

(FORMER) NORTH CURTIN SCHOOL SITE

1ST LOCAL CONSULTATION SESSION

(1 NOVEMBER 2007)

INITIAL SUMMARY

1. Introduction

A community information display was held on Thursday 1 November 2007 from 4.30pm – 7.30pm at the St James Uniting Church in Curtin to discuss possible future uses for the former North Curtin school site.

2. Background

ACT Territory and Municipal Services (TAMS) have appointed a consultant team led by Purdon Associates to undertake detailed site specific technical studies and local community consultation in order to identify optimal future uses for the site.

The consultation process is staged and provides opportunity for residents and other interested members of the community to attend local information displays to provide feedback and discuss issues relevant to each of the former school sites. Technical findings together with feedback received through the consultations will be used by the consultant team to assess and make recommendations to TAMS about future uses for the former school sites.

These notes summarise the key outcomes from the consultation.

3. Approach

The purpose of the session was to:

- consider the site assessment and land use for the North Curtin site.
- comment on the possible development options for the site
- consider other appropriate options or land uses.

The Community Information Session took the form of an informal display where interested people could drop-in at any convenient time over a period of three hours in the late afternoon and early evening.

The information displayed at the consultation session included:

- Metropolitan Context Plan
- Project Timetable Flowchart
- Project Objectives
- Options Workshops (District) Outcomes
- Building Condition Summary
- Population Characteristics
- Social Infrastructure Plan
- Territory Plan Extract (Community Facility)
- Territory Plan Extract Map
- Planning Processes Flowchart
- Typical Development Types'
- Site Air Photo
- Suburb Air Photo
- Site Analysis Plan
- Site Photos
- Development Option Plan

People attending the information session were encouraged to read and absorb the material in their own time. Specialist consultant team members attended the session to answer questions, provide information and receive information.



An opportunity to provide written feedback on the options being considered at the information sessions was also provided through the provision of a “feedback Form” provided to all participants. In addition, the feedback form was included in the information provided on the web site to enable others who could not attend the consultation session to have input.

Members of the community were also encouraged to provide feedback and comments via the website throughout the course of the project.

4. Attendance

Approximately 110 people attended the consultation session, including local residents and representatives from several community groups including Woden Community Council, U3A, Quilters, Teddy Bears Child care, Landcare and Communities @ Work.

5. Key issues

The following is a summary of matters raised by persons who attended the consultation session:

- There were a range of unmet needs in the local community, including childcare / day care, multi-purpose meeting space, adult education, housing for older people
- The childcare needs to remain where it is, it serves the local community by meeting the needs of families and children, the existing trees are an important part of the centre
- Allow existing Teddy Bears Child Care centre full occupation of existing site while any new building was being constructed
- Space for organisations needed such as Second hand - op shop
- Indoor bowls club would benefit local community
- Site could accommodate both childcare as well as aged care
- The part of the building currently occupied by ESA has lots of separate rooms which could be used by different groups
- Keep as much open space as possible
- Potential for redevelopment of land for low density housing for elderly/young disabled with adaptable and accessible housing

These notes reflect key issues and ideas raised during discussions with the consultant team during the course of the Information Display and are not intended to reflect all of the comments made, nor does it include any of the comments written on ‘Feedback Sheets’ provided to persons who attended the session.

Information from feedback sheets and other submissions will be analysed and incorporated into the site evaluation process by the consultant team and included in the final report to Government.

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