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**RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE****Questions on Notice Paper No 8****27 June 2025****Question No. 495****MS CARRICK MLA** - To ask the Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development:

Why wasn't a site chosen, for the pop-up community consultation on the Missing Middle Housing Reform, at local shops in one of the other inner south suburbs such as Deakin, Yarralumla, Red Hill, Griffith or Narrabundah that have a much higher proportion of single dwelling blocks, instead of the Barton Grocer, Barton site, given Barton already comprises about 90 percent apartments with minimal scope for "missing middle".

**MINISTER STEEL MLA** - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

For the Missing Middle Housing Reforms project, face to face community engagement events were spread across Canberra, with a range of dates, times and locations. Digital options were also made available. This approach was taken to provide a range of opportunities for community members across Canberra to attend an in-person or online session. This engagement approach saw 19 diverse events delivered across differing locations and times to ensure there was an opportunity for the community to provide their feedback during business hours, after hours and on weekends.

Barton was selected as a pop-up location due to its location within the Inner-South District and because it also allowed an opportunity to engage with Canberrans working within and near the Parliamentary Triangle.

The Barton pop-up, held on 12 June 2025, saw the highest number of community members engaged through a single event during the engagement period, with 68 community members providing feedback.



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