

Eltham North Adventure Playground resiting survey response	
Which playground and car park location option do you prefer?	Can you tell us why?
Option 1: Proposed location	I like the idea that the cars don't have to drive past the kids. I think it's safer.
Option 1: Proposed location	It's safer!
Option 1: Proposed location	Safer and great idea
Option 2: Original location	<p>All of the reasons that were listed above; * A connection to the site, the community loved the playground in this space. * Many people have memories and emotional connections to the site.</p> <p>So many people really want to just bring back the original playground; just as it was. It worked so wonderfully for so long. Tears were shed when it went up in smoke that morning. We need to save its memory & bring it back from the ashes.</p>
Option 1: Proposed location	Road safety has been a concern in the past with small children - the new location does present a better option, however need to be mindful of the flooding that occurs during winter between the oval and proposed new playground location
Option 1: Proposed location	I think this is a brilliant idea. much safer. however.... can the toilets be turned around? or extra toilets added?
Option 1: Proposed location	Much better and safer!
Option 2: Original location	Keep the path, keep the trees, keep the shade, keep the money to spend on making the playground as amazing and unique as possible.
Option 1: Proposed location	Great idea to keep kids out of road, like idea of closer connection to Edendale
Option 1: Proposed location	<p>I am in strong support of the new location. With children of different ages, having safer connection between the oval and playground is critical for me. Yes visual access to the toilets is a problem, though better than the road issue. I would want the new location to feel a bit nestled in the native bush. Also having access to the edges of the bush for informal bush play is pretty important - for building kid cubby houses etc. I think the visual and pedestrian integration between Edendale, playground and oval with cars semi-hidden from view is really great. Maybe some kind of sculptural bike stand would help to emphasise the walkability and nature friendly experience - supporting behaviour change away from car use.</p>
Option 2: Original location	
Option 1: Proposed location	<p>Safer for our children Will get more people to Edendale for coffee</p>
Option 1: Proposed location	Safety issue is paramount. Satisfied with the move as no trees are to be removed and more will be planted
Option 1: Proposed location	Safer for kids and closer to Edendale
Option 1: Proposed location	Safer option in regards to the road/car park and also the access to the bridge to Edendale. It flows nicer.
Option 2: Original location	So cars don't have to drive past the playground to get to the car park which is safer for everyone.
Option 1: Proposed location	Agreed with the logic of having it safer from traffic, and better access to Edendale and the oval.
Option 2: Original location	Due to the history of the playground

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Option 1: Proposed location	I loved the original playground and its location, but I think the proposed location will be better for safety and will be more accessible for families going to and from Edendale.
Option 1: Proposed location	It makes more sense based on all of the reasons above. Especially keeping an eye on the children who tend to play across both areas, much easier to supervise and keep them safe. Great idea, can't wait to see the end result.
Option 1: Proposed location	I agree that having the playground located "after" the car park is a great, safe option. I am a scout leader and use the bike track with my Joeys and are worried when our activities end and the kids try to get back to their parents cars.
Option 2: Original location	<p>The original location gives space for families and a mix of older and younger children - the new location seems to jam everything at one end</p> <p>The original location allows children to use the bike path and surrounding area safely and whilst still visible - the new location does not allow this which makes it much more challenging with older kids and puts them at risk as the bike path is next to the car park</p> <p>The new location does not give line of sight to toilets - big issue</p> <p>In my experience there was no safety issue - I think the new location creates more safety issues by pulling the playground away from useable space and the bike path Children made a choice to play on the playground or on the oval - I never saw issues with children running across the road and we played there almost daily for the last 8 years</p>
Option 1: Proposed location	Safer for children as cars will not be passing the playground itself. My children have attended a number of parties held at the playground & I have felt nervous about their safety when the party has been under one of the oval side shelters as they have then needed to cross through the car park to get to the playground. The proposed new location is also closer to the school, Edendale & the new housing estate (for families living there wanting to use the playground). It is also closer to the crossing on the main road for residents living on the school side of the road. The only disadvantage I can see is that the toilet doors would then open towards the car park.
Option 1: Proposed location	Improved car park, vehicles not needing to drive past the playground therefore limiting chances of children being hit, playground to oval access
Option 1: Proposed location	<p>Better parking</p> <p>Safer crossing of road</p> <p>Easier access from Edendale</p> <p>Closer to toilets</p>
Option 1: Proposed location	<p>For all the reasons listed above particularly because it's closer to Edendale farm.</p> <p>Thanks</p>
Option 1: Proposed location	<p>Great idea to change location. Can easily get from the soccer ground (not on the map) or the new playground to the oval on the map without crossing the existing dangerous carpark.</p> <p>Getting to the carpark from the playground in the proposed design is so much safer. It's a no brainer.</p> <p>Just don't follow your current addiction and put your stupid parking meters there please! :)</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
Option 1: Proposed location	Safer as kids don't need to cross the carpark to get to the oval. It also brings the playground closer to the bridge crossing to Edendale farm. We used to spend every second Saturday here starting at the playground before heading over to Edendale farm.
Option 1: Proposed location	<p>I live in Lower Road, opposite the park. On busy days, people tend to park in the road, double parking, not parking in bays etc. which can be a hazard. Dangerous too with people moving in and around cars.</p> <p>The new, larger more ring fenced parking area will hopefully alleviate this.</p> <p>Plus, people can flick between the playground/Edendale for lunch, drinks etc.</p>
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Option 1: Proposed location	For all of the reasons you listed!
