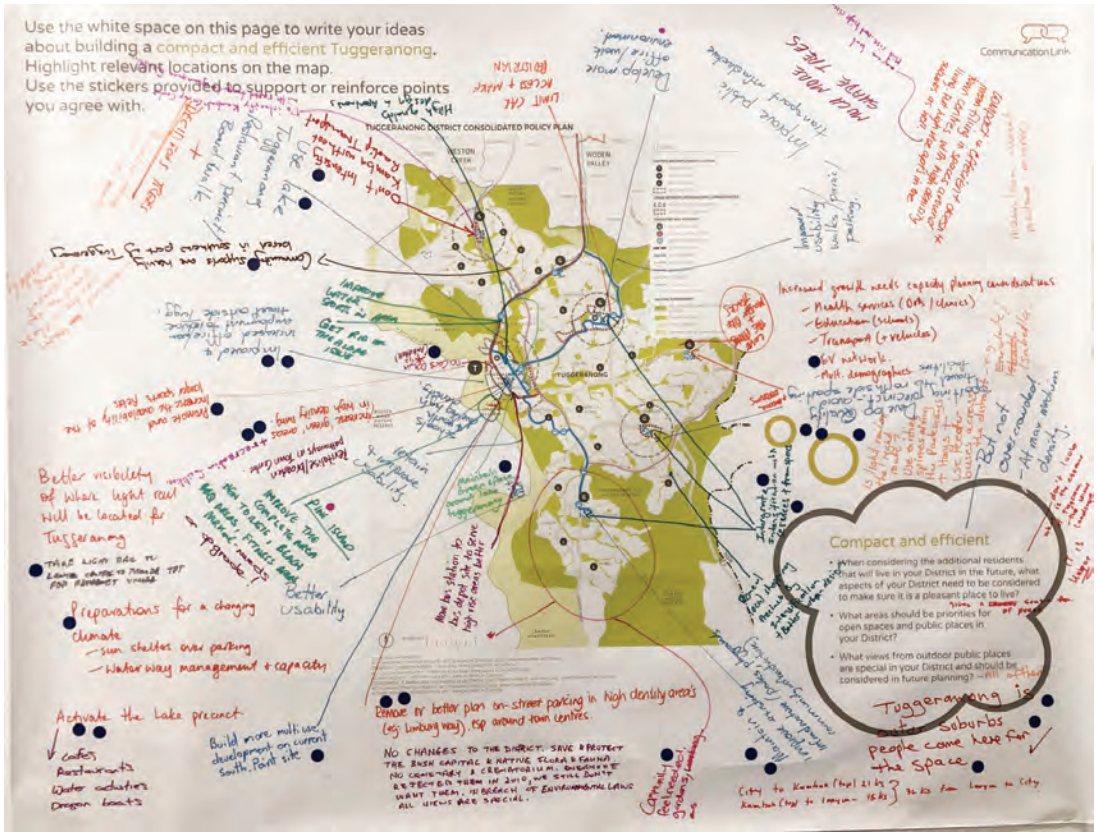


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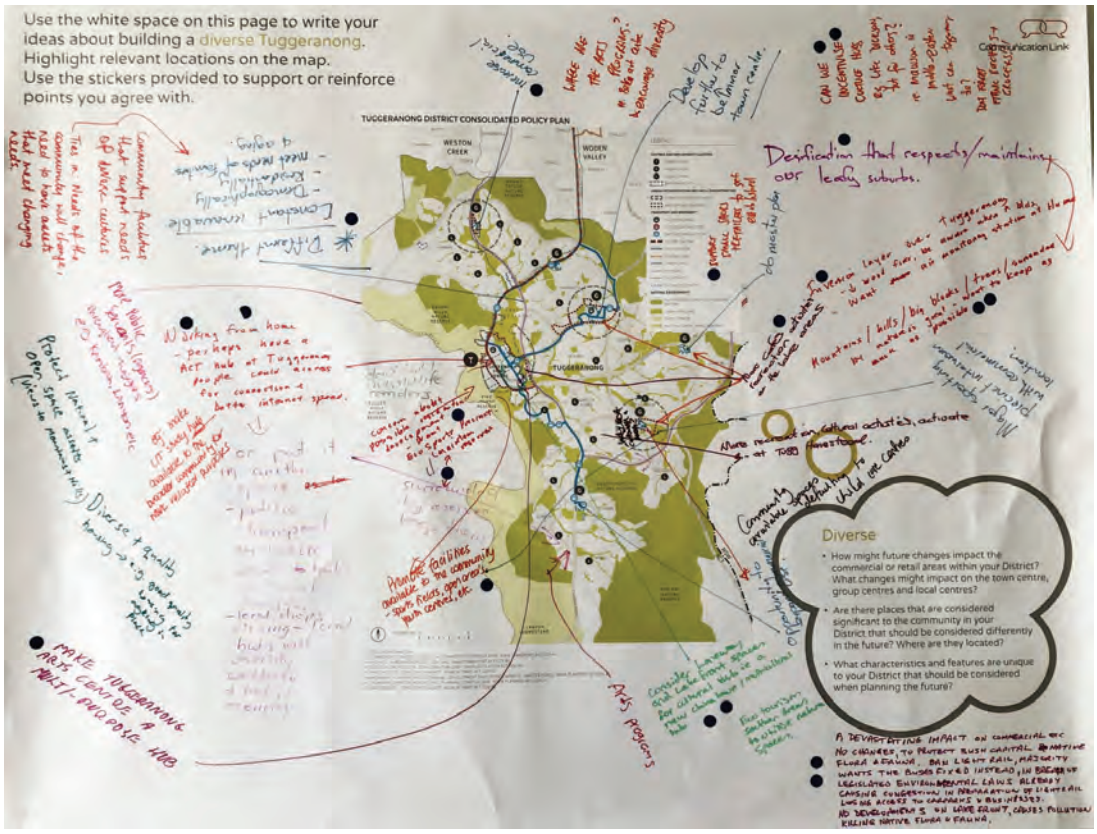
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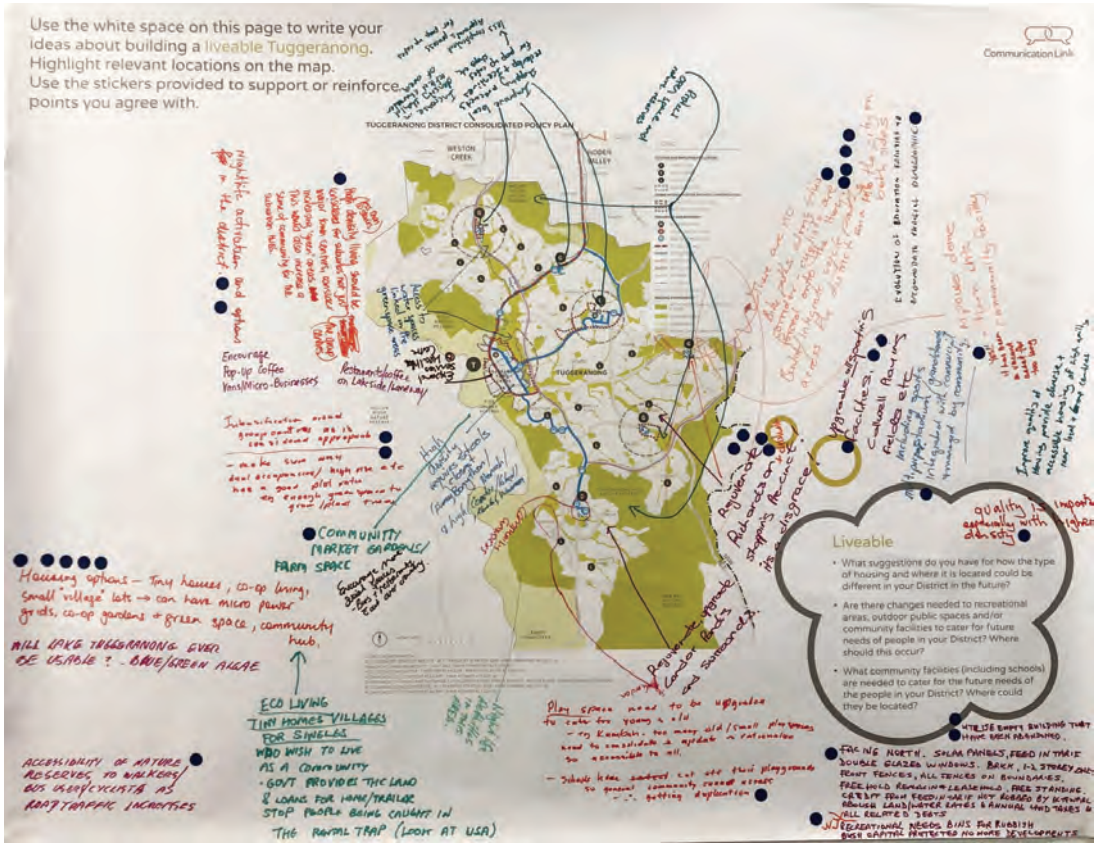
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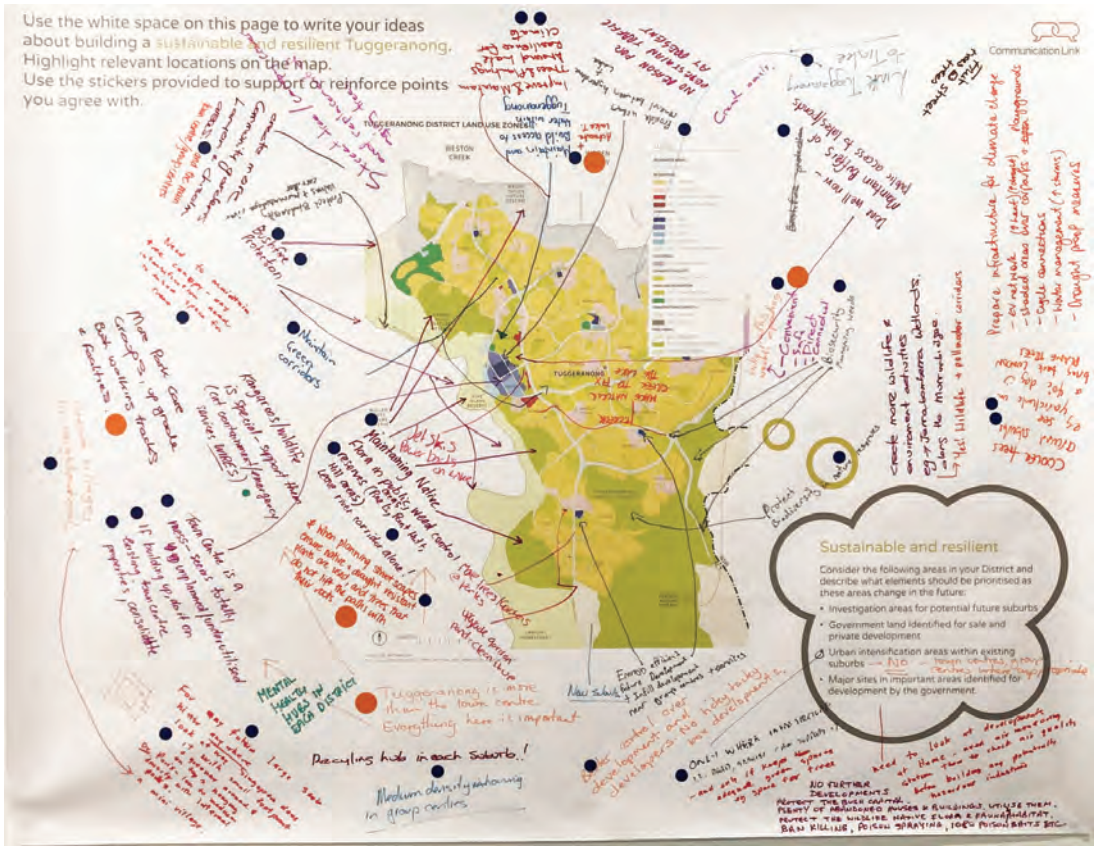
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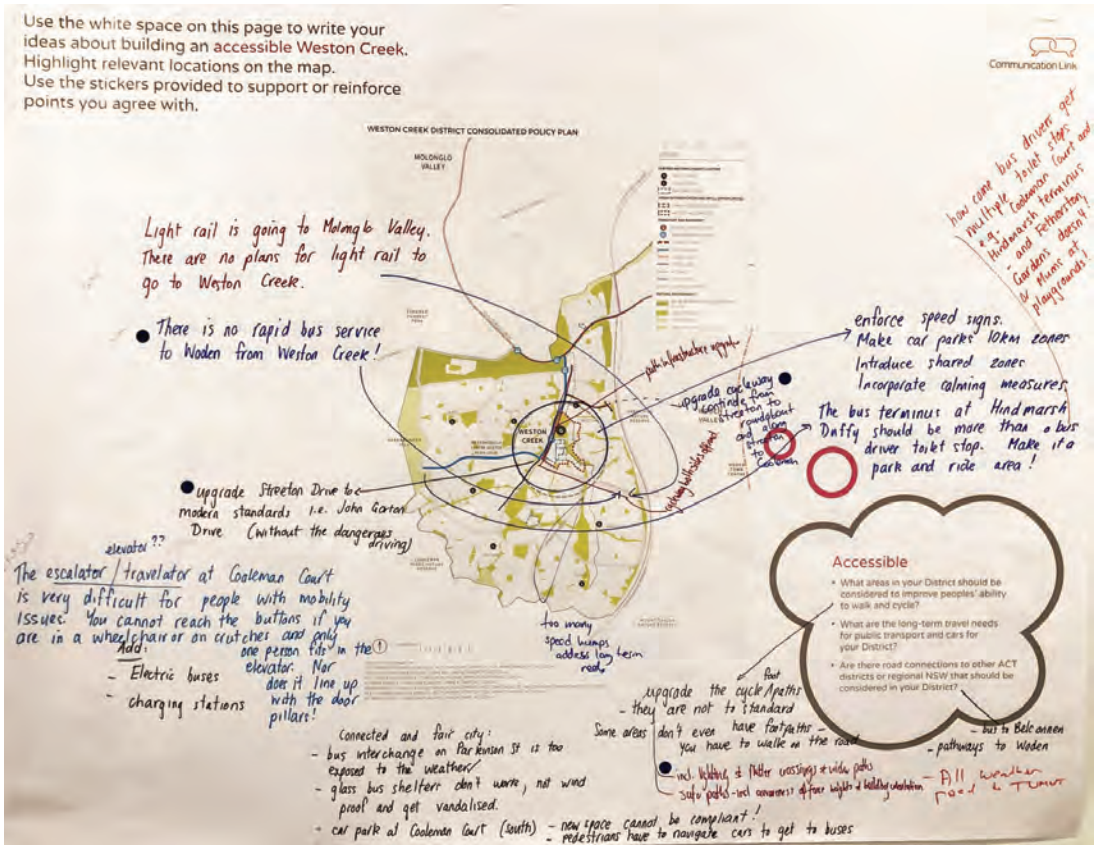


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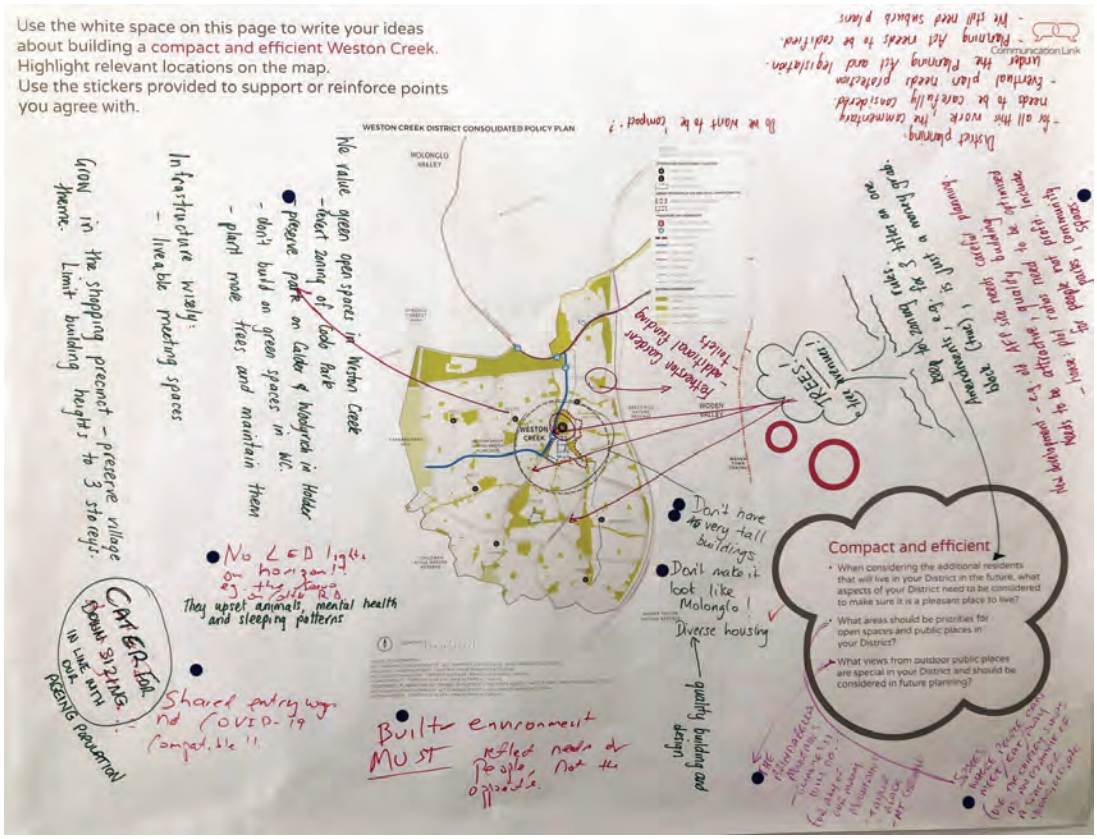


