



COUNCIL MEETING

QUESTION TIME – PUBLIC

QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

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10/12/18 PQT6	Gaye Guest, Keysborough	Environmentally Friendly ‘nappy’ Policy The City of Casey has adopted a rebate for those young families who are using environmentally friendly nappies and nappy wash. A proof of residency is needed and invoices to claim the rebate. In Seaford, there is a nappy wash service called Botanic Baby that supplies both cloth and environmentally friendly nappies. There are other companies to buy cloth nappies from. Could the City of Greater Dandenong adopt this policy please?	Director City Planning, Design & Amenity/ Director Engineering Services		
9/07/18 PQT2	Colin Riddiford, North Dandenong	After Hours Contact Numbers Why is there not a contact number available on a weekend to contact someone within the Council to get something done in relation to illegal usage, abuse of Council facilities and reserves or any antisocial behaviour? The current system has been proven to be unsatisfactory and not working.	Director Corporate Services	17/7/2018	<i>(Refer to attachment in Item 5 – Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 23/07/2018)</i> Changes are being implemented to the script provided to Councils After Hours Service to allow this service to connect residents to the on-duty Council compliance officer between 9am and 4.30pm on weekends. This will however only occur where the usage of Council reserves is disrupting scheduled sporting activities. Anti-social activity should however be directly reported to Victoria Police.

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14/05/18 PQT6	Rina Main, Dandenong	<p>Team 11</p> <p>(1A) Please advise why residents weren't consulted about the Team 11 bid at all, given council are part of the bid and the bid requires the spending of ratepayers money, especially when the council consult on so many smaller things.</p> <p>(1B) Specifically why residents south of the railway station weren't consulted as they will potentially be most affected by traffic and other impacts.</p> <p>(2) How much has it cost this financial year? How much will it cost over the next two financial years?</p> <p>(3) Has Greater Dandenong gifted the land for the proposed site south of the railway line like it has been reported in the media?</p>	Chief Executive Officer	23/5/18	<p><u>(Refer to attachment in Item 5 – Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 28/05/2018)</u></p> <p>Interim Answer Provided on the night with further information to follow.</p> <p>(1A) It is appropriate to put this concept into perspective. Council has a long standing vision to facilitate and promote sporting excellence in its community – to encourage participation and aspiration among younger members of the community in particular. Council shares a vision to make south-east Melbourne the destination for a new A-League, W-League and National Youth League Club with the aim of becoming Australia's largest football heartland and making a meaningful contribution to the aspiration referred to at the outset. Similar action and advocacy often occur on behalf of the community – sometimes these matters are publicised, often they are not – but always, they seek to align with the objective of creating better outcomes and opportunities for the community. This concept of Team 11 is not new – having been publicly endorsed in a MoU that was publicly and openly signed by Council in 2016 - but it has been publicised more widely than most actions undertaken for and on behalf of the community. To date, Councils involvement has involved</p>

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					<p>advocacy and facilitation - advocating to and for others to create this opportunity; and facilitating the interest and involvement of other governments; other sporting and business interests and other sectors to make things happen in this city. Accordingly, actions and proposals to date have not been binding on this Council to the point where broad consultation has been deemed necessary. Specific consultation has however been undertaken with those groups identified as being direct stakeholders – sporting clubs and interests; businesses and business groups – and these have all been supportive without exception. Yes, Council has committed expenditure to this project but this has been within Budget provisions and has been determined prudent and appropriate for the purpose of testing the viability of such a concept.</p> <p>(1B) The land referenced is zoned Comprehensive Development Zone 1 (CDZ1); it is suitable for consideration of such a project; and, was earmarked for a masterplan review. The development of proposals around use of this land is consistent with visioning undertaken for many strategic land parcels – specific consultation will be undertaken if and when this project moves from a vision to something with greater concept support.</p>

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					<p>2. Council's expenditure on Team 11 is included in Financial Reports for past periods and, the draft Budget for 2018/19. Expenditure to date has focussed on business planning and project viability – both of which are common and budgeted items; shared costs with regard to operational aspects with adjacent municipalities Casey and Cardinia; and, costs specific to Greater Dandenong where these may relate to any potential Stadium facility.</p> <p>Over the two financial years – from prior to the launch of this initiative to a point where a submission will be made regarding the merits of the project - this Council is projected to have expended \$130,000 on operational aspects and a similar amount on project viability – the latter including determination of a significant economic benefit for any funds expended.</p> <p>3. No, Council has not gifted or treated with respect to the subject land and indeed, Council is unable to do so without a formal report to Council.</p>
14/05/18 PQT7	Don Main, Dandenong	<p>Team 11</p> <p>(1) Please advise who owns the land that council are supposed to be gifting for the proposed stadium?</p> <p>(b) To whom it will be gifted?</p> <p>(c) What is the value of the land?</p>	Chief Executive Officer	23/05/18	<p><i>(Refer to attachment in Item 5 – Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 28/05/2018)</i></p> <p><i>Interim Answer Provided on the night with further information to follow (refer above).</i></p>

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		(2) Please advise why the Cheltenham Road site was chosen, considering its close proximity to residents living in Metro 3175. There will be considerable impact by noise, traffic and parking congestion, especially for those residents living close by and using Cheltenham Road.			<p>1. B) C) Council owns a significant component of the land in question – a smaller, edge component is owned by a Government agency. There is no commitment to gift land and accordingly, its value at this time is not considered relevant. Consistent with a previous answer, should this project proceed beyond a current vision to a more meaningful project, appropriate public reporting will be required.</p> <p>2. Once again, and somewhat consistent with previous answers, this site is in a CDZ and offers many significant advantages to the further growth and transformation of the Dandenong Activity Centre. But with specific regard to a sporting facility of the type referred, assessments have been made of an 'in centre' option (this site) and an 'out of centre' option – the benefits of this site over the other being considerable and including proximity to a premium rail station; proximity to the activity centre; proximity to an arterial road; and, proximity to parking infrastructure and other social infrastructure in the activity centre.</p>
14/05/18 PQT8(1)	Minwen Wu, Dandenong	Recycling Because China stops taking Australia's recycle waste, the budget says CGD people will be paying 2.5 million dollars more for	Chief Executive Officer	23/5/18	<p><u>(Refer to attachment in Item 5 – Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 28/05/2018)</u></p> <p>Interim Answer Provided on the night with further information to follow:</p>

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		<p>the waste. On the other hand, thousands and thousands of CGD residents are without a job, and many local industrial facilities are idle. What has the Council done to possibly get the recycle waste being processed in Dandenong South by Dandenong people, saving the cost and getting own people a job?</p>			<p>City of Greater Dandenong has been working with the Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group, the Municipal Association of Victoria and other Melbourne Metropolitan councils to address the current situation associated with the recycling industry.</p> <p>There are many issues associated with this that require careful consideration. The State Government has set-up a Recycling Task Force to investigate the challenges we now face, future directions and initiatives that can be put in place that are more sustainable, reliable and cost effective. The City of Greater Dandenong will make a valued contribution to this effort and analyse the outcome of this investigation in order to consider our options into the future.</p> <p>The Federal Government has also been a participant in discussions associated with this issue, and in consultation with the State Government, will investigate recycling options for Australia which will reduce the reliance on overseas markets and create the demand for the use of recyclables in the manufacturing of new products.</p> <p>The City of Greater Dandenong's Ordish Road precinct is a "hub of statewide significance" for waste and recycling operations and is well</p>

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					placed to create employment opportunities in the recycling industry. Council's current recyclables processor is located within this precinct.
14/05/18 PQT9	Anh Nguyen, Springvale	Team 11 When did Greater Dandenong Council decide to be part of or support a bid for an A League team? I can't find any mention of a vote in the minutes of the Council meeting.	Chief Executive Officer	23/5/18	<p><u>(Refer to attachment in Item 5 – Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 28/05/2018)</u></p> <p>Interim Answer Provided on the night with further information to follow:</p> <p>Earlier answers to previous questions have touched on this matter. Council has not formally resolved to be part of any bid but consistent with its role as an advocate and facilitator of outcomes deemed advantageous to the Greater Dandenong community, it has participated in a public commitment to an MoU that requires that Council use of its 'best endeavours' to support, facilitate and advocate for such an outcome.</p>
29/01/18 PQT4	Dick Joshua, Dandenong	<p>Integration of GIS with Council Website</p> <p>Sustainable development goals and smart cities initiatives. Under the project of integrated GIS with Council's website from previous Council Minutes Budget section:</p> <p>(1) Is the platform open portal to gradually release to the public and application developers in the future, with mobile apps to enable residents to communicate, report damages to the city emergency response centre or</p>	Director Engineering Services	9/02/18	<p><u>(Refer to attachment in Item 5 – Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 12/02/2018)</u></p> <p>The Interactive Map has already been launched on Council's website and can be found under the map section. This map is mobile responsive and is able to be viewed on a variety of devices.</p> <p>There are no plans to roll out 'issue logging' through this map as there is already an 'app' which Council</p>

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		<p>council's facilities maintenance near real time.</p> <p>(2) Is there a plan to add an interactive map to the City's website accessible from any web browser to view plans and ongoing street work carried out?</p> <p>(3) Does the GIS platform collaborate closely with the fire and police departments and organised community groups to improve on areas of public safety and emergency response within the City of Greater Dandenong?"</p>			<p>recommends for this purpose called Snap Send Solve which enables the public to log issues with Council's Customer Service team.</p> <p>Emergency service information is managed through the Vic Emergency website and should be the primary source of alerts and information about emergencies. There are plans to roll out a layer within the interactive map detailing planned Council road and drainage works in the future, however this will not include information from other authorities working within the Council area as often they are not required to notify Council until after the works have occurred. This may include VicRoads, United Energy, Telstra, South East Water and other authorities.</p> <p>Improvements to the interactive map will be continuously rolled out when available, including publicly available layers issued by other authorities.</p>
29/01/18 PQT3	Dick Joshua, Dandenong	<p>Support for African Community</p> <p>Under the support for the Greater Dandenong African community agenda item:</p> <p>(1) what are the outcomes, if they have been measured, on reducing youth involvement in crime gangs as well as improving responsible behaviour and participation in sustainable community development.</p> <p>(2) What is the master plan, looking into the future of sustainable and proactively dealing with root causes at the earliest</p>	Director Community Services	8/02/18	<p><u>(Refer to attachment in Item 5 – Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 12/02/2018)</u></p> <p>The City of Greater Dandenong provides a range of inclusive services, community programs and initiatives where people from African backgrounds are encouraged to participate or where support is offered.</p> <p>Youth programming includes delivery in public places across the</p>

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		possible point before they become mainstream media discussions which could be viewed as symptoms of underlying issues?			<p>municipality to encourage flexible and responsive youth engagement; and improve perceptions of community safety amongst young people. This includes activation of places such as Pop up Park, Mills Reserve and engagement at the Noble Park Skate Park. Further events are planned throughout 2018.</p> <p>A range of measures have been instigated by Council to improve young people's employment prospects. This has included the establishment of a Mayoral Youth Employment Taskforce in 2017 and a resulting Action Plan (2018). Youth specific forums promoting career pathways have been established to facilitate practical work experience and a Jobs Fair will be trialled in 2018.</p> <p>Youth and Family Services are a significant and active participant on the Intensive Youth Support Program and the Chair of the referral panel for the PIVOT program. PIVOT is a targeted intensive support program for young offenders identified by Victoria Police and State Government departments.</p> <p>Council also works with youth led organisations (primarily South Sudanese) to support their collective efforts in delivering local programs and initiatives to young people from their community i.e. South Sudanese Australian Youth United -</p>

