



METROLINK

**Albert College Park
Intervention Shaft**

Residents' Survey 2020

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01. Introduction

The main purpose of the consultation on the Albert College Park (ACP) Intervention Shaft was to advise and consult with the large number of local residents in the areas near to ACP on the proposed Intervention Shaft. This is required by MetroLink to enable safe evacuation and also maintenance of MetroLink once operational. The location was chosen as the distance between the two adjacent stations is greater than 1km contravening best practice for planning evacuation.

02. The Process

On February 12th 2020 the MetroLink team prepared an information brochure (attached) , submission response form along with a Freepost envelope and organised for each package to be delivered to approximately 4,250 homes in the Glasnevin and Ballymun areas (attached).

The information brochure included information on the location, proposed design and details of why the intervention shaft is required in this location. Further information was available in a technical report which was available online at www.MetroLink.ie or on request from the MetroLink team in hard copy. Approximately 14 copies were requested in hard copy.

300 brochures were delivered to local libraries and Council Offices and local public representatives.

All the information was available online and submissions could be made through the website at www.MetroLink.ie

The residents submitted responses to three particular questions and there was a further question requesting further opinion on the proposal. Submissions were sent back to TII within a four-week period with the final response date of March 19th. However a few residents requested an extension and this was given until the 30th March. (Attached submission form)

During the consultation period the MetroLink team attended a meeting with the Glasnevin Football Club who lease the two adjoining football pitches. MetroLink advised that Tobin Consulting Engineers, the sports pitches designers, would redesign the area to ensure no loss of facilities. This has taken place and MetroLink will meet and discuss the design with Glasnevin Football Club in due course.