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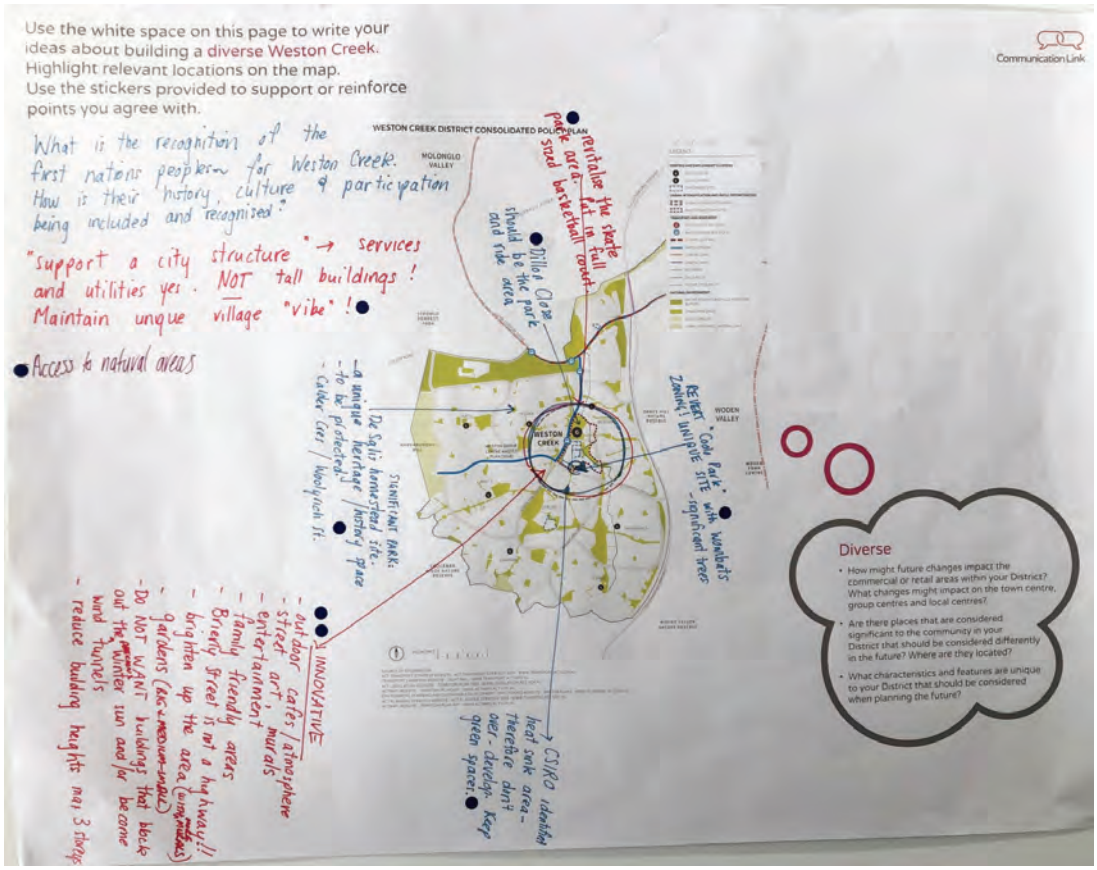
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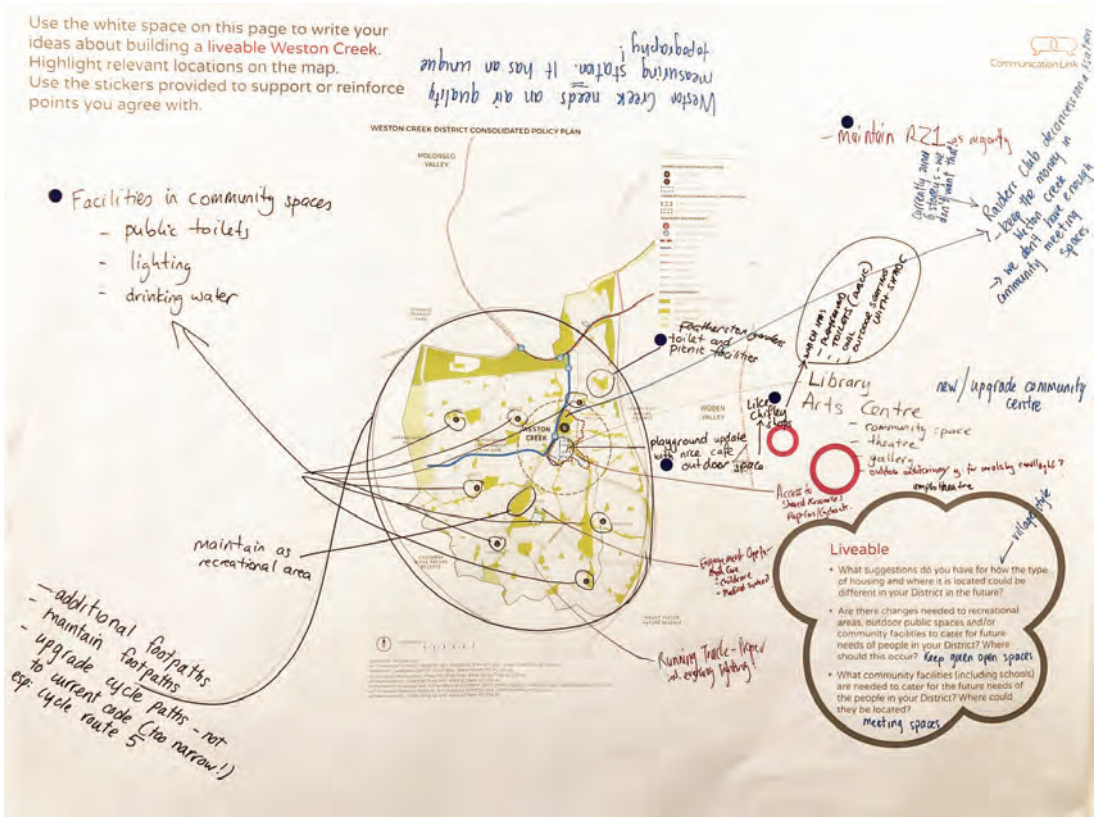
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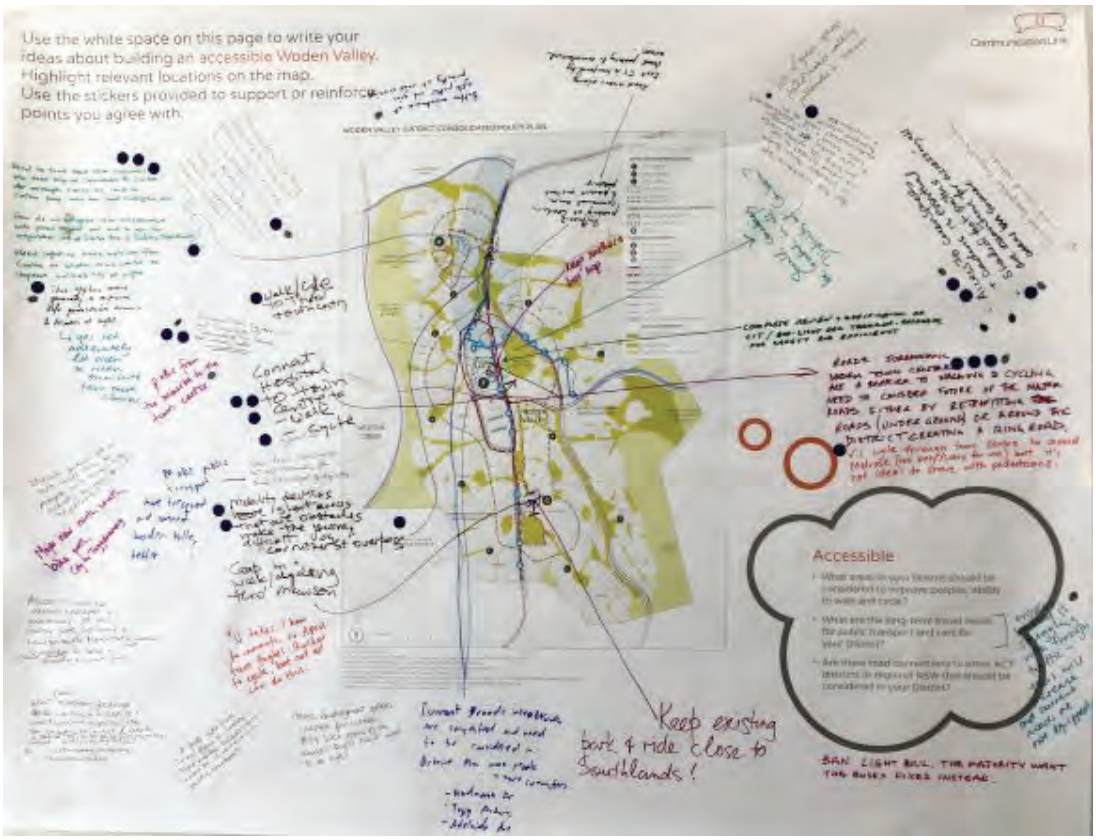


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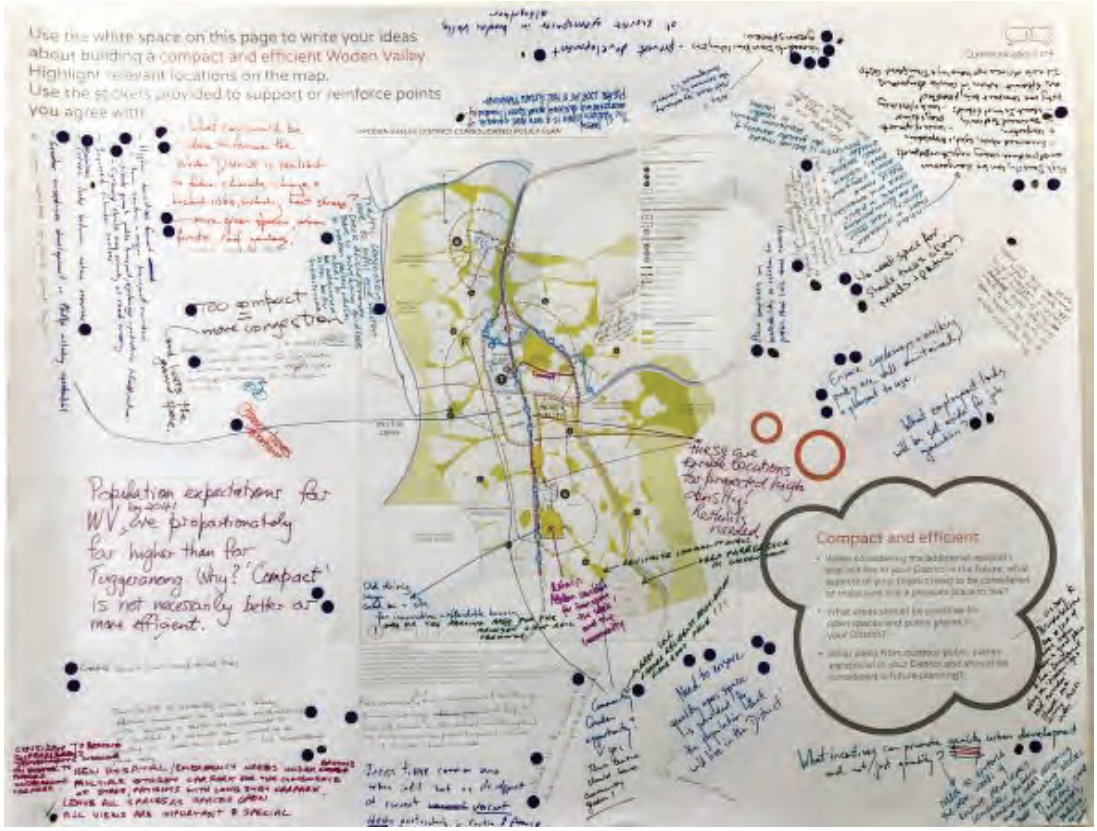


