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# Ginninderry Community Workshop – January 2023

## Listening Report

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# Introduction

The Ginninderry Community Workshop was held on Thursday 19 January 2023. The workshop was promoted to residents via email and the Ginninderry Locals Facebook page. The workshop was the second community workshop that has been held since October 2021 and the first in a series of four community workshops proposed for 2023.

This report provides a summary of the feedback received in the Ginninderry Community Workshop held on 19 January 2023.

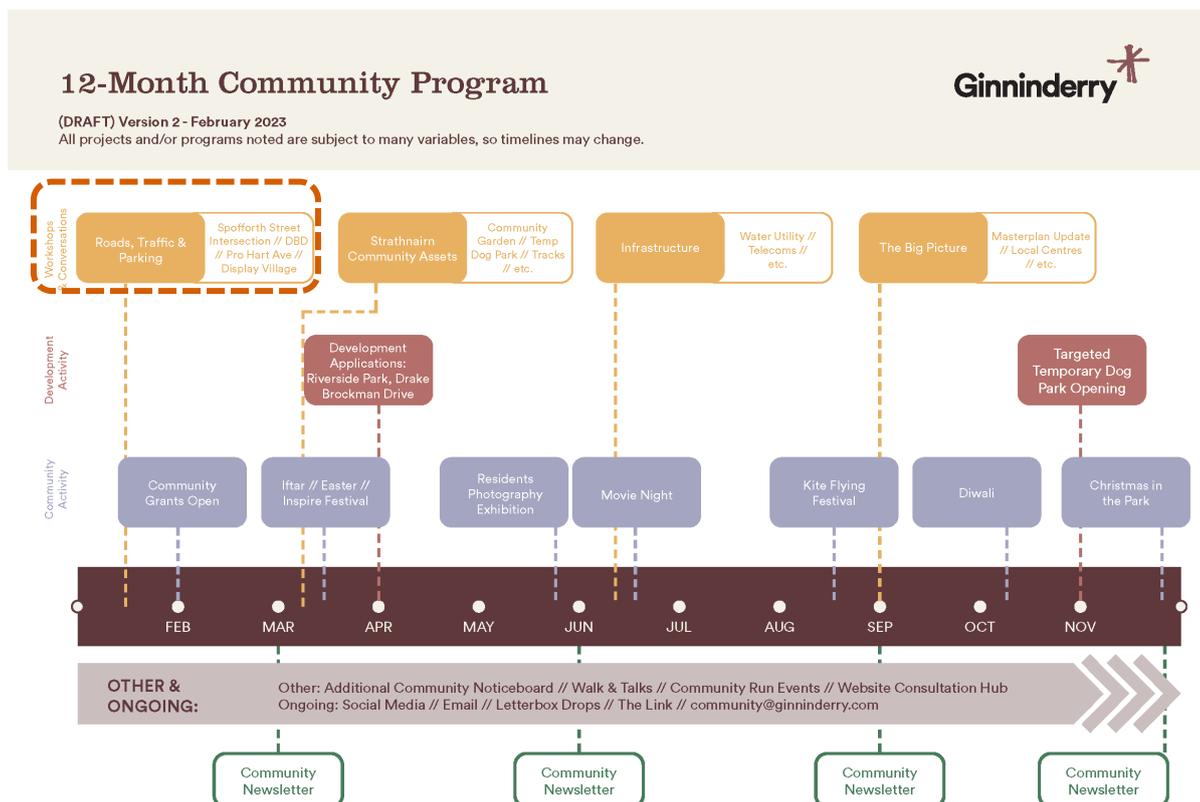
## Workshop purpose

This workshop focused on roads, traffic and parking in Ginninderry in response to this issue being raised at Workshops 1. The specific purpose of this workshop was to:

- Provide information about the planning and processes for managing roads, traffic and parking in Ginninderry
- Gather insights from residents about their experiences in relation to parking, transport and roads.
- Support the development of positive communication and collaboration between Ginninderry and its residents.

## About the workshop

The community workshop is one of the activities detailed in Ginninderry's 12-Month Community Program shown below.





There were 45 registrations for the workshop, and it was attended by 21 members of the local community, including a number of families who took advantage of the complimentary childcare available on the night.

The event was facilitated by Helen Leayr from Communication Link.

The workshop included activities that enabled participants to share their thoughts and ideas in small groups as well as with all participants.

Feedback from this workshop will be used by Ginninderry to guide continued engagement and communication with residents.





## What we heard

The workshop consisted of a series of activities and discussions to gather feedback from all participants. Feedback from each of these activities is outlined below.

### How residents interact with roads, traffic and parking

Using the online poll tool Slido, workshop participants were asked to share how they interacted with roads, traffic and parking in Ginninderry.

#### What does your household look like?

The poll show that the majority households (**81%**) consisted of families with kids.

#### Do you drive? How many cars in your household?

Responses to cars per household shows a majority (**65%**) own two cars, followed by one car (18%) and other (18%).

