

## Summary of key findings from Phase 1

### (i) Factors that make a good living environment

More than half of respondents to the poll felt that having access to **good quality and affordable housing, a comprehensive transportation network, convenient amenities**, and setting aside land for **parks and nature** are important factors that make a good living environment in Singapore today and in the long-term future.

More than a quarter also valued the availability of **elderly-friendly and medical facilities, community spaces**, and **retaining familiar places** as important factors.

### (ii) Areas done well in, and areas for improvement

About half of respondents recognised that Singapore has done well today in providing **a comprehensive transportation network, medical facilities, convenient amenities**, and setting aside land for **parks and nature**.

At the same time, about the same proportion also felt that having access to **good quality and affordable housing**, setting aside land for **parks and nature**, and **retaining familiar places** are areas that can be further improved to make Singapore more liveable in the long-term future. About one-third of the respondents also indicated the need for more elderly-friendly facilities as well as spaces for community activities in their living environment.

At the workshops and dialogues, participants also elaborated on the above responses, such as the importance of green spaces in providing urban relief, health and wellness, recreation, and reducing the urban heat island effect. They shared that having a good variety of housing options would cater to different life stages and needs, and that ramping up elderly-friendly facilities would cater to Singapore's ageing population. Participants also highlighted that providing community spaces and retaining familiar places could strengthen community bonds and a sense of identity.

### (iii) Singaporeans' concerns for the long-term future

More than half of respondents raised the same areas of concerns that would impact Singaporean's quality of life in the long-term future. These were the **impact of climate**

**change, the importance of living in an environmentally sustainable manner, and having access to good quality and affordable housing.**

More than a quarter were also concerned over the **impact of developing on greenfield sites, the availability of job opportunities, impact of technological changes, maintaining the efficiency of public transport, and providing inclusive spaces** for residents of all ages and abilities.

Participants of the workshops and dialogues elaborated on the concerns above. They felt that rising sea levels and the urban heat island effect are urgent areas to be addressed to safeguard Singapore's living environment. Singapore would need to dedicate more resources to drive self-sufficiency in local produce and to reduce carbon footprint. Participants also recognised the importance of integrating Singaporeans of different demographics, and the need to better optimise our limited land to accommodate our city-state's growing needs, while sustaining Singapore's economic growth and quality of life.

(iv) **Elements that contribute to a more liveable Singapore**

In relation to the above responses, respondents shared their views on specific elements that would shape a more liveable Singapore in the long-term future. Almost half raised sustainability-related elements, including **producing food, energy and water more sustainability**, implementing **urban solutions to mitigate the impact of climate change**, and for residents to adopt more **eco-friendly practices**. A similar proportion also felt that having **good quality and affordable housing, recycling our limited land more effectively**, and providing more **inclusive and quality amenities** that cater to different needs were important elements.

More than one-third of the respondents hoped to have more **beaches and parks, attractions** such as zoos, and amenities including **gyms, sports facilities, neighbourhood playgrounds**, and **cafes and restaurants**, as recreational options. This indicated a strong preference for outdoor activities and facilities that promote well-being and a healthy lifestyle.

Lastly, given unforeseen events like the COVID-19 pandemic, more than half of the respondents felt that **increasing the sizes of homes, better islandwide WiFi connectivity, reducing noise levels in housing estates**, and providing **more co-**

**working spaces near to homes** would be important in helping residents to adapt to disruptions and lifestyle changes.

(v) **Shared values for Singapore's future**

More than half agreed that being inclusive and caring, resilient and adaptable, and caring for the environment were important values to guide Singapore's future development and its progress as a society. More than half also recognised the need to preserve options for future generations, so that they can continue to be stewards of the land and be involved in shaping the city and home they desire.