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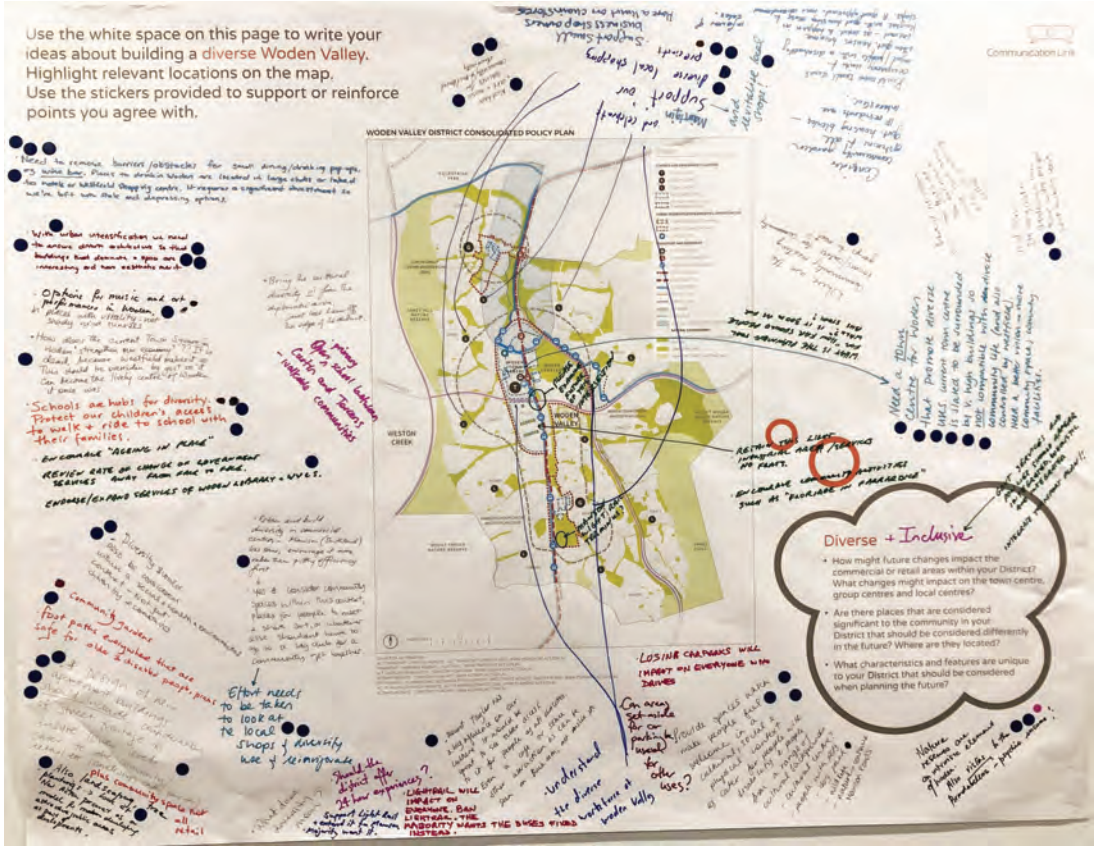
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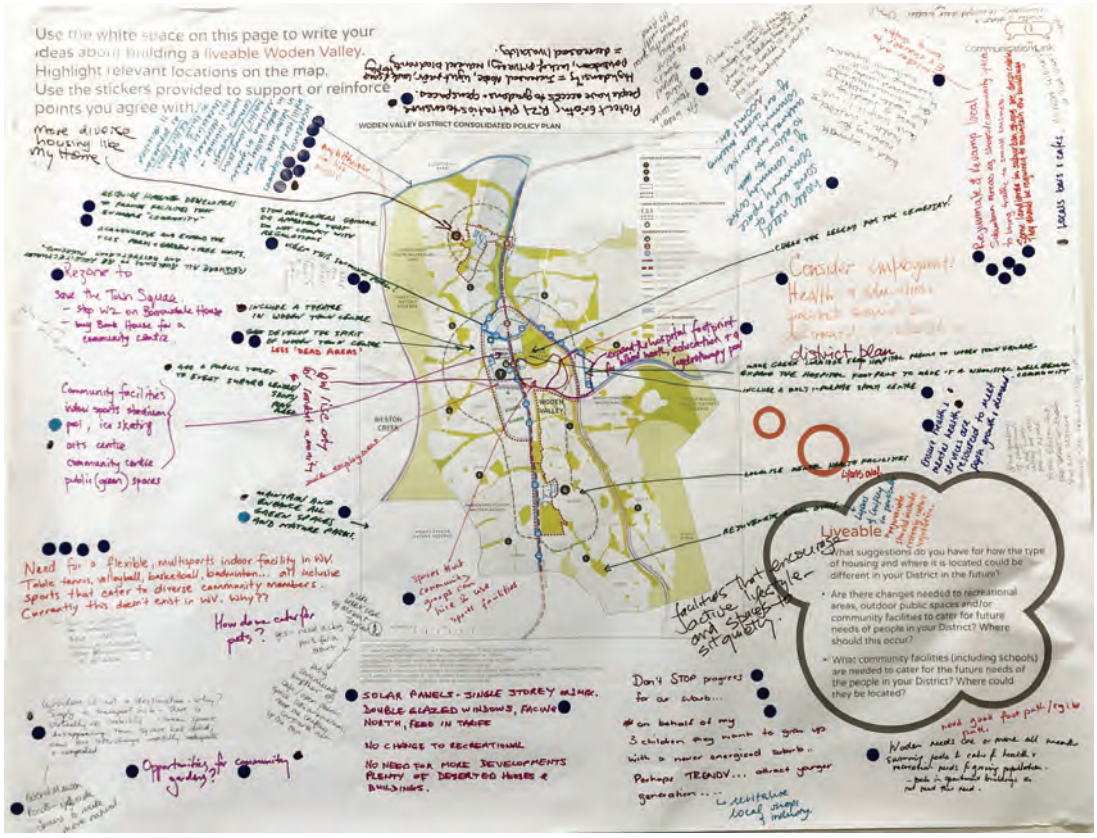
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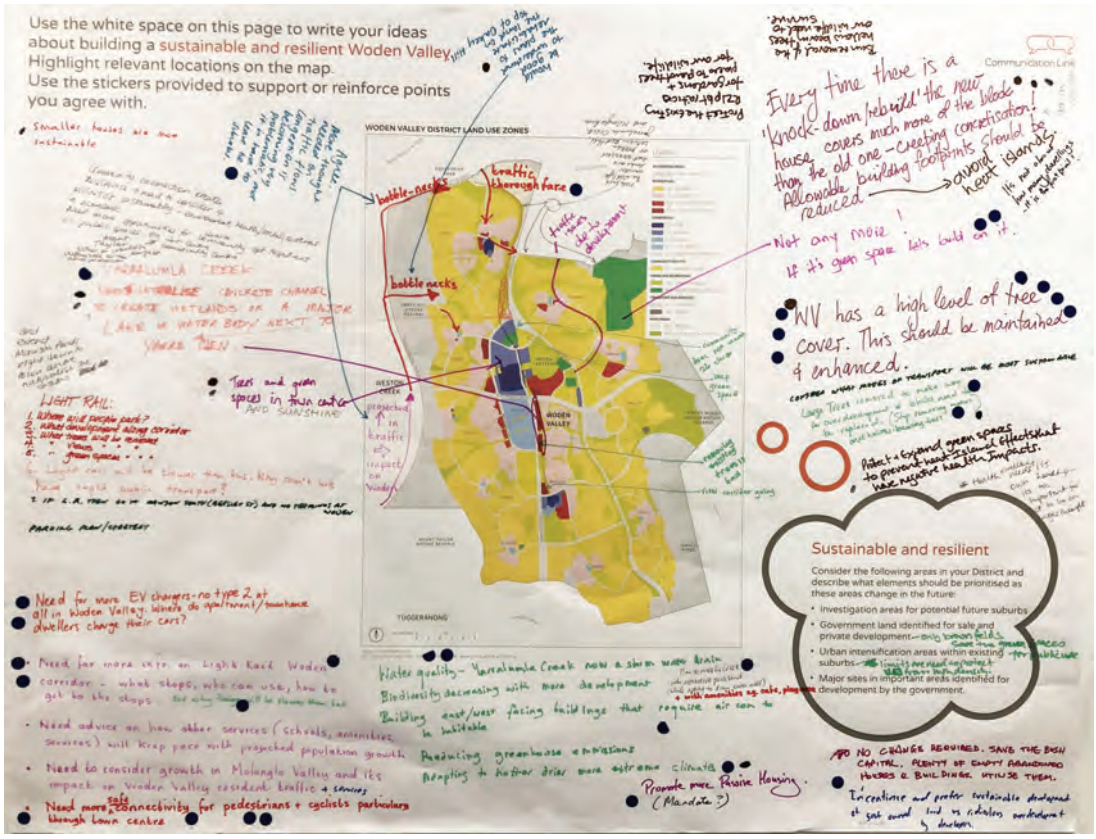
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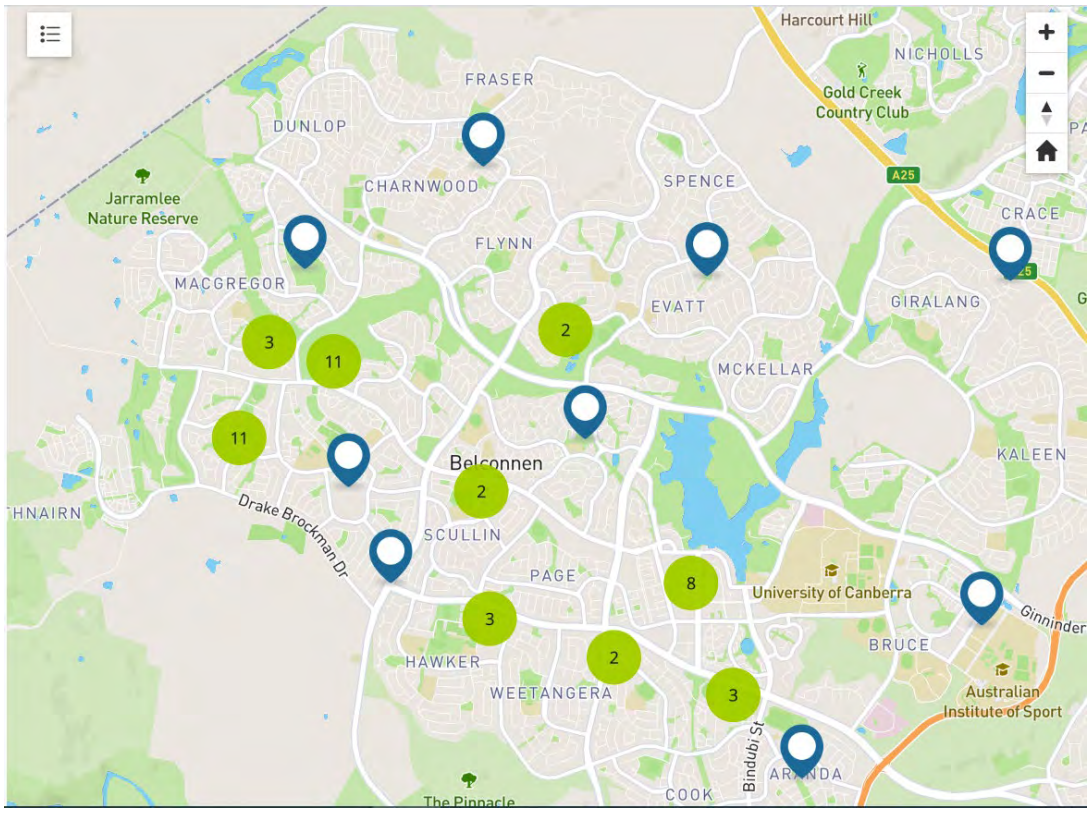


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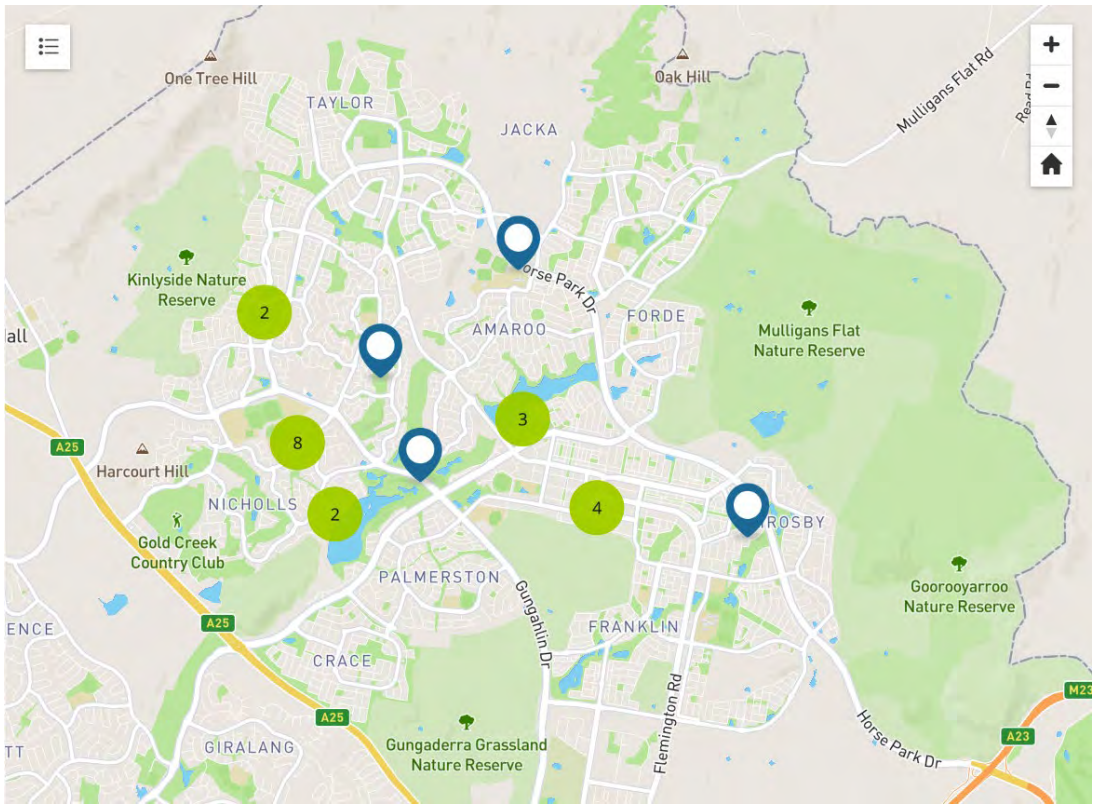