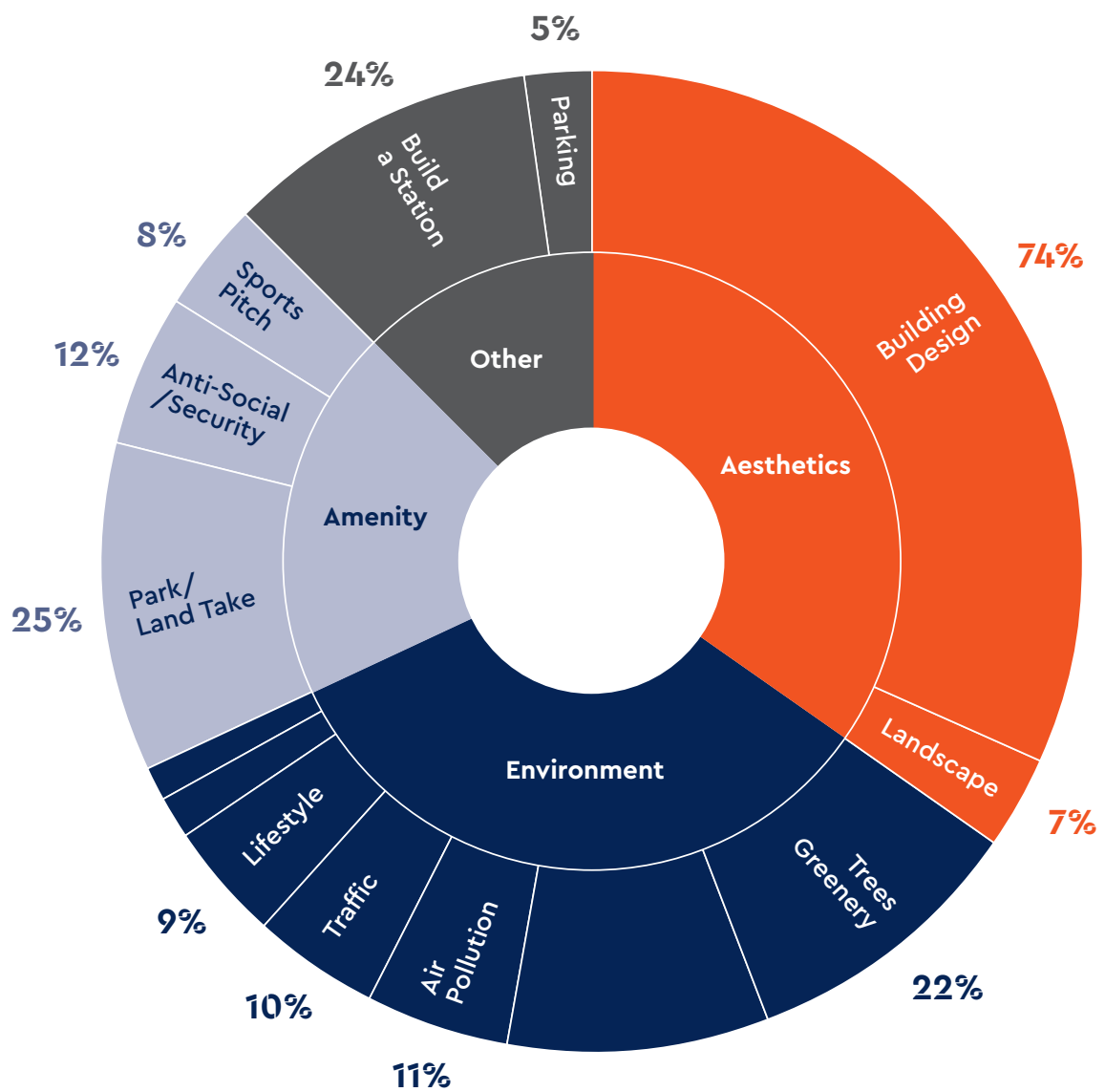
03. Response Summary

The overall response was 195 submissions including 7 from public representatives and 11 from Organisations. 132 responses were by e-mail while 63 were by post.

62% of the responses received are positive on the proposal, 29% are negative, while 9% are neutral.

04. Main Concerns of Local Residents and Residents' Groups

The main concerns received related to Aesthetics (i.e. Building Design and Landscaping) and the Environment (i.e. Trees, Greenery, Noise, Vibration, Traffic, Air Pollution, Wildlife, and Lifestyle) compared to Amenity (Park/Land Take, Anti-Social Behaviour and Sports Grounds) and Other (i.e. Build a Station and Parking) factors as illustrated below:-

