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Dear Mr Swinbourn

PETITION NO. 002 - PROPOSAL TO SELL MIDLAND RECREATION GROUND RESERVE

Thank you for your letter of 17 August 2017 regarding the above matter.

The Midland Oval Precinct is currently zoned City Centre - Commercial Deferred, City Centre – Business and reserved Local Roads by the City of Swan's Local Planning Scheme No.17 (LPS 17). As the oval itself is zoned City Centre – Commercial Deferred, it is not subject to clause 3.4 of LPS 17, which concerns the use and development of local reserves.

However, I recently approved Amendment No. 119 to LPS 17 to zone the Midland Oval Precinct Strategic Regional Centre, Recreation reserve and Local Road reserve. Once gazetted, the portion of Midland Oval which is reserved Recreation will be subject to clause 3.4 of LPS 17.

Amendment No. 119 rezones Midland's City Centre zones to Strategic Regional Centre zone to enable the proposed Midland Activity Centre Structure Plan to be endorsed as part of LPS 17.

Planning for the Midland Oval Precinct is intended to facilitate higher density residential uses, commercial office uses, a high level of amenity for future residents and workers, improved access to public transport and community services, and encourage alternative means of transport.

The Midland Oval Redevelopment Master Plan was advertised for public comment concurrently with the proposed Activity Centre Structure Plan and Amendment No. 119 for a period of 42 days in August - September 2015.

Following the Council's initial endorsement of the Master Plan on 25 November 2015, an extensive community consultation process for the detailed design of the public

open space was undertaken, with the intention of capturing the views and requirements of the community with regard to the four key public open spaces within the Master Plan area.

The first round of consultation occurred in the form of three public information sessions in April 2016 which provided information on the project's history and future (including an opportunity for questions to be asked) and three workshops to obtain community and stakeholder input into the design of the four public open spaces.

The second round of consultation consisted of a workshop on 22 August 2016, the purpose of which was to present the findings of community and stakeholder input. Further discussion about public open space matters relating to the Master Plan occurred at a public meeting held on 23 November 2016 and an annual meeting of electors held on 7 December 2016.

I am advised that, at the Council meeting of 30 January 2017, the Council resolved to endorse the amended Master Plan as it addressed concerns raised during the community consultation process to increase the amount of public open space and endorse an associated Place Making Strategy. The amended Master Plan provides a public open space contribution of 1.9 hectares, which equates to 17.2 per cent of the gross subdivisible area of the Master Plan area. This is in excess of the minimum 10 per cent of gross subdivisible area for public open space, required by Western Australian Planning Commission policy.

I appreciate you raising this matter with me and trust the above information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



**HON RITA SAFFIOTI MLA
MINISTER FOR PLANNING; LANDS**

22 SEP 2017