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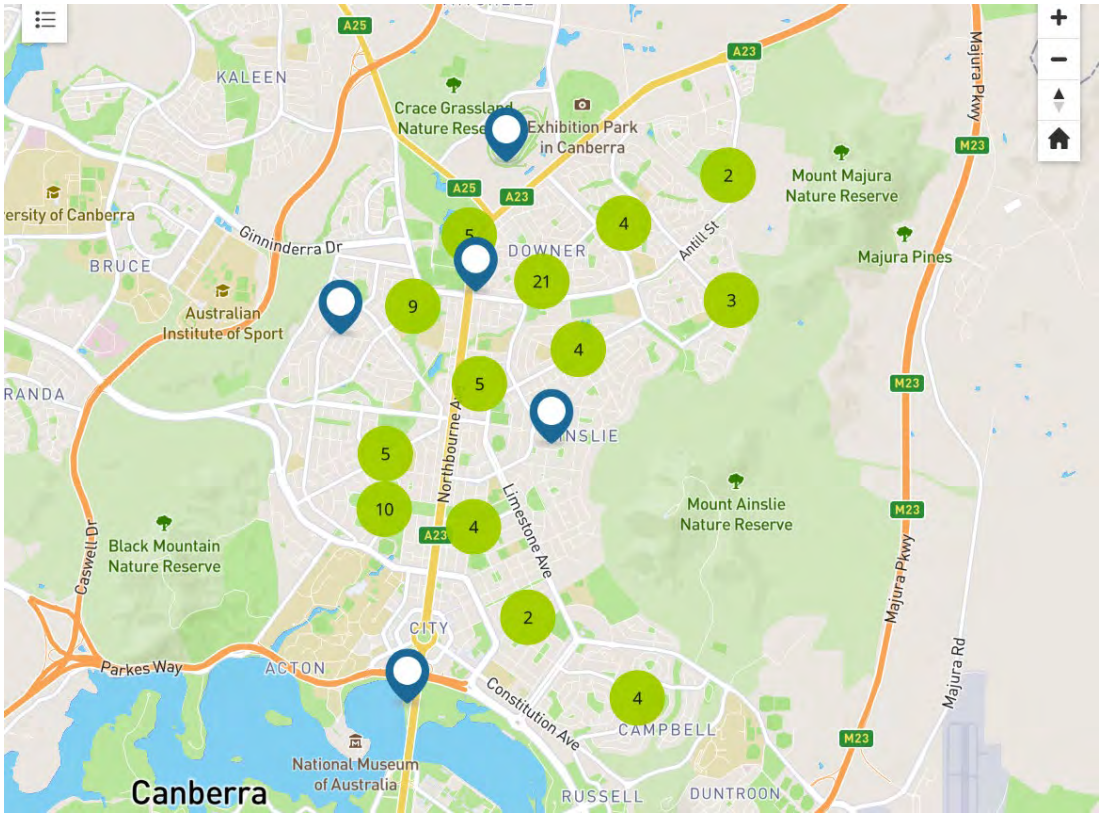
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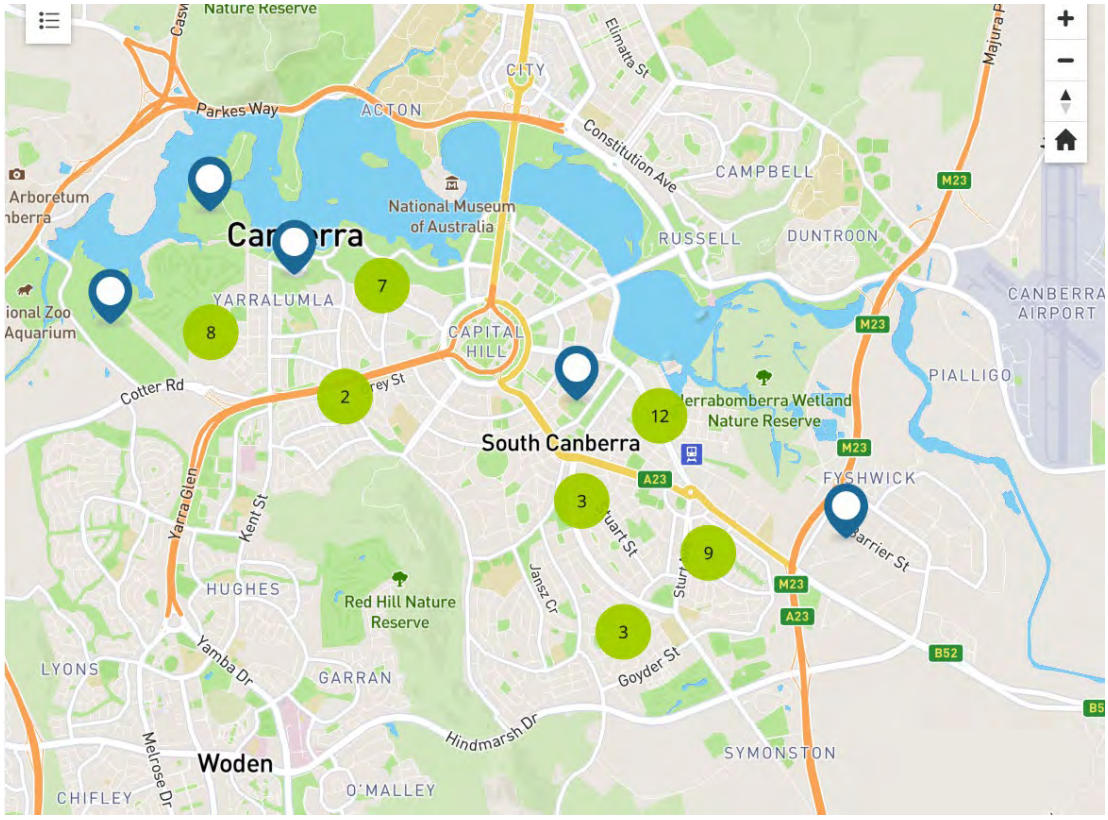
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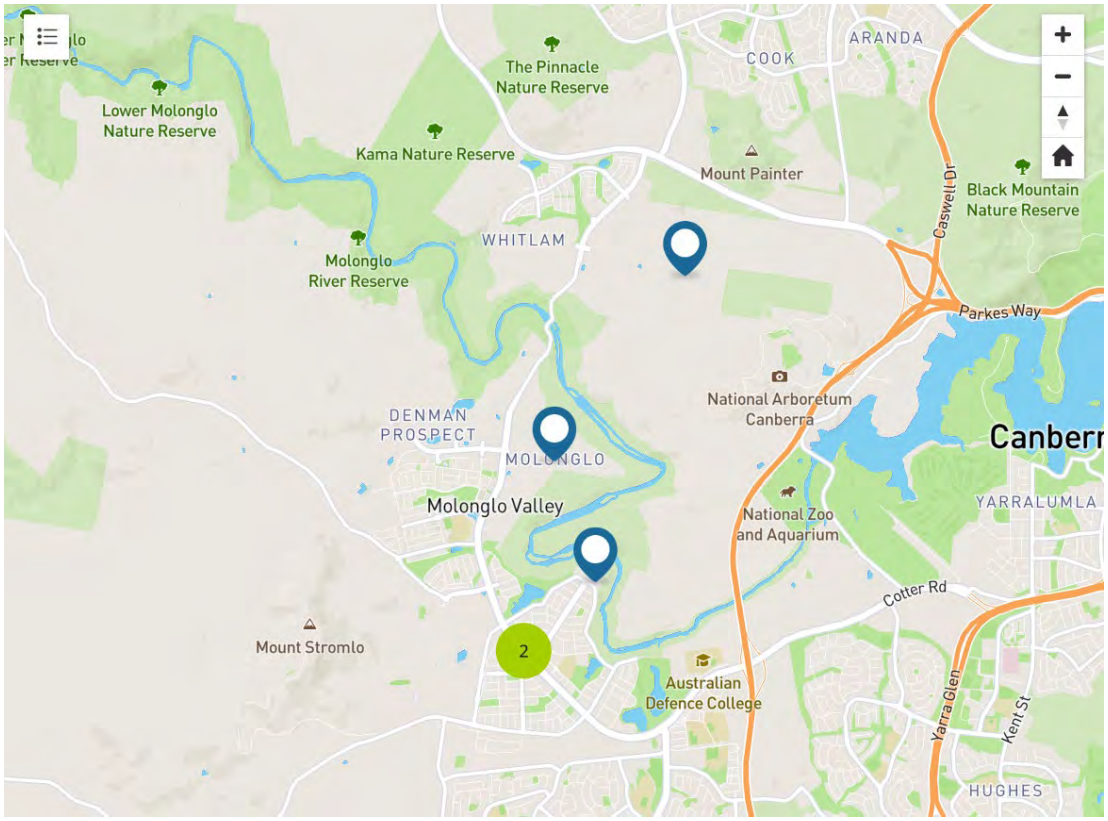
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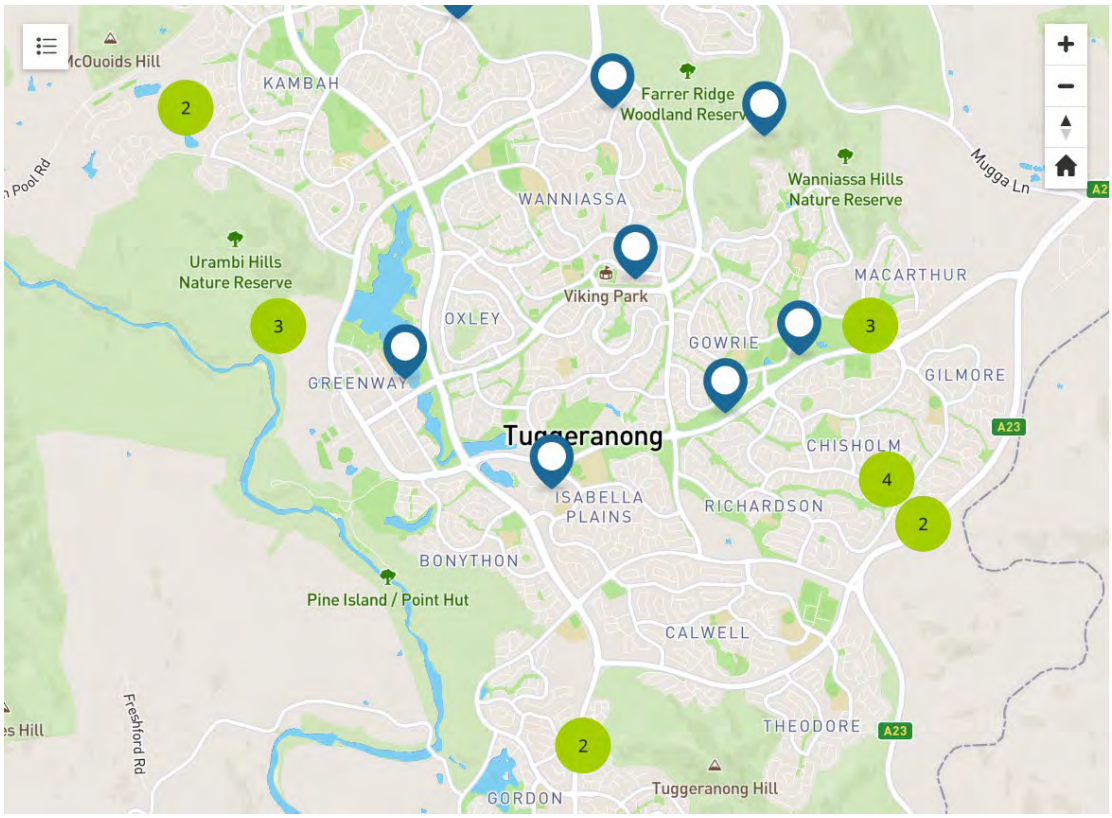
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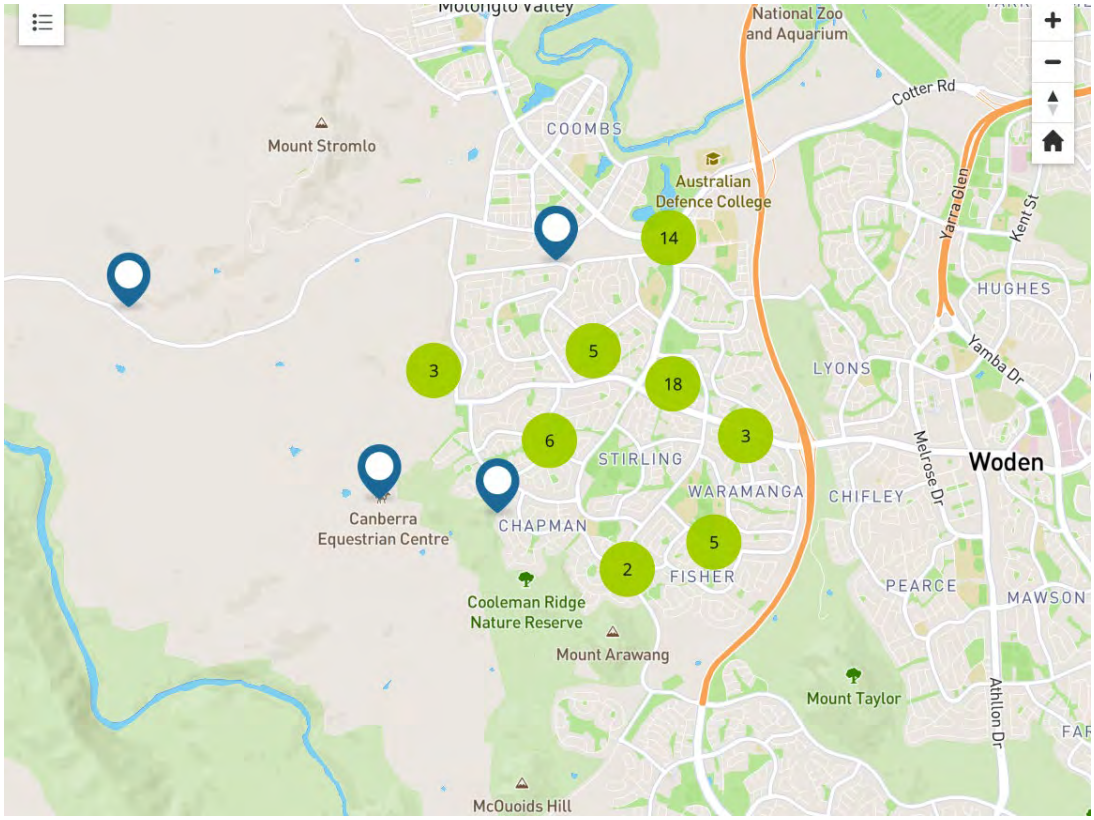
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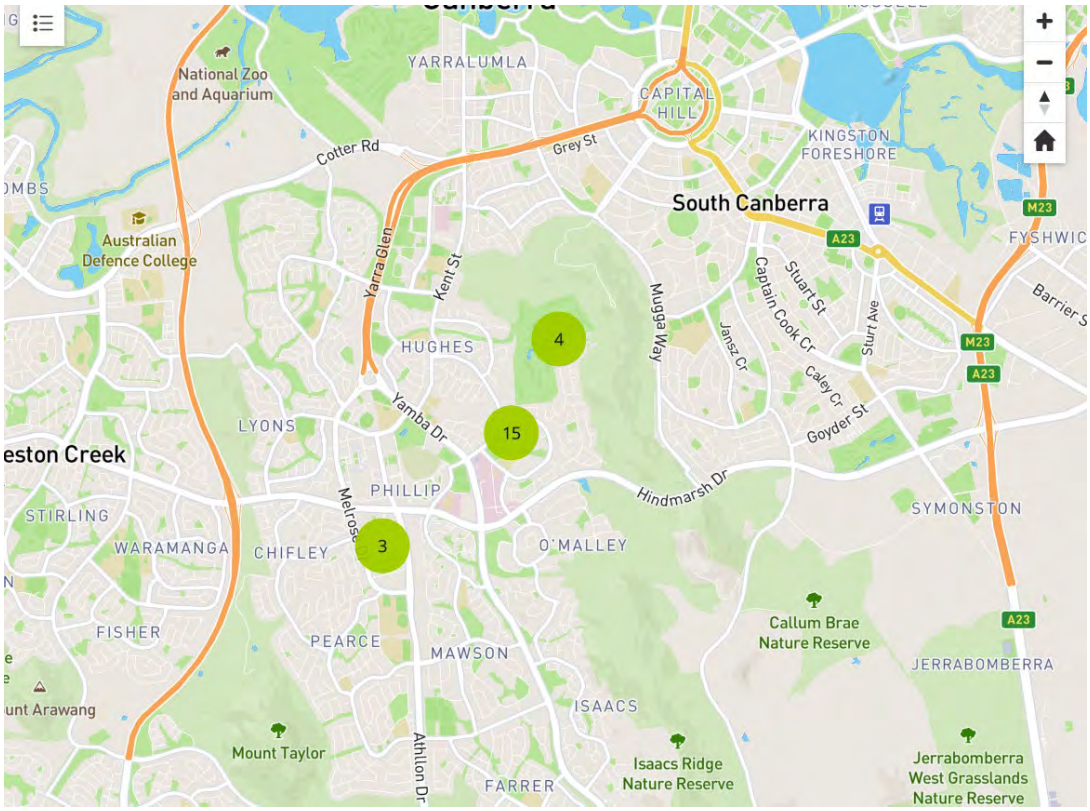
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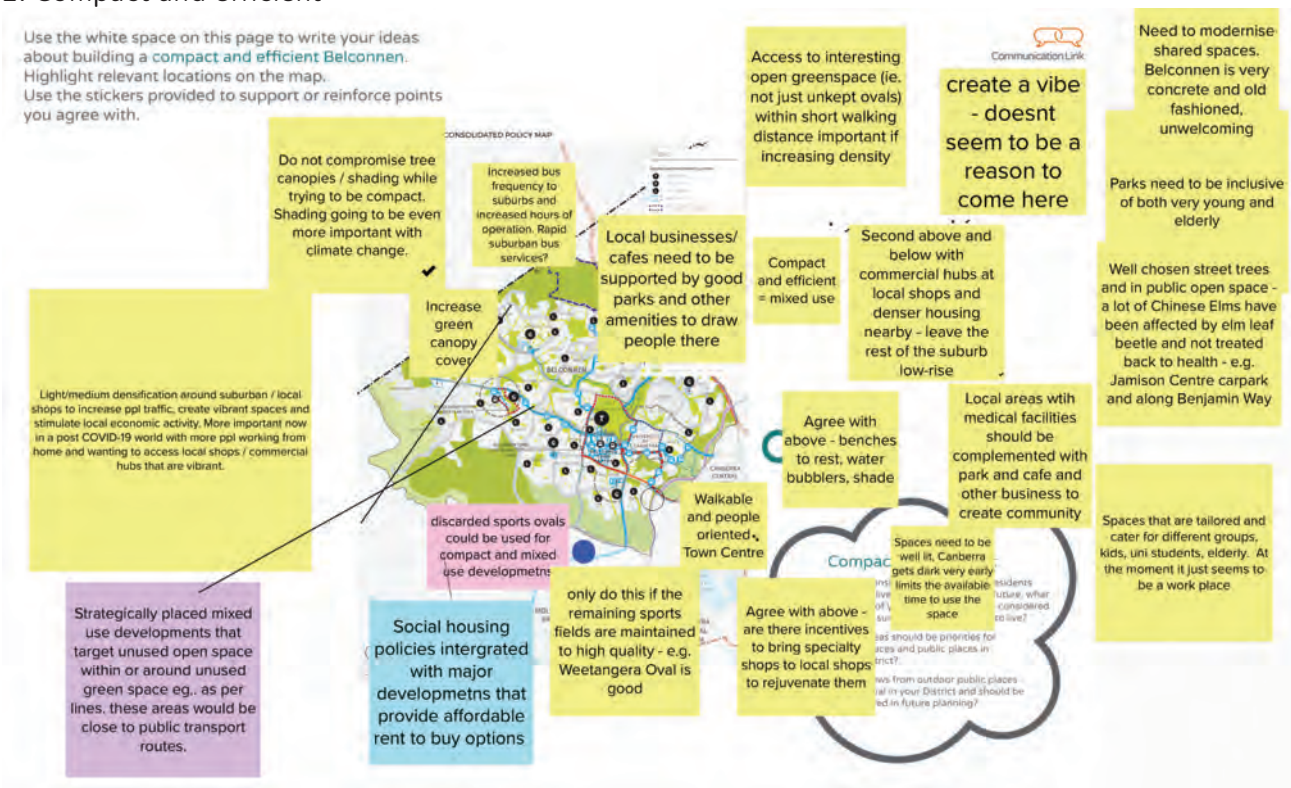
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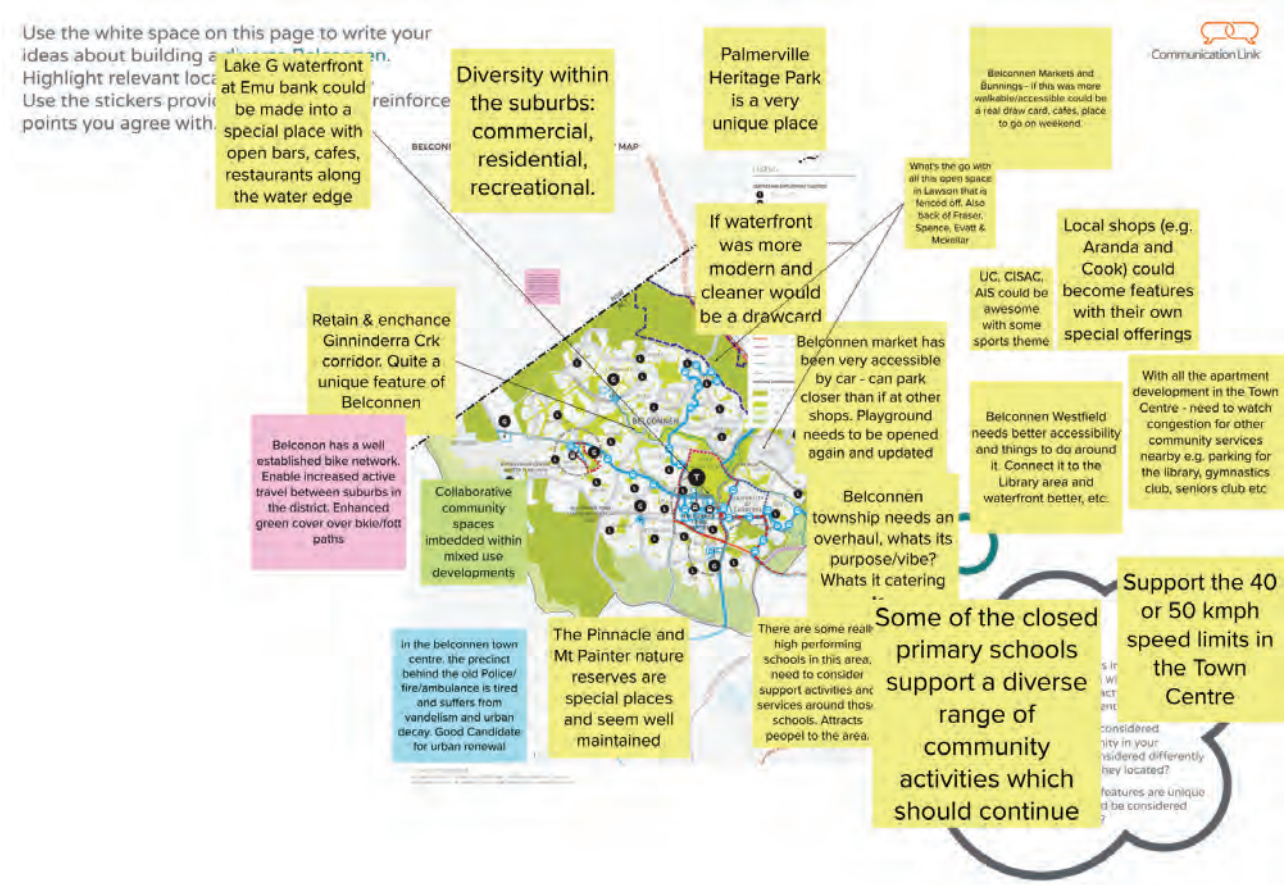
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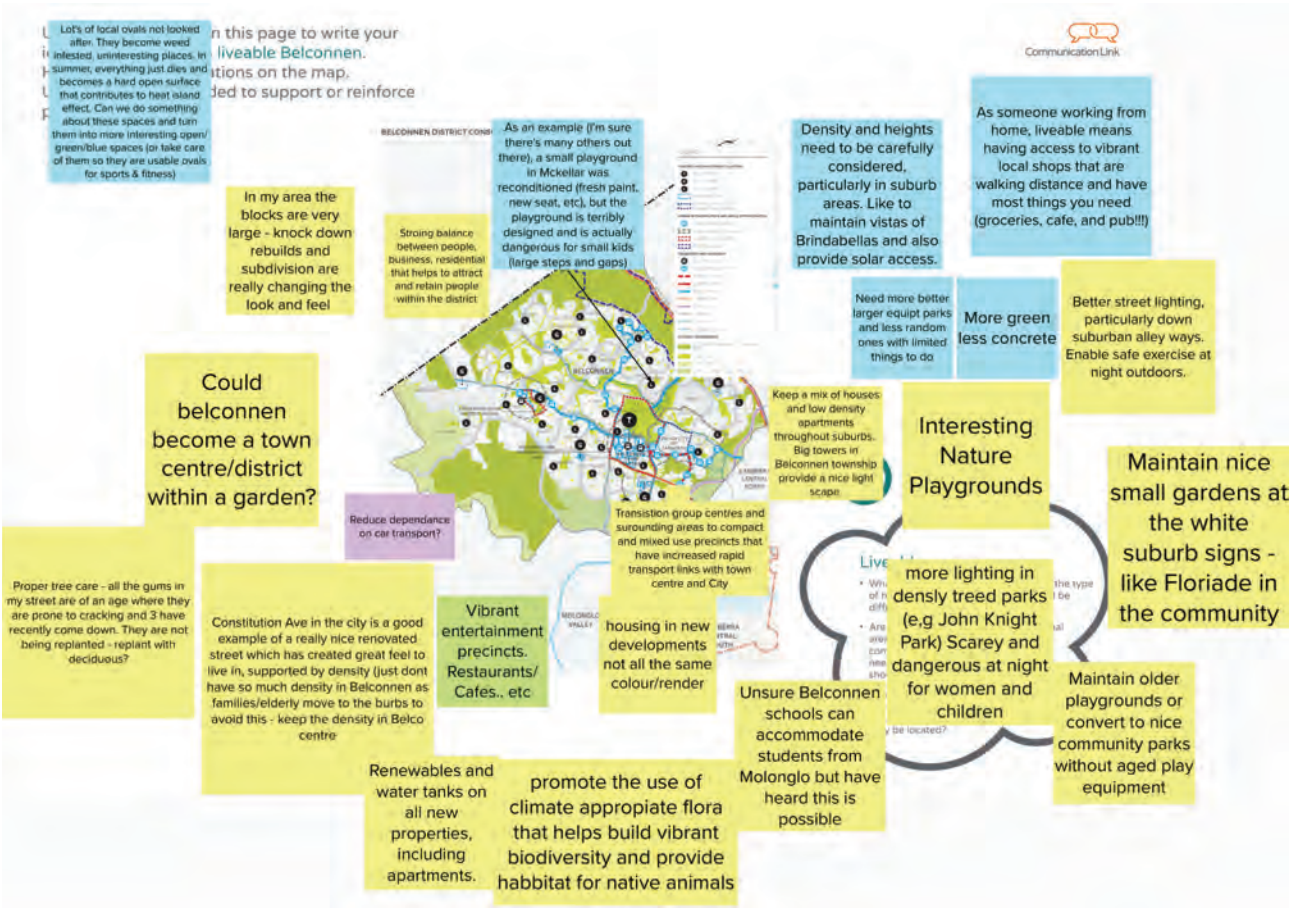
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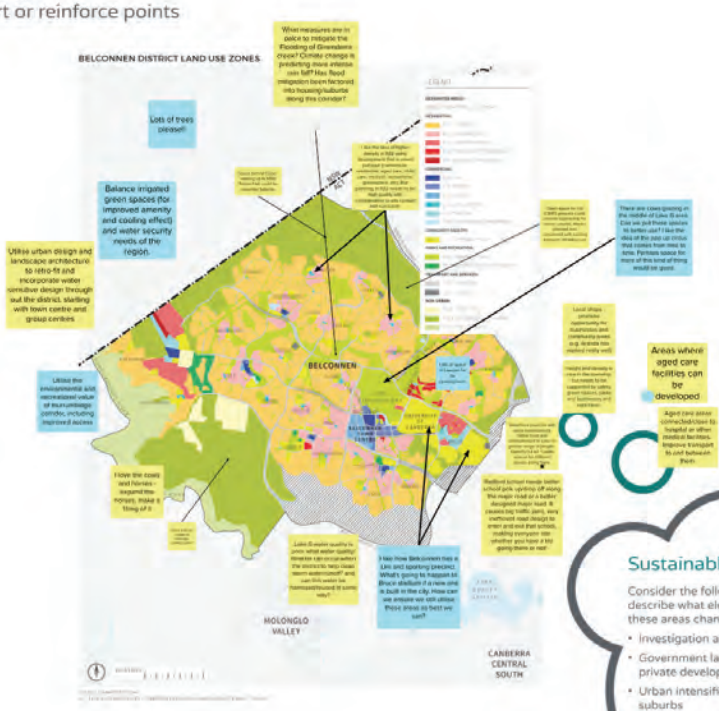
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5. Sustainable and resilient