#### How do you feel about traffic in Ginninderry?

Responses to 'how do you feel about traffic in Ginninderry' are represented in the word cloud shown in Figure 1 below. The more often the word was used, the larger the size of the text in the word cloud. The most common description of traffic was **Increasing**.

**Figure 1.** Traffic and roads in Ginninderry





## How do you feel about parking in Ginninderry?

When asked ‘how do you feel about parking in Ginninderry’, participants gave the responses depicted in the word cloud at Figure 2. The most commonly used description for how residents felt about parking was **Limited**.

**Figure 2.** Parking in Ginninderry



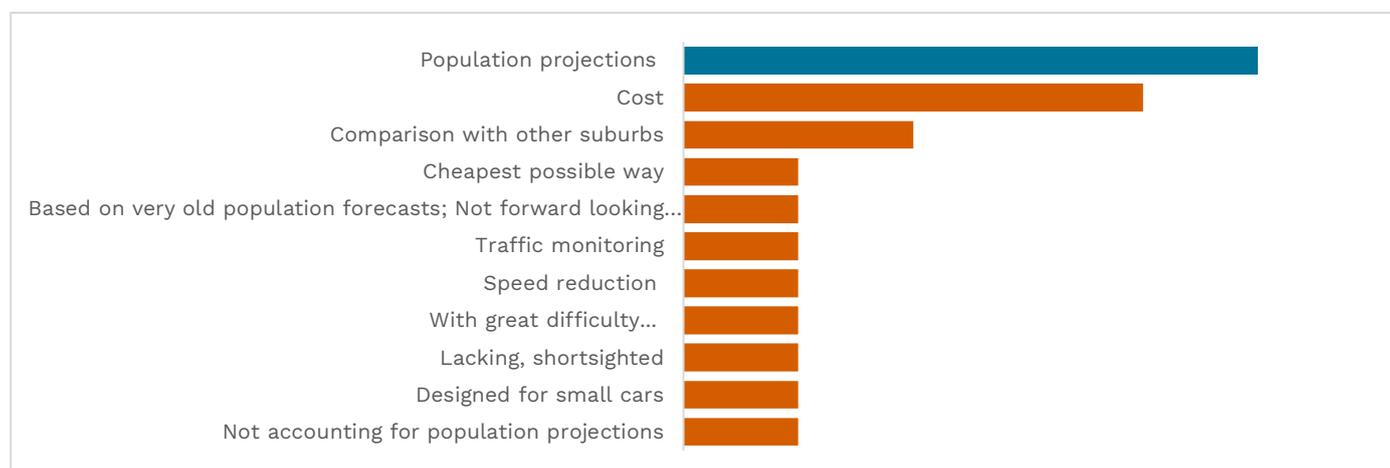
## How do you think we plan for roads and traffic

In the final Slido question, workshop participants were asked to consider ‘how do you think we plan for roads and traffic?’.

As shown in Figure 3 below, the majority suggested that **population projections** were used for planning for roads and traffic in Ginninderry. Some suggested that **costs** were also a key aspect of planning, while others thought that modelling and comparisons with other suburbs were undertaken to plan for roads and traffic.

Other comments suggested that planning only considered small cars and was short-sighted or not based on contemporary data.

**Figure 3.** How do we plan for roads and traffic





## Parking: worksheet activity

For this activity, participants were provided with a printed map of the Ginninderry area and asked to place a dot on any areas where they had concerns about parking and post-it notes were used to give comments for these areas. Completed worksheets have been included in Appendix A.

Table 1 captures the feedback provided in this exercise.

**Table 1.** Parking areas of concern

Road	No. of mentions	Comments
Asimus Avenue	5	Limited parking at Paddys Park Good parking at park
McClymont Way	3	Limited parking at The Link
Tredwell Street	3	90° parking is the wrong direction for the area Parking blocks the footpath
Frearson Street	2	Limited parking for Paddys Park/events
Yeomans Street	2	Limited parking at display village Narrow streets Very heavy traffic
Berents Street (particularly in between Ryko St and Rachel Makinson St)	2	Delivery vans blocking traffic Boats in public parking spots at night-time
Bob Whan Street	1	Very narrow, barely fits a standard ute
Castagna Street	1	Limited parking
Ariotti Street	1	Narrow streets
Pro Hart Avenue	1	Bus blocks traffic when stopping
Jill Landsberg Terrace	1	Delivery vans blocking traffic

Further comments not regarding a particular street include concerns about tradies parking on the verge, people not using garages and the house designs not allowing for adequate car and storage.

Following this activity, a presentation was given which provided an overview of parking and the role of the Territory Plan and regulatory requirements for parking.

Specific areas were identified in the mapping exercise, some issues were explored and possible resolutions were discussed with the Ginninderry representatives.





## Roads and traffic: worksheet activity

Like the previous activity, participants were asked to place green dots on roads they used frequently, and red dots on areas they thought were issues or concerns. Completed worksheets have been included in Appendix A.

Table 2 summarises the feedback from this exercise.