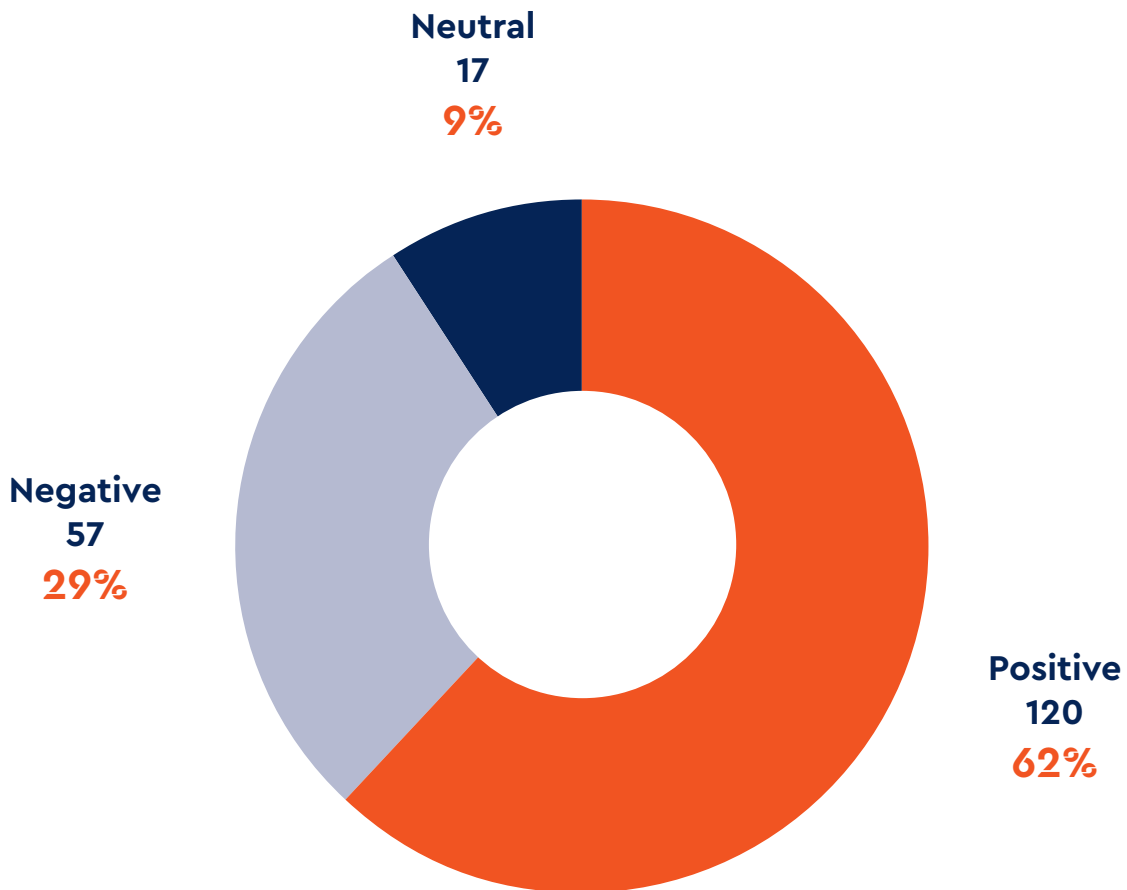


05. Individual Factors

5.1 Sentiment of Respondents

The overall sentiment towards the proposal to site the ventilation shaft in the park, reflected in the 195 responses, is positive as shown. Samples of responses are provided in the appendices.