Option 1: Proposed location	All the reasons for the relocation make perfect sense.
Option 1: Proposed location	I think the relocation of the car park is a fabulous idea. As a parent of a child at Eltham North Primary School I have seen so many near misses in the old car park location I think that this is a terrific suggestion, particularly around school drop-off and pick-up times.
Option 1: Proposed location	Mainly for safety and a better car park
Option 1: Proposed location	To keep cars well away from playground areas.
Option 1: Proposed location	<p>Increased safety for children as they move around the site as they would no longer have to cross the road to move between the playground and oval.</p> <p>The playground would be connected to and closer to Edendale, the existing toilets and the school.</p> <p>Improved visibility within the playground space, which is particularly important when visiting with younger kids.</p> <p>Enhanced recreational areas.</p>
Option 2: Original location	Better bush setting and sight lines for train tracks. Makes the playground distinct area separate from the oval.
Option 1: Proposed location	It's better for the car park to be separated from the play areas.
Option 1: Proposed location	
Option 1: Proposed location	Although I am concerned this makes the car park significantly further away from the school (can be a struggle with toddlers, in the rain etc) and the path between the oval and the road is quite poor and potentially hazardous.
Option 1: Proposed location	Increased safety.
Option 1: Proposed location	Despite the tragic loss of the original playground, the opportunity to improve the amenity should not be ignored. The site will never be exactly the same and most of the objections are the result of a predictable community resistance to change rather than being based on sound and overwhelming logical reasoning.
Option 1: Proposed location	Safety should come first if Children are moving between the play space and the oval
Option 2: Original location	Stop trying to change things. Leave things.
Option 2: Original location	playground is next to the walk bike trail that allows people to enter the playground without having to deal with cars coming and going from the car park this has worked reasonably well prior to the fire however the car park should be away from the entrance to the playground
Option 1: Proposed location	Safer for kids crossing the road, closer to Edendale
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Option 2: Original location	Kids crossing the road is a bit of a silly excuse, parents need to be supervising, and kids need to cross roads safely. Protecting kids from these situations won't help them learn in the future. Lets encourage personal responsibility
Option 2: Original location	It is further away from oval when sporting clubs are using it.

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Option 1: Proposed location	It's logical to move the playground to the new spot for safety reasons (ie closer to oval) and it's more practical too.
Option 1: Proposed location	Agree that it's easier and safer to get to the oval from the proposed site and it's also closer to Edendale. Better flow for vehicles and keeps kids away from the cars.
Option 1: Proposed location	I like the proximity to Edendale and the oval without needing to navigate any traffic.
Option 2: Original location	It addresses safety concerns
Option 1: Proposed location	Like yiu suggest the new lication is safer for kids to get to and from the oval. It also keeps cars away from the play areas.
Option 1: Proposed location	
Option 2: Original location	<p>The community have already been consulted and so I agree with all of the above in relation to why I prefer the original site. A connection to the site, community loved the playground in this space. The playground was built by the community for the community from the ground up. All other infrastructure, picnic and toilets have been orientated to the original site. There is a huge expectation that the playground would be built on the original site. If community consultation told Council that people wanted the same playground on the same site why would there be a need for change. If there are safety concerns these could be accommodated in many ways. The playground is not just for local stakeholders but for many users and this needs to be taken into account. There has not been enough community consultation during the design process and the original community members who were volunteer project managers when the playground was built should have been consulted at this time. This is a decision for the community not the Council. To have the Council's preferred option listed here on the survey before the preferred option of the community is disappointing and is sadly manipulating the process. In the Council's official data from the initial community consultation there was none if any data showing a preference for relocating from the original site. It was very concerning that Council were set at the Future Nillumbik committee meeting on 12 June 2018 to make a decision to relocate the playground without any community consultation and had planned for construction to commence on the car park in the next couple of weeks on the original site. When I spoke to Izzy Abuleela an officer at Nillumbik Council at the original onsite community consultation he assured me that the community would be involved throughout the whole process to call on their ideas and the overall design of the playground. There had been no mention of relocation. Council's community consultation policy is based on IAP2 model of consultation and this final part of the process has not been true to the principles of Council's policy and the IAP2 model which is very disappointing.</p>
Option 1: Proposed location	<p>I like that the road is no longer between the playground and the oval - safer for kids. I like that the playground will be more visible from the road - easier to see and keep an eye on what's going on.</p> <p>The tree planting around the playground will be key to bring back the ambience of "within the woods" that the old plyground had.</p>
Option 1: Proposed location	Safer for children and closer to Edendale Farm
Option 1: Proposed location	Safety is important. Too many cars drive right beside the play ground.
