

# UNSEALED ROADS – LOWER BLUFF, ST LEONARDS



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

We asked the community to have their say on treatments for unsealed roads in Lower Bluff, St Leonards. In June 2022 property owners and residents were contacted in the Lower Bluff to gauge support for traffic calming on unsealed roads.



**350**

Letters sent



**72**

Number of people  
to leave feedback



**30 DAYS**

of engagement  
regarding traffic  
calming

## WHAT WE HEARD

Property owners and residents were asked to complete a short survey to indicate their support for one of two traffic calming options. Participants could also suggest an alternative location for the traffic calming measures or opt for no changes.

### Key findings

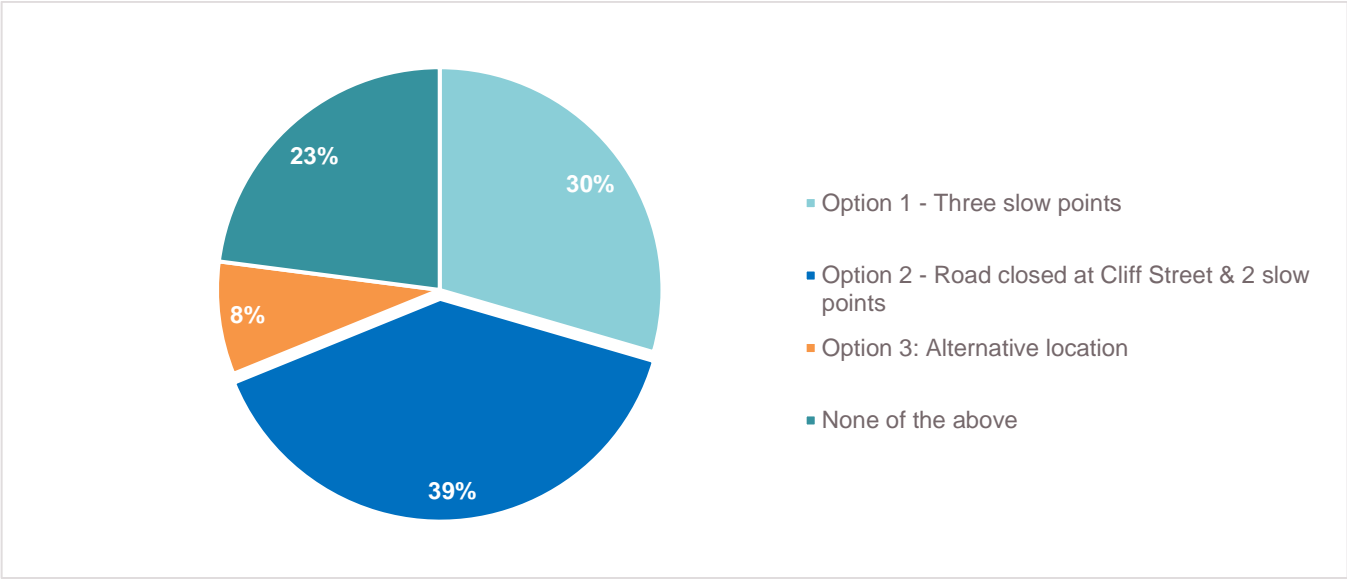
- Of the 350 people invited to provide feedback we received 72 responses reflecting 20.8% of the survey population
- Option 2: *Road closed at Cliff Street and two slow points* was the most popular response (24 of 72 responses)
- Option 4: None of the above was the second most popular response (14 responses)
- When considering participants first and second preference, Option 1: *Three slow points* and Option 2: *No through road and two slow points* received the same number of votes (27)
- 10 survey participants suggested additional slow points
- 4 survey participants suggested alternative locations for slow points
- 4 survey participants suggested opening the court bowls

Survey results

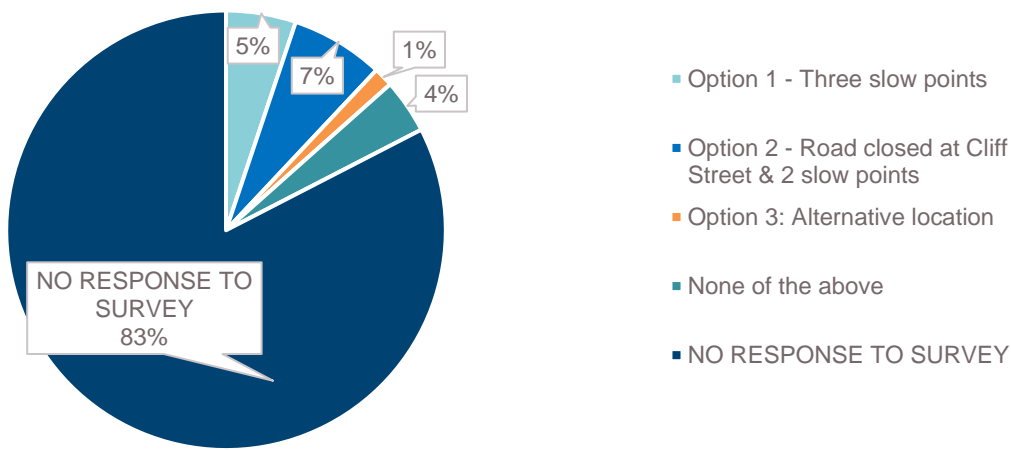
Table 1: Votes for each traffic calming option

	PREFERENCE			
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
OPTION 1 - THREE SLOW POINTS	10	17	2	2
OPTION 2 - ROAD CLOSED AT CLIFF STREET & 2 SLOW POINTS	24	3	4	2
OPTION 3: ALTERNATIVE LOCATION	5	12	5	1
NONE OF THE ABOVE	14	1	3	2

Graph 1: First preference by response



Graph 2: Responses as percentage of the survey population



## Overarching themes

Participants were asked to expand on their responses if they selected Option 3: *Alternative location* or Option 4: *None of the above*. We received 24 comments with many providing general feedback rather than an alternative location.

Feedback included

- General requests to address dust and traffic issues
- Requests for dust suppressant or alternative gravel surface treatment
- Concerns with poor road condition due to weather, erosion, increasing volume of traffic, speeding and heavy vehicle
- Preference for more and/or alternative location of slow points
- Open court bowls
- Suggestions for an alternative street closure point

## Verbatim comments

“Slow points are unnecessary, the priority is to continue exploring alternative gravel surface treatments eg. low clay content to improve durability in wet conditions.”

“Would it not be more cost effective and environmentally friendly to just add speed signs with a reduced speed limit?”

“I want the road sealed.”

“We think that the suggestion of only Three Slow Points in Lower Bluff area, will not be enough to deter speeding drivers and fix the huge dust problem that we encounter.”

## OUTCOME/NEXT STEPS

The preferred solution selected by the participants (24) was Option 2: *Road closed at Cliff Street & two slow points*. This represents 8% of the property owners and residents of the Lower Bluff. Due to limited support from the local community, the City will not progress with installing traffic calming.

We will review the current signs and install additional ones where appropriate. We will also progress a reduction of the speed limit to 40km/hr with Department of Transport.