Sentiment of Respondents towards the Shaft Proposal at Albert College Park

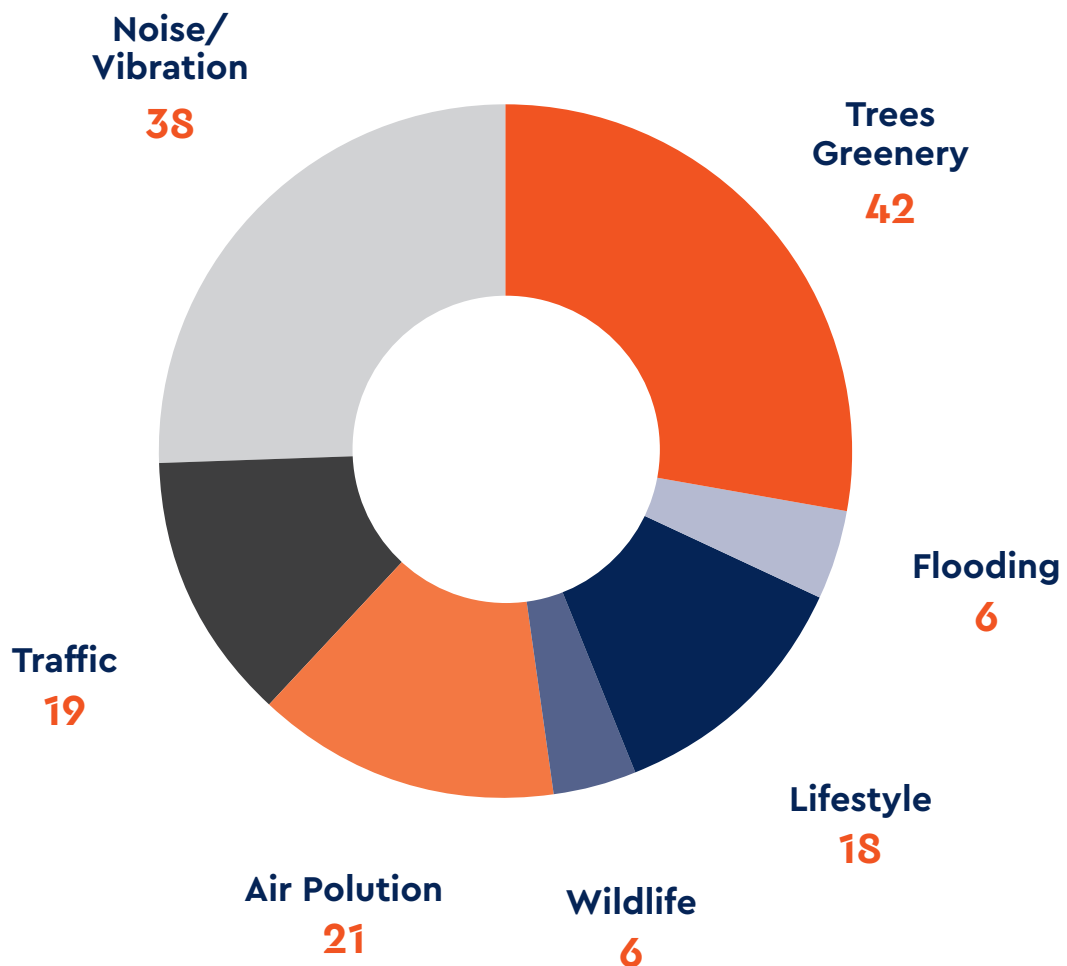


5.2 Environmental Factors

Greenery, including Trees, Noise and Vibration dominated the Environmental concerns. Air Pollution and Traffic loomed large with some respondents concerned with changes in Lifestyle, Wildlife and possible Flooding.

Lifestyle factors included loss of park amenity, walking and running, quiet and dog walking. This also crossed over with Noise pollution.

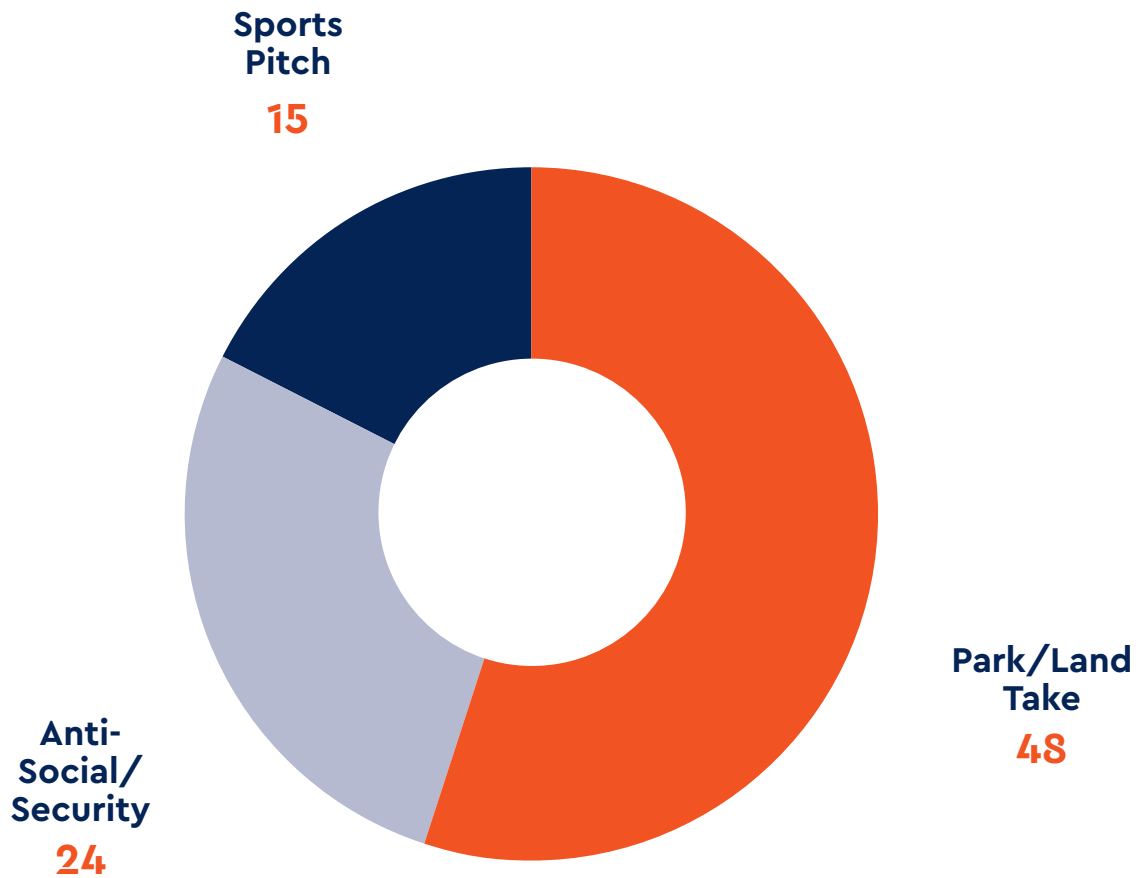
Environmental Factors raised by Respondents towards the Shaft Proposal at Albert College Park



5.3 Amenity and Aesthetic Factors

Land Take and loss of Park featured reasonably high at 48. Concern around probable Anti-Social behaviour was expressed more (24) than the loss of Sports Pitches (15).