Option 2: Original location	I was born in 1996 and grew up in Eltham North so naturally I spent a lot of time at the Adventure Playground growing up. I realise that a new playground would never be exactly the same as the old but as you have noted this location is where the community remembers the playground having been and this is an important consideration. Thank you for acknowledging the significance of the playground for the locals and prioritising its rebuilding
Option 2: Original location	Sentimental value, close to the car park for accessibility
Option 1: Proposed location	
Option 1: Proposed location	Sentimentally I'd choose option 2 but logic rules, everyone's (rod children's safety) is our number one priority going forward in the world we now live in
Option 2: Original location	Think it is a better space for it. Don't think we need to use half the green space for car parking. It will detract from the space available for play. The whole area including the grass and rock stream was a play area and it shouldn't be limited to just the new development

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Option 1: Proposed location	Much safer as kids going from parties at rotunda on oval side of Car park used to be so dangerous. Much better design
Option 1: Proposed location	I am on board with the idea that moving the playground is safer for all. I completely understand people's nostalgia and attachment to the original site, however what a silver lining to be able to provide a very similar playground in a safer location, out of driving areas. The playground and Edendale have always been a day's outing in my mind so it will be great to have them flow closer together and not as far to walk to the Adventure for little legs.
Option 1: Proposed location	Increased safety Closer to Edendale
Option 1: Proposed location	Looks like a better use of the land . Cars don't have to drive past the playground and it is closer to the Ennerdale precinct.
Option 1: Proposed location	It's safer for the children as cars aren't driving past the playground. Being closer to Edendale Farm is better too
Option 1: Proposed location	Safer for the children. I have to ask though why is there no CCTV cameras being installed. This would help provide greater security of the playground and a deterrent to would-be criminals. Plus there is very little lighting for the older kids who want to play there later in the day.
Option 1: Proposed location	Because of the safety factor. Parking inside the entry makes more sense. Safer for children.
Option 1: Proposed location	I have 3 kids with different interests and was never able to supervise them well when they were split between the oval and playground. I also did not like them having to cross the road. I like the fact that this also places the playground closer to Edendale farm and it's cafe ☺
Option 1: Proposed location	Safety and closer to Edendale. Edendale and the playground are almost an extension of one another.
Option 1: Proposed location	From a teacher's perspective (have worked at Eltham North PS and taken students to this site for many group activities) this is a safer option.
Option 1: Proposed location	Much safer for children if the activity zones are all contiguous and not split vbya a raods. The criticism of the change seems misinformed and political in that I can't see that the area of the carpark will be bigger than before. And even if the area of the playground itself MAY look a bit smaller ot is right in the centre of other things so I doubt there will be any compromise. And finally, if the pathway cannot be reused, why not repeat the exercise today. So we put up a plaque about the earlier path and dsigns and then use new ones.
Option 2: Original location	The existing location has the river and the walking path as a backdrop, it is a nicer setting. The existing location has a bigger footprint for the playground and size for this should be a priority over the car park as it is a recreation setting. What evidence has there been of safety issues for children. Can you please provide us with statistical evidence. It seems to me from the plans that children will still walk across the end of the road to access teh playground on the proposed location.
Option 1: Proposed location	Better position, better parking, better . Closer to edendale
Option 1: Proposed location	Safety of children with regard to car movements. Closer to Edendale Farm and hopefully improves use of it - and vice versa, that people visiting Edendale will find it a bit quicker to come to the Adventure playground.
Option 1: Proposed location	Safety is paramount. Visibility from Road is helpful - may deter night time activities. Makes a much better connection to the oval for play alternatives.
Option 2: Original location	Keep it all as it was. It was traumatic in loss just rebuild to forma glory. And it was fine where it was. It is also ok for kids to cross they have to learn somewhere maybe put a pedestrian zebra there. A dirt car park was good dont tar it up. Earth was what the play ground was about keep the earth there please. We love mud if you dont dont come to the Adventure Park!
Option 1: Proposed location	It looks like a good plan, better overall for most people.
Either location is fine with me	I can understand the safety concerns which need to be weighed up against the emotional sense of 'place' and the practical issue of shade trees existing at the original site
Option 1: Proposed location	Parking lot. It doesn't need to cross the road. It is safer for kids who has the meltdown tendencies of running away
Option 1: Proposed location	Keeps cars well away from children
Option 1: Proposed location	Safety if paramount therefore I fully support the proposed location. It makes total sense to keep the car park to one area that does not cut through the playground and the oval. As much as the old playground was great for kids, it also lacked visibility and accessibility.

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Option 1: Proposed location	It makes sense and this is the perfect opportunity to do it.
Option 1: Proposed location	safer fro the kids
Option 1: Proposed location	I think with the oval and playground close together it will be much safer for playing at either site
Option 1: Proposed location	Makes sense - cars are well away from the children. That was a concern for me in the last playground.
Option 1: Proposed location	I think children's safety in regard to car park is the first priority and therefore Option 1 is the best.
Option 2: Original location	I love the location and see absolutely no reason to move it. I'll be extremely disappointed if this unfortunate situation is used to make an unnecessary change.
Either location is fine with me	I see positives in both options. I feel as long as playground still has ample room allocated and the carpark also built with ample parking either option will work
Either location is fine with me	The original location would be preferred as it's better integrated to nature with more mature trees helping shade the area, but I understand the concerns leading to the relocating proposal. So I'm fine with either really.
Option 1: Proposed location	Improved traffic flow in the shaped car park (especially for coaches) is good Separating children from traffic is a benefit but not a deal-breaker BUT these issues need attention Visibility of toilets entry is very important Mature trees in the playground is very desirable Views especially of the passing trains was a highlight of the present playground Saving the "tiles" will be important for some Avoid rain water buildup
Option 1: Proposed location	Makes it easier for parents accompanying children to toilet area (less distance), hoping this will be upgraded to similar facilities at new play area at Eltham Lower Park. Safety is paramount and there is less risk for children interacting with cars with the new proposal. I would suggest an entry to the carpark also be placed closer to the entry point from the road to avoid cars having to pass the playground.