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Sustainable and resilient

Consider the following areas in your District and describe what elements should be prioritised as these areas change in the future:

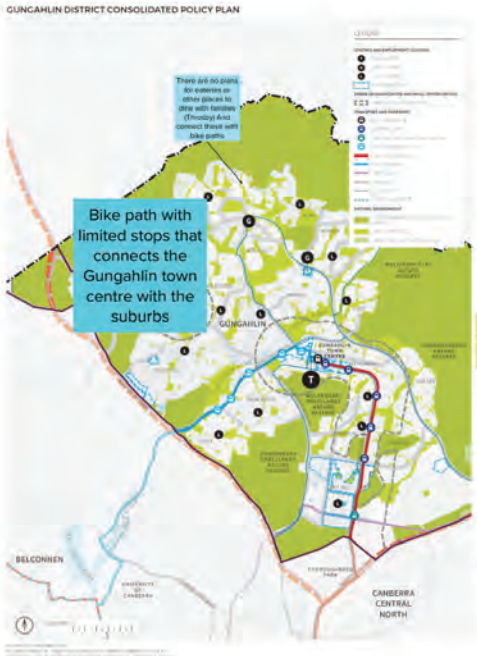
- Investigation areas for potential future suburbs
- Government land identified for sale and private development
- Urban intensification areas within existing suburbs
- Major sites in important areas identified for development by the government.

Gungahlin

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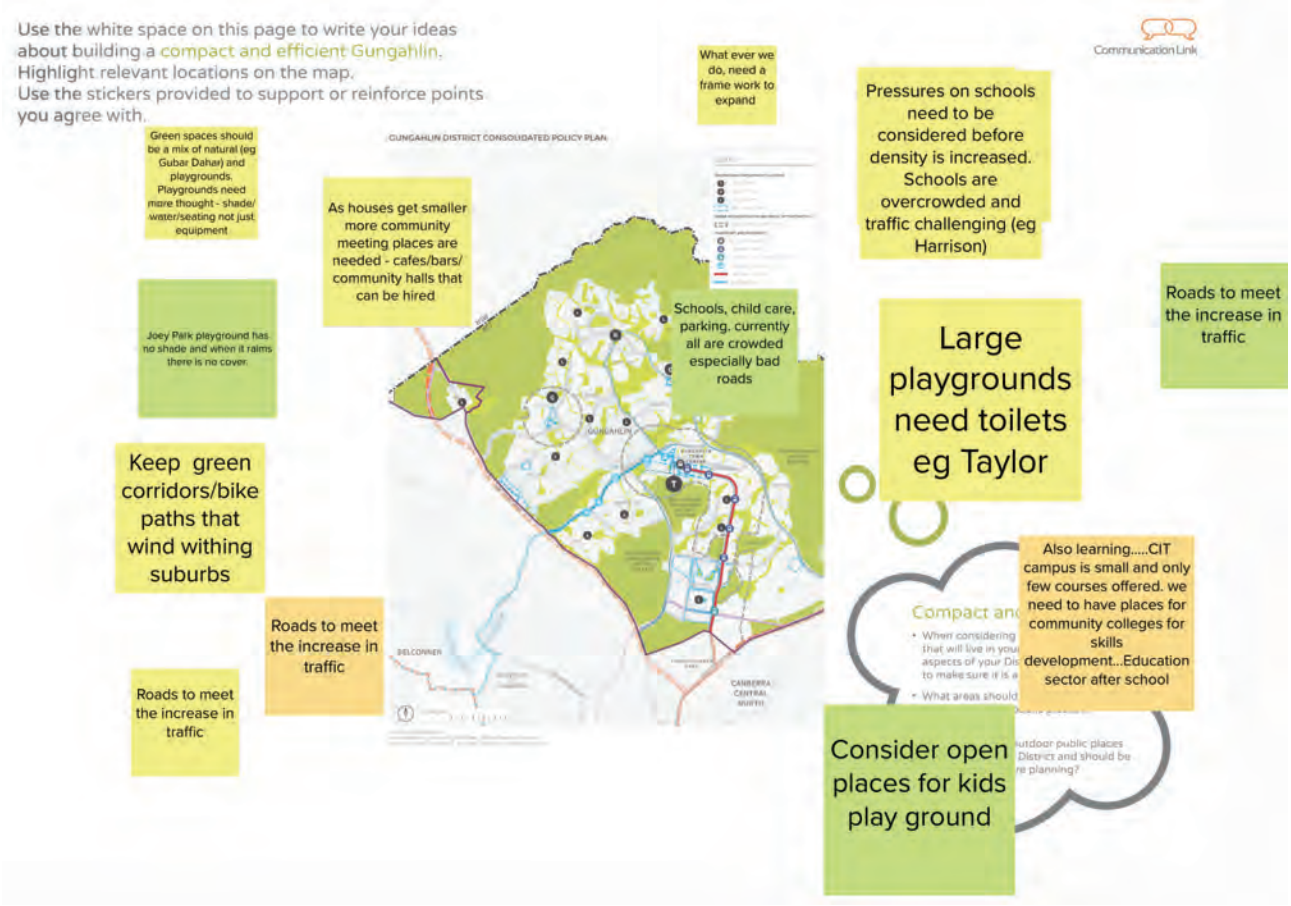
Light rail is already getting crowded - capacity will need to be increased. Can trains (and platforms) be made longer?

Timing of traffic/ pedestrian lights could be improved - take forever

Accessible

- What areas in your District should be considered to improve peoples' ability to walk and cycle?
- What are the long-term travel needs for public transport and cars for your District?
- Are there road connections to other ACT districts or regional NSW that should be considered in your District?

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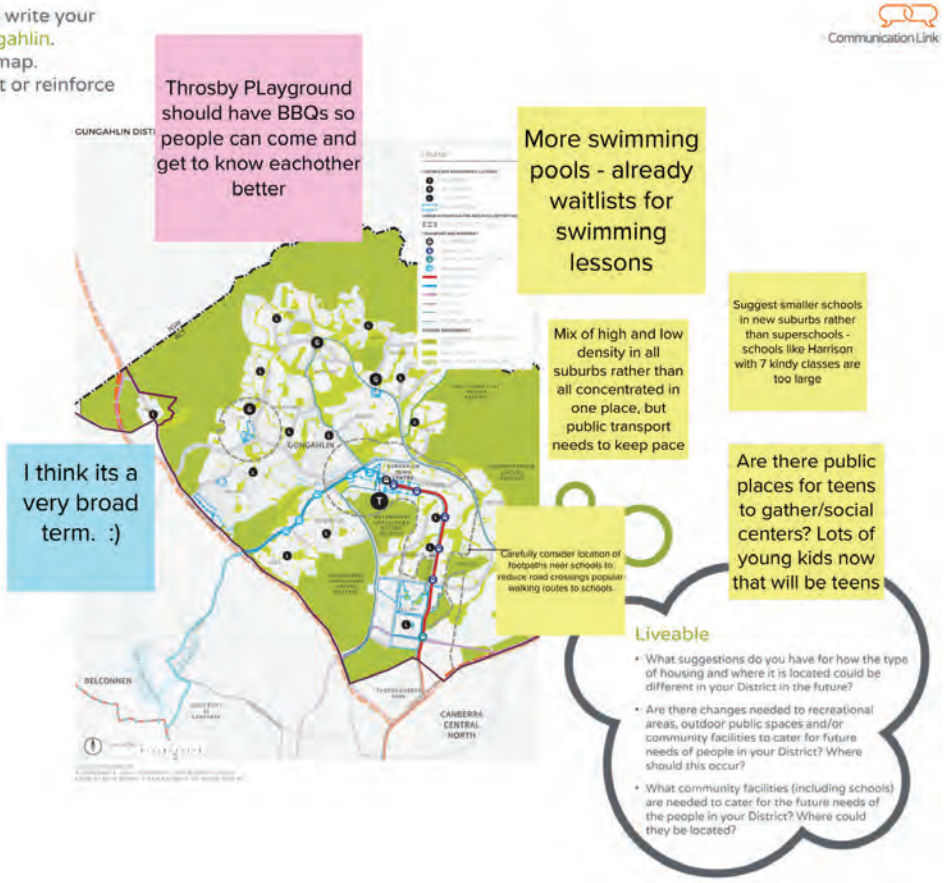
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4. Liveable

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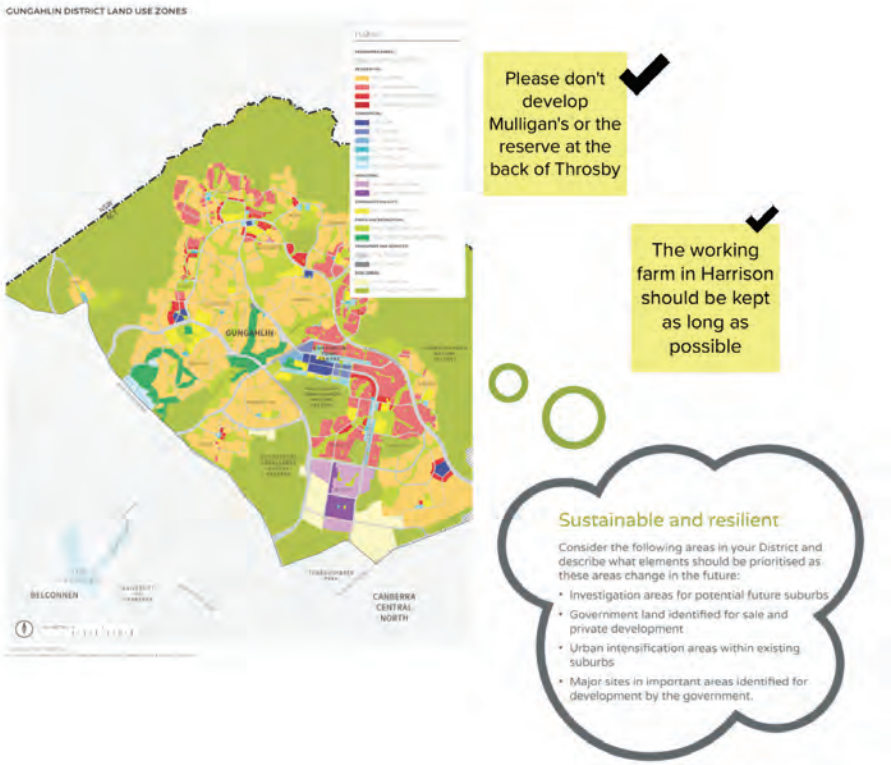
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Inner North

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2. Compact and efficient

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Compact and efficient

- When considering the additional residents that will live in your District in the future, what aspects of your District need to be considered to make sure it is a pleasant place to live?
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- What views from outdoor public places are special in your District and should be considered in future planning?

