

Community Facilities

Policy and Investment Plan

Stage One

Consultation closes 5:00pm, Friday, 7 March 2025.



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Project Information

Our city is growing. As a capital city council, we need to plan for the future and ensure our community centres, facilities, and playspaces meet the needs of our community.

Your feedback will guide our planning and investment in community facilities. We need your feedback to shape our draft Social Infrastructure (Assets) Policy (<https://meetings.cityofadelaide.com.au/documents/s22689/Attachment A for Social Infrastructure Policy.pdf>) and the development of our Community Facilities Investment Plan.

This consultation is about how the City of Adelaide plans for the future community facilities we provide.

Our current community facilities include:

- Three libraries - Hutt Street, North Adelaide and City
- Three community centres - Minor Works Building, Box Factory and North Adelaide
- 38 public toilets (owned and maintained by Council)
- 11 play spaces
- Three skate facilities – destination facility in Gladys Elphick Park / Narnungga (Park 25) and satellite facilities in Mary Lee Park / Tulya Wardli (Park 27B) and King Rodney Park / Ityamai-itypina (Park 15)
- One BMX - City Dirt facility containing multiple tracks/zones (4)
- Eight community sports courts and six 3-on-3 community basketball courts
- Two dog parks

Your feedback will help us to:

- **Stage One (Feb/March 2025)** - Finalise the Policy that informs the way we plan, deliver and support community facilities across the City of Adelaide.
- **Stage Two (late 2025)** - Input gathered in Stage One will also contribute to the creation of an Investment Plan which will prioritise where, when and how we fund and deliver timely new or upgraded community facilities as our population grows and changes.

The City of Adelaide has a population growth target of 50,000 people by 2036. As the capital city, we provide community facilities to people from metropolitan Adelaide too. All areas of Adelaide are planning for growth which will increase the demand for city-based community facilities.

Investing in the planning, development and management of community facilities (also referred to as social infrastructure assets), in the right place at the right time, will ensure that our community has the facilities they need now and for future generations.

Community facilities are essential, and with your help, we can ensure they meet our community's needs.

Background

This draft Social Infrastructure (Assets) Policy (<https://meetings.cityofadelaide.com.au/documents/s22689/Attachment A for Social Infrastructure Policy.pdf>) was endorsed by Council for public consultation at their 12 November 2024 meeting. The Policy was developed using research and community feedback from various related projects including a Social Infrastructure Assessment, City Plan – Adelaide 2036 (<https://www.cityofadelaide.com.au/about-adelaide/city-plan/>) and City User Profile (<https://www.cityofadelaide.com.au/about-adelaide/city-facts-and-figures/>).

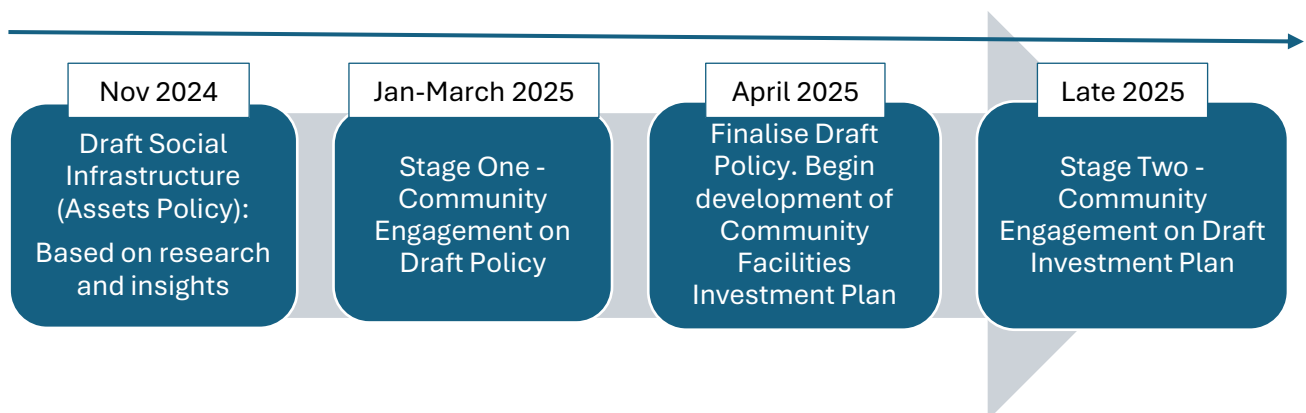
Our Buildings Asset Management Plan (<https://d31atr86jnqrq2.cloudfront.net/docs/plan-asset-management-building.pdf>) covers a range of important community facilities including:

- Libraries
- Community centres
- Public toilets
- Sporting clubs

The Building Asset Management Plan outlines the Council's high-level asset management priorities for the operation, maintenance and renewal of our assets over the next 10 years.

