

Redeveloping the

North Curtin community site



COMMUNITY FORUM OUTCOMES

JULY 2008

The ACT Government has decided to create a new community site in North Curtin. GHD has been independently engaged to consult with the community on its future use. The community are invited to make submissions at community stalls, community forums or by phone, post or email until 31 July 2008.

Summary of community forum held 30 June 2008 - North Curtin community site

It should be noted that the following findings are not conclusive and should be read in conjunction with future reports. Within the appropriate and inappropriate uses, there may be contradictions as not all forum participants shared the same views.

In general terms, the forum **participants valued**:

- The site's open space
- Its contribution towards providing a facility that benefits the entire community
- Its ability to be complimentary to the local area, local shops and local demographics.

It was generally considered that the Purdon recommendations for this site are not a desirable land use outcome. Activities that were considered by the forum participants to be **appropriate** included:

- Buildings for community uses like education (family, health, University of the 3rd Age), men's shed, fly ball, scouts, community theatre, café, community gardens (with chickens), co-op and meeting spaces.
- Recreational areas including a playground and fitness track.
- Maintaining the open space and keeping the existing stands of trees (and further native plantings).
- Keeping the 'Teddybears' childcare centre.
- Keeping the site in public ownership and developing the site as part of an integrated plan. Any development should be complimentary to the local area (shops and local demographics).
- Housing for aged/supportive care and independent aged residential as long as it was limited in number and limited to one storey in height. It was suggested that the existing building footprint be used as a guide to development intensity.

The forum participants were keen to make the following points:

- Any development should be ecological sustainable, with provisions for energy and water efficient development.
- Any extra traffic as a result of any development is a concern. Specifically, increased traffic in Storey St to the rear of the development would not be acceptable.
- If additional access was to be provided, it was suggested that a slip lane be created off Caruthers Street.
- Access to the site should not be restricted, and green space should be maintained.
- A transition plan should be developed for when the emergency services move out and the site is redeveloped so not to let the site degrade and attract criminal activity.
- Development shouldn't significantly increase the gross floor area of the current buildings footprint and that additional parking be provided underground. Any development should also be complimentary to the area (including heritage values) and nothing too architecturally advanced.

Activities that were considered **not appropriate** included:

Commercial development, skate park, transport hub, commercial development, housing developments over one storey, demolishing the school buildings, public housing, government tenants/office buildings, retail, red light district and a rooster in the community garden.

Your feedback is valuable and will help the ACT Government decide on the future of the North Curtin site. If you were unable to make the forum, or think that your views have not been accurately represented, you can still have your say.

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