3. Diverse

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Diverse

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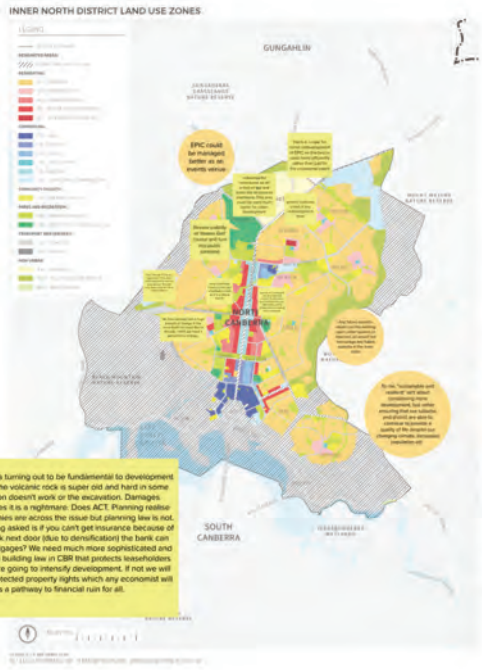
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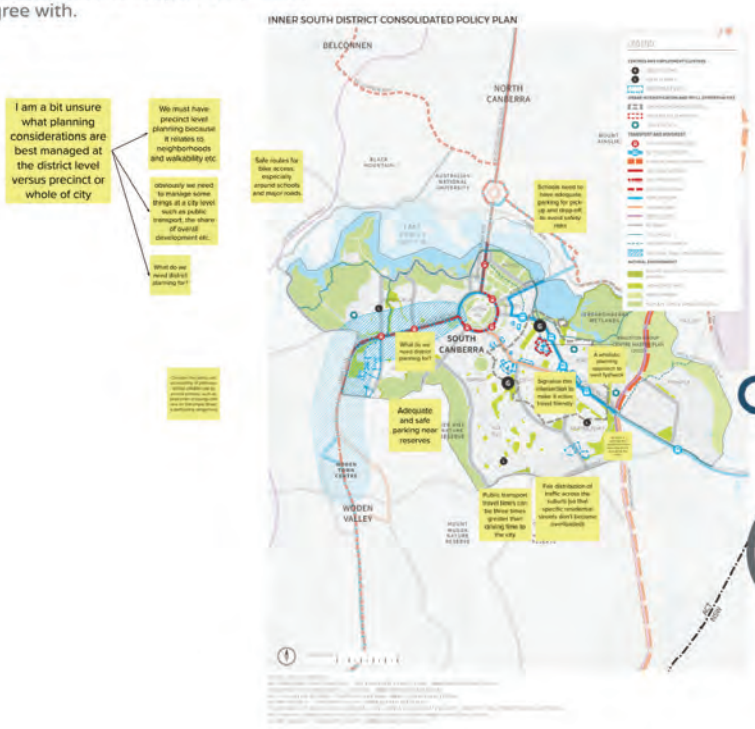
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Inner South

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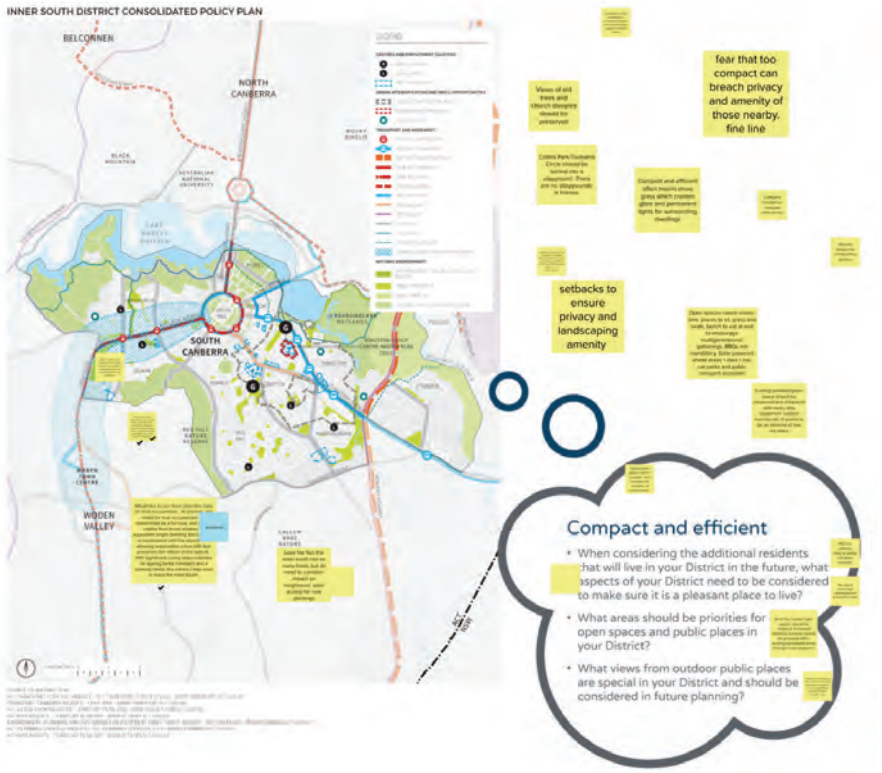
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- Are there road connections to districts or regional NSW that should be considered in your District?

2. Compact and efficient

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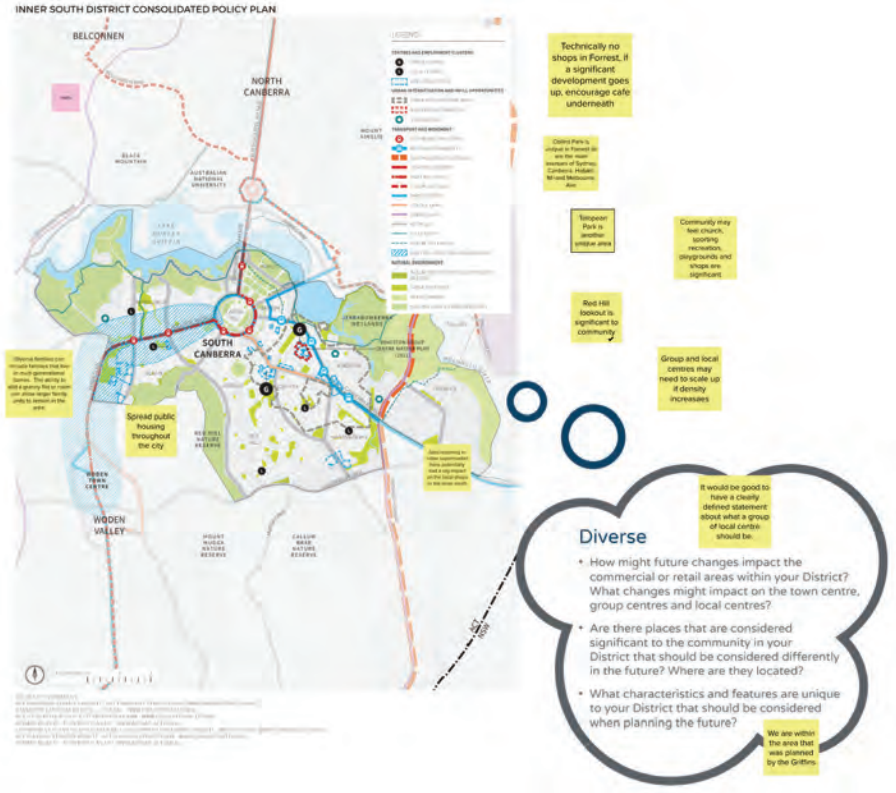
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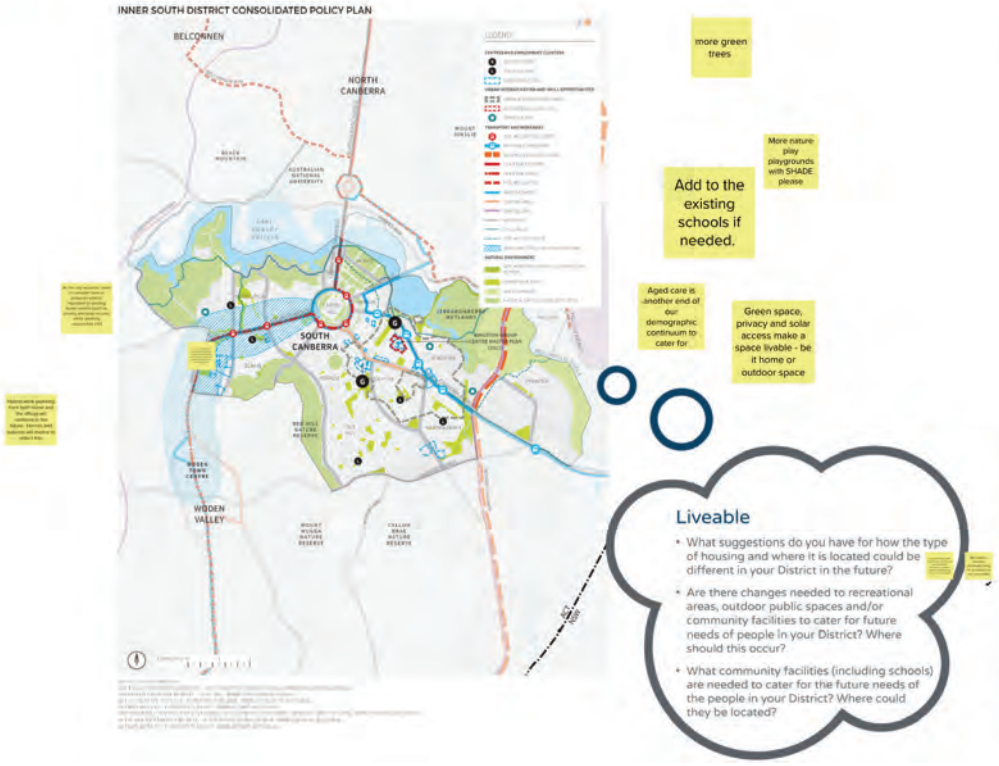
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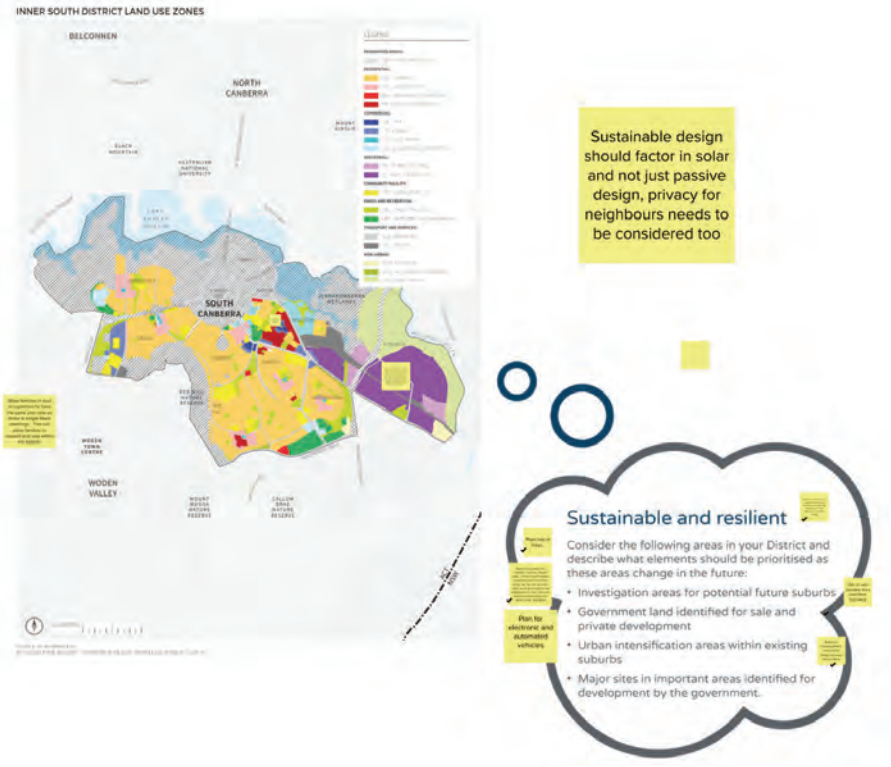
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Molonglo

1. Accessible

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Accessible

- What areas in your District should be considered to improve peoples' ability to walk and cycle?
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2. Compact and efficient

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Compact and efficient

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3. Diverse

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Diverse

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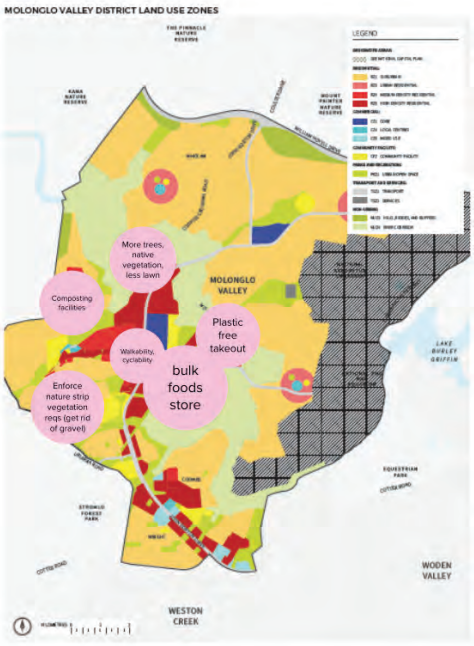
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Tuggeranong

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2. Compact and efficient

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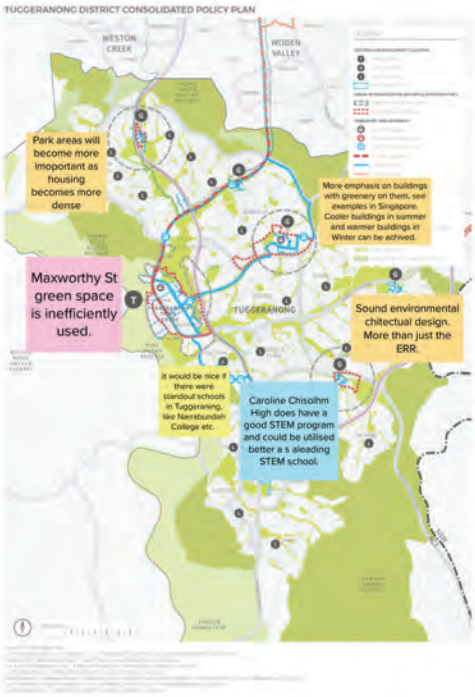
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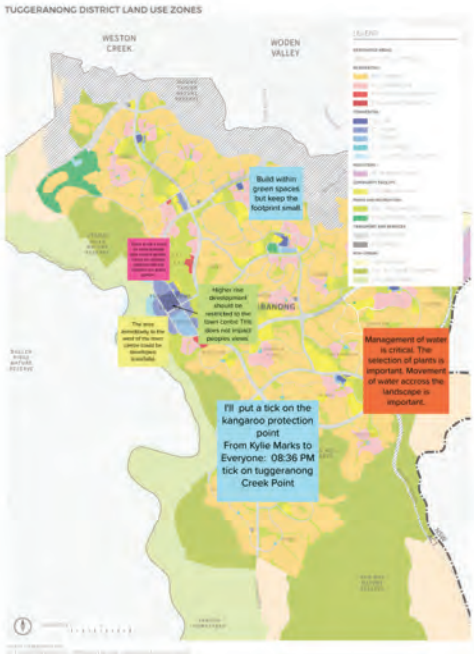
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Weston Creek

There were no online participants for Weston Creek

Woden Valley

There were no online participants for Woden Valley

Appendix 4: Workshop Listening Reports

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Belconnen District Planning Workshop

ACT Planning Review and Reform Project

18 June 2021

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Introduction

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The ACT Government has identified eight urban districts and a district planning workshop is being conducted in each of these districts.

Communication Link has been engaged by the ACT Government to facilitate these workshops and report to the Government on what was heard. This report summarises the key feedback gathered from the Belconnen community

The Belconnen District Planning Workshop was held on Thursday 10 June and was attended by 22 people. The workshop was also offered online with participation conducted through Zoom and an interactive collaboration platform called Mural. Four people attended online.

Of the 22 people that attended, there was a range of ages represented with the most common age bracket represented being 35-44 years old. Eleven Belconnen suburbs were represented at the workshop, including Weetangera, Evatt, Florey, Dunlop, Fraser, Giralang and Scullin

What we heard

The District Planning workshop gathered community feedback related to each of the themes identified in the ACT Planning Strategy 2018.

The most common areas of feedback provided by the community of Belconnen are identified against these themes in the following sections.

Liveable

The following questions were asked about liveability:

- What suggestions do you have for how the type of housing and where it is located could be different in your District in the future?
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The most common feedback from workshop participants is summarised in Table 1.

Table 1. Community suggestions on future planning for a liveable district

Playgrounds and recreation spaces Upgrade and maintain playgrounds	**Revitalise local shops** Upgrade local shopping precincts

Other reoccurring themes included:

- Keep the existing green waste facility.
- Better pedestrian and cycle access around the District.
- Invest in local schools to ensure capacity for the longer term future.
- Preserve green open spaces.

Diverse

The following questions were asked about being diverse:

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Table 2. Community suggestions on future planning for a diverse district

Revitalise retail centres **Enhance shopping precincts from local and groups to the city centre**	Community facilities **Create more spaces for community use, including cultural facilities and places for young people**	Enhance Lake Ginninderra **Improve the quality of the Lake Ginninderra environment, including recreation, cafes and walking paths**

Other reoccurring themes included:

- Improve accessibility of the town centre.
- Consider better signage at heritage sites in the District.

Accessible

The following questions were asked about accessibility:

- What areas in your District should be considered to improve peoples' ability to walk and cycle?
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Table 3. Community suggestions on future planning for an accessible district

 Cycleways and footpaths	 Public transport	 Safety
Improve pathways for cycling and pedestrians across the District	Improve bus network within the District and from Belconnen to other areas of Canberra	Improve safety of pedestrian crossings, school zones, bike paths and roads in the District

Other reoccurring themes included:

- More electric vehicle charging stations.
- Establish direct road access from Fraser to the Barton Highway.