The draft Social Infrastructure (Assets) Policy guides investment decisions in new, upgraded or consolidated community facilities to meet current and future needs. Council has progressed investment for the Adelaide Park Lands through the development of an Adelaide Park Lands Community Buildings (Sport and Recreation) Policy. The draft Social Infrastructure (Assets) Policy will assist Council to make decisions about and prioritise investment in community facilities.

Timeline



Frequently Asked Questions

Why are community facilities important?

Research and community feedback tells us that community facilities help us to be happy, safe and healthy, to learn, and to enjoy life. A network of community facilities contributes to social identity, inclusion and cohesion and is used by all people at some point in their lives, often on a daily basis.

Community facilities are vital in emergency response and provide accessible places for people who may otherwise face barriers to accessing resources such as air conditioning, technology and Wi-Fi.

The City of Adelaide has a long history of providing community facilities for our residents, visitors and worker population. We want to ensure the sustainability and effectiveness of our community facilities in the context of existing and emerging opportunities and challenges including climate change, cost of living and digital inclusion.

Why do we need a Social Infrastructure (Assets) Policy?

The City of Adelaide is responsible for an extensive and diverse asset portfolio valued at more than \$2 billion, which represents a significant investment made over multiple generations. Council assets include everything from footpaths to trees.

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Feedback from our City User Profile (<https://www.cityofadelaide.com.au/about-adelaide/city-facts-and-figures/>) and Resident Survey (<https://www.cityofadelaide.com.au/about-adelaide/city-facts-and-figures/>), and condition audits of community facilities tell us that not all community facilities are meeting community expectations. Many of our community facilities are reaching the end of their asset life.

What kind of community facilities are not being considered in this consultation?

- **Sport and Recreation Buildings in the Adelaide Park Lands** – The 67 sport and recreation community buildings in the Adelaide Park Lands are included in another Council policy called the Adelaide Park Lands Community Buildings (Sport and Recreation) Policy (<https://ouradelaide.sa.gov.au/park-lands-community-buildings>) and Priority Needs Analysis. Adelaide Park Lands planning is more broadly covered by the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (<https://ouradelaide.sa.gov.au/draft-aplms>).
- **Adelaide Town Hall Complex** – Commercial, cultural and civic spaces that include the Council Chambers and Mankurri-api Kuu / Reconciliation Room. The Adelaide Town Hall complex is subject to a Community Land Management Plan (<https://d31atr86jnqrq2.cloudfront.net/docs/plan-clmp-adelaide-town-hall-complex.pdf>).
- **Community facilities that are the responsibility of other levels of government** - Early childhood education and care (e.g. childcare centres and kindergartens), education and training (e.g. schools, universities), primary and community health (e.g. health centres and pharmacies), state cultural institutions (e.g. South Australian Museum, State Library of South Australia, Art Gallery of South Australia).

What does the City Plan – Adelaide 2036 say about community facilities?

The City Plan – Adelaide 2036 (<https://www.cityofadelaide.com.au/about-adelaide/city-plan/>) identifies locations for community facilities based on factors such as population growth, accessibility, land availability, and integration with other land uses. It doesn't discuss how facilities should be designed or delivered.

Will the Social Infrastructure (Assets) Policy or Community Facilities Investment Plan tell me what will happen in City of Adelaide's community facilities now or into the future?

While it is important to have a sense of the kinds of services and programs that are currently hosted or could be hosted within our community facilities, this consultation is not about service planning or program delivery.

What will the Social Infrastructure (Assets) Policy do?

The Social Infrastructure (Assets) Policy aims to guide the planning and development of community facilities to better serve community needs and population growth. The Policy sets the foundations for planning and delivering community facilities in the right place, at the right time, in a way that means everyone can access them.

