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Victor Harbor Centres Review Development Plan Amendment to be lodged with Minister

The City of Victor Harbor will urge the Minister for Planning to hold off on authorising its Centres Review Development Plan Amendment (DPA) until infrastructure negotiations are finalised when it lodges the DPA with the State Government today.

At a Special Council meeting held last night, the City of Victor Harbor endorsed a revised version of the DPA which looks at the zoning of three Neighbourhood Centre sites within the council area. The sites include the Makris site on Waitpinga Road, the Old TAFE site on Adelaide Road and a site on Waggon Road.

The Council highlighted at the meeting that it has worked hard to ensure the DPA submitted to the Minister reflects the best interest of the Victor Harbor community and the surrounding region.

“From the outset, the Council has been clear that the Centres Review DPA is about supporting the growing population of Victor Harbor and its surrounds, and strategically planning for investment in building and infrastructure,” said Mayor Philp.

“After receiving correspondence from the Minister for Planning advising that the Centres Review DPA will automatically lapse on 1 July should council fail to lodge it with the State Government by 30 June, our focus has been on negotiating infrastructure agreements with the owners and developers of the three sites.”

“The agreements aim to ensure that the City of Victor Harbor ratepayers are not solely responsible for new infrastructure required because of the proposed developments, which includes stormwater, traffic management treatments and footpaths.”

“The Council has lodged the DPA with the Minister in good faith, and is hopeful the gesture will be looked upon favourably.”

“It is crucial that Council reaches agreement with developers on infrastructure contributions before the DPA is approved. Our community will be short changed if we are not given the opportunity to do so.”

Mayor Philp said work will continue on the infrastructure agreements while Council eagerly waits for a response from the Minister.

“Finalising the infrastructure agreements is a top priority for the Council, and this will be our focus in the coming weeks,” said Mayor Philp.

Updates on the Centres Review DPA will be made available at www.victor.sa.gov.au