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Dear Mr Duncan *Tom*

Thank you for your letter on 30 March 2021 providing Petition No. 8-21, lodged by Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert MLA, regarding the expansion of the Kippax Group Centre.

The ACT Government recognises the need for the expansion and renewal of the Kippax Group Centre to support the growing West Belconnen community, with considerable progress made to date on the necessary planning and site investigation works.

In July 2020, I approved Variation 361 to the Territory Plan that implemented key planning and land use changes as detailed in the 2019 Kippax Group Centre Master Plan (Master Plan). Territory Plan Variation 361 provides opportunity for the expansion of the Kippax Group Centre, including commercial, retail, and mixed-use development. The variation also promotes the key planning objectives of the Master Plan to allow for the expansion of the centre, creating a centralised community hub and public meeting places, and better connection of the centre with walking and cycling paths. Territory Plan Variation 361 was presented to the ACT Legislative Assembly on 2 July 2020 and commenced on 4 September 2020.



The ACT Government is now taking the next steps to facilitate the renewal of Kippax Group Centre. Currently, the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD) is progressing with the necessary site investigations and has commenced the process for the sale and development of the land.

In the interests of ensuring a fair and transparent process, and to seek maximum benefit for the community in line with the planning principles and strategies outlined in the Master Plan, the development opportunity will be offered through a competitive two-stage sales process.

The first stage is being delivered through an Expression of Interest (EOI) process looking at proponents' interest and ability to deliver the development. The EOI was released on Friday 28 May 2021 and is open for eight weeks, closing on 25 July 2021. Based on the outcomes of the EOI, the best approach for the sale of the land and development of the Kippax Group Centre will be determined and progressed through an appropriate mechanism, such as a Request for Tender process.

I understand the community is keen to see the Master Plan become a reality and acknowledge that planning and development processes take time. I remain committed to progressing this work, through appropriate processes, and look forward to sharing the outcomes of the sales process in due course.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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