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					<p>Homework support and Weekend Academy.</p> <p>City of Greater Dandenong will continue to support programs and initiatives that seek to improve responsible behaviour and participation in sustainable community development.</p>
22/05/17 PQT3	John Kakavas, Noble Park	<p>Rainwater management at Ellendale Road, Noble Park</p> <p>Lack of appropriate rainwater management at Parkville Reserve, Ellendale Road, Noble Park, and properties 26-34 Ellendale Road, Noble Park which causes flash flooding and structural damage to properties at 3-9 Gell Court, Noble Park. Decade long complaints have not effectively addressed the issue, and there is now an extremely serious issue having eventuated on the subject property. For some 20 years the questioner has been in contact with an extensive number of Council officers, up to management level, regarding flash flooding experienced by the subject property in Gell Court, Noble Park. Apart from the surface damage caused by the flooding, a great concern has been given to the topography water being pushed underground, and potentially undermining structures including houses. Although officers conceded the problems are real and the causes are clearly recognised, no timely or definite plans have eventuated to fully address the issue in a timely</p>	Director Engineering Services	2/06/17	<p><u>(Refer to attachment in Item 5 – Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 13/06/2017)</u></p> <p>Council will consider the matter of funding for investigation into drainage matters in the area, via the 2017/18 budget process.</p> <p>The matter of the “hole” will be investigated during a meeting scheduled on site next week.</p>

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		<p>manner. It has invariably been references to Melbourne Water's ten year plan, inadequate infrastructure and Council five year plans. The questioner's worst fears have now apparently been realised, with a sinkhole having been developed on his property, some 3 metres behind his house, and placing a hose on full tap into the hole suggests it is bottomless. Potentially it could run under the house foundations, and it goes on to talk about visual evidence that such a problem exists is included in the question. The precursor signs have been there for at least three to five years, and have been pointed out to Council officers during inspections, including such last inspection of the property some 16 months ago. With the latest development, the damage, loss of amenity, anger, frustration and anxiety suffered during these 20 years, has become greater. "It is fair to say that I have shown Job-like patience over this extended period, however given the latest development I have no option but to, in this instance, amicably ask two questions of the council. One, on which date of June 2017 will council commence work on my property to find and eliminate the cause of the sinkhole, and locate and repair the damage caused? And two, on which date of June 2017 will council table a funded plan to timely neutralise the upstream causes of our problems with a completion date by December 2017."</p>			

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26/09/16 PQT1	Scott Peters, Dandenong	Signage for Thai Massage Store at Hammond Road, Dandenong A few months ago a Thai massage store opened up in Central Dandenong on Hammond Road, with local Council approval. A sign saying, 'All young Asian girls working' is clearly written on the signage on Hammond Road. As this is in Dandenong on a main road with thousands of people passing it by car and on foot each day, does Council believe this is appropriate for the revamped Dandenong to clearly portray; and does Council support this sign?	Director City Planning, Design and Amenity	06/06/2016	(Refer to attachment in Item 5 – Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 10/10/2016) The matter has been followed up by the Planning Compliance unit and the necessary steps have been taken by the officers to ensure that all signs comply with the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme. Ongoing compliance with the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme will be monitored and where breaches of the Scheme are found they will be appropriately dealt with.
8/08/16 PQT8	Emmanuel Vella, Keysborough	Telstra Exchange Congestion The density of townhouses in Keysborough is becoming ridiculous. This in turn has caused at a Telstra exchange level congestion, for which Telstra has no update on when a fix/resolution will occur. This issue causes all residents who are on the Telstra velocity network to have extremely slow internet speed. When is the Council going to do something about it?	Director City Planning, Design and Amenity	22/08/16	(Refer to attachment in Item 5 – Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 22/08/2016) This is a matter for the service provider. A letter was sent to Telstra on 22 August 2016 advising of the issues being experienced by the resident.
25/07/16 PQT9	Philip Lamaro, Dandenong	Question Phillip Lamaro, Dandenong Would Council consider installing dog litter bags in Dandenong Park and other parks in Greater Dandenong? Other Councils do this which reduces people leaving dog litter on public grounds.	Director Engineering Services	2/08/16	(Refer to attachment in Item 5 – Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 08/08/2016) The Dog of Leash Strategy is a Council adopted strategy. The current Council adopted the Strategy after the community was afforded the opportunity to provide in-put and comment. This process is included in the report under section 1.4. As a Council officer it is my

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					<p>responsibility to follow any strategies, policies or other decisions adopted by our Council.</p> <p>Council has considered the use of bags and elected not to provide these for those reasons outlined in section 3.2.4 of the document. A newly elected Council may consider a review of this position in the future, however there is no timeframe set to review the current strategy that I am aware of.</p> <p>I am unable to offer you any further advice on this matter and trust I have been able to answer your question, albeit without supplying the dog waste bags you have recommended for Dandenong Park.</p>
11/07/16 PQT6	Alan Hood, Bangholme	<p>Issue of a planning permit around the Bunurong Cemetary area</p> <p>Bunurong Cemetery is fast becoming a nightmare to local property owners. Every member of our family has had a near miss from a head on collision with the hundreds of trucks using Fernside Drive. Fernside Drive has almost reached a permanently unsafe situation with indentations from the trucks causing aquaplaning when it rains. The two kilometres of fill from four to six metres high has cut off the exit path from this city of the massive floods we see every few decades and that now threatens Dandenong South. Taylors Drain has been strangled to about</p>	Director City Planning, Design & Amenity	27/07/16	<p><u>(Refer to attachment in Item 5 – Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 25/07/2016)</u></p> <p>Council has not issued a planning permit in respect of use or works at Bunurong Cemetery. Within the provisions of Public Use Zone, clause 36.01-5 of the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme provides that “A permit is not required to use land, or to construct a building or construct or carry outworks on land, listed in a schedule to this zone, provided any condition in the schedule is complied with.” The schedule at clause 36.01-6 lists PUZ5- Cemetery. Bunurong Cemetery is zoned Public Use Zone</p>

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		five per cent of its task and points directly to an east link exit drain. A function centre with 201 car spaces indicating an expectation of up to 500 people on site is within the ESO3 buffer. Melbourne Water says the Council is the responsible authority for this. Has the Council issued a planning permit for this facility within the ESO3? If not we are prepared to assist Council in discussions with State Government. Council would appreciate this represents a major public liability and legal issue.			<p>5- Cemetery and in terms of clause 36.01-5 does not require a permit.</p> <p>Council Officers have undertaken an investigation of the road surface on Fernside Drive (during wet weather). Although surface rutting was identified, it was considered to be minor and within intervention levels. Additionally, during the inspection, no evidence of aquaplaning was observed. Given the outcomes from the inspection, no further action will be undertaken at this time. The surface of Fernside Drive will continue to be monitored in accordance with Council's Road Management Plan.</p>
11/07/16 PQT5	Alan Hood, Bangholme	<p>Removal of noxious gorse from the Perry Road Extension area</p> <p>For ten years and after expenditure of \$425,000 rate payers would reasonably have expected to see a rural or green wedge management plan in action. To help the Council we would point to a project, the Council owned Perry Road extension, where for minimum cost a major visible improvement could be obtained. At the present time, this road is covered in noxious gorse. Foxes use it as a base to come out into the paddocks and kill our lambs and there is a resident wild pig. Can the Council advise when it might be able to spray and remove the gorse and issue similar instructions to land owners in the rural area.</p>	Director City Planning, Design & Amenity	28/07/16	<p><u>(Refer to attachment in Item 5 – Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 25/07/2016)</u></p> <p>An inspection undertaken along Perry Road by officers on Wednesday 27 July noted minimal infestation within the Perry Rd road reservation, with more widespread weed growth in adjoining properties owned by other parties.</p> <p>Council will arrange for the treatment of any Declared Noxious Weeds within the road reservation at the appropriate time when weather conditions are suitable. Council's Residential Amenity Officers will also conduct a more thorough inspection along Perry Road to assess the abutting properties and Officers will</p>

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					work with property owners in order to arrange the timely treatment and eradication of any Declared Noxious Weeds found. Where necessary, compliance notices will be issued.
11/07/16 PQT4	Alan Hood, Bangholme	Were learnings provided back to Council from the Urban Growth Boundary Advisory Committee Hearing At an urban growth boundary advisory committee hearing Mr Terry Montebello, Senior Counsel, acting for the City of Greater Dandenong, said on a number of occasions that Council was not aware why the State Government rejected an officer led mission to allow development in the Bangholme green wedge zone. At the hearing he was left in no doubt as to the status of the eastern treatment plant as a hazardous facility by WorkSafe Victoria and the danger of emissions to people from the site, particularly large groups of people. Did Mr Montebello brief counsel on what he learnt at this hearing? The reason for the question is that councillors seem still unaware of the risk and their part in risk management for both gas hazards and flooding.	Director City Planning, Design & Amenity	27/07/16	(Refer to attachment in Item 5 – Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 25/07/2016) A thorough search has been conducted and no records of a post-Panel briefing by Mr Montebello to Council was found. Please be assured however that Council takes its responsibilities and obligations seriously and exercises due diligence when being required to have cognisance of the Eastern Treatment Plant as well as in respect of flooding in the area.
11/07/16 PQT1&2	Nina Kelly, Keysborough	Traffic Management issues in Keysborough Traffic Management – New Shopping Centre Hutton/ Chapel Road Keysborough. Can Council please explain the traffic management plan for the new shops on Chapel Rd and	Director City Planning, Design & Amenity	26/07/16	(Refer to attachment in Item 5 – Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 25/07/2016) Pedestrian Access a) At this stage a pedestrian/bicycle access path is not shown for construction along the eastern side of Chapel Road. Ultimately whether a

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		<p>Hutton Road. As a community we have a number of questions:</p> <p>Pedestrian Access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will pedestrian/bike access paths be extended on Chapel Road east side (from Homeleigh Road) to this new shopping centre to encourage walking before the centre opens? If so, will they be wider red style footpaths (seen throughout the area) to encourage two-way foot/bike traffic? • Will pedestrian/ bike access be available from the retarding basin side (east) for residents coming from Burnham Crescent direction the day the centre opens? • Will pedestrian/ bike access be available on Hutton Road for Perry Road residents on the day the centre opens? <p>Vehicle access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will there be lights on Chapel Road entrance/ exit? If not, will there be a clearway to assist traffic movement on the shopping centre exit for traffic heading north up Chapel Road? • Will there be a clearway on Chapel Road to assist access for residents of <u>Orlando Crescent</u> approx. 150metres north of the Chapel Road entrance? • Will there be lights into the Hutton Road entrance/ exit (Vic Roads managed road)? • Will the median on Hutton Road be updated to include turning lane for traffic heading west on Hutton Road 			<p>shared pathway on Chapel Road at this location will be constructed so that there is a footpath (gray and about 1.4m wide) on one side and a shared path (red and about 2.4m wide) on the other side, depends on whether the currently undeveloped adjacent land adjoining Chapel Rd is developed and the related Development Contributions paid. Any consideration by Council to install pedestrian / shared path links to the site would be subject to that funding and considerations in future Council budgets.</p> <p>More broadly, the latest endorsed plans under PLN11/0062.04 make provision for an access point to the northern side boundary for potential pedestrian/bicycle access through that site, and then connecting to Homeleigh Rd. An indicative connection is also shown through the existing retarding basin to the east of the site, providing for extension between the site and residential subdivisions to the north thereof. Given that the retarding basin is located within privately owned land, the developer would need to be in discussion with the owner of the site to determine whether that land can be accessed for that purpose.</p> <p>Permit conditions imposed on this development by VicRoads do not require the construction of any shared pathways.</p>