Option 1: Proposed location	I think moving the playground to the other side of the space is a good option, it links the playground to the back of Edendale. However, primarily why I think it's a good idea is as a parent; making a mad dash to the toilets with our son meant a few accidents when he was younger. Siting it closer to the toilet block is sensible, thank you. When you do decide, can you please mark out the car parking spaces though so it's the most effective use of the space?
Option 1: Proposed location	It is a safer option
Either location is fine with me	Originally when I saw the plans, I was very disappointed that the playground was moving. I thought it was important to keep the original "art path". However, Option 2 looks like it would not remain anyway. If Option 1 does give more Winter sun, then I prefer Option 1. It would be good if current children made a new ceramic tile path
Option 2: Original location	Childrens safety and good location
Option 1: Proposed location	Makes so much sense to shift the playground to this location. Safety and proximity to edendale farm is great
Option 1: Proposed location	Opportunity to resolve long standing issue with seperation of oval from playground is now present. Does not impact native trees. Proposed location better linked to farm and provides better pedestrian connection based on existing layout of path - link from picnic area to playground around new carpark more direct than current arrangement between oval and playground. Old playground is gone, new location allows fresh playground for todays kids to make their own - salvage what they can from the path, but what is gone is gone!
Option 2: Original location	It should be away from sports field.

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Option 1: Proposed location	Proposed location appears to be based on sound reasoning and a detailed consideration of the site. Why not take the opportunity for improvement!? Please make sure adequate links are provided to active transport (especially Diamond Creek Trail but perhaps the main road via oval?).
Either location is fine with me	Like both ideas , but hope we don't loose the two BBQ areas and table and chairs under cover. I have had birthday parties here and this space was perfect for the family and friends.
Option 1: Proposed location	The proposed location is a much safer option and keeps children from running across a road to reach the oval. If there is an opportunity to make our children safe at play, this should not be ignored.
Option 2: Original location	My Adult Children & I want it where it was
Either location is fine with me	I am happy with the proposed location as long as there is an overall concept plan for the new site that incorporates additional features including relocated fitness structure, swings, picnic shelters, picnic tables, dry creek bed, paths and the tiles to be reused.
Option 1: Proposed location	Very logical idea and safety of children playing in the park is important. Change is a wonderful thing!
Option 1: Proposed location	A lot safer for the children, can avoid crossing the car park. A lot closer to Edendale farm which is great also
Option 2: Original location	
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Option 1: Proposed location	
Option 2: Original location	Kids playing in playground rarely access oval in same occasion. Is a nice nestled space surrounded by the enviro. Dont necessarily want to be able to see the road from the playground.
Option 2: Original location	<p>My reasons why I do not want the playground moved.</p> <p>I have not in the 14 years of using this park with my kids had any problems with safety. We either come to use the park or the oval. If others have had issues with safety then these can be fixed with fencing around the whole thing like other parks eg. Wombat bend and Eltham Lower Park. Add zebra crossings and allocated parking bays and not the chaos there currently is. This would add a lot of additional safety. Why does it matter that the park is a whole 30 metres closer to the Edendale bridge? What are these benefits? If anything it will be more unsafe for the primary school kids because parents/kids are going to walk up the entrance road and along the goat track that runs at the top of the oval as it will be a more direct route from the car park. Plus parents aren't going to get their kids to school on time if they have to walk through that amazing park! I do not want to sit in our new adventure playground and look at that ugly cyclone fencing on the oval and busy Wattle Tree road. The whole ambience, bush feel will be lost in the stark open space. Any planting that is done will take years and years before it looks any good. The original corner wraps around the park, offers a wonderful mature bush setting with natural shade and organic nature play that adds to the whole experience for the kids. It would be such a waste on a car park. The new location will be an unattractive open space with very little of what the original space can offer straight away. Will the new car park fit all the cars? I do not think so! There are more than 100 cars there in a morning or afternoon or busy weekend. I have big doubts for buses fitting in this new car park, and turning around for that matter. The drawings that have been released to the public are not accurate and are deceptive. For instance the large grassy area near the bridge to Edendale does not exist! I would like to the original space used for the park and additionally the wasted space that is on the North side along the river and walking path be used. The bike path could be pushed out much closer to the river edge, then the original park fence added, then the park. This would add a magical treed grassy space that could be used for picnickers and nature play. (i have included pics for this) Where do you put a sporting facility in the future? The prime spot will have a park in it! I'm very annoyed that this choice has been added. Its jeopardising the whole original feel and desire to resurrect what we lost accurately. And now I'm wasting time on arguing this, when i should be scrutinising the Adventure playground design.</p>
Option 1: Proposed location	

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Option 2: Original location	<p>The original location as that is where it was. The tree around it support the playground. To move a park because the of the wet car park seems silly. The car park drainage issues can be addressed during construction. The park being closer to the oval could be dangerous as when sport is being played stray balls could come over the fence and hit a child. Dogs playing in the oval can come over to the fence and bark at the kids in the playground. The car park needs to stay where it is for the parents that want to watch their kids do sport from the comfort of their car. Perhaps a zebra crossing to the car park would help people cross the road.</p> <p>I believe moving the playground will have a greater adverse impact to the environment. I think moving the playground will takeaway the feel and joy of the current playground. I would like the playground to stay in the same position it was in.</p>
Option 1: Proposed location	
Option 1: Proposed location	I like the safety aspect and the fact that it's closer to Edendale farm as our visits often incorporated both the playground and the farm.
