



Summary of Chapman Consultation Group Meeting – Tuesday 11 July 2017

The Housing Renewal Taskforce (the Taskforce) met with representatives of the Chapman community and the Weston Creek Community Council to further discuss the proposed public housing development for Block 1 Section 45 Chapman. Also in attendance were representatives from Minister Berry's Office, Woden Community Services (WCS) and the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD).

The Taskforce presented to the group a revised design concept that responded to community feedback received to date from both the stakeholder group and the broader community, including:

- Reduced dwelling numbers
- Retention of all trees identified by the group as significant
- Landscaping that is sensitive to surrounding residences, including a 6 metre setback
- Increase in the size of residual Community Facility-Zoned (CFZ) land
- Parking on-site and enclosed garages
- Minimum 6 metre setback
- Reconfiguration of dwellings into a duplex design

Noting the ongoing reservations that the group have about the site selection and the group's advocacy for lower scale, density and less CFZ land being used for residential housing, members of the group expressed disappointment that after five consultation sessions the number of proposed units had only been reduced from 29 to 24, and that the amount of CFZ land to be used had not materially reduced.

The group sought more information on specific design elements, including dimensions of the increase in CFZ land, waste collection and turning circle, waste storage, emergency vehicle access and fire hydrants.

The Taskforce advised that as part of the resolution of a final design, an engineer will review layout against garbage collection and emergency services requirements. Plans showing turning circles will be added to the Taskforce's website.

The Taskforce noted it will address potential 'uniformity' in the look and feel by introducing a variety of designs that reflect the setting. Design materials could be discussed again at a future meeting.

The group discussed ways for future tenants to be welcomed to their new community. WCS provided examples on how the Monash community had embraced activities with new tenants that



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helped build a sense of place and belonging, which was already having a positive impact on garden and property maintenance.

The group discussed housing management and titling models beyond the program. The Taskforce reminded the group of the open invitation to attend a Housing ACT meeting.

Outcomes

- The Taskforce will:
 - investigate additional design revisions, including more on-site parking, fire hydrants along Darwinia Terrace side of the site and turning circles.
 - provide further information to the group, including density comparisons in the form of pph (persons per Ha), photos of developments similar in scale and design and information on the future use of the remnant CFZ land.
 - include in the landscape brief the number of trees to be removed and number planted.
- Representatives of Chapman residents will organise a community meeting on-site to present the design in late July. The Taskforce will assist in preparing information.