**Table 2.** Road use and concerns

Road	Use (no. of green dots)	Area of concern (no. of red dots)	Extra comments
Pro Hart Avenue	3	3	Speeding on this road
Spofforth Intersection	1	5	
Asimus Avenue	3	2	Pedestrians are a concern Duck crossing Concern this road will become a shortcut or rat-run
Drake Brockman Drive	1	2	
Yeomans Street	1	2	
Corner of McClymont Way and Stockdill Drive	-	2	
Berents Street near Ryko Street and Rachel Makinson Street	1	1	
McClymont Way	-	1	
Ariotti Street	-	1	
Fairbrother Street	-	1	
Britton Jones Drive	-	1	
Tredwell Street	-	1	
Folvig Close near bus stop	-	1	Bus stop on the street means buses can't be passed when stopped

An additional in person comment noted that when bikes are on the road, cars are unable to overtake them causing traffic to be blocked.

Following the activities, residents were asked to reflect on the Slido activity icebreaker, and the responses to the question 'how do you think we plans for roads and traffic' was presented again.







## Key themes

The following key themes and concerns were raised during group discussions.

### Residential garage sizes

- Some residents chose to use the street or driveway to park their cars as their garage size was inadequate for two medium or large vehicles.
- It was noted that the size of double garages varied depending on block size or house design.
- Some residents also utilised garage space for storage.
- It was suggested communications be provided around this topic, including advice on what various block sizes can accommodate and optimal sizing for the intended use.

### Street design – rear laneway access

- It was noted that some street designs mean that there is limited visitor parking directly adjacent to some residences.
- Residents often use on-street parking for their own commercial vehicles.
- It was suggested that ongoing communications and community awareness could be beneficial in reducing poor parking behaviour, so that residents and pedestrians aren't negatively impacted by the actions of others.
- Ginninderry representatives offered to meet with residents on-site to better understand unique parking and traffic issues.

### Travel/commuter options

- Some residents noted that there was a lack of direct public transport links to the city centre or other districts and required the need to use cars for work and family commitments.
- Ginninderry acknowledged that in some instances, actual commutes may differ from sustainable infrastructure planning such as the active travel network and the free shuttle bus. Feedback highlighted that this was due work and social commitments that were in other parts of Canberra.

### Potential shortcuts or 'rat runs'

- Some residents expressed concerns about the potential for some road changes and/or future roads creating rat runs or short-cuts to avoid congested areas.
- Ginninderry representatives noted that ongoing traffic monitoring would be undertaken and appropriately attended should issues be raised.





## Conclusion and next steps

At the end of the workshop Ginninderry representatives made a commitment to consider and engage with the residents on:

- future consultation around Drake Brockman Drive;
- opportunities to retrofit some parking areas;
- creation of a community consultation hub on Ginninderry.com;
- opportunities to provide clearer communication and signage in some areas of concern (as has recently occurred in Blundell Place);
- after-hours walk of areas that have been flagged as troublesome with respect to parking; and
- monitoring of traffic volume and movement around the Display Village once Yeomans Street opens.

Ginninderry representatives noted that while some opportunities for intervention can be limited in an existing suburb, feedback will be considered in future neighbourhood design where possible.

Participants were also encouraged to visit the Ginninderry website to find out more about community events at [Ginninderry.com/WhatsOn](https://Ginninderry.com/WhatsOn).

This summary is supported by a photographic record of feedback posters and a written record of feedback provided on worksheets and post-it notes included in Appendix A.

The next community workshop will focus on **Strathnairn Community Assets**.





# Appendix A – Workshop worksheets

## Parking

**P** How do you use parking in Ginninderry?  
 • Put a green dot on any public parking spaces you frequently use  
 • Put a red dot on any areas you have concerns about parking

YEOMANS ST IS VERY TRAFFIC HEAVY

NOT ENOUGH PARKING & NARROW STREETS

AROUND PROBY'S PARK THERE IS UNSUITED PARKING

**P** How do you use parking in Ginninderry?  
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 • Put a red dot on any areas you have concerns about parking

- Not enough parking for events &  
 - Link parking very limited

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 • Put a red dot on any areas you have concerns about parking

lots of indoor parking

the car is very easy to manoeuvre to park in residential areas

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1. No parking in road width - blocking traffic

Parking at 90°

Not enough parking

Parking blocking footpaths

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Delivery vans blocking footpaths

Delivery vans - back of nightline

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 • Put a red dot on any areas you have concerns about parking

Trading parking on the verge

Not enough parking & too narrow (streets)

No off street parking

Bus block traffic when waiting

Good parking at park

houses not using garages

house design doesn't allow for adequate car and foot space

Delivery village





## Roads and Traffic

**How do you use the roads in Ginninderry?**

- Put a green dot on any roads and intersections that you frequently use
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*- FREQUENT  
- quick crossing*

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*- bus stop on the street - can't pass it  
- speeding on Pro Hart  
- Bikes on Rd. cars can't overtake*

*difficult to pass buses*

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*concern this will become a default solution*