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		<p>into the new shopping centre? If not, will these residents need to turn at the current Chapel/ Hutton Road lights?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finally has a future bus stop been included in the Hutton Road side of the design? 			<p>The conditions on the Planning Permit for the site (PLN11/0062.04) do not restrict the ability for the operator of the site to open prior to pedestrian connections to the surrounding estate being established.</p> <p>b) Further to the commentary above, the latest endorsed plans under PLN11/0062.04 indicate that there are two access points to the eastern side boundary for potential pedestrian/bicycle access. As it currently stands, no pedestrian/bike access will be constructed between the retarding basin and Burnham Crescent area by the opening date. This pedestrian/bicycle access across the shopping centre site is expected to be considered under Stage 2 of the development of the site. As mentioned above, given that the retarding basin is located within privately owned land, the developer would need to be in discussion with the owner of the site to determine whether that land can be accessed.</p> <p>c) It is unlikely. The latest endorsed plans under PLN11/0062.04 indicate that there is a pedestrian/bicycle pathway access along Hutton Road. As it currently stands, no connecting pedestrian/bike access will be constructed along Hutton Road to Perry Road by the opening date between the pedestrian/shared path</p>

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					<p>along the shopping centre's southern frontage and the Chapel Rd intersection. This pedestrian/bicycle access is expected to be considered under Stage 2 of the development.</p> <p>Ultimately the preferred routes for residents to the centre would be through the other routes mentioned, and not along Hutton Road. Facilities on Hutton Road are likely to be a longer term consideration.</p> <p>Vehicle access</p> <p>a) This will be a signalised intersection. Condition 52.1.ii of planning permit PLN11/0062.04 requires that prior to the commencement of the permitted development, amended plans must be submitted to and approved by VicRoads and Council, showing that the new signalised intersection at Chapel Road be modified to demonstrate that it would operate safely and effectively without compromising traffic at the Chapel Road/Hutton Road intersection. A Traffic Engineering Plan prepared on behalf of the applicant by consulting engineers One Mile Grid was endorsed pursuant to PLN11/0062.02 showing the access/intersection arrangement along Chapel Road.</p> <p>b) At this stage it is not proposed that there will be a Clearway or Keep Clear markings at the intersection with Orlando Court.</p>

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					<p>The traffic analysis undertaken during the design of the signals has highlighted that they are unlikely to have a significant impact on traffic entering and exiting Orlando Court.</p> <p>c) The Hutton Road entrance/exit will be accessed via a deceleration lane in accordance with VicRoads requirements (left in/left out only). The alignment of the entry is also in accordance with VicRoads requirements.</p> <p>d) The median lane will not be updated to include a turning lane for traffic heading west on Hutton Road. To access the site from this direction, residents will need to turn right at the Chapel Road/Hutton Road lights, and then turn right at the Chapel Road/shopping centre intersection.</p> <p>e) At this stage no bus stop has been included in the design. This will be a matter considered by Public Transport Victoria when bus routes in this area are determined.</p>
26/04/16 PQT3	Gerhard Vervoorst, Dandenong North	Harmony Square Display 1] What happened to the letters HARMONY SQUARE? Council spent thousands of dollars on them. The letters were displayed at the Harmony Square for a short while and then disappeared. The high cost was justified by the Mayor at the time that the letters can be displayed at other	Group Manager, Greater Dandenong Business	04/05/16	<p>(Refer to attachment in Item 5 – Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 9/05/2016)</p> <p>A letter was sent to Mr Vervoorst addressing his questions.</p>

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		Council events. How often has this been done?			
26/04/16 PQT2	Gerhard Vervoorst, Dandenong North	Revenue from Parking Infringements What is the projected real income in one financial year from parking infringement fines in the City of Greater Dandenong?	Director City Planning, Design & Amenity	28/04/16	(Refer to attachment in Item 5 – Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 9/05/2016) A letter was sent to Mr Vervoorst with details of income from Parking Infringements.
11/04/16 PQT2	Minwen Wu, Dandenong	Future of Dandenong Wish to hear a few words from the CEO about Dandenong's future please?	Director Corporate Services	14/04/16	(Refer to attachment in Item 5 – Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 26/04/2016) Following the last Council Meeting, contact via email was made with the author (Minwen) to seek guidance on what particular aspects of 'Dandenong future' was of interest. Minwen Wu has not provided any further details at this point.
29/03/16 PQT1	Minwen Wu, Dandenong	Council Meeting Dates on Community Calendar (Part 2 only) Today my question relates to Council's communication with the community. I believe that better coordination, connection and integration among different media (or channels of communication) are needed to enhance overall community involvement, particularly between printed media and digital media. For example, currently on the website www.oursay.org , there is a community consultation on budget priorities going on but I could not find any mention of this at all in the March or April edition of Greater Dandenong's monthly magazine, The City. Similarly, Council meeting dates are on Council's website but not on the 2016 Community Calendar.	Director Corporate Services	30/03/16	(Refer to attachment in Item 5 – Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 11/04/2016) A response was provided to Minwen Wu outlining the difficulties Council has with including Council meeting dates on its annual printed calendar due to production of this calendar occurring at an earlier point than when Council sets the dates at its statutory meeting. A potential solution (after 2016) may be for the future Council to set meeting dates at an earlier point prior to the statutory meeting however this is not recommended in this current year due to the election.

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14/12/15 PQT1	Piret Cantwell Keysborough	Relocation/Rezoning of Keysborough Gold Club Give me five non financial reasons why you approved the relocation and rezoning of the Keysborough Golf Club? Have you consulted residents to get their view?	Director City Planning, Design & Amenity	23/12/15	<p><u>(Refer to attachment in Item 5 – Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 25/01/2016)</u></p> <p>Please note that officer report tabled on the night did not propose the relocation and rezoning, nor approve the relocation or rezoning of the Keysborough Golf Club. There is currently no initiative or process in place for changes to the Urban Growth Boundary. Changes to the Urban Growth Boundary are under the jurisdiction of the State Government and can only be effected through an act of Parliament. It is not something which Council has the ability to determine.</p> <p>The above-mentioned officer report notes that the Club (not the Council) seeks a change to the Urban Growth Boundary and a rezoning of its site. The report also brings to the attention of the reader that Council has recently adopted the Greater Dandenong Green Wedge Management Plan and that this Green Wedge Management Plan did not consider matters of changes to the Urban Growth Boundary and that the Club's land is in fact recommended to be zoned to Green Wedge Zone A.</p> <p>The report did also state however that "Notwithstanding the above, there is no objection to the MAC [Minister's Advisory Committee], or a body or process set up by the MAC to consider the establishment of a permanent metropolitan boundary to</p>

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					take into consideration the submissions of the Keysborough Golf Club in this regard for the inclusion of the KGC into the UGB." The report simply states then and recommends that the Keysborough Golf Club 'be heard' in any process set up by the Minister to consider the establishment of a Metropolitan boundary. In light of the above explanation please then be advised that there has been no approval of the relocation or rezoning of the Keysborough Golf Club as purported in your above-mentioned question to Council.
28/09/15 PQT7	Jon Davison, Toorak	Easternats Given that representatives of Easternats have met with Council officers from the Planning and Compliance departments to discuss the requirements of a future permit, is Council prepared to support the need to prepare an off-street venue for youth to experience with both motorcycles and motor vehicles?	Director City Planning, Design & Amenity	9/10/15	(Refer to attachment in Item 5 – Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 12/10/2015) Refer to response for the previous question.
28/09/15 PQT6	Jon Davison, Toorak	Easternats Given that over 100 people were ejected from the football match between Hawthorn and Fremantle clubs; and the Melbourne Cup Carnival being regarded as the booziest sports event in Australia, why are these events shown tolerance and yet Easternats was victimised for issues that paled into insignificance? What is Council's response to these double standards?	Director City Planning, Design & Amenity	9/10/15	(Refer to attachment in Item 5 – Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 12/10/2015) Refer to response for the previous question.

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28/09/15 PQT5	Jon Davison, Toorak	Easternats Given the illegal street drag racing and hooning combined with the tragic death of Andrea Lehane and the call by Motorcycles Riders Association to provide an off-road facility, is Council prepared to meet representatives from the Melbourne Racing Club (MRC) and the Easternats to discuss the use of Sandown Raceway?	Director City Planning, Design & Amenity	9/10/15	(Refer to attachment in Item 5 – Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 12/10/2015) Refer to response for the previous question.
28/09/15 PQT4	Mark Marsten, Dandenong	Easternats The Easternats bring people to the area which create jobs and more business to the local area. We find this very beneficial. This brings more activity to the area. Would the Dandenong Council be prepared to support this event to create more business for the area? This requires a meeting between Council and the Melbourne Racing Club (MRC).	Director City Planning, Design & Amenity	9/10/15	(Refer to attachment in Item 5 – Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 12/10/2015) Refer to response for the previous question.
28/09/15 PQT3	Mark Marsten, Dandenong	Easternats The Easternats understand that Council cannot grant a permit to the Melbourne Racing Club (MRC) without their consent. The Easternats seek the support of Council to meet with the Melbourne Racing Club (MRC) to encourage the use of this important venue. The event will bring in considerable revenues and community goodwill.	Director City Planning, Design & Amenity	9/10/15	(Refer to attachment in Item 5 – Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 12/10/2015) Refer to response for the previous question.
28/09/15 PQT2	Steven Rositano, Dandenong South	Easternats Does Council want to reduce street racing and hooning that will prevent accidents and car-related injuries in the area, because if Council does have the	Director City Planning, Design & Amenity	9/10/15	(Refer to attachment in Item 5 – Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 12/10/2015) Refer to response for the previous question.

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		Easternats at Sandown, it takes hundreds of people off the street for months before getting ready for it and months after cleaning and repairing their cars?			
28/09/15 PQT1	Steven Rositano, Dandenong South	Easternats Why is a well run and safe event not allowed to be at Sandown Raceway when it takes people away from drag racing and benefits the whole community?	Director City Planning, Design & Amenity	9/10/15	<p><u>(Refer to attachment in Item 5 – Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 12/10/2015)</u></p> <p>The submission and Council Questions raised at the meeting of 28 September 2015 seeking Council's in-principle support for the reinstatement of Easternats at Sandown Racecourse is noted.</p> <p>The Easternats supporters have cited a number of reasons why Council may want to advocate for the reinstatement of the event, including that holding this type of race would bring business and visitors to the City and reduce 'hoon' driving behaviour. Council notes that no evidence has been provided to support these citations and that Victoria Police senior officers can provide no evidence that an Easternats event would have any positive effect on driving behaviour in Greater Dandenong or beyond.</p> <p>The current planning permit for the racecourse does not permit the running of an Easternats event. Therefore, it is Council's current position that an Easternats event is not permitted on the land.</p> <p>There is currently no application lodged from the Melbourne Racing Club (Sandown Racecourse's owner and promoter) to amend the current</p>

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					<p>permit to reinstate Easternats at Sandown Racecourse and it is entirely a matter for the Club as owner, and possible proponent to initiate such an application. As Responsible Authority, it would not be appropriate for Council to canvass this aspect of land use. Notwithstanding, executive officers of Council are scheduled to meet with Melbourne Racing Club (MRC) management shortly and will bring to its attention, these matters that are solely for the consideration of the MRC.</p> <p>Any application for the use of the site would be considered on its merits, in accordance with the provisions of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, as well as the provisions of the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme and the potential impact on the amenity of adjacent residents in the Sandown area.</p> <p>Therefore Council cannot provide any such in-principle support and again, advises residents and businesses who may support an Easternats event to contact Melbourne Racing Club directly. Due to the private nature of the landownership and the current lack of permit application, Council cannot have any further advocacy role in the matter at this time.</p>
27/07/15 PQT1	Annmarie Lochery, Dandenong	Temporary Fencing along New Street, Dandenong Is it Council's intention that people walking along New Street, Dandenong have to trip over the temporary fencing	Director City Planning, Design & Amenity	3/08/15	<p><u>(Refer to attachment in Item 5 – Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 10/08/2015)</u></p> <p>Council officers investigated the matter to determine the exact location</p>