The proposed Policy Objectives include:

- **Place-based planning:** Take a place-based approach to planning and developing social infrastructure assets (community facilities) at the neighbourhood and city-wide scale to address community needs now and for future generations.
- **Equitable access:** Ensure users' access to social infrastructure assets (community facilities) is convenient, easy, and affordable, recognising that marginalised and vulnerable populations benefit most from equitable access.
- **Coordination and delivery:** Enable shared investment, programming, and timely delivery of social infrastructure assets (community facilities) to strengthen their community value and support sustainable city growth.

The proposed Policy Principles include:

- **Responsive:** Responsive to current and future community needs.
- **Accessible:** Well-located and designed for access and social inclusion.
- **Adaptable:** Designed to be flexible and adaptable to changing needs.
- **Sustainable:** Sustainable delivery and operation of facilities.

The Policy outlines the following roles for the City of Adelaide:

- Owner/Custodian/Direct Provider
- Leader
- Partner
- Facilitator
- Advocate

What will the Community Facilities Investment Plan do?

The proposed Community Facilities Investment Plan will be consulted on in a second stage of community engagement scheduled for later in 2025. It is proposed the Plan will:

- Prioritise investment in the development, upgrade or consolidation of community facilities to meet current and future needs.
- Include details on population and floorspace benchmarks and elaborate on design guidelines.
- based on the agreed objectives and principles.
- Discuss funding and investment mechanisms such as state or federal government funding, developer contributions, public/private partnerships and social impact investment.
- Inform the City of Adelaide's Long-term Financial Plan.

How do I provide my feedback?

There are a number of ways in which you can provide feedback:

Feedback Form (attached to this information pack)

Online ouradelaide.sa.gov.au

Contribute your feedback via the **Online Survey**.

Email your comments to ouradelaide@cityofadelaide.com.au

Written Submissions

All written submissions should be delivered to the City of Adelaide Customer Centre or posted to:

Community Consultation
Community Facilities – Stage One
GPO Box 2252, Adelaide SA 5001

What happens next?

We will acknowledge your feedback either by email or in writing.

The feedback gathered from the consultation will inform the final Social Infrastructure (Assets) Policy to be presented to Council for consideration in 2025.

The feedback gathered will also inform the development of a draft Community Facilities Investment Plan which will be consulted on in a second stage of community engagement later in 2025.

A consultation summary report will be published on the Our Adelaide project webpage.

For enquires please contact:

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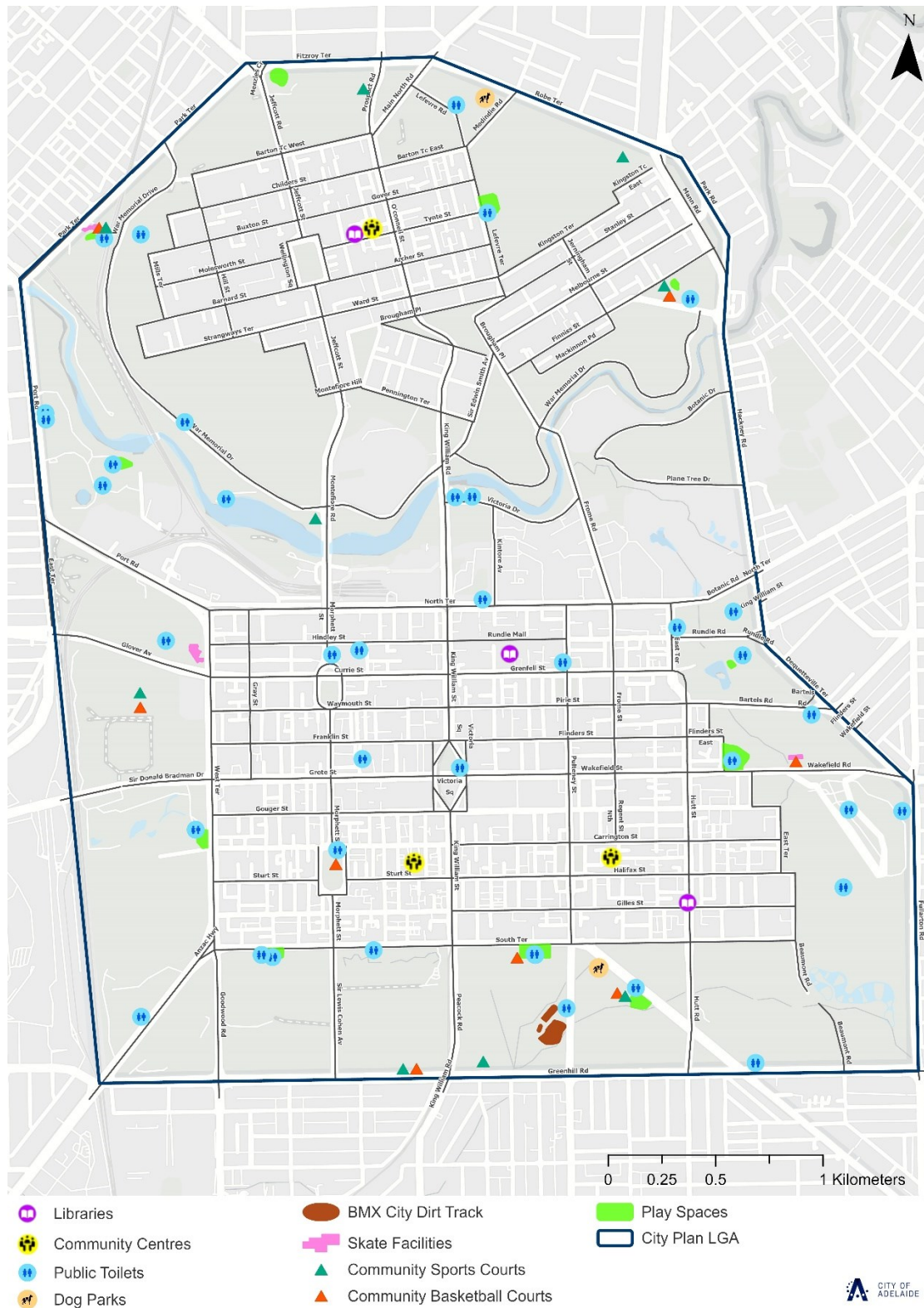
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Map of community facilities being discussed in the Social Infrastructure (Assets) Policy



Feedback Form

Feedback closes **5:00pm, Friday, 7 March 2025.**

This form can also be completed online at ouradelaide.sa.gov.au.

Q1. Do you agree with the Policy Objectives?

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- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither agree or disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree

Do you have any other feedback on the Policy Objectives?

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Q2. Do you agree with our Policy Principles?

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Q3. Which community facilities should we invest in and why?

Do you have any additional feedback regarding Community Facilities?

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Contact Details (optional)

Providing contact details in a feedback form is optional. However, we ask for this information because we want to know a little more about who you are and how you use the city to ensure we get a higher quality of data to go along with your feedback. The data will help us analyse feedback from specific groups (e.g. age, gender, City users), which in-turn will provide a richer and more valuable response to help Council make decisions.

First Name:		Last Name:	
Email Address:			
Address:			
Business/Organisation Name (if applicable):			
Gender:	☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Other Identity	Year of Birth:	
Are you a City of Adelaide Ratepayer?		☐ Yes ☐ No	
Please tell us how you participate in city life (tick all that apply):			
☐ Work	☐ Live	☐ Shop	☐ Business Owner/Operator
☐ Study	☐ Tourist	☐ Play (e.g. leisure, recreation, entertainment, dining)	
Please indicate your main areas of interest (tick all that apply):			
☐ Council Services & Programs	☐ Open Space & Recreation	☐ City Design, Planning & Development	☐ New & Future Projects
☐ Social & Community Issues	☐ Policy, Budget and Management Plans	☐ Environmental Issues	☐ Arts & Events in the City
Please indicate the locations that are of interest to you (tick all that apply):			
☐ East End	☐ North Adelaide	☐ South East	
☐ South West		☐ West End	

OurAdelaide.sa.gov.au is Council's online consultation website. It is your chance to be kept up-to-date and provide feedback on areas of the city that interest you. Would you like to sign up to Our Adelaide to receive the monthly newsletter and be notified of new projects that match your interests?

☐ Yes ☐ No **Please provide your email address above*