Option 2: Original location	Because that space is where it was and has a lot of the fencing and borders already in place and the car park relocation will make no difference in child safety in running across the road
Option 1: Proposed location	Safety! No more crossing the car park
Option 2: Original location	Reduced cost.
Option 2: Original location	I like the current location for the shade and shelter of mature trees and current existing infrastructure- shelters bbq and toilets. Time and money wasting to move It.
Option 2: Original location	The original location was perfect. The proposed location is no better for safety reasons if anything in my opinion could even be more dangerous as young children are curious and are more likeley to wander on the path ie the bridge if closer.
Option 2: Original location	The original location is further away from the ugly dog box, apartments thst have just been built, and is surrounded by more bush
Option 2: Original location	Don't want playground in flood zone. Original needed no improvements, safety concerns could easily be met with designated crossing zone. Don't want the playground closer to the public toilets, which would not be clearly visible from proposed new site. New site is not protected from the elements, such as summer sun and winter wind. Our friends attend regularly, all seasons. It was perfect, for all these years.
Option 2: Original location	<p>The creek is far too close on option number 1. The environmental factors and risk associated in an emergency means better access in option 1 as we all know people illegally Ozark where there are no parks making it difficult for emergency revives if needed. A pedestrian crossing area from oval to playground would be great. Just raised on humpwith flashing lights. A small bike path area the perimeter of playground would also be a valuable asset. Picnic tables in the enclosed area would bring more safety and security for families.</p> <p>We love this park our children grew up here and now their children. Whatever happened to the community pavers the children made. This could be repeated as a part of the community.</p> <p>The design is good I can see some definite improvements there although last loved the original.</p> <p>Please do not relocate the playground.</p>
Option 2: Original location	Original location is far more visually appealing and on higher ground than proposed location. There is a good distance between playground and creek with original location and strip of land on other side of the bike path. I think any safety concerns can be adequately addressed with good use of fencing, speed humps, crossings and signage.

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Option 2: Original location	<p>All the reasons above including it's cover by trees. It fits better into the landscape and has a better out look.</p> <p>How many accidents have actually happened over the years the playground has been where it is? This is just pandering to a growing "nanny state"! Children need to be taught to take responsibility, to watch out for traffic and not run off. if they can't do it in a safe environment like this what happens when they are out generally. This is not a good enough reason to move it. If people are really concerned put a fence with a child proof gate that can be softened with landscaping.</p>
Option 2: Original location	<p>Playground needs to be kept in the original location surrounded by trees, the benefits of the proposed location (option 1) are not compelling whatsoever</p>
Option 2: Original location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -I actually disagree re safety - potentially just as many kids would be crossing the road because lots - would be going to the school and shortcut not going via the playground. '-The ambience of the original site it considerably more treed. '-If you want more parking, that could be done by modifying how it works on the road in, and by letting some of it encroach closer to the creek (between the trees). -the original site has much more of a bush feel -there is no need for the play space to be more visible from the road, that just makes it fee more exposed when you're there; good signage can do just as well for informing people '-please note this is not just a knee-jerk reaction; I started by thinking 'why not move it? but I've been reading different people's pros and cons including those above, and come to this as a reasoned view. <p>Thanks</p>
Option 1: Proposed location	<p>Because we now know that it is safer for children, it would be irresponsible to leave it where it is.</p>
Option 1: Proposed location	<p>I trust the original designers as they know what is best and will care about the final product</p>
Option 2: Original location	<p>Beautiful and natural shade already provided in the original location. All it needs to be made safer is to have an enclosed fence all around it. Car park needs to be fixed regardless. Not that common for kids to be running between the oval and playground to make such a major move.</p>

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Which playground and car park location option do you prefer?	Can you tell us why?
Option 2: Original location	<p>These are my reasons why I do not want the playground moved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -I have not in all the years of using this park with my kids had any problems with safety. In fact, the short walk from the carpark to the park allowed us to reinforce safety messages in a low-risk environment. -If others have had issues with safety then these can be fixed with fencing around the whole thing like other parks eg. Wombat bend and Eltham Lower Park. Add zebra crossings and allocated parking bays and not the chaos there currently is. This would add a lot of additional safety. -Why does it matter that the park is a whole 30 metres closer to the Edendale bridge? What are the benefits? -If anything it will be more unsafe for the primary school kids because parents/kids are going to walk up the entrance road and along the goat track that runs at the top of the oval as it will be a more direct route from the car park. Plus parents aren't going to get their kids to school on time if they have to walk through that amazing park! -I do not want to sit in our new adventure playground and look at that ugly cyclone fencing on the oval and busy Wattle Tree road. The whole ambience, bush feel will be lost in the stark open space. Any planting that is done will take years and years before it looks any good. -The original corner wraps around the park, offers a wonderful mature bush setting with natural shade and organic nature play that adds to the whole experience for the kids. It would be such a waste on a car park. -The new location will be an unattractive open space with very little of what the original space can offer straight away. -Will the new car park fit all the cars? I do not think so! There are more than 100 cars there in a morning or afternoon or busy weekend. -I have big doubts for buses fitting in this new car park, and turning around for that matter. -The drawings that have been released to the public are not accurate and are deceptive. For instance the large grassy area near the bridge to Edendale does not exist! -I would like to see the original space used for the park and additionally the wasted space that is on the North side along the river and bike path be used. The bike path could be pushed out much closer to the river edge, then the original park fence added, then the park. This would add a magical treed grassy space that could be used for picnickers and nature play. (i have included pics for this) -Where do you put a sporting facility in the future? The prime spot will have a park in it! -I'm very annoyed that this choice has been added. Its jeopardising the whole original feel and desire to resurrect what we lost accurately. And now I'm wasting time on arguing this, when i should be scrutinising the Adventure playground design.
