Community newsletter

Economic Development Queensland

Herston Quarter PDA

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The Queensland Government formally adopted the development scheme for the Herston Quarter Priority Development Area (PDA) on 22 December 2017. The scheme will guide the future renewal of the six hectare health and knowledge precinct over the next 10 years.

The proposed development scheme was publicly notified from 7 August to 18 September 2017 providing an opportunity for interested parties to be engaged in the planning process and to make suggestions for the renewal of the precinct.

EDQ would like to thank the community for the investigative depth and quality of submissions received. A great deal of thought and constructive feedback was included in the submissions which played an integral role in shaping the final development scheme.

Community engagement

During the public notification period, a series of community engagement initiatives were completed in an effort to give the community and interested parties a choice of mechanisms to view and comment on the proposed development scheme.

The engagement activities encompassed:

- a dedicated Have Your Say web page for the Herston Quarter PDA providing a platform for the community and other stakeholders to ask questions and receive responses in an open forum
- a dedicated web page for the Herston Quarter PDA
- a community newsletter delivered to over 1400 residents in the Herston and Kelvin Grove area
- two drop-in community information sessions:
  - 19 August 2017 at the Institute for Learning Professionals, Gould Street, Herston
  - 29 August 2017 at the Royal Brisbane and Womens' Hospital.
- meetings with the Herston Quarter Residents Action Group and other key stakeholders including the Herston Health Precinct Integration Committee, which includes the many health, research and education facilities in and around the precinct
- public notice in The Courier Mail
- public notice in the government gazette
- advertisements in local newspapers circulating in the region.

The statistics gathered from the consultation activities showed a high level of interest in the proposed development scheme. This was a clear indication of the community's desire to be proactively involved in the future of their neighbourhood, for example:

- the EDQ website and Have your say web page received more than 1000 visits
- the proposed development scheme document was downloaded 380 times
- approximately 70 people attended the community information sessions.

Feedback from the community and amendments to the development scheme

A total of 87 submissions were received. These were assessed and considered by the Minister for Economic Development Queensland in accordance with the requirements of the *Economic Development Act 2012*.

A submissions report has been prepared which summarises and provides information on the merits of the submissions and outlines the extent to which appropriate amendments were made to the proposed development scheme in response to issues raised.

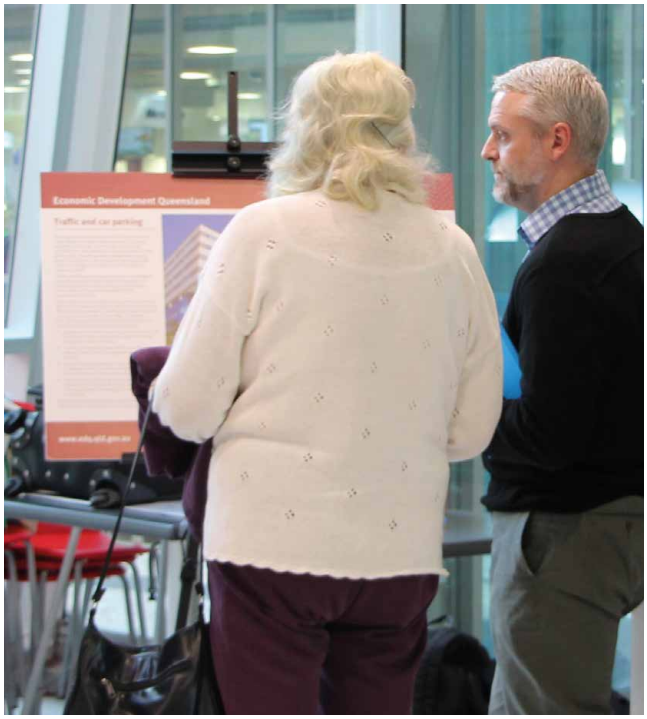
What came through loud and clear in the submissions received was the strong community support for additional health and research facilities, the conservation and adaptive reuse of the heritage buildings, improving movement and safety for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles and providing for exemplary urban design. Many locals also supported the inclusion of new cafes and convenience shopping as part of the Herston health precinct renewal.

A number of submissions identified some principal areas of concern with the development scheme, primarily around building heights, particularly the residential tower. Other issues raised include amenity impacts and access associated with the proposed parking station, limitations on the size of shops and food and drink outlets, stormwater and flooding impacts on the existing Butterfield Street access and impacts of traffic and car parking including on neighbouring streets.

In response to these concerns, key amendments were made to the development scheme including:

- the maximum building height in Precinct 2 has been reduced from 30-storeys to approximately 20-storeys, ensuring the building height in the precinct is no greater than any other existing building in the area
- enhanced urban design and amenity provisions, particularly for the parking station in Precinct 4
- providing the ability to deliver a limited line supermarket in Precinct 4 and increasing the floor area limitations for smaller scale shops and food and drink outlets
- an additional southern flood free access to the parking station to help disperse traffic impacts
- reinforcement of pedestrian and cyclist connectivity
- augmentation to stormwater infrastructure will be considered as required to service the PDA, including that in Butterfield Street.

There were several submissions that broached matters beyond the scope of the Herston Quarter PDA Development Scheme, such as flooding in Enoggera Creek and traffic calming in surrounding streets. These matters have been passed on to Brisbane City Council for consideration.



Future consultation

Australian Unity and development partner Metro North Hospital and Health Service will continue to work together to finalise their master plan based on the PDA development scheme. As part of this process Australian Unity will also consult with the community. Details of scheduled community engagement activities will be advertised in local newspapers and published on www.herstonquarter.com.au. People are encouraged to register to receive enewsletters and updates from Australian Unity on this website.

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