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		at a property on this street? This concern has been reported on several occasions.			of the temporary fencing referred to in New Street. Officers identified and inspected the temporary fencing located at 33 New Street Dandenong and observed the concrete feet of the fence protruding over the footpath. Council officers promptly made contact with the builder and this issue was rectified by 30 July 2015.
22/06/15 PQT7	Joe Dias, Dandenong	Review of building height in Residential Zones Review Regarding the proposed building heights in the Residential Zones Review report tabled tonight, could you please clarify why the proposed height in metres in the schedules to the General Residential Zones is not being reduced to eight metres to align with the two storey height limit that is described under local policy. A nine metre building height leaves the entire General Residential Zone area open to three storey developments	Director City Planning, Design & Amenity	6/7/15	<p><u>(Refer to attachment in Item 5 – Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 13/07/2015)</u></p> <p>The General Residential Zone, like the majority of residential land in Victoria, currently includes a discretionary 9 metre maximum building height as per ResCode. This height allows for a two storey house with a pitched roof and for the transition in built form from the Neighbourhood Residential Zone.</p> <p>Amendment C182 seeks to change this discretionary 9 metre maximum building height limit to a <u>mandatory</u> 9 metre height limit, in order to achieve the desired built form outcome of up to two (2) storeys as set out in <i>Clause 22.09 Residential Development and Neighbourhood Character Policy</i>. A 3 storey development in the GRZ is unlikely to be able to meet the objectives and design principles of Clause 22.09, and respect the neighbourhood character of the area.</p> <p>Both Council and VCAT are required to assess planning permit applications</p>

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					against all elements of the planning scheme, including the requirements of the zone and policy.
22/06/15 PQT6	Luigi Stranges, Dandenong	Retention of certain areas in Residential Growth Zone Many Councils have kept their Residential Growth Zone restricted to streets within activity centres directly fronting activity centres and/or within 400 metres of train stations. Looking at Dandenong in particular, a number of residential areas have been proposed to be retained in the Residential Growth Zone despite being up to one and a half to two kilometres from the Dandenong Train Station. Bruce Street, Olive Street and Ann Street are examples. Why are these areas being retained in the Residential Growth Zone?	Director City Planning, Design & Amenity	6/7/15	<p>(Refer to attachment in Item 5 – Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 13/07/2015)</p> <p>Proximity to a railway station is one of many considerations when determining where the Residential Growth Zone should apply. The revised Residential Framework Plans seek to balance community feedback with a number of strategic and physical variables such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State and local planning policies; • Pedestrian access to existing activity centres, railway stations and significant community facilities and institutions (eg. Dandenong Hospital, Chisholm TAFE); • Road layouts; • Existing development patterns; and • Capacity for change. <p>Bruce St, Olive St and Ann St are all proposed to be retained in the Residential Growth Zone due to the areas accessibility to the Dandenong Metropolitan Activity Centre as well as its proximity to the regionally significant Health/Education Precinct on the northern side of David Street.</p>
27/04/15 PQT4	Anthony, Dandenong	Security at the Dandenong Library I am a resident of Dandenong and have	Chief Executive	6/05/15	<p>(Refer to attachment in Item 5 – Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 13/07/2015)</p>

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		used the facilities of the Dandenong Library. There are a number of issues of concern. The security guards behave in a way that one feels very intimidated. I feel the two guards behave in a way that is inappropriate for a library environment. They do not know how to talk and address people in a more professional way. They seem to at first contact, initiate or provoke intimidation and provocation. This obviously defeats the purpose of their presence.	Officer		11/5/2015 The concern of the questioner has been raised with Concierge Staff. There is no evidence to support the assertions made and if at any time, staff are required to exercise any authority, it is always reasonable. Notwithstanding, Council's expectations for the appropriate conduct of all staff and contractors has been reinforced.
9/02/15	Colin Riddiford, Dandenong North	Changing Street Signs What is the anticipated completion date for the changing of the street signs in the City of Greater Dandenong?	Director Engineering Services	17/02/2015	(Refer to attachment in Item 5 – Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 23/2/2015) Letter sent to questioner on 17 February 2015 advising that the replacement of street name signs is an ongoing annual program, with damaged or defective signs that have reached the end of their service life replaced on an 'as needed' basis. Signs to be replaced are identified through customer requests or via Council's proactive annual road inspection program. All identified signs are replaced in accordance with Council's current street name sign standard (black lettering on reflective white background with coloured Council logo). New street name signs are also installed each year throughout the municipality as new subdivisions and developments are completed and handed over to Council. As with the replacement signs in existing areas, these new signs are also installed in accordance with Council's current name sign standards.
24/11/14	Richard Kenny Dandenong	Traffic in Sunnyside Avenue The traffic situation in Sunnyside Avenue and Grandview Avenue between Ross Street and Sunnyside Avenue is becoming	Director Engineering Services	5/12/14	(Refer to attachment in Item 5 – Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 08/12/2014) Council's Transport Engineers have

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		intolerable for current residents. This is mainly due to the number of vehicles parking on both sides of the road. This makes it almost impossible for two vehicles to pass. With the number of multi-unit dwellings yet to be completed in the above section of Grandview Avenue, how will the Council manage the situation that is only going to get worse?			<p>investigated this issue. A number of locations were observed where cars were parked on both sides of the road. Where this occurs, vehicles driving along the street may be required to give way to oncoming traffic. While this can result in a slight delay to traffic driving through the street, this is not considered to present a road safety risk and is quite common on busier residential streets.</p> <p>Where a vehicle parks opposite another vehicle on a residential street, the driver is required to ensure that at least a 3m road width is left on the street to allow vehicles to pass. This is a requirement under the Victorian Road Rules. Where 3m road width is not left, this is illegal parking. If this issue is observed, please contact Council to report illegal parking on 8571 1000.</p> <p>Where the number of parked cars on a residential street increases significantly, it can become harder for residential visitors to find a parking space. If this becomes an issue on Sunnyside Avenue or Grandview Avenue, Council would be happy to consider installing parking restrictions (such as 2P parking) to prevent people parking all day in these streets. Parking restrictions such as these are only installed following consultation with residents in the area and where a majority of residents support the proposal.</p>
10/11/14	Amanda Puglisi, Dandenong	Publishing future Councillor Briefing Session Agendas In the interests of greater transparency, could Council include in each Council Agenda a listing of all future Councillor Briefing Sessions for the next four weeks so that the community know what topics will be	Chief Executive Officer	24/11/14	<p><u>(Refer to attachment in Item 5 – Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 24/11/2014)</u></p> <p>This response is interim only and is consistent with that provided on the night the question was asked. This is a matter that Councillors ought to discuss and take</p>

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		discussed? This would provide an opportunity for stakeholders to engage earlier with Councillors on issues.			a position on and no opportunity has existed for this to occur in a considered manner since the question was asked. Accordingly, more time will be required to respond. The Agendas for the remaining Briefings and other Council assemblies prior to the Christmas recess are at this time full so without developing a rushed response it is proposed that Councillors consider and respond in early 2015.
22/09/14	H. Munnikhuis Dandenong PQT12	How many people are in the employment of or for the Council of Greater Dandenong categorised as salary persons, wage persons, authorised contracts, cleaning, security etc, paid consultants and advisors and gardeners?	Director Corporate Services	23/09/14	(Refer to attachment tabled in Item 5 - Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 13/10/2014) Details were provided to Mr Munnikhuis via letter.
22/09/14	Amanda Puglisi Dandenong PQT11	Consultation Report On page 25, Figure 5 in the Future Housing Near Major Shopping Centres Consultation Report marks the roads which were subject to petitions in 2013/14 against the Residential Growth Zones in Greater Dandenong. These roads are coloured in blue and denoted as roads with residents' petitions 2013/14. In August 2013 there was a petition submitted objecting to all residential land bordered by Stud Road, Herbert Street, Sunnyside Avenue, King Street, Clement Street, Ross Street and David Street being passed as a Residential Growth Zone. Only the boundary has been marked on page 25, Figure 5 of the Consultation Report. Residents in Grace Avenue, Ann Street, Aratula Street, Grant Street and Clement Street signed this petition however these streets are not marked on the map in the Consultation Report. Why haven't these streets been marked? Will Council be updating the map to accurately reflect the streets with petitions?	Director City Planning, Design & Amenity	3/10/2014	(Refer to attachment tabled in Item 5 - Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 13/10/2014) It appears that the petition referred to which included residents of Grace Avenue, Ann Street, Aratula Street, Grant Street and Clement Street, Dandenong has not been mapped in accordance with the other petitions which indicate each individual street. The Director of City Planning, Design and Amenity agrees then that it would appear that there is some inconsistency in the mapping of the petitions as all individual streets included in the other petitions have been mapped individually. The Director confirms that in the petition referred to, officers have always interpreted that to include the areas of Grace Avenue, Ann Street, Aratula St, Grant St and Clement Street. The Director has arranged for this anomaly to be corrected and a revised version of the Consultation Summary will be made available on Council's website as soon as possible. The Director can confirm too that

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					the concerns raised in the petition received by Council on 20 August 2013 objecting to these streets (and others) being included in the Residential Growth Zone have been noted and take into consideration. This is reflected by the 'investigation area' number 10 shown at Figure 6 'Dandenong Residential Framework Plan – Changes suggested by respondents'.
25/08/14	Melinda Puglisi, Dandenong PQT4	Dwelling growth in CGD Housing Strategy At the Council Meeting on 28 January 2014, the Keysborough South Community profile reported 2,700 dwellings will be constructed by 2018 as part of the Keysborough South Stage 2 and 3 development plan. The report highlights that to date 1,200 dwellings have been constructed or released for development, as stated on p.8057 of the Council Minutes. This suggests that land for the remaining 1,500 dwellings is yet to be released. The City of Greater Dandenong Draft Housing Strategy 2014-2024 background document indicates projected dwelling growth in Keysborough including Keysborough South, of plus 1,484 households in the ten year period 2014-2024. With an additional 1,500 homes to be constructed by 2018 in Keysborough South alone, through the release of additional land as part of the Stage 2 and 3 development plan, does Council consider dwelling growth of plus 1,484 homes for all of Keysborough in the ten years to 2024 as per the draft Greater Dandenong Housing Strategy, to be understated?	Director City Planning, Design & Amenity	5/09/14	(Refer to attachment tabled in Item 5 - Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 25/08/2014) The Keysborough South Community Profile Council report, presented at the Council meeting on 28 January 2014, stated that Keysborough South (specifically the Somerfield Estate) would accommodate 3,950 dwellings by 2018. Stage 1 of the development was completed in 2011, with the construction of 1,250 dwellings, while Stages 2 & 3 are expected to be completed by 2018 with the addition of the remaining 2,700 homes. Figure 38, on page 63 of the Greater Dandenong Housing Strategy background report, illustrates the forecast population and household growth between 2014 and 2024, by suburb. Keysborough including Keysborough South is projected to acquire an additional 1,484 dwelling by the end of 2024. [It is relevant to note that the area referred to as Keysborough South is generally that being developed as the new residential estate, as there is no formal classification of Keysborough South as a suburb. Formally, it all forms part of the suburb of Keysborough] Stages 2 & 3 of the Somerfield estate commenced prior to 2014. The major developer of the estate has indicated that

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					<p>completion is substantially expected within the 2015-2016 financial year. Some of the projected 2,700 dwellings outlined within the Keysborough South Community Profile for Stages 2 & 3 were completed prior to 2014 and are therefore not included among the additional 1,484 dwellings referred to in the Housing Strategy (forecasted from 2014-2024). Fundamentally, the two documents provide the following forecasts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Keysborough South Community Profile forecasts that the new estate in Keysborough (South) will accommodate 3,950 dwellings by 2018. • The Greater Dandenong Housing Strategy background report forecasts that an additional 1,484 dwellings will be required for the whole suburb of Keysborough in the period 2014 to 2024. <p>To prepare such forecasts, Council considers birth and mortality rates, local and international migration, development trends and approvals, and other conditions.</p> <p>Council has forecast that most new development would occur within Keysborough (South) with minimal infill development within the remainder of Keysborough, due to its relatively high land prices and stable population, conditions generally accompanied by limited development. It is considered that both the Keysborough South Community Profile and the Housing Strategy have meticulously weighed all available and relevant information to generate rigorous, accurate forecasts of population growth in Keysborough (South) and Keysborough,</p>