Option 2: Original location	<p>The original playground site has a better feel, more trees, better outlook. I don't believe there are safety issues, I think that has been exaggerated. There is already a connection with the original playground site to Edendale.</p>
Either location is fine with me	<p>The original location is beautiful and it would be a newer, better playground in same site You can also see the toilets from there which, as a parent, is a plus. While crossing the carpark can be hazardous, this is a fact with all car parks and perhaps a pedestrian crossing or bridge to the oval would help alleviate some of the hazards. A bridge could be incorporated into the new design. If we had some budget, marking out the carpark wouldn't hurt either.</p> <p>In the proposed location, if the car park is done well we could get more cars in, in a less chaotic way.</p> <p>Cons: Having to go through or past the playground to get from the carpark to the school and back again is going to make getting some kids to and from school a lot harder. Not being able to see the toilet doors from the playground. Maybe some sort of mirror or cctv could help with that.</p>

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Which playground and car park location option do you prefer?	Can you tell us why?
Option 2: Original location	<p>-I have not in the 14 years of using this park with my kids had any problems with safety. We either come to use the park or the oval.</p> <p>-If others have had issues with safety then these can be fixed with fencing around the whole thing like other parks eg. Wombat bend and Eltham Lower Park. Add zebra crossings and allocated parking bays and not the chaos there currently is. This would add a lot of additional safety.</p> <p>-Why does it matter that the park is a whole 30 metres closer to the Edendale bridge? What are these benefits?</p> <p>-If anything it will be more unsafe for the primary school kids because parents/kids are going to walk up the entrance road and along the goat track that runs at the top of the</p> <p>-I do not want to sit in our new adventure playground and look at that ugly cyclone fencing on the oval and busy Wattle Tree road. The whole ambience, bush feel will be lost in the stark open space. Any planting that is done will take years and years before it looks any good.</p> <p>-The original corner wraps around the park, offers a wonderful mature bush setting with natural shade and organic nature play that adds to the whole experience for the kids. It would be such a waste on a car park.</p> <p>-The new location will be an unattractive open space with very little of what the original space can offer straight away.</p> <p>-Will the new car park fit all the cars? I do not think so! There are more than 100 cars there in a morning or afternoon or busy weekend.</p> <p>-I have big doubts for buses fitting in this new car park, and turning around for that matter.</p> <p>-I would like to the original space used for the park and additionally the wasted space that is on the North side along the river and bike path be used. The bike path could be pushed out much closer to the river edge, then the original park fence added, then the park. This would add a magical treed grassy space that could be used for picnickers and nature</p> <p>-Where do you put a sporting facility in the future? The prime spot will have a park in it!</p> <p>-I'm very annoyed that this choice has been added. Its jeopardising the whole original feel and desire to resurrect what we lost accurately. And now I'm wasting time on arguing this, when i should be scrutinising the Adventure playground design.</p>
Option 2: Original location	<p>1. The original location, although further from the toilets, allowed parents to watch their children enter and exit the toilets. The new location does not allow for this to happen making it difficult for a family when 1 child needs the toilet. The whole family...in my case Mum and 3 kids, would have to go together to ensure safety. It isn't just the younger children at risk here as pedophiles are more likely to target kids aged 8+ whose parents feel more confident about their kids being able to go by themselves.</p> <p>2. If a fence is to go between the existing path that leads to ENPS and the new playground (near the swings) to protect children from the creek there will be little room for any plants to hide the fence. A fence that is appealing to look at would be better suited back further from the swings to allow for native plantings although the path would then be through the playground area and this is not ideal.</p> <p>3. A big draw card for the children has always been the trains and watching them as they travel past. The new location does not provide a clear view of the trains.</p> <p>4. Many children participated in 'nature play' adjacent to the original playground. This area was flat and visible from the original playground, providing many hours of imaginative play for the older children. This area would be on the other side of the car park out of view from parents if the playground is located in the proposed location. The area closer to the proposed location for potential 'nature play' is close to steep riverbank edges and grass that is long throughout the year. Many snakes are seen along the creek in this area during the warmer months which would make the long grass a hazard to play in.</p> <p>5. The proposed location is wet and muddy throughout much of the winter months, with some areas of the proposed location being wet and muddy throughout the whole year.</p>

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Which playground and car park location option do you prefer?	Can you tell us why?
