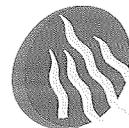




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Minister for Infrastructure and Planning

Our ref: 10/17853

Your ref: Petitions

20 MAY 2010

Mr Neil Laurie
Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
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Dear Neil

Thank you for your letter of 15 April 2010 concerning petitions 1415-10 and 1409-10 regarding the draft Palmview Structure Plan.

The petition wishes to draw the attention of the House to the impacts of the draft Palmview Structure Plan on the adjacent Sippy Downs community at the Sunshine Coast. The petition raises concerns that the draft Palmview Structure Plan will negatively impact on existing local infrastructure, including road networks, available to residents living in Sippy Downs.

Further, the petition asks the House to ensure the Palmview development proceeds with appropriate infrastructure in place. The petition also requests that:

- direct vehicular access be made available between the Bruce Highway and the Palmview development and
- the greenlink proposed on the Energex easement be removed, so it does not divide the Sippy Downs community.

The draft Palmview Structure Plan was placed on public display, for a period of 30 business days, and this ended on 19 April 2010. Council is now considering and responding to formal submissions from land owners and members of the public. The Structure Plan will be revised in the context of the submissions.

The Structure Plan remains a Council document and it is Council's responsibility to determine long-term land uses within the Palmview Master Planned Area.

The Council has been working closely with the State Government to ensure that the planning occurring now for the Palmview area takes into consideration the State's expectation of the Council, to accommodate additional population over the coming years.

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The purpose of the Structure Plan process is to plan ahead for growth, and ensure that there is sufficient provision made for hospitals, schools, ambulance stations and police stations. Local Council must also plan for future recreation space, local water and sewerage infrastructure. The Structure Plan provides an allowance for up to three schools, potential allowance for ambulance and police facilities, and identifies more than 65 per cent of area as greenspace.

I acknowledge your request for direct vehicular access to be made available between the Bruce Highway and the Palmview development. Please note that the operational and safety standards for a National Highway prohibit direct vehicular access being provided to the Bruce Highway from the Palmview development area. This is a matter outside the State Government's control.

In relation to your request to remove the greenlink from the existing Energex easement, this is a local planning matter. Council is currently reviewing submissions and petitions received during the public consultation period and will consider all available public transport alternatives to connect Palmview to Sippy Downs with the least impact on adjoining residential areas.

I trust this information is of assistance. If you require any further information, please contact Ms Michele McMahon, Principal Planner, Planning Services Division, Local Government and Planning Group, Department of Infrastructure and Planning, on 3247 5425 who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely



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