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					and does not consider these forecasts to be understated.
25/08/14	Amanda Puglisi, Dandenong PQT5	Residential Zones Consultation Following on from the Residential Zones consultation, can you please specify the dates: (1) when community consultation feedback will be tabled at a Council meeting and made public; and (2) at which Ordinary Council Meeting will Councillors be deliberating on zone boundaries?	Director City Planning, Design & Amenity	5/09/14	(Refer to attachment tabled in Item 5 - Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 25/08/2014)
					The views of the community and Council inform draft changes to the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme <div>July – September 2014</div>
					Council considers the proposed changes and seeking authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare an amendment. <div>October 2014 (Council Meeting)</div>
					Planning Scheme Amendment exhibited for formal submissions. <div>November/ December 2014</div>
					Council considers submissions and either resolves concerns or refers submissions to an Independent Planning Panel. <div>Early 2015 (Council Meeting)</div>
					Independent Planning Panel considers the Planning Scheme Amendment (if required) <div>Early – Mid 2015</div>
					Council considers the recommendations of the Independent <div>Mid 2015 (Council Meeting)</div>

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					Planning Panel and decides to either abandon the amendment or ask the Minister for Planning to approve the amendment with or without changes.	
					Changes to the Scheme approved by the Minister for Planning and implemented.	Mid-Late 2015
11/08/14	Melinda Puglisi, Dandenong PQT5	Leasable Floor Area at Dandenong Market What is the leasable floor area in square metres of the Dandenong Market?	Director Corporate Services	25/08/14	(Refer to attachment tabled in Item 5 - Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 25/08/2014) Email sent to Ms Puglisi with the following information. There is a Net Lettable Area of 8,301 square metres.	
11/08/14	Gerhard Vervoorst, Dandenong North PQT7	Parking in Dandenong Market Precinct How many car spaces currently exist in the Dandenong Market Precinct? How many other car parking spaces are there in the car parks within the immediate proximity of the Dandenong Market Precinct including the car park opposite the former Dandenong Library building, the car park on Clow Street next to the Dandenong Plaza and directly across the road from the Market, the Coles and former Officeworks car park on Cleeland Street across the road from the Market and the soon to be vacated JB Hi-Fi car park?	Director Corporate Services	13/08/14	(Refer to attachment tabled in Item 5 - Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 25/08/2014) A letter was sent to Mr Vervoorst with the following information. 844 car parks currently exist within the Dandenong Market precinct (at grade and multi-deck). 82 car parks in the Stuart Street carpark (opposite Library). 219 carparks in the Clow Street triangle carpark. 231 carparks in the Coles/Officeworks carpark on Cleeland Street. 108 carparks in the soon to be vacated JB Hi Fi carpark.	
28/07/14	Gerhard Vervoorst, Dandenong PQT1	Council Report on Smart Meters According to my information, Dandenong Council has “undertaken extensive research regarding smart meters and their	Chief Executive Officer	11/08/14	(Refer to attachment tabled in Item 5 - Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 11/08/2014) Copies of public reports and any	

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		effect on population health". Could Council please advise me where to obtain a copy of the relevant report or findings?			attachments were provided to Mr Vervoorst.
14/07/14	Melinda Puglisi, Dandenong PQT2	<p>Greater Dandenong Housing Strategy Population Forecast</p> <p>According to the draft Greater Dandenong Housing Strategy, the population of Greater Dandenong is forecast to grow by 32,040 residents in the ten years to 2024. This projection/forecast is based on internal Council estimates. Have Council's internal projections been independently validated and has Council considered engaging population consultants for population project inputs to the Greater Dandenong Housing Strategy</p>	Director City Planning, Design & Amenity	25/07/14	<p><u>(Refer to attachment tabled in Item 5 - Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 28/07/2014)</u></p> <p>The City of Greater Dandenong population projections include the addition of new private dwellings for each year into the future. Forecast is the rate of addition of new dwellings on the basis of existing trends and plans.</p> <p>Population is adjusted in each forecast year to accommodate the effects of factors relating to likely changes in the population. Factors include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - age specific birth rates; - age specific mortality rates; - ageing; - age-specific rates of movement into and out of the relevant municipality; - proportion of people residing in private and non private dwellings; - prospect of the development of non private accommodation; and - propensity of people of various age groups to form particular family and household types. <p>These forecasts are calculated for Greater Dandenong as a whole, and for its suburbs. Since these are based upon current trends and existing plans, they are not targets to be accomplished by Council, but forecasts of the likely scale and distribution of new housing the new future.</p> <p>Council's population projections have not been independently validated nor has Council considered engaging a "population consultant" to prepare population forecasts. The facts above</p>

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					<p>have informed the development of CGD's population forecasts.</p> <p>The City of Greater Dandenong is fortunate to have in-house expertise in the area of statistical analysis, an internal resource that is able to prepare population forecasts and review ABS data.</p> <p>It is unlikely that Council would feature in the .id e-book, as Council does not have a subscription with .id or commission this consultancy to prepare population forecasts for the municipality.</p>
14/07/14	Silvia Mastrogiovanni, Dandenong PQT3	<p>Greater Dandenong Housing Strategy Population Growth</p> <p>The draft Greater Dandenong Housing Strategy 2014-2024 suggests Greater Dandenong's population is projected to grow by 32,040 over the ten years to 2024. These projections were prepared internally by Greater Dandenong Council. In 2013, .id population experts published a document predicting the growth suburbs of the future. Population projections for Melbourne over the 22 years to 2036 show the only urban consolidation Local Government Associations (LGAs) featured in the top ten are Melbourne and Moreland, although Monash, Darebin, Maribyrnong and Yarra all rank highly with growth in the high 30,000s. Council's internal population forecast of plus 32,040 over ten years appears to be at odds with the .id population forecast over 22 years. If Council is predicting growth of 32,040 residents in only ten years, one would expect that Greater Dandenong would feature in .id's population forecast as having growth of more than the high 30,000s over 20 years to 2036. What are Greater Dandenong's population forecasts based on?</p>	Director City Planning, Design & Amenity	25/07/14	<p><u>(Refer to attachment tabled in Item 5 - Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 28/07/2014)</u></p> <p>The City of Greater Dandenong population projections include the addition of new private dwellings for each year into the future. Forecast is the rate of addition of new dwellings on the basis of existing trends and plans.</p> <p>Population is adjusted in each forecast year to accommodate the effects of factors relating to likely changes in the population. Factors include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - age specific birth rates; - age specific mortality rates; - ageing; - age-specific rates of movement into and out of the relevant municipality; - proportion of people residing in private and non private dwellings; - prospect of the development of non private accommodation; and - propensity of people of various age groups to form particular family and household types. <p>These forecasts are calculated for Greater Dandenong as a whole, and for its suburbs. Since these are based upon current trends and existing plans, they are</p>

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14/07/14	Richard Kenny, Dandenong PQT4	<p>Greater Dandenong Employees Residence</p> <p>Of the total number of people employed by the Council, how many live within the suburbs of Dandenong, Noble Park and Springvale? I would like the list by order of seniority.</p>	Chief Executive Officer	23/07/14	<p><u>(Refer to attachment tabled in Item 5 - Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 28/07/2014)</u></p> <p>As advised on the night, the municipality of Greater Dandenong includes many other suburbs than the three principle centres that Mr Kenny refers to.</p> <p>Notwithstanding, the purpose or objective of Mr Kenny's question remains unclear and when dealing with matters of a personal or private nature, it would be beneficial to have a clearer understanding of that purpose or objective so that for instance, alternative advice could be considered and possibly provided.</p> <p>Council is able to advise at the broadest possible level, that of 938 staff, 290 - or 30.9% - reside within the City of Greater Dandenong. If we were to break this down further - into seniority groups or listings</p>

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					that Mr Kenny has requested, we would be exposing identifiable groups or individuals whose address details are private (even at the suburb level). These details are secured and held for organisational resourcing reasons and under 'privacy legislation' should not be divulged for other purposes. If Mr Kenny would care to elaborate on his reasons for this information, Council might be better placed to consider a form of advice or detail that might assist him but as requested, Council can offer nothing more than what is provided.																					
23/06/14	Amanda Puglisi, Dandenong PQT2	Distribution of Residential Growth Zones I have a follow up question to my question at the Council meeting on 10 June 2014 regarding the distribution of the Residential Growth Zone across Greater Dandenong. In Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design and Amenity's response, he mentioned that 61.6% of the Residential Growth Zone across Greater Dandenong is in the suburb of Dandenong. In terms of residential land in the suburb of Dandenong only, that is excluding Dandenong North and Dandenong South, can Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design and Amenity please provide the details of residential land by zone type, that is Residential Growth Zone, General Residential Zone and Neighbourhood Residential Zone as a proportion of all residential land that makes up the suburb of Dandenong only?	Director City Planning, Design & Amenity	03/07/14	<p>(Refer to attachment tabled in Item 5 - Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 14/07/2014)</p> <p>In the table below are the details of the areas of land (in hectares) for each of the zones within the suburb of Dandenong, and the percentage which they represent of the total land area of the suburb. The Zones against which an * has been inserted indicate those zones which in terms of the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme have a stated purpose of providing for residential development.</p> <table><tr><th colspan="3">ALL DANDENONG SUBURB ZONES</th></tr><tr><th>Zone Codes</th><th>Area_ Hectare</th><th>%</th></tr><tr><td>Road Zone</td><td>71.713</td><td>6.323</td></tr><tr><td>* General Residential Zone</td><td>325.979</td><td>28.741</td></tr><tr><td>Public Park and Recreation Zone</td><td>95.115</td><td>8.386</td></tr><tr><td>* Residential Growth Zone</td><td>252.467</td><td>22.259</td></tr><tr><td>Public Conservation and Resource Zone</td><td>8.908</td><td>0.785</td></tr></table>	ALL DANDENONG SUBURB ZONES			Zone Codes	Area_ Hectare	%	Road Zone	71.713	6.323	* General Residential Zone	325.979	28.741	Public Park and Recreation Zone	95.115	8.386	* Residential Growth Zone	252.467	22.259	Public Conservation and Resource Zone	8.908	0.785
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10/06/14	Amanda Puglisi, Dandenong PQT9	Residential Growth Zone Land in Dandenong The Residential Growth Zone in Greater Dandenong covers 11% of residential land. How much of this is in Dandenong?	Director City Planning, Design & Amenity	17/06/2014	<p>(Refer to attachment tabled in Item 5 - Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 23/06/2014)</p> <p>The distribution of the Residential Growth Zone across the City of Greater Dandenong is as set out below:</p> <table><tr><th colspan="3">Distribution of Residential Growth Zone</th></tr><tr><th>Location</th><th>Percentage of RGZ</th><th>Percentage of Residential Zones</th></tr><tr><td>Springvale</td><td>20.4</td><td>2.2</td></tr><tr><td>Noble Park</td><td>18</td><td>2.0</td></tr><tr><td>Dandenong</td><td>61.6</td><td>6.8</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>100</td><td>11</td></tr></table>	Distribution of Residential Growth Zone			Location	Percentage of RGZ	Percentage of Residential Zones	Springvale	20.4	2.2	Noble Park	18	2.0	Dandenong	61.6	6.8	Total	100	11			
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28/04/14	Darrell Gregory, Dandenong	Parking Violations at Cleeland /Hopkins /Godfrey Streets Dandenong The area, Cleeland Street, Hopkins Street and Godfrey Street, Dandenong and a block in every direction. Council has known about the parking violations mainly on Fridays, usually in the afternoon. Complaints over many months even years, including shopkeepers in Cleeland Street are little or no action as being the norm, or is it to keep the peace rather than enforce the law? 35 photographs are enclosed to verify the following: Observed over a short	Director City Planning, Design & Amenity		<p>(Refer to attachment tabled in Item 5 - Question Time Public in Council Meeting Minutes 12/05/2014)</p> <p>1) Council's Regulatory Services Department has been monitoring activity around the Hopkins Street Mosque site for quite some time, in particular due to complaints about impact on car parking in the area.</p> <p>In the period 1 July 2013- 30 April this year, officers patrolled Hopkins Street on at least 32 occasions, issuing 46 parking infringements as a result. During the</p>																					