Option 2: Original location	<p>I prefer the original location for a number of reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The surrounding trees and bush of the original location provides a beautiful space to play and outlook. I am unsure this new location will do the same; 2. My kids loved being able to see the trains head past every 10 or 15 mins. In the new location I don't think they will see them as well. Our old playground had so many special elements to it that weren't just about the playground; 3. I liked the bike path running around the edge. Seeing everyone ride past fostered a great desire for my kids to go riding. I feel the new location will be disconnected from the bike path; 4. I agree the parking is not ideal in its current state, but it would be much better if it was level, surfaced and marked. Please spend your operational budget on that instead of relocation; 5. Noting child safety was a key reason for the move - suggest you upgrade the fencing around it to be like Diamond Creek' s playground; 6. I suspect relocating the playground will put it too close to the new townhouse development and noise complaints will result. They don't need hordes of screaming kids on their doorstep every day; 7. I think if you try and move the kids footpath it will be destroyed. That clearly is not something the community is happy with. <p>Thanks for considering.</p>
Option 2: Original location	
Option 2: Original location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trees are already established - Traffic issues can be sorted easily with proper fencing and crossings - I don't like the idea of it being near the tall fencing of the oval, bit of an eye-sore! - Not convinced the special paving can be saved without significant damage (although I still like the idea of doing a new one as well) - The amount of community engagement in this issue, and the dismay felt when it seemed that the council was moving the venue without appropriate community consultation (particularly considering the amount of community involvement in the original process and actual building), is a strong indication against moving it.
Option 1: Proposed location	Makes more sense - it prioritises the safety of the children which has to be the most important issue overall
Option 1: Proposed location	
Option 2: Original location	
Option 1: Proposed location	It is a better option to keep cars away from kids. Also, closer to Edendale, toilets and oval area.
Option 2: Original location	
Option 2: Original location	The wooded area where the playground was seems to be the most logical location. Provides shade cover and can't see any reason to move it.

Eltham North Adventure Playground resiting survey response	
Which playground and car park location option do you prefer?	Can you tell us why?
Either location is fine with me	<p>Thank you for rebuilding the playground. It is a much-loved community space. I don't mind where the playground is located but I do want it to be a great community space. Thank you also for giving the community a chance to voice their preferences regarding the playground location & your idea to change it. This is important. If the playground location changes I would like the following things considered:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BBQ & Shade shelters – these are highly valued spaces for birthday parties & group celebrations. The new plan doesn't show the same number of these. Because their demand is high, not having at least the same number will disappoint the community. 2. Trees – the current playground nestled in the trees is both beautiful & provides some shading at times. The new plan will need to have plenty of trees added so it is not in a moonscape. I'd like to see a manna gum planted for each Primary School in the shire & 1 to represent the home school children. I'd also like to see wattle trees planted to represent each preschool. I don't like the idea of exotic trees and would prefer this area is kept native if not indigenous. Trees are needed to shade the playground in summer & winter. Kids will be playing in the whole area, not just under the structure. 3. Tree Removal for proposed carpark– The current big trees I'd like to see retained. I understand that some smaller vegetation may need to be removed but would like it replaced. 4. Carpark Safety – At either location, children's safety is paramount & is the responsibility of their supervisor. Whilst I'm not aware of any incidents I accept the proposal has benefits in keeping oval/playground play together. If flipped the nature play area to the north will be separated from the playground by a carpark. The current carpark is large & gives a clear view. Inner lanes are only formed at peak times (e.g. school pick up/drop off, community events like Winter solstice at Edendale). Buses use this space daily for the school & to visit Edendale Farm. I have counted 128 cars parked at the playground on a Wednesday afternoon for 3.30pm school pick up in the recent weeks. 5. Toilet Safety – I like the clear line of sight from the current playground to the toilet doors. I can see my children walk in & out & can see who is around. The flip won't provide this. If flipped, I don't want the toilets closed in. I feel that the exposure to doors is safer than a corridor enclosing the entrance. 6. Road Safety – Currently many cars park along The Parade on both sides of the road. Existing users know the flow. Especially at school pick up & drop off time. School parents using the precinct for parking are careful & respectful. The space is not very wide & cars on both side adds a safety risk especially when there is no pedestrian crossing point. If the flip occurs then I think, road safety should be carried through to other areas of the precinct as a priority. Such as: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A pedestrian crossing from the oval fence gate across The Parade to the bike path. b. If car parking is to continue along The Parade adjacent the oval, stipulate nose in towards the oval so children can be seen walking around the oval. Investigate whether 'no standing' should be implemented along The Parade on the north side. c. Consideration of a path from the oval gate to connect with the path along Wattetree Road. This is currently highly used & could be more so with the relocation of the carpark. d. Widen The Parade exit at Wattletree Rd to allow a left turning lane for adequate cars & right turning lane to exit as current traffic on Wattletree Rd makes big impact on traffic & pedestrians leaving the playground precinct at peak times. 7. Fencing – I like the post & rail fencing & hope that this is retained. If the flip happens I'd like to see a post & rail fence divide the playground from the footpath to allow, pedestrians, bike riders & school groups to walk along the path without children from the playground running across to the creek. This will also allow school groups to walk along the path without spilling into the playground. 8. The Pottery Path – Please do your best to retain the tiles so they can be incorporated into the rebuild in some way.