Amenity Factors raised by Respondents toward Shaft Proposal at Albert College Park



5.4 Aesthetic Factors

Building Design dominated the Aesthetic factors with 145 respondents expressing concern. Stakeholders urged for better design, "greening" including of roof area, pollinators and wild flowers. Landscaping also featured but to a lesser extent in 13 responses.

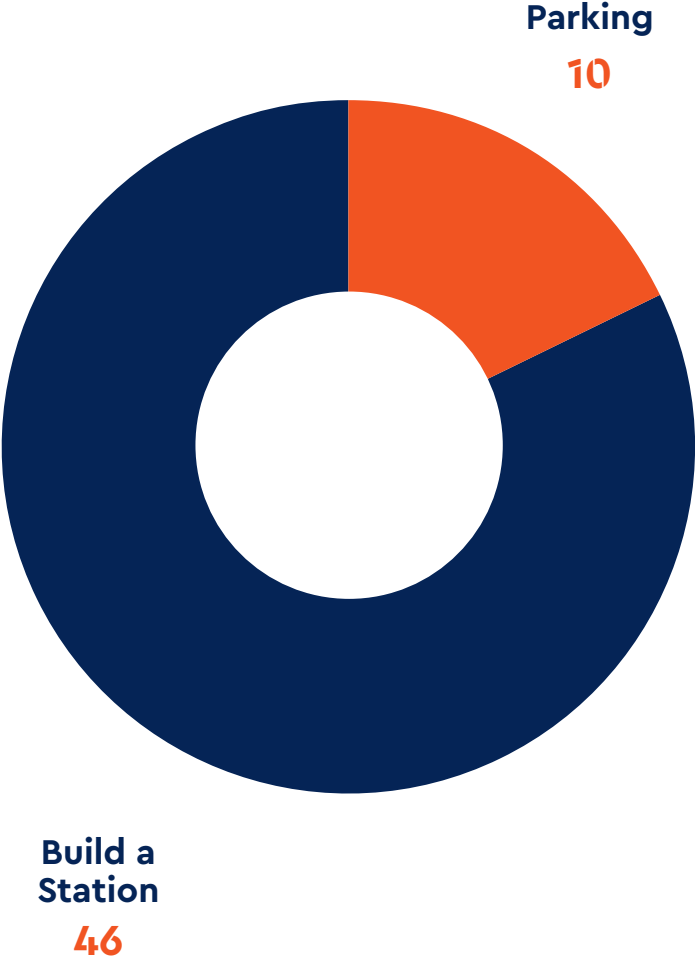
Aesthetic Factors raised by Respondents toward Shaft Proposal at Albert College Park



5.5 Other Factors

Two other factors emerged from the responses. There was strong support for a MetroLink Station rather than a shaft. Parking by Metrolink staff and contractors was also raised as an issue by some.

Other Factors raised by Respondents towards the Shaft Proposal at Albert College Park



06. Appendices

6.1 Samples of Positive Sentiment and suggestions made by residents

➤ Not a major issue, the appearance could be enhanced by planting more trees

➤ A surface that would allow murals would be great It's a flat roof , maybe install a green-roof

➤ Good to hide it from street and park view, Shame it didn't take some inspiration from the houses nearby

➤ It is nicer than most of the buildings already in the park

➤ Blend in more with the landscape using 'green building' design

➤ Appears to be a reasonable design, single storey and suitable fit for the park

➤ Appearance in itself is inoffensive

➤ Shaft is a modern, bland design

➤ Grass area with white flowering clover for pollinators, installation of wildlife habitat - bat boxes, swift boxes, bumblebee/ solitary bee/butterfly house.