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		<p>period of time cars reversing out of a car park against planning permit states that all vehicles enter and leave in a forward motion. Cars parked partially across driveways in no parking areas, on footpaths, on nature strips, across footpaths, corners and have total disregard and park in Government school grounds against signage at the gates. I observed on one occasion at the corners of Hopkins and Godfrey Streets there were 24 cars parked illegally in Godfrey Street and 12 in Hopkins Street that could be seen from the same position. To the questions below please do not answer. We have only so many parking officers. We sent someone. They could not find anything amiss. We are all responsible for Council law and the law of the land above all other. The three questions are: (1) Why is something not being done on a permanent basis as the problem has been known in the past? (2) Will the Council allocate a parking officer for one hour at the correct time and day on a permanent basis? (3) Where else in the City has Council seen so many blatant violations and total disregard for others.</p>			<p>same period, 11 infringements were issued in Godfrey Crescent and some 109 in Cleeland Street (the whole length thereof).</p> <p>Council officers have also consulted local residents on several occasions, in relation to introducing further parking controls in the area. Where supported by residents, Council has introduced such further controls.</p> <p>More recently, Council officers have met with mosque officials and reminded them of planning controls associated with the mosque, including limits on the numbers of people that can be in attendance at any one time. Planning Compliance officers continue to monitor these matters and will take follow up action, should such be required.</p> <p>2) Council will continue to allocate resources to this matter on the basis of risk and resource availability.</p> <p>Anecdotal advice from officers is that parking problems in this area are also impacted upon by people attending at the nearby Dandenong Hospital and Chisholm TAFE.</p> <p>As recently as 2 May 2014, when patrolling the area, officers had cause to speak to four drivers parking illegally in the Godfrey Cr, Hopkins St area, who were in fact visiting the hospital, not the Mosque.</p> <p>In reference to the photographs you provided, I note that they most of those showing illegal parking are dated either 18 April (Good Friday) or 25 April (Anzac Day) both of which are public holidays. Council's parking management officers are not generally rostered to work on</p>

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					<p>public holidays. Similarly, most other people are not working on those days, which could explain why your photographs depict behaviour which Council officers are not experiencing on normal work days.</p> <p>Council's parking management officers are not generally rostered to work public holidays unless a specific need is demonstrated. No such need has previously been demonstrated in relation to this mosque. Advice from officers patrolling on normal working days also indicates that recent patrols have not shown anything like the levels of non-compliance shown in your photographs from the two public holidays. Officers also advise that when there are issues of non-compliance, they generally only occur on Fridays, which apparently is a significant day in the Muslim faith, so future patrols will focus on Fridays.</p> <p>3) From time to time and for various reasons, Council officers have experienced unusually high levels of non-compliance in many parts of the municipality. Common causes for this are special events, construction works and the opening of new facilities, amongst others. For example, over the last couple of years, parking in the whole of the subject precinct has also been adversely impacted by major works occurring at the hospital, the TAFE and local schools, which meant on-site parking at those sites was restricted for certain periods of time. Most of those works are now completed and it is expected that on-street demand will decrease over coming months.</p>
14/04/14	Melinda Puglisi, Dandenong	Residential Zones Development Data Analysis	Director City Planning,	23/04/2014	(Refer to attachment tabled in Item 5 - Question Time Public in Council Meeting

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	PQT5	Moreland City Council is an inner city municipality which includes the suburbs of Brunswick, Coburg and Pascoe Vale. In their draft Planning Scheme to incorporate the new residential zones, this municipality (well serviced by public transport, including 13 train stations) has a proposed Residential Growth Zone of 3 per cent of residential land. Moreland's website contains background documents informing the application of the zones includes a housing development data analysis published by the Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure (DPTLI) in September 2013. Has a similar analysis been done for Dandenong? If so, can this be made publicly available on the Greater Dandenong Council website?	Design and Amenity		<u>Minutes 28/04/2014</u> The Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure (DPTLI) has prepared a Housing Development Data Analysis for Greater Dandenong. This analysis together with other strategic work is being used to inform refinements to the residential planning and policy controls for Greater Dandenong, with a particular focus on the Residential Growth Zone. Council will be seeking input from the community on this project in June 2014. Officers will ensure that the questioner receives notification of the consultation opportunities and looks forward to receiving feedback from the questioner. In the interim, a copy of the DPTLI report will be made available on Council's website.
24/02/14	Amanda Puglisi, Dandenong PQT3	Master Plan Document for the Market Precinct 2007 During Question Time Public on 10 February 2014, reference was made to a Master Plan document for the Market Precinct 2007. I have searched for this document on Council's website but could not find it through the search function. Can you please advise me if this is a public document and if so where it can be found on the Council website? It was also mentioned in the response that a review of the Master Plan has commenced. Can you please provide the link to the Council website containing information about the review process for the Market Precinct Master Plan?	Group Manager, Greater Dandenong Business	07/03/2014	<u>(Further information provided as per response in Council Meeting Minutes 11/03/2013)</u> Council endorsed the draft Master Plan for the Dandenong Civic Precinct at its meeting of 10 December 2007. Council has commenced a review of the Master Plan and will prepare a new Market Precinct Urban Design Framework. The Framework will include an assessment of various Council land holdings within and surrounding the market precinct. A public consultation strategy is being developed for the project. This webpage will be regularly updated with information about the project.
24/02/14	Frank Holohan PQT7	Rates for Car Washing Facilities at Dandenong Plaza Further to the a question which I asked at Council meeting of 12 October 2013 which I have attached and which was answered in part on that night, why have I not received a	Director Corporate Services/ Director City Planning, Design &	03/03/2014	<u>(Further information provided as per response in Council Meeting Minutes 11/03/2013)</u> Council does have a separate rate assessment for the car washing area. This assessment is paid by the owner of

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		response to the question marked A, asking if Council applies rates to the car washing facilities at Dandenong Plaza car parking areas? I also asked if it is possible to obtain a copy of the Car Wash Planning Permits referred to by Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design and Amenity in the reply given on 28 October 2013, as part of the reply given on that night indicated that I would receive further details of the permit.	Amenity		the entire shopping centre and as such is not detailed in terms of car parking spaces. The actual use of spaces for this purpose is therefore for the shopping centre owner to determine in accordance with any planning requirements. A letter was also sent to Mr Holohan enclosing a copy of Planning Permit.
25/11/13	Charlie, Dandenong	Consultations on Impact of High-Rise Dwellings What independent studies or consultation has been undertaken on the long-term impact of high-rise dwellings spanning out over such a large area of Dandenong?	Acting Director City Planning, Design & Amenity	10/12/2013	The Neighbourhood Character Study is available on Council's Website. http://www.greaterdandenong.com/document/25295/dandenong-neighbourhood-character-study The Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme Residential Development Policy went through consultation, exhibition and panel up until the Clause 22.09 Residential Development and Neighbourhood Character Policy was implemented in 2011. Further details regarding the Residential Zones Review will be posted in due course on Council's website. http://www.greaterdandenong.com/document/25298/new-residential-zones-for-greater-dandenong
25/11/13	Amanda, Dandenong	Residential Zones Reviews In relation to the forthcoming zones reviews: (a) What input will Councillors have in the review process before the proposal was put out to public exhibition for community consultation? (b) If Council has been provided with a clear summary of time frames for each component of the review process, and how often are these being monitored to ensure the deadline for each component are not delayed?	Acting Director City Planning, Design & Amenity	10/12/2013	(a) Councillors are attending a workshop in December and will be provided with a report to a future Council meeting in February/March 2014. (b) Yes. The details of the process and time frames were agreed by Council on 2 December 2013. (c) Council has agreed that the Planning Scheme Amendment process has begun now in the designing and developing phase. Subject to the views of Councillors, all stakeholders and community members in the first

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		(c) If a planning scheme amendment is anticipated, what is the expected date that this will be submitted to the Minister for Planning for approval?			consultation period (March/April) 2014, the request to the Minister for a Planning Scheme Amendment from is anticipated to be sought in mid/late 2014. As the process progresses, the Council website will be kept up to date. http://www.greaterdandenong.com/document/25298/new-residential-zones-for-greater-dandenong
11/11/13	Silvia, Dandenong	New Planning Zones On 7 November 2013, the Minister for Planning issued a media press release stating Greater Dandenong is the second Council to introduce the new residential zones. The announcement does not mention Stage 2 which will involve a review of the zones. The release gives the impression that the process for Greater Dandenong in moving across to the new zones is complete. (a) Was Amendment C175 for direct conversion to the new residential zone submitted to the Minister for Planning on the condition that Stage 2 will follow? (b) Has the Minister for Planning provided acknowledgement in writing that he supports shrinking the Residential Growth Zone as part of Stage 2 and when do you expect Stage 2 to be completed including incorporation into planning scheme? (c) Why would the Minister for Planning approve any changes to our new residential zones so soon after moving to them?	Director City Planning, Design and Amenity	25/11/13	<i>(Further Response as per Council Meeting Minutes 25/11/2013)</i> a) Council worked closely with the Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure ('the Department') in finalising the application of the new zones ('Stage 1 – New Zones application before 1 July 2014'). Along with a review of Council's existing residential policy and decision making, data provided by the Department's State Planning Strategy and Forecasting team was considered when deciding upon the application of the new residential zones for Amendment C175. Department Officers from both Planning Statutory Services and Planning and Building Systems from the Department, and officers from the Minister's Office as well as the Minister himself, were satisfied that based on the existing provision of the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme, the application of the new zones was appropriate. Council advised the Department that it would commence a future-focused review of residential policy and decision making, including reviewing the City of Greater Dandenong Neighbourhood Character Study and other relevant documents, to determine what planning tools could be used in the future ('Stage 2 - Greater Dandenong Residential Zones and Policy Review and

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					<p>Consultation') once the Amendment process was gazetted. This process has now started, including considering whether additional zone schedules could be used to tailor controls to local circumstances. Council resolved that this future-focused, 'refining' work would occur after the new residential zones were applied via Amendment C175. The Department accepted this proposal as the way forward.</p> <p>b) The Minister was not asked to change the boundaries of any of the residential zones in Stage 1. Council advised the Department of its intent to commence a future-focused review of residential policy and decision making, including reviewing the City of Greater Dandenong Neighbourhood Character Study and other relevant documents, to determine what planning tools could be used in the future. This includes considering whether additional zone schedules could be used to tailor controls to local circumstances. Council plans to seek the communities views on the existing residential policy and zones in the City as well as seeking feedback on how the new zone schedules could be used to in the existing residential areas, taking into account a range of planning matters. Whether the zone boundary is adjusted, or whether a reduced built form or development potential across all of the existing zones this is achieved by a series of schedules to the zones (not unlike the City of Glen Eira has done), or other planning tools are used, will be determined through this Stage 2 consultation and review process.</p> <p>c) The two step process being undertaken by the City of Greater Dandenong is also</p>