Option 1: Proposed location	Safety
Option 1: Proposed location	Although the original playground was a great and well loved space, under the bad circumstances it will allow for improvements to be made in regards to functionality and safety for growing population visiting/living and enjoying the space.
Option 1: Proposed location	It's obviously the better location. Simple.
Option 1: Proposed location	Safer for the kids getting from the play ground to the oval.
Option 1: Proposed location	Because it is much safer. There's been a lot of near misses with small children dashing across from the car park to the playground. This a great opportunity to make a safer, more functional park that can be enjoyed by everybody!
Option 2: Original location	<p>I don't see the social value or economic ROI in the additional cost of relocating the car park.</p> <p>I would rather see those funds allocated to improving pedestrian safety in the existing car park (if a concern) along with adding additional carparking if space allows.</p>
Option 1: Proposed location	Safety & closer to edendale farm
Option 1: Proposed location	

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Which playground and car park location option do you prefer?	Can you tell us why?
Option 2: Original location	<p>The new position is closer to the steep drop off into the creek on the southern side, which presents a more significant danger to children than in the current location.</p> <p>Kids often ride their bikes on the wide open cycle track that runs around the current location and is not mirrored in the proposed new location.</p>
Option 1: Proposed location	
Option 2: Original location	<p>The original site is a better location for the playground, offering additional shade with the mature tree canopy on that side. It typifies the connection with nature that Eltham is famous for, and families have come for years to this location because of the location and style of the playground.</p> <p>I would only support moving the playground to the car park site if extensive landscaping was undertaken to unpack the gravel from the car park so that mature trees can extend deep roots and survive in that location which seems both unfeasible and horrendously expensive, especially when the current site already has the landscaping in place.</p> <p>The safety of the area could be improved with asphaltting and line-marking the car park with space for buses to run around (as there seem to be buses parked there frequently.) A zebra crossing with speed bumps would increase safety for children and families crossing the road from the oval to the playground and slow vehicles entering and leaving the park.</p> <p>The current site has the ceramic path made by children from the local area. It seems risky to attempt to transplant this to a new location and I would anticipate that many artworks would be lost in the move.</p> <p>I doubt that flipping the car park would allow for as many cars to be parked without removing large trees, and it would be difficult for buses to turn around in this area.</p>
Option 1: Proposed location	<p>Makes the most sense. The previous location was dangerous for pedestrians, let alone children. Connect to the school pathway and edendale makes more sense.</p> <p>Improved parking is a must considering parking around the school is a nightmare</p>
Option 2: Original location	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The original location provides a bush outlook towards the river - I don't think the current carpark (if turned into the playground) will have that, and will be quite a blank canvas in terms of vegetation for many years until trees can grow. 2. Moving the playground will put the existing mosaic childrens artwork at danger! :-) 3. Moving the playground closer to the townhouses isn't great 4. Train watching from the top of the playground was a favourite pastime of my kids, and I don't think the new location would see the trains 5. Council originally stated that the playground would be rebuilt the same.....this doesn't mean relocating it to another space. Yes - the current carpark isn't great - but spend a bit of money on it (seal it etc) and it would be much improved.....for both Eltham North Primary drop offs, and park users. 6. To improve safety, upgrade the fencing and put pedestrian crossings between the playground and carpark - similar to Eltham Lower Butterfly Park between playground and oval.
Option 1: Proposed location	<p>It is safer, therefore seems to be the obvious choice.</p>
	<p>really, come on.</p> <p>the original location is the best location.</p> <p>there have never been any safety issues.</p> <p>maybe theres been lack of supervision by slack arse parents.</p> <p>their kids will be at risk wherever you stick parking along the road, around the oval, and near the playground.</p> <p>you're just looking to save cash no doubt, but the original location is the best location for the view, the shade, the environment, the families and kids.</p> <p>get real and keeo it in the original spot where it should be.</p>
Option 2: Original location	<p>Existing location is on higher ground and more set back in mature bush setting. Concerned with water logging if moved to new location. The current car park is boggy as soon as it rains so with limited budget for landscaping, I don't see how the new location will stay in good shape.</p>

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Which playground and car park location option do you prefer?	Can you tell us why?
Option 1: Proposed location	Better option
Option 1: Proposed location	
Option 1: Proposed location	Makes sense. Inclusive with disability area. Safe.
Option 2: Original location	There is a bush area near the playground and the bush surrounds the playground.
Option 2: Original location	The original location sits beautifully within the surrounding treed aspect, its historical significance to the original site and the tiles path done by students in the 90s. The Diamond Creek path encircling the original site is also part of the aspect. Why if the safety issue of crossing the road to the oval is the main reason for shifting the site, does the shire not consider fencing the original site, as with many parks. eg: Templestowe Park at the Yarra.
Option 1: Proposed location	Better usable parking. Maybe used as a overflow car park for the soccer oval.
Either location is fine with me	Best to use solutions that suit 2018 rules and regulations and best practices, not just recreate the past - but still get it the same feel, we all loved the old playground after all.
	Beautiful outlook towards the creek, trees, bike path, etc. Safety is NOT an issue if you design a timber fence and secure child lock on gate AND for those who don't like it fenced (the look) - plant native bushes in front of fence to soften the look of park.
	Outlook. Place child proof fence around with vegetation to hide fence. Appropriate gate ie: Lower Eltham Park playground, Wombat Park