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RESPONSE TO PETITION

Petition No. PET20/2/LC of 2020 Legislative Council



The petitioners ask the Council to:

Calls upon the Government to reduce the Huntingfield development density to align with existing housing in the area, with minimal multi-units. Extend the consultation period beyond 26 June 2020 and to enable face-to-face consultations with the community. Commit to fund and build infrastructure that fully meets the needs to the proposed Huntingfield and other developments in the greater Kingborough region including: Upgrading the Channel Highway/Algona Round roundabout and extending the Snug to Margate shared path to Kingston. Work in conjunction with the Kingborough Council and the community to address the immediate and future social and structural requirements of the Kingborough region.

RESPONSE:

The Huntingfield Master Plan proposes 470 lots over the 68 hectare site including its public open space which is similar to the density of other subdivisions in the area. The inclusion of townhouse and small lot housing will give more Tasmanians access to housing because it will increase housing choice, diversity and affordability. Diversity of housing has been identified by key stakeholders as being a very positive feature of the Master Plan.

Through the Housing Land Supply Order process, this parliament considered the merits of the re-zoning and it was approved. We then released the Master Plan to the community and invited their feedback. Due to COVID-19, it looked a little different than we had first planned, but to offset this, we wrote to around 350 of the surrounding residents, extended the exhibition period from 4 weeks to 6 weeks, developed an interactive website and offered a free call number for people to make enquiries.

The Department of Communities has summarised the themes and issues listed in these consultation and released a report in late September showing how the Master Plan address the themes and issues that were raised. In addition, the Government ran two information sessions to offer interested community members the chance to ask questions on it directly. The Master Plan will be submitted to the Kingborough Council to be reviewed against its Planning Scheme. This means it will be subject to further consultation.

The Department of State Growth has finalised a corridor planning study of the section of the Channel Highway from Kingston to Margate, including the Algona Road roundabout.

The study involved identifying issues and recommending opportunities to improve safety, travel reliability and connectivity of the road corridor to develop long-term strategies to manage future transport needs.

The study has identified upgrading the Algona Road roundabout as a priority project.

The study also recommends undertaking a planning/feasibility study for an off-road shared cycling/pedestrian path from Margate to Huntingfield.

The next step involves the Department developing concept designs for the priority projects, which will be determined by future State budget processes.

Options for two park and ride facilities in the Kingborough municipality are being investigated as part of a suite of projects to be delivered under the Hobart City Deal, to improve travel around Hobart and make public transport a more viable, attractive option for commuters.

The two locations under development are:

Huntingfield – improvements to the existing bus stops and informal car park located adjacent to Huntingfield Avenue south of the Algona Round Roundabout.

Firthside – Improvements to the existing roadside bus stops and informal carpark located near the intersection of Browns Road and Groningen Road.

The first park and ride facilities, at Firthside, will go to tender next month and construction should commence later this year.

The existing bus route network will also be evaluated to ensure bus services support the proposed park and ride locations.

The provision of services must be demand driven. Kingborough can anticipate that as the municipality grows, retail health and community services will expand to meet growing need.



Hon Michael Ferguson MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

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