15 October 2015

Dear Resident

We are writing to inform you that the Minister for Planning, Richard Wynne, has recently announced the establishment of the Flemington Hill and Epsom Road Advisory Committee to consider and provide recommendations on the proposed Flemington Racecourse residential development.

The proposed Flemington Hill Comprehensive Development Plan (June 2014) and Epsom Comprehensive Development Plan (June 2014) have been submitted to the State Government for consideration.

These plans propose the following:

- Flemington Hill Precinct (northwest of the current grandstand and fronting Fisher Parade and Leonard Crescent) – A total of 688 dwellings within three residential towers, townhouses and lower-density apartment buildings.

- Epsom Precinct (adjacent to intersection of Racecourse Road, Epsom Road and Ascot Vale Road) – A total of 400 dwellings within one tower and a street-level podium.

The Minister released details of the process and Terms of Reference on 29 September, 2015 to consider the planning application and Council has only recently been provided with details relating to the Advisory Committee process. This will involve the Ministerial Advisory Committee undertaking a four-stage process including a detailed evaluation of the planning application, public consultation and a public hearing.

Role of Council

Because Council is not the Responsible Authority, our role is limited to being able to make a submission to the Ministerial Advisory Committee as well as participate in the public hearing. You will also have the opportunity to make a submission through this process as well as participate in the public hearing.
The final decision on the development will be made by the Minister for Planning having regard for the Advisory Committee's recommendations.

Council will make a formal submission to the Ministerial Advisory Committee reflecting the views of the wider community and Council's own planning expertise.

**How can I be kept informed?**

Despite not having a formal role in the development assessment process, Council is committed to keeping our community informed, including letting you know how you can make your views known. Council is currently in the process of organising community information sessions, which will be publicised via our website at mvcc.vic.gov.au/flemracecourse and Council's facebook page.

A further letter will also be forwarded outlining specific times and venue details. At this point in time, taking into account the information provided to Council, the information sessions are planned for mid-November, 2015.


Yours sincerely

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Cr. Narelle Sharpe

MAYOR