Compact and efficient

The following questions were asked about a compact and efficient city:

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Table 4. Community suggestions on future planning for a compact and efficient district

 Urban open spaces	 Urban density	 Playgrounds	 Retail centres
Maintain green open spaces across the District, including the river corridor and associated with new developments	Focus more dense urban areas near commercial centres, leaving general residential areas unimpacted.	Improve facilities at playgrounds and sports ovals	Rejuvenate local shopping centres, including surrounding amenity, walking and cycle paths, playgrounds etc

Other reoccurring themes included:

- Maintain and increase shady trees across the District.

Sustainable and resilient

The following questions were asked about sustainability and resilience:

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Table 5. Community suggestions on future planning for a sustainable and resilient district

		
Lake Ginninderra	**Protect open space**	**Urban density**
Maintain Ginninderra Lake and Creek frontage, including buffer zones, water quality and flood mitigation	Maintain and protect undeveloped land for biodiversity offsets	Higher density should be focussed in commercial areas and be complemented by parks and green spaces.

Other reoccurring themes included:

- Identify appropriate areas for aged care facilities that are located near medical facilities.
- Consider opportunities to further strengthen the university and sports facilities as a hub.
- Consider development on CSIRO grounds and Lawson area.

Next steps

The Belconnen district planning workshop is one of eight workshops being held across Canberra during June 2020.

This report has been drafted based on a preliminary analysis of the data gathered from participants. An overarching consultation report will be prepared at the conclusion of all district planning workshops. Reporting back to the community on what was heard in the district planning workshops and how that input is informing proposed policy changes will occur later in 2021.



Figure 1. Community members from Belconnen during the District Planning Workshop.

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Gungahlin District Planning Workshop

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24 June 2021

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Communication Link has been engaged by the ACT Government to facilitate these workshops and report to the Government on what was heard. This report summarises the key feedback gathered from the Gungahlin community.

The Gungahlin District Planning Workshop was held on Tuesday 15 June and was attended by 19 people. The workshop was also offered online with participation conducted through Zoom and an interactive collaboration platform called Mural. Three people attended online.

Of the attendees that completed the demographic survey, there was a range of ages represented with the most common age bracket represented being 35-44 years old followed closely by the 55–64 year-old bracket. Eight Gungahlin suburbs were represented at the workshop, including Amaroo, Casey, Crace, Gungahlin, Harrison, Ngunnawal and Nichols.

What we heard

The District Planning workshop gathered community feedback related to each of the themes identified in the ACT Planning Strategy 2018.

The most common areas of feedback provided by the community of Gungahlin are identified against these themes in the following sections.

Liveable

The following questions were asked about liveability:

- What suggestions do you have for how the type of housing and where it is located could be different in your District in the future?
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Table 1. Community suggestions on future planning for a liveable district

Schools Create more schools, colleges and reduce school sizes	**Homes** Maintain medium and low-density housing choices, particularly older generations	**Parks and playgrounds** Upgrade older parks and include more facilities

Other reoccurring themes included:

- Enhance trees and green spaces
- Additional community spaces for community groups to use
- More diverse service offerings beyond shops, cafes and restaurants.

Diverse

The following questions were asked about being diverse:

- How might future changes impact the commercial or retail areas within your District? What changes might impact on the town centre, group centres and local centres?
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The most common feedback from workshop participants is summarised in Table 2.

Table 2. Community suggestions on future planning for a diverse district

Green space Enhance and maintain existing green open spaces	**General planning** Diverse and affordable housing options and carefully considered planning for higher density living	**Sport and recreational facilities** Include more sport and recreational facilities such as mountain bike trails, lawn bowls, tennis etc.

Other reoccurring themes included:

- Ensure Gungahlin's multicultural community is considered in the district planning.
- Create more commercial spaces and places that generate employment.
- Include plans for natural ponds.

Accessible

The following questions were asked about accessibility:

- What areas in your District should be considered to improve peoples' ability to walk and cycle?
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Table 3. Community suggestions on future planning for an accessible district

Cycleways Create more off-road cycle ways and connect more areas of Gungahlin with cycleways	**Roads and traffic** Duplicate more local roads such as Mirrabei Drive and improve traffic congestion	**Employment** More local employment opportunities reduce commute in and out of Gungahlin

Other reoccurring themes included:

- Address housing affordability
- Create more spaces to meet

Compact and efficient

The following questions were asked about a compact and efficient city:

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Table 4. Community suggestions on future planning for a compact and efficient district

Roads and traffic Improve traffic flow and roads in particular in and around the Gungahlin town centre, schools and built-up areas	**Education** Plan to include more schools and places of learning such as the CIT. Ensure there is infrastructure to support schools	**Playgrounds and parks** Parks and playgrounds need to be considered as more people live in smaller and denser residents

Sustainable and resilient

The following questions were asked about sustainability and resilience:

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Table 5. Community suggestions on future planning for a sustainable and resilient district

 **Protect open space** Maintain and protect undeveloped land, include community gardens and ensure open space is accessible to those in medium to high density living.	 **Infrastructure** Ensure infrastructure keeps pace with residential development	 **Sustainable housing** Homes should have sustainable designs and inclusions including solar and light coloured roofs

Other reoccurring themes included:

- Preserve and maintain existing water bodies such as Yerrabi Ponds.

Next steps

The Gungahlin district planning workshop is one of eight workshops being held across Canberra during June 2020.

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Inner North District Planning Workshop

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5 July 2021

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Communication Link has been engaged by the ACT Government to facilitate these workshops and report to the Government on what was heard. This report summarises the key feedback gathered from the Inner North community.

The Inner North District Planning Workshop was held on 24 June and was attended by 31 people. The workshop was also offered online with participation conducted through Zoom and an interactive collaboration platform called Mural. Six people attended online.

Of the attendees that completed the demographic survey, there was a reasonably even age spread between the ages of 25 to 74. The most common age bracket represented was 35–44 years old. Nine Inner North suburbs were represented at the workshop, including Ainslie, Braddon, Campbell, Canberra City, Dickson, Downer, Hackett, Lyneham, O'Connor, Reid, Turner and Watson.

What we heard

The District Planning workshop gathered community feedback related to each of the themes identified in the ACT Planning Strategy 2018.

The most common areas of feedback provided by the community of Inner North are identified against these themes in the following sections.

Liveable

The following questions were asked about liveability:

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The most common feedback from workshop participants is summarised in Table 1.

Table 1. Community suggestions on future planning for a liveable district

Housing density Create a mix of housing densities with a focus, however, on medium to low density housing.	**Schools** Maintain and/or reinstate Inner North schools. Some schools are at capacity.	**Garden City** Promote the Inner North as an example of a garden city. Build homes with gardens and ensure people have access to community green/open spaces and gardens

Diverse

The following questions were asked about being diverse:

- How might future changes impact the commercial or retail areas within your District? What changes might impact on the town centre, group centres and local centres?
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Table 2. Community suggestions on future planning for a diverse district

Green/public spaces Maintain existing green spaces and places for the public.	**Protect Inner North uniqueness** Preserve what is unique to the Inner North, including heritage areas and items; trees and green areas; community; diverse architecture; and local shopping areas.

Accessible

The following questions were asked about accessibility:

- What areas in your District should be considered to improve peoples' ability to walk and cycle?
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Table 3. Community suggestions on future planning for an accessible district

 **Cycleways** Improve existing paths and cycle infrastructure by creating more cycleways with links between Yowani Golf Course and EPIC; making end-of-trip facilities more available; and creating additional and wider off-road cycle ways.	 **Walking** Improve pedestrian infrastructure with dedicated walking paths, more mid-block crossings, repairing existing paving and improving lighting.	 **Public transport** Make public transport accessible by making it cheaper, more frequent and improved facilities at stops and interchanges.

Compact and efficient

The following questions were asked about a compact and efficient city:

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Table 4. Community suggestions on future planning for a compact and efficient district

 **Green space** Maintain smaller green spaces. Maintain the open spaces in Reid, Hackett and Watson and the green space on Anthill Street.	 **Create more transport links** Create more public transport and active travel links and reduce barriers.	 **Sullivans Creek** Enhance and naturalise Sullivans Creek.

Sustainable and resilient

The following questions were asked about sustainability and resilience:

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Table 5. Community suggestions on future planning for a sustainable and resilient district

 **Maintain/enhance open and green spaces** Maintain green spaces and incorporate them into future residential developments	 **Efficient Housing design and size** Design and build efficient homes for the Inner North, make them smaller and increase greenery in and around them.	 **Bicycle infrastructure** Extend and enhance cycleways and cycle infrastructure.

Next steps

The Inner North district planning workshop is one of eight workshops that were held across Canberra during June 2020.

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Figure 1. Community members from Inner North during the District Planning Workshop.



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Inner South District Planning Workshop

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11 June 2021

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Introduction

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The ACT Government has identified eight urban districts and a district planning workshop is being conducted in each of these districts.

Communication Link has been engaged by the ACT Government to facilitate these workshops and report to the Government on what was heard. This report summarises the key feedback gathered from the Inner South community

The Inner South District Planning Workshop was held on Thursday 3 June and was attended by 30 people. The workshop was also offered online with participation conducted through Zoom and an interactive collaboration platform called Mural. Three people attended online.

Of the 30 people that attended, there was a broad range of ages represented with the most common age bracket represented being 60-64 years old. In terms of suburbs represented, participants from Griffith and Narrabundah greatly outnumbered those from other suburbs in the Inner South.

What we heard

The District Planning workshop gathered community feedback related to each of the themes identified in the ACT Planning Strategy 2018.

The most common areas of feedback provided by the community of Inner South are identified against these themes in the following sections.

Liveable

The following questions were asked about liveability:

- What suggestions do you have for how the type of housing and where it is located could be different in your District in the future?
- Are there changes needed to recreational areas, outdoor public spaces and/or community facilities to cater for future needs of people in your District? Where should this occur?
- What community facilities (including schools) are needed to cater for the future needs of the people in your District? Where could they be located?

The most common feedback from workshop participants is summarised in Table 1.

Table 1. Community suggestions on future planning for a liveable district

Urban infill Concern about the level of urban infill occurring in the District and the impacts on character and amenity of the District including, open space and infrastructure	**Open space and playgrounds** Enhanced playgrounds and open spaced for recreation	**Footpaths and lighting** Improved footpaths, pedestrian crossings and lighting	**Preserve local heritage** Protection of heritage sites and existing character of the District

Other reoccurring themes included:

- Provide more affordable housing in the District including community housing.
- Existing established trees to be maintained and more planted
- Increase capacity at schools in the District

Diverse

The following questions were asked about being diverse:

- How might future changes impact the commercial or retail areas within your District? What changes might impact on the town centre, group centres and local centres?
- Are there places that are considered significant to the community in your District that should be considered differently in the future? Where are they located?
- What characteristics and features are unique to your District that should be considered when planning the future?

The most common feedback from workshop participants is summarised in Table 2.

Table 2. Community suggestions on future planning for a diverse district

Diversity of housing Ensure diversity of housing in the District to cater for aging in place, affordable housing as well as family homes with large blocks	**Local shops** Foster successful and diverse local shops. Concerned about the number of empty retail premises in the District

Other reoccurring themes included:

- Protect the heritage and special places in the District such as Telopea Park, Red Hill, Collins Park, and the Manuka Precent
- Celebrate indigenous heritage in the area.
- Red Hill Nature Reserve to be protected and not developed.

Accessible

The following questions were asked about accessibility:

- What areas in your District should be considered to improve peoples' ability to walk and cycle?
- What are the long-term travel needs for public transport and cars for your District?
- Are there road connections to other ACT districts or regional NSW that should be considered in your District?

The most common feedback from workshop participants is summarised in Table 3.

Table 3. Community suggestions on future planning for an accessible district

 **Cycle paths** Suggestions for improved and additional cycle paths throughout the District	 **Footpaths** Calls for improved footpath maintenance and the development of better shared facilities for pedestrians and cyclists	 **Parking** Increase parking at retail centres, in particular Manuka and Kingston

Other reoccurring themes included:

- Improve transport connections within the District and surrounding areas, such as to Fyshwick and Dairy Flat.
- Improve safety associated with traffic flows near schools.

Compact and efficient

The following questions were asked about a compact and efficient city:

- When considering the additional residents that will live in your District in the future, what aspects of your District need to be considered to make sure it is a pleasant place to live?
- What areas should be priorities for open spaces and public places in your District?
- What views from outdoor public places are special in your District and should be considered in future planning?

The most common feedback from workshop participants is summarised in Table 4.

Table 4. Community suggestions on future planning for a compact and efficient district

 **Urban infill** Concern expressed about the level of infill occurring in the District. Development that occurs should be in keeping with existing character.	 **Access to sunlight** Ensure access to sunlight for liveability and energy efficiency of homes, in particularly associated with apartment developments.

Other reoccurring themes included:

- Maintain shady trees across the District.
- Enhance existing open spaces with more playgrounds and outdoor furniture.
- A need for increased capacity at local schools.

Sustainable and resilient

The following questions were asked about sustainability and resilience:

- Consider the following areas in your District and describe what elements should be prioritised as these areas change in the future:
- Investigation areas for potential future suburbs
- Government land identified for sale and private development
- Urban intensification areas within existing suburbs
- Major sites in important areas identified for development by the government.

The most common feedback from workshop participants is summarised in Table 5.

Table 5. Community suggestions on future planning for a sustainable and resilient district

			
Trees	**Urban intensification**	**Urban green space**	**Urban density**
Encourage growth of large trees across the District, including in new developments	Concern about the impact of increased population and intensification on existing infrastructure	Retain existing urban open space	Focus higher density housing close to the shops, Parliament House and along corridors such as Canberra Avenue

Other reoccurring themes included:

- Encourage high energy ratings on all new buildings
- Provision of electric charging stations including in new developments
- Encourage green roofs on new buildings

Next steps

The Inner South district planning workshop is one of eight workshops being held across Canberra during June 2020.

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Figure 1. Community members from Inner South during the District Planning Workshop.

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Molonglo Valley District Planning Workshop

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Introduction

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Communication Link has been engaged by the ACT Government to facilitate these workshops and report to the Government on what was heard. This report summarises the key feedback gathered from the Molonglo Valley community

The Molonglo District Planning Workshop was held on Tuesday 1 June and was attended by 18 people. The workshop was also offered online with participation conducted through Zoom and an interactive collaboration platform called Mural. One person attended online.

Of the 18 people that attended, there was a broad range of ages represented with the most common age bracket represented being 30 – 39. In terms of suburbs represented, participants from Wright and Coombs greatly outnumbered those from Denman Prospect.

What we heard

The District Planning workshop gathered community feedback related to each of the themes identified in the ACT Planning Strategy 2018.

The most common areas of feedback provided by the community of Molonglo Valley are identified against these themes in the following sections.

Liveable

The following questions were asked about liveability:

- What suggestions do you have for how the type of housing and where it is located could be different in your District in the future?
- Are there changes needed to recreational areas, outdoor public spaces and/or community facilities to cater for future needs of people in your District? Where should this occur?
- What community facilities (including schools) are needed to cater for the future needs of the people in your District? Where could they be located?

The most common feedback from workshop participants is summarised in Table 1 overleaf.

Table 1. Community suggestions on future planning for a liveable district

		
Community assets and infrastructure	**Celebrating the natural environment**	**Modern, efficient building design and planning**
Include community assets and infrastructure e.g schools and religious facilities	Fostering native trees, animals, biodiversity and the river corridor	Inclusion of energy efficient buildings, good building design, limited medium and high density residential buildings

Other reoccurring themes included:

- Requests for parks, sporting fields and playgrounds.
- Feedback that Molonglo Valley needs more shops and a town centre.

Diverse

The following questions were asked about being diverse:

- How might future changes impact the commercial or retail areas within your District? What changes might impact on the town centre, group centres and local centres?
- Are there places that are considered significant to the community in your District that should be considered differently in the future? Where are they located?
- What characteristics and features are unique to your District that should be considered when planning the future?

The most common feedback from workshop participants is summarised in Table 2.

Table 2. Community suggestions on future planning for a diverse district

		
Group centre connected to community	**Local employment**	**Diversity of community facilities**
Build a group centre to connect to community facilities.	Create a town centre that provides employment for locals such as an innovation hub or attracting government agencies.	Build community facilities that reflect the multicultural community from places of worship to diverse social activities

Other reoccurring themes included:

- Feedback seeking expediency in building local commercial centres.

Accessible

The following questions were asked about accessibility:

- What areas in your District should be considered to improve peoples' ability to walk and cycle?
- What are the long-term travel needs for public transport and cars for your District?
- Are there road connections to other ACT districts or regional NSW that should be considered in your District?

The most common feedback from workshop participants is summarised in Table 3.

Table 3. Community suggestions on future planning for a liveable district

 Buses	 Roads	 Cycle paths
Suggestions for improvements to bus services such as dedicated bus lanes and route suggestions.	Suggestions for new or improving existing roads within the Molonglo Valley.	Improving local cycle paths, such as creating connections to the river corridor, to group centres and the city centre.

Other reoccurring themes included:

- Future proofing for light rail.

Compact and efficient

The following questions were asked about a compact and efficient city:

- When considering the additional residents that will live in your District in the future, what aspects of your District need to be considered to make sure it is a pleasant place to live?
- What areas should be priorities for open spaces and public places in your District?
- What views from outdoor public places are special in your District and should be considered in future planning?