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					being proposed by a number of other Councils i.e. to get the basis of the new zones in place by 1 July 2014 and then to undertake further refining and reviewing work. Officers have already been in discussions with the Department on Stage 2 of the Greater Dandenong Residential Zones and Policy Review and Consultation.
11/11/13	Charlie, Dandenong	New Planning Zones In reference to the new Residential Growth Zone, previously the Residential 2 Zone, it was mentioned in the last Council meeting that a resident was correct in pointing out that certain areas in the growth zone now have “an increase in the possibility of height”. Can planning guarantee that if Council refuses to grant a permit for a 13.5 metre development on the basis of height in the area outside the residential periphery and it goes to appeal, that the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) would endorse Council's decision. If no, why?	Director City Planning, Design and Amenity	25/11/13	<p><u>(Further Response as per Council Meeting Minutes 25/11/2013)</u></p> <p>Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) is an independent body and no Council can “guarantee” any determination from that body. However, this has always been the case under the ‘old’ or ‘new’ zones – Council was not in a position to give any guarantees under the former Residential 2 Zone or any other zone. Any decision that VCAT makes is grounded in a wide range of planning policies contained within the planning scheme, and on the particular members assessment of the case. Should Council refuse a 13.5m high development, VCAT can issue a decision based on their own reading of the planning scheme and on their own assessment, considering many different controls and policies.</p> <p>Council has now commenced a future-focused review of residential policy and decision making, including reviewing the City of Greater Dandenong Neighbourhood Character Study and other relevant documents, to determine what planning tools could be used in the future (‘Stage 2 - Greater Dandenong Residential Zones and Policy Review and Consultation’), including considering whether additional zone schedules could be used to tailor controls to local circumstances. Should the need arise, this body of strategic working and thinking</p>

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					can be introduced into the planning scheme to support any Council decisions and to help guide VCAT members.
11/11/13	Amanda, Dandenong	New Planning Zones Under the new residential zoning reforms, Council's across Victoria appear to be minimising the amount of residential land that falls under the Residential Growth Zone. Under the new zones Glen Eira City Council has almost 80% of residential land as Neighbourhood Residential where development is restricted to dual occupancy with an eight metre height restriction. Only approximately 2% of land is residential growth despite being serviced by nine train stations. Similarly, Boroondara is looking to zone approximately 80% of land as Neighbourhood Residential with only 1% earmarked to be zoned Residential Growth despite suburbs such as Hawthorn and Camberwell living in close proximity to the city. Why should residents in the green leafy affluent suburbs be afforded protection against high rise whilst residents of Dandenong are not?	Director City Planning, Design and Amenity	25/11/13	<i>(Further Response as per Council Meeting Minutes 25/11/2013)</i> The three residential change policy areas align with the three new residential zones, and their policy implementation over the past few years has been very successful. This policy informed the application of the new residential zones, as well as some of the content of the new zones schedules. Greater Dandenong should not compare itself to other municipalities in terms of just land area, or just population, or any single measure. Our City deserves to deliver well designed, livable and affordable housing for its community, and the predominant area of future medium and high density development is proposed around the main activity centres of Springvale, Noble Park and Dandenong, just as more dense development in other changing, growing and diverse areas around Melbourne.
11/11/13	Carmel, Dandenong	New Planning Zones I understand a planning scheme comprises Local Policy Provisions (LPP) as well as Victorian Planning Provisions (VPP). It was mentioned in the report to Council regarding the residential zoning changes on 8 July 2013 that local policy clause 22.09 is not always adhered to at the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) or by developers. What is the difference between the LPP and the VPP? Are both LPP and VPP binding under VCAT? Or is it just VPP only that is binding under VCAT?	Director City Planning, Design and Amenity	25/11/13	<i>(Further Response as per Council Meeting Minutes 25/11/2013)</i> The difference between Local Planning Policy (LPP) and Victoria Planning Provision (VPP) is that the VPPs are common to all municipal planning schemes and the LPPs are local policies brought into individual municipalities planning schemes by that Council. For example, 'Clause 22.09 – Residential Development and Neighbourhood Character' is a local policy specific to Greater Dandenong. VCAT is an independent body which assesses proposals giving consideration to all policies both Victoria-wide and local, as

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					well as other forms of legislation and planning policies, incorporated documents and practices in the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme. VCAT assesses each proposal separately and independently. Even in the VPP's, there are aspects which are discretionary, such as a range of uses within a zone, which can only be undertaken with the consent of Council. That does not imply that Council must give that discretionary use a permit – rather it makes an informed decision based on a range of policies, provision and decision guidelines. Any decision that VCAT makes is equally grounded in a wide range of planning policies contained within the planning scheme, and on the particular members assessment of the case.
11/11/13	Mel, Dandenong	New Planning Zones The petition titled “Objection to being Zoned as Residential Growth Zone” signed by over 100 residents and tabled at the Council meeting of 26 August 2013 was provided to the Minister for Planning for his consideration to incorporate in the Stage 1 zoning reform changes. This was on the basis the amendment had not yet been approved by the Minister for Planning. The Minister for Planning has publicly stated that new zones would be decided on by Councils from feedback within the community so why has this petition been ignored? Did the Greater Dandenong Planning Department put forward a recommendation when the petition was submitted to the Minister for Planning that the zoning be changed? Was the Minister for Planning informed of the history regarding this area of land? The history being it was considered for rezoning to Residential 1 under Amendment C96 in	Director City Planning, Design and Amenity	25/11/13	<p><i>(Further Response as per Council Meeting Minutes 25/11/2013)</i></p> The Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure and in turn the Minister of Planning were provided with the petition sent by local residents including Ms Mel Puglisi in relation to Amendment C175. The Minister was asked to consider the submissions to Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme Amendment C175. Council officers were informed by the Department that the petition was given weight and consideration by the Department and the Minister of Planning in their decision-making on the proposed Amendment. The decision was made by the Minister in full knowledge of the submission. In regards to the previous work to redefine the Residential Growth Zone ('old' Residential 2 Zone), the Department is aware of the C96 planning scheme amendment process.

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		2008 because it was identified as a moderate change, now called incremental change area in the Greater Dandenong Character Study 2007 as exhibited as part of that amendment and the change was not approved by the then Labour Minister and the character was subsequently amended to substantial change in the character study to align with the Residential 2 Zone, now the Residential Growth Zone.			
14/10/13	Gerhard Vervoort	<p>Council Briefings & Meeting Procedure</p> <p>On Wednesday 22 May 2013, I sent an email to the Mayor (cc'ing all Councillors) with a number of observations and questions. So far I have not received a reply from the Mayor. One of the points I raised was that most of the discussions around issues seemed to have already been made and I think that Council meetings are largely just a formal recording of the decision. This may meet Governance requirements but it is not democratic. Why can't the meeting rules and the culture of Greater Dandenong Council change so that citizens of Greater Dandenong get to hear the arguments for and against a decision and why each Councillor has decided to vote the way that they do? After all, Councillors are the elected representatives of the people and people have a right to know how they perform and how they represent the voters interests. In the same letter I brought up the matter of briefing meetings. Is that where a lot of the discussions behind decisions takes place? Regarding briefing meetings, why are they not open to the public or at the very least why aren't full minutes taken that are available immediately to the public? I know that Council minutes from time to time give brief summaries and refer to what is/was on</p>	Manager Governance & Commercial Property	23/10/2013	<p>A comprehensive letter has been sent to Gerhard Vervoort from the Mayor detailing Council's responses to matter raised. This letter included comments related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of Council and the role of representatives • Council's Meeting Procedure Local Law • Council Meeting processes • Sound and efficient governance • Discussion in Councillor Briefing Sessions • No decisions are made in Councillor Briefing Sessions • The role of debate in Council Meetings • Content of Council Meeting reports.

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		the Agenda at a briefing meetings but they are not immediately after and do not capture any of the discussion that takes place or any conclusion reached, for example the Agenda for public Council meetings are established in secrecy at those briefings. Why all the secrecy?			
23/09/13	Gerhard Vervoost, Dandenong North	Legal Costs on Vu Ho's sheep & Smartmeters a)How much is the current accrued legal cost against Vu Ho to keep his sheep Baa? b) How much did the legal advice about smartmeters cost?	Chief Executive Officer	28/10/2013	<u>(Response as per Council Meeting Minutes 28/10/2013)</u> (a) Given that legal proceedings in the matter regarding Vu Ho and the sheep are unresolved no further comment will be made on any of the updated costs at this time. (b) The costs associated with smart meters that cost has been rounded to \$3,900.
09/09/13	Gerhard Vervoost, Dandenong North	Legal Advice on Smart Meters At the Council meeting on 26 August 2013, a question was asked by Councillor Kirwan in regards to legal advice and smart meters. The response from John Bennie, Chief Executive Officer was "It is my understanding that Council decided that legal advice received in regards to smart meters was confidential." I cannot find in past Council Minutes when Council agreed to declare the advice confidential and release only an excerpt. When did Council agree to release only a paraphrased (censored) summary?	Chief Executive Officer	07/10/2013	Council had given an undertaking to review specific legal advice secured by Council from its lawyers on the matter of 'Smart Meters' and, the paraphrasing or summary of that advice that has been and remains, published on Council's website to determine if there are any key elements of the advice not included in the paraphrasing. That task has now been completed and the conclusion made that the advice and the summary are closely aligned- there are no important information gaps between the advice provided and that summarised. The advice naturally contains background but this essentially relates to previous resolutions of Council. The advice also contains- rather naturally- definitions and legal references that are only relevant in the context of the full advice and don't alter the tenet of the advice that is contained in the web published summary. In previously finalising the published paraphrasing, staff confirmed with Council's lawyers that the summary

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At the Ordinary meeting of Council on Monday, 26 August 2013, Council resolved to change the way Councillor and public questions taken on notice are answered and recorded from 9 September 2013 meeting of Council onwards.

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12/08/2013	Beverley Ryan, Noble Park North	I am a disabled resident of Dandenong and get around Dandenong in an Electric Wheelchair. I have lived in Noble Park and attended St Anthony's and Chandler High School in Keysborough. When they completed the renovations of the taxi rank at Dandenong Station, there was writing on the board to say that the ticket box and disabled toilets were getting a long overdue of a makeover. Can Council please tell me when are they going to start this job?	5/09/2013	Council has liaised with Public Transport Victoria and Metro whom are responsible for the Dandenong Station. Metro has advised that there are no works currently scheduled for either the ticket box or the disabled toilets at the Dandenong Station. There was a recent deep clean of the station that involved repainting many areas of the station.
12/08/2013	Darrel Gregory, Dandenong	Recently, a loud noise or 'call' (adhan?) was emitted from the loud speakers of Minaret College. This noise lasted three to five minutes and it was confirmed with neighbours that this noise has occurred on previous occasions over a period of days. Did Minaret College seek and Council give permission for the sound to be emitted from the school's loud speakers over a period of days? Was the	27/08/2013	Council has no record of Minaret College seeking any such permission. It is pointed out however that in general terms, permission from Council to operate a loudspeaker system within the school would not be required. There is also no requirement under planning legislation for a permit to use the site as a school. There are noise limits set out within the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act which would need to be complied