➤ Design Fine not Gaudy Blends well

➤ Looks fine not too high and fits

➤ Employ local workforce on the projects

➤ Blend colour

➤ Looks totally fine, maybe more greenery planted

➤ Reasonable design, single story ,suitable for park

➤ Good

➤ Very good

➤ Aesthetic needs to be as envisaged, ensure minimal damage to the park

➤ Seems OK

➤ This makes almost any localized disruption worth it

➤ Reduced stress levels, better quality of life due to short commutes. It's worth it

➤ When completed, none

➤ A bit Block-like. Modern sculpture?

➤ Looks Good

➤ Looks well

▶ Appearance is simple, but risk of Graffiti

▶ Disguise the building

▶ Sloped roof with grass cover

▶ Fully support

▶ Suggest TII consider making the facility more attractive

▶ Local art perhaps?

▶ Not too bad

▶ Flowerbeds etc.

▶ Pleasing appearance

▶ Minimal impact

▶ Pleasing

▶ Good and neat

▶ Too small to be noticed

▶ Good, unimposing

▶ Ensure maintained

▶ Lovely

▶ Good

▶ V appealing

▶ No issue

▶ Good

▶ Harmless, add trees

▶ Looks ok, use local artist.

▶ V nice

▶ Support

▶ V well

▶ Not intrusive

▶ Low impact/ green it

▶ Disguise the building

▶ Tasteful

▶ Local art perhaps?

▶ Support

▶ Flowerbeds etc.

▶ Not intrusive

▶ Minimal impact

▶ Good and neat

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| ▶ Good, unimposing | ▶ Disguise better |
| ▶ Visually obtrusive/ plant better | ▶ Better exterior required |
| ▶ No objection | ▶ Use minimum required |
| ▶ Minor issues | ▶ A bunker, needs planting |
| ▶ Green as possible | ▶ Nice |
| ▶ Seems ok | ▶ Artistic cladding |
| ▶ Keep low and blend to surroundings | ▶ Concern for local dwellers |
| ▶ Keep as small as possible | ▶ Flowers/green roof |
| ▶ Pleasantly nondescript | ▶ Better architecture |
| ▶ Fine, use local artist? | ▶ We agree to the shaft, Collins Avenue Station and Griffith Park Station |
| ▶ Red brick finish? | |

6.2 Samples of Negative Sentiment

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| ▶ Loss of two southbound lanes on Ballymun Road, restricted access to properties alternative station location | ▶ Build a station to service the needs of the local residents, students, visitors, tourists etc. |
| ▶ Strongly in favour of the MetroLink project but no this. | ▶ Could a station not be placed here I don't want the ventilation shaft on Hampstead Avenue |
| ▶ How much more space if any would be required to place an underground station in this location? | ▶ Neighbours have NOT been consulted NTA/TII statutory obligations |
| ▶ Recommend that the provision of a MetroLink station as an alternative to the Shaft | ▶ Alternative site for intervention shaft, underground station |

▶ I object to any secondary access from Hampstead Avenue Metro Station rather than shaft

▶ No need for shaft

▶ No Shaft above ground but is changed to an underground Metro station

▶ The vent shaft in a non-residential area. A station development takes less time to develop than the vent shaft.

▶ Present alternative Proposals for a Metro Station at this site

▶ Use other side of fuel station, Derelict site once running

▶ Another Station at Albert College Park not a shaft. I want Hampstead station

▶ A station would be a great benefit

▶ No need for intervention shaft if station built, No benefit to local community

▶ Flood Barrier? Prefer LUAS

▶ Why not put in a station

▶ Please reduce Land Grab

▶ There is a measure distance for walking between Collins Avenue and Griffith Park and people or Griffith Avenue

▶ Fear anti-social behaviour

▶ Is this the ONLY location this extraction system and service shaft can be erected?

▶ Does not believe consultation is used by team

▶ More details required.....

▶ Give ACP a station

▶ Wildflower garden/graffiti? Damage to surroundings

▶ Why not Old Metro North?

▶ Good location, bad design

▶ No to shaft

▶ Benefits of a station far greater

▶ Why has a station not been considered

▶ No consideration to local residents given,

▶ Not satisfied NTA and TII have observed consultation under the Aarhus convention,

▶ Only consultation on Aesthetic and construction

▶ If to proceed to not have access off Hampstead Ave

▶ No routine maintenance between 10pm and 7am, move shaft further North.

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