The most common feedback from workshop participants is summarised in Table 4.

Table 4. Community suggestions on future planning for a compact and efficient district

Housing types	Green space and nature reserve	Places for young people
Suggestions for residential housing included; spreading out medium and high-density housing; accommodating home gardens; providing choice of housing types; and limiting high-density developments in Wright and Coombs.	Preferences for green spaces, playgrounds and maintaining and accommodating the existing nature reserve.	Suggestions for parks, playgrounds and more schools to accommodate a growing younger population.

Sustainable and resilient

The following questions were asked about sustainability and resilience:

- Consider the following areas in your District and describe what elements should be prioritised as these areas change in the future:
  - Investigation areas for potential future suburbs
  - Government land identified for sale and private development
  - Urban intensification areas within existing suburbs
  - Major sites in important areas identified for development by the government.

The most common feedback from workshop participants is summarised in Table 5.

Table 5. Community suggestions on future planning for a sustainable and resiliant district

Minimise density	Biodiversity	Community facilities	Energy Efficient buildings
Plan for low density housing, particularly near the nature reserves and open areas	Fostering biodiversity, including buffers around nature reserves	Invest in community facilities within the district to minimise need to travel across Canberra	Encourage energy efficient building including solar panels

Other reoccurring themes included:

- Protecting the arboretum by maintaining a buffer between it and surrounding development
- Plan to reduce reliance on car travel.

Next steps

The Molonglo Valley district planning workshop is one of eight workshops being held across Canberra during June 2020.

This report has been drafted based on a preliminary analysis of the data gathered from participants. An overarching consultation report will be prepared at the conclusion of all district planning workshops. Reporting back to the community on what was heard in the district planning workshops and how that input is informing proposed policy changes will occur later in 2021.



Figure 1. Community members from Molonglo Valley during the District Planning Workshop.

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Tuggeranong District Planning Workshop

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Introduction

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Communication Link has been engaged by the ACT Government to facilitate these workshops and report to the Government on what was heard. This report summarises the key feedback gathered from the Tuggeranong community.

The Tuggeranong District Planning Workshop was held on 22 June and was attended by 26 people. The workshop was also offered online with participation conducted through Zoom and an interactive collaboration platform called Mural. Four people attended online.

Of the attendees that completed the demographic survey, there was a range of ages represented with the most common age bracket represented being 45-54 years old followed closely by the 35–44 year-old bracket. No one under 25 attended. Ten Tuggeranong suburbs were represented at the workshop, including Banks, Bonython, Chisolm, Conder, Gilmore, Gordon, Greenway, Kambah, Theodore and Wanniassa.

What we heard

The District Planning workshop gathered community feedback related to each of the themes identified in the ACT Planning Strategy 2018.

The most common areas of feedback provided by the community of Tuggeranong are identified against these themes in the following sections.

Liveable

The following questions were asked about liveability:

- What suggestions do you have for how the type of housing and where it is located could be different in your District in the future?
- Are there changes needed to recreational areas, outdoor public spaces and/or community facilities to cater for future needs of people in your District? Where should this occur?
- What community facilities (including schools) are needed to cater for the future needs of the people in your District? Where could they be located?

The most common feedback from workshop participants is summarised in Table 1.

Table 1. Community suggestions on future planning for a liveable district

Open spaces, parks, playgrounds and sporting fields Maintain existing open spaces and upgrade and improve sporting and play facilities, many of which are ageing.	**Efficient housing** Build efficient and, in some cases, smaller housing.	**Vacant and under-utilised spaces** Make greater use of places and spaces that are vacant or underutilised. Restore and upgrade these community assets.

Other reoccurring themes included:

- Improve cycling and walking infrastructure
- Create community gardens.
- Improve education options.

Diverse

The following questions were asked about being diverse:

- How might future changes impact the commercial or retail areas within your District? What changes might impact on the town centre, group centres and local centres?
- Are there places that are considered significant to the community in your District that should be considered differently in the future? Where are they located?
- What characteristics and features are unique to your District that should be considered when planning the future?

The most common feedback from workshop participants is summarised in Table 2.

Table 2. Community suggestions on future planning for a diverse district

Arts and cultural community facilities Provide spaces for artistic and cultural community activities.	**Maintain green/open spaces** Tuggeranong has significant areas of green/leafy spaces and abundant bushland which should be preserved	**Commercial and shopping precincts** Enhance local shops and key commercial precincts

Accessible

The following questions were asked about accessibility:

- What areas in your District should be considered to improve peoples' ability to walk and cycle?
- What are the long-term travel needs for public transport and cars for your District?
- Are there road connections to other ACT districts or regional NSW that should be considered in your District?

The most common feedback from workshop participants is summarised in Table 3.

Table 3. Community suggestions on future planning for an accessible district

 Cycleways	 Roads and traffic	 Walking
Improve existing paths and cycleways. Create more cycleways with links between Tuggeranong and Canberra Hospital; Tuggeranong to Tuggeranong or incorporate into shared paths	Roads are getting more congested and create barriers in and around the district	Improve paths and walking facilities and improve connections between suburbs and the town centre

Compact and efficient

The following questions were asked about a compact and efficient city:

- When considering the additional residents that will live in your District in the future, what aspects of your District need to be considered to make sure it is a pleasant place to live?
- What areas should be priorities for open spaces and public places in your District?
- What views from outdoor public places are special in your District and should be considered in future planning?

The most common feedback from workshop participants is summarised in Table 4.

Table 4. Community suggestions on future planning for a compact and efficient district

 Open/green space over compact	 High density development concerns
Preference for preserving Tuggeranong's open spaces with concerns about the word 'compact' being used.	Concerns that higher-density living and urban infill creates over shadowing and greater reliance on public and open spaces.

Other reoccurring themes included:

There was strong support from workshop participants about the following comment by another workshop participant which touches on a number of matters:

Higher densities focused in the town centre and major transport corridor. Needs great public transport, cycleways, pedestrian infrastructure. Cycleways should have priority at road crossing. Main green links between nature reserves. Greater mixed-use development in Phillip including residential.

Sustainable and resilient

The following questions were asked about sustainability and resilience:

- Consider the following areas in your District and describe what elements should be prioritised as these areas change in the future:
  - Investigation areas for potential future suburbs.
  - Government land identified for sale and private development.
  - Urban intensification areas within existing suburbs.
  - Major sites in important areas identified for development by the government.

The most common feedback from workshop participants is summarised in Table 5.

Table 5. Community suggestions on future planning for a sustainable and resilient district

Maintain trees Tuggeranong is recognised for its high number of trees and the community wishes to see this retained.	**Housing design and size** Design efficient homes for Tuggeranong and make them smaller.	**Light rail** Confusion about plans for light rail and suggestions for how it should be implemented.

Other reoccurring themes included:

- Traffic congestion is increasing in the Tuggeranong.

Next steps

The Tuggeranong district planning workshop is one of eight workshops that were held across Canberra during June 2020.

This report has been drafted based on a preliminary analysis of the data gathered from participants. An overarching consultation report will be prepared at the conclusion of all district planning workshops. Reporting back to the community on what was heard in the district planning workshops and how that input is informing proposed policy changes will occur later in 2021.



Figure 1. Community members from Tuggeranong during the District Planning Workshop.

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Weston Creek District Planning Workshop

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Introduction

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The ACT Government has identified eight urban Districts and a District Planning workshop is being conducted in each of these Districts.

Communication Link has been engaged by the ACT Government to facilitate these workshops and report to the Government on what was heard. This report summarises the key feedback gathered from the Weston Creek community

The Weston Creek District Planning Workshop was held on Thursday 10 June and was attended by eight people. The workshop was also offered online via Zoom and an interactive collaboration platform called Mural. There were no attendees online for this workshop.

Of the people that attended, there was a broad range of ages represented with the most common age bracket represented being 30 – 39. In terms of suburbs represented, participants from Holder and Weston were the most common.

What we heard

The District Planning workshop gathered community feedback related to each of the themes identified in the ACT Planning Strategy 2018.

The most common areas of feedback provided by the community of Weston Creek are identified against these themes in the following sections.

Liveable

The following questions were asked about liveability:

- What suggestions do you have for how the type of housing and where it is located could be different in your District in the future?
- Are there changes needed to recreational areas, outdoor public spaces and/or community facilities to cater for future needs of people in your District? Where should this occur?
- What community facilities (including schools) are needed to cater for the future needs of the people in your District? Where could they be located?

The most common feedback from workshop participants is summarised in Table 1 overleaf.

Table 1. Community suggestions on future planning for a liveable district

 **Community assets and infrastructure** Maintain and expand community meeting spaces for community-based activities.	 **Parks and playgrounds** Include a playground with toilets, seating, oval, shade and nearby a café.	 **Footpaths and cycleways** Maintain and upgrade existing cycleways and walking paths.

Other reoccurring themes included:

- Maintain low-density planning

Diverse

The following questions were asked about being diverse:

- How might future changes impact the commercial or retail areas within your District? What changes might impact on the town centre, group centres and local centres?
- Are there places that are considered significant to the community in your District that should be considered differently in the future? Where are they located?
- What characteristics and features are unique to your District that should be considered when planning the future?

The most common feedback from workshop participants is summarised in Table 2.

Table 2. Community suggestions on future planning for a diverse district

 **Parks, open space and recreation** Maintain and enhance natural and recreational areas including Coolo Park, the skate park.	 **Planning density** Maintain a village atmosphere by limiting the size and scale of buildings.	 **Preserve local history** Maintain Weston Creek's history by recognising First Nations People in Weston Creek and protecting Weston Homestead.

Accessible

The following questions were asked about accessibility:

- What areas in your District should be considered to improve peoples' ability to walk and cycle?
- What are the long-term travel needs for public transport and cars for your District?
- Are there road connections to other ACT Districts or regional NSW that should be considered in your District?

The most common feedback from workshop participants is summarised in Table 3.

Table 3. Community suggestions on future planning for an accessible district

Buses Suggestions for improvements to bus services including a park and ride service at Duffy, direct buses to Belconnen, more rapid services, electric buses and better amenities for waiting passengers.	**Cycle paths** Improving local cycle paths including a new cycle way along Streeton Drive and on both sides of Hindmarsh Drive.

Compact and efficient

The following questions were asked about a compact and efficient city:

- When considering the additional residents that will live in your District in the future, what aspects of your District need to be considered to make sure it is a pleasant place to live?
- What areas should be priorities for open spaces and public places in your District?
- What views from outdoor public places are special in your District and should be considered in future planning?

The most common feedback from workshop participants is summarised in Table 4.

Table 4. Community suggestions on future planning for a compact and efficient district

Local planning to suit Plan for places that will suit the people of Weston Creek into the future for example catering for a downsizing population and managing COVID-19 challenges.	**Community meeting spaces** Enhance and maintain spaces where the community can meet, for example the local shops and parks, Featherstone Gardens. Create 'liveable meeting spaces'.	**Building density, height and design** Building heights and density shuld be limited and design should be of good quality and not repetitive.

Sustainable and resilient

The following questions were asked about sustainability and resilience:

- Consider the following areas in your District and describe what elements should be prioritised as these areas change in the future:
- Investigation areas for potential future suburbs
- Government land identified for sale and private development
- Urban intensification areas within existing suburbs
- Major sites in important areas identified for development by the government.

The most common feedback from workshop participants is summarised in Table 5.

Table 5. Community suggestions on future planning for a sustainable and resilient district

Recreation areas Create more recreation areas that include green and open spaces and connect people with nature.	**Cooleman Court** Upgrade Cooleman court and the general shopping area	**Energy Efficient buildings** Encourage energy efficient solutions including batteries and solar for homes and vehicle charging stations

Next steps

The Weston Creek District Planning Workshop is one of eight workshops being held across Canberra during June 2020.

This report has been drafted based on a preliminary analysis of the data gathered from participants. An overarching consultation report will be prepared at the conclusion of all District planning workshops. Reporting back to the community on what was heard in the District Planning Workshops and how that input is informing proposed policy changes will occur later in 2021.



Figure 1. Community members from Weston Creek during the District Planning Workshop.

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Woden Valley District Planning Workshop

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Introduction

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Communication Link has been engaged by the ACT Government to facilitate these workshops and report to the Government on what was heard. This report summarises the key feedback gathered from the Woden Valley community.

The Woden Valley District Planning Workshop was held on 17 June and was attended by 32 people. The workshop was also offered online with participation conducted through Zoom and an interactive collaboration platform called Mural. Although some people did elect to attend online, there was no one present online on the night.

Of the attendees that completed the demographic survey, there was a range of ages represented with the most common age bracket represented being 65-74 years old followed closely by the 35–44 and 45-54 year-old brackets. nine Woden Valley suburbs were represented at the workshop, including Chifley, Curtin, Garran, Hughes, Isaacs, Lyons, Pearce, Phillip and Torrens.

What we heard

The District Planning workshop gathered community feedback related to each of the themes identified in the ACT Planning Strategy 2018.

The most common areas of feedback provided by the community of Woden Valley are identified against these themes in the following sections.

Liveable

The following questions were asked about liveability:

- What suggestions do you have for how the type of housing and where it is located could be different in your District in the future?
- Are there changes needed to recreational areas, outdoor public spaces and/or community facilities to cater for future needs of people in your District? Where should this occur?
- What community facilities (including schools) are needed to cater for the future needs of the people in your District? Where could they be located?

The most common feedback from workshop participants is summarised in Table 1.

Table 1. Community suggestions on future planning for a liveable district

 Local shops	 Traffic	 Pools
Revitalise local shopping centres	Traffic conditions are deteriorating and are expected to get worse with urban infill.	Preserve Phillip Pool and build additional swimming facilities.

Other reoccurring themes included:

- Provide more sporting facilities and prioritise the preservation of fields and open spaces.
- Provide additional community spaces.

Diverse

The following questions were asked about being diverse:

- How might future changes impact the commercial or retail areas within your District? What changes might impact on the town centre, group centres and local centres?
- Are there places that are considered significant to the community in your District that should be considered differently in the future? Where are they located?
- What characteristics and features are unique to your District that should be considered when planning the future?

The most common feedback from workshop participants is summarised in Table 2.

Table 2. Community suggestions on future planning for a diverse district

 Town centre	 General planning	 Culture and cultural diversity
Improve and enhance Woden town centre with car parking, better building design/diversity and community spaces.	Attractive building designs and landscaping should be applied to new developments and maintain diversity in styles.	Accommodate people from different cultures and encourage cultural activities/events.

Other reoccurring themes included:

- Support and enhance local shopping centres.

Accessible

The following questions were asked about accessibility:

- What areas in your District should be considered to improve peoples' ability to walk and cycle?
- What are the long-term travel needs for public transport and cars for your District?
- Are there road connections to other ACT districts or regional NSW that should be considered in your District?

The most common feedback from workshop participants is summarised in Table 3.

Table 3. Community suggestions on future planning for an accessible district

 Cycleways	 Roads and traffic	 Walking
Improve existing paths and cycleways. Create more cycleways with links between Woden and Canberra Hospital; Woden to Tuggeranong or incorporate into shared paths	Roads are getting more congested and create barriers in and around the district	Improve paths and walking facilities and improve connections between suburbs and the town centre

Compact and efficient

The following questions were asked about a compact and efficient city:

- When considering the additional residents that will live in your District in the future, what aspects of your District need to be considered to make sure it is a pleasant place to live?
- What areas should be priorities for open spaces and public places in your District?
- What views from outdoor public places are special in your District and should be considered in future planning?

The most common feedback from workshop participants is summarised in Table 4.

Table 4. Community suggestions on future planning for a compact and efficient district

 Open/green space over compact	 High density development concerns
Preference for preserving Woden's open spaces with concerns about the word 'compact' being used.	Concerns that higher-density living and urban infill creates over shadowing and greater reliance on public and open spaces.

Other reoccurring themes included:

There was strong support from workshop participants about the following comment by another workshop participant which touches on a number of matters:

Higher densities focused in the town centre and major transport corridor. Needs great public transport, cycleways, pedestrian infrastructure. Cycleways should have priority at road crossing. Main green links between nature reserves. Greater mixed-use development in Phillip including residential.

Sustainable and resilient

The following questions were asked about sustainability and resilience:

- Consider the following areas in your District and describe what elements should be prioritised as these areas change in the future:
  - Investigation areas for potential future suburbs.
  - Government land identified for sale and private development.
  - Urban intensification areas within existing suburbs.
  - Major sites in important areas identified for development by the government.

The most common feedback from workshop participants is summarised in Table 5.

Table 5. Community suggestions on future planning for a sustainable and resilient district

Maintain trees Woden is recognised for its high number of trees and the community wishes to see this retained.	**Housing design and size** Design efficient homes for Woden and make them smaller.	**Light rail** Confusion about plans for light rail and suggestions for how it should be implemented.

Other reoccurring themes included:

- Traffic congestion is increasing in the Woden Valley.

Next steps

The Woden Valley district planning workshop is one of eight workshops that were held across Canberra during June 2020.

This report has been drafted based on a preliminary analysis of the data gathered from participants. An overarching consultation report will be prepared at the conclusion of all district planning workshops. Reporting back to the community on what was heard in the district planning workshops and how that input is informing proposed policy changes will occur later in 2021.



Figure 1. Community members from Woden Valley during the District Planning Workshop.