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		school required to notify residents either as a Council requirement or a courtesy that they were going to emit the noise over their loud speakers? Have the individual Councillors themselves, received any complaints in relation to this noise being emitted?		with in respect of the use of any such system. Council can enforce those limits, if required. There are also nuisance provisions set out in the Health and Wellbeing Act that can be used to control noise, where it is shown to be or to potentially be, harmful to health. Council can also enforce those provisions if required. There is no such requirement for the school to notify residents that they were going to emit the noise over their loud speakers. Officers are of the understanding that no individual Councillors have received any complaints.
27/05/2013	Gail Williams, Keysborough	I have looked at the proposed plans for the redevelopment of the Noble Park Pool Area. Young people are well catered for and the rest areas are well catered for. I would like to suggest or request the development of an adult exercise area for the ageing Noble Park community who want to remain well in both body and health, but lack the funds to join a gym. The adult exercise area at Bicentennial Park, Chelsea (Kingston City Council) is well attended by not only people trying to stay fit but also by people recovering from hip and knee surgeries, as some of the equipment is low impact. I have no connection to SAFEPLAY. I feel this would be a very worthwhile project for Greater Dandenong Council. (Examples of equipment and established exercise areas were attached to the question.)	05/06/2013	In addition to the response provided at the Council meeting, the advancement of health and wellbeing is a key objective of Council for all residents and workers in the City of Greater Dandenong. This priority is implemented through the Municipal Community Wellbeing Plan (2010-2013). In relation to Ms Williams specific suggestion there was a very extensive consultation process for the development of what is called the Ross Reserve Masterplan of which there was public advertisement for consultation and direct consultation with residents and Reserve users. In relation to the area that Ms Williams is referring to there was extensive consideration about the future development of this site. There was specific proposal to relocate the aquatic facility back off Heatherton Road to create a space at the front to make it a more inviting open space environment. The outcome of the Council endorsed Masterplan is to develop this area as a youth activity and urban park however as adult exercise area could be considered in the Plan. Ms Williams suggestion will be forwarded to the relevant planning area in Council for consideration.
25/03/13	Joe Dias, Dandenong	Condition 10 of PLN03/0415 limits the number of practitioners conducting business at the Dandenong super clinic to three after 6pm. Will the pharmacist working in the dispensary/pharmacy be considered one of these practitioners? As the pharmacist provides medical advice, will he/she be	05/04/2013	The condition was imposed to seek to limit the amenity impact of the Superclinic on surrounding residents during the evenings, rather than as a way to prescribe (as is usually the case) the number of car parking spaces on the site per practitioner. Under the wording of the permit, the dispensing pharmacist(s) within the practice has the ability to

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		considered as one of the practitioners?		act independently and to dispense some medicines to a person who has not visited another person providing health care services within the building. Whilst a patient can walk in from the street and just see the pharmacist without visiting a doctor, nurse, physiotherapist etc also at the Superclinic, at this stage Council would not consider the pharmacist to be a practitioner, in the context of the medical practice, which is the primary use of this site. Note: This advice is provided solely in response to Mr Dias' question, and is not binding on any current or future planning compliance action that Council may take.
25/02/2013	Lillian Cotter Noble Park North	As a long time customer of the Menzies Avenue shops. I have noticed traffic is getting worse/increasing. Does Council have any plans to: 1) Conduct a study of traffic/parking in the area? 2) Put in traffic management measures such as speed humps at pedestrian crossings, as cars often speed through without regard for pedestrians or reversing cars?	15/03/2013	<p>An investigation into the parking supply at the Menzies Avenue shops has been undertaken. In order to reduce the impact of the events being held at Menzies Avenue Hall on the availability of parking, Council is currently undertaking the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased enforcement of the 1 hour parking spaces at the shops (to prevent longer stay parking and ensure spaces are available for shop customers) • Updated line marking and provision of new spaces in the Menzies Hall car park <p>An investigation has also been undertaken into traffic conditions in the area. While road accident history showed that there has been one recorded accident in the last 5 years, speed was not identified as a contributing factor in this incident. Council's Urban and Open Space team are currently designing modifications to the landscaping and streetscape around Menzies Avenue aimed at improving road safety such as new/more visible pedestrian crossings and landscaping. It is unlikely that speed humps will be included in this design as Menzies Avenue is a bus route. The installation of these improvements will be subject to Council funding.</p>

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25/02/2013	Colin Riddiford Dandenong North	What is the Council going to do about the continuous groups that use the reserves without permission? I have been told that the by-law officers do not work after 5pm or on weekends when most of the problems occur. They laugh when asked where their authorisation is.	15/03/13	After review and in response of Mr Riddiford's question, Council's local laws officers on occasions have previously monitored this reserve and action appropriately.
25/02/2013	Colin Riddiford Dandenong North	Has the Council given any more thought to helping the organisations that use their facilities obtain cheaper electricity?	15/03/2013	Council is currently reviewing its electricity supply contract and may be able to assist some clubs negotiable better rates. To be able to do this Council would require the meter serial number and NMI number.
11/02/2013	Thelma Wakelam, Dingley	Regarding signage, there are three areas around Dandenong South that come to mind as needing signage or the signage in place does not indicate a level of hazard. Will Council take the necessary steps to place appropriate signage on one, the dioxin contaminated CALM in Greens Road, two, on entry to the Industry 2 zone on Ordish Road, three, at the entrance to the Lyndhurst Hazardous waste tip on Taylors Road.	12/02/2013	There is no evidence that there is any public risk in the areas mentioned and Council has no plans to erect any hazard signage.
11/02/2013	Thelma Wakelam, Dingley	With the greatly expanding industrial areas in CGD, will Council encourage 'Green' initiatives and business to Dandenong? Is the 'Lean to Green' program still being implemented? Is the Cities for Climate protection program still current? Will any of their principles which includes 'environmental education and awareness forums for the community and industry' form part of the environment section of the new Council plan?	25/02/2013	Council is committed to a sustainable environment as can be appreciated from our Environmental Strategy and our State of the Environment Report. Stage 2 of the Environmental Strategy, which we will be undertaking soon (as responded to at an earlier Council Meeting) will deal with education and awareness within the community.
11/02/2013	Thelma Wakelam, Dingley	Will Council include in the environment section of the Council Plan, initiatives to 'clean up' the Dandenong South industrial area, being particularly vigilant on odours, the need to upgrade aging technology, and unlicensed industries which escape pollution controls?	25/02/2013	Council already has as part of its Business Plan the action of active monitoring of the Industrial area for non-compliances within the Planning Scheme. To date Council has been very effective in this regard.
11/02/2013	Thelma Wakelam, Dingley	Will Council incorporate into the Council Plan, a requirement within planning for appropriate buffers and reverses buffers between potentially	25/02/2013	There is already within the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme the establishment to buffers in our Industrial 2 Zone. In addition, Cl. 52.10 of the

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		polluting or hazardous industries and where people live, or other sensitive areas?		Scheme also sets out buffers for particular uses which have the potential for adverse amenity impact.
11/02/2013	Alice Harper, Dingley	Will the new Council offices be generating their own source of energy for use within the complex?	13/02/2013	The new Municipal Building is within the Revitalising Central Dandenong Precinct and as such has access to the new Cogent Precinct Energy Plant (PEP). This facility creates green electricity through its gas turbines and as a by product hot water is created. This hot water is piped throughout the area and is about to be connected across Thomas Street to the new Municipal Building. Council's building will be connected to both electricity and hot water from the PEP and as such does not need to create its own power on site. It is pertinent to note that solar panels will be installed on the roof of the new building and will be used to reduce overall electricity consumption. Building Performance Data will be displayed throughout the new building as a practical demonstration of the benefits of this 5 Star GreenStar design and as-built project
11/02/2013	Alice Harper, Dingley	Has Council addressed or will Council address in the 2013 Council Plan future initiatives to address inefficient street lighting?	13/02/2013	Council's infrastructure development standards and specifications require all new land development and road projects to utilise sustainable public lighting where suitable lights are available and can be used in accordance with best practice Australian Standards. Generally, all new land developments are fitted with sustainable T5 or Compact Fluoro lights. Over the last two years, Council has upgraded more than 400 inefficient mercury vapour lights with either sustainable T5 or Compact Fluoro lights, in accordance with Council's 2007 Sustainable Public Lighting Action Plan. The City of Greater Dandenong has also lodged a submission for funding under the Community Energy Efficiency Program from the Australian Government. This project is aimed at reducing energy consumption and greenhouse emissions, consists of the proposed replacement of 6,819 inefficient mercury vapour lights with sustainable T5 or Compact Fluoro lights. Should Council be successful in this

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				application for funding, the future savings in energy cost is estimated at between 60% and 70%.
11/02/2013	Phillip Lamaro, Dandenong	I have noticed a lot of general rubbish along Hammond Road, Cheltenham Road and Webster Street, Dandenong. There are currently no bins along these central Dandenong streets. Does the Council plan to install bins along here to reduce the general rubbish? And if not why?	2/04/2013	Council has inspected these areas and determined that as these streets are mainly residential/industrial, they have been assessed as not requiring litter bins at this point in time. Council's cleansing team will continue to monitor the area, and if a greater build up of litter is detected in the future, bin installation will be reassessed.
11/02/2013	Phillip Lamaro, Dandenong	There are a lot of trees missing along Clow Street, Thomas Street, Scott Street and Foster Street in Dandenong. Does the Council plan to replant these trees? And if not why?	28/03/2013	<p>There are a number of trees missing in the streets Mr Lamaro mentioned, due to the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thomas Street is about to be upgraded as a part of the Revitalising Central Dandenong (RCD) project. The streetscape will be renewed, including new street trees and garden beds. Stage one of this project (Scott to Walker Street) is expected to get underway in the coming months. • Scott Street is also a part of the RCD project, and so will be upgraded in the future, including new street trees. • The trees missing on Foster Street between Thomas and Lonsdale Streets will not be replaced in the short term due to the RCD project and current construction works. Once the works have been completed this area will be reassessed. • The missing street trees in Clow Street have been programmed to be replaced this winter, in Council's annual street tree planting program.
11/02/2013	Josephine Carroll, Dandenong	Regarding attention to cleanliness and tidiness in public places for example streets and toilet facilities, how could Greater Dandenong bring about a heightened awareness and action plan for the above? Is there any possibility of regular hard rubbish collection in our streets as a means of keeping city areas clean and hygienic?	3/4/2013	<p>Council undertakes numerous activities in an endeavour to maintain a clean city:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily (early morning) street & footpath sweeping of our major shopping centre precincts of Springvale, Noble Park & Dandenong • A daily deployment of permanent staff to those precincts for litter control during business

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				<p>hours.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily emptying of public litter bins in our major shopping centre precincts of Springvale, Noble Park & Dandenong • Regular washing of footpaths in our major shopping centre precincts of Springvale, Noble Park & Dandenong • Council has introduced Public Place Recycling in the Dandenong CBD, Dandenong Market, Oasis Pool, Dandenong Pool, Springers Leisure Centre and all sporting club pavilions. The introduction of these has been supported with educational campaigns to promote both recycling and community pride for a clean city. • All residential and industrial streets swept once per month. <p>Our waste education program includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow your waste tours; • School visits; • Raising media awareness through the Leader's Neat Street's campaign; • Little Action Taskforce • Litter Prevention Officer • Public promotions (shopping centres / Dandenong show) <p>Council reviews the program regularly and makes adjustments where necessary to improve its effectiveness.</p>
11/02/2013	Florence Holligan, Dandenong	In what way can Council address the issue of education for newer residents regarding disposal of rubbish/unwanted goods so that the streets take on a more 'cared for' approach?	25/03/2013	<p>Council's waste education program focuses on all residents, not just new arrivals. Some of the highlights of this include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow your waste tours; • School visits; • Raising media awareness through the Leader's Neat Street's campaign; • Little Action Taskforce • Litter Prevention Officer • Public promotions (shopping centres / Dandenong show) <p>Council reviews the program regularly and makes</p>

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				<p>adjustments where necessary to improve its effectiveness. Council offers a hard waste service which is responsive to residents needs. It allows for hard waste to be collected at a time when residents need it, such as when they are moving out of a property, as well as providing residents with a legal alternative to disposing of their waste. Additionally this service offers the option of in property collections, helping contribute to the cleanliness of the streets.</p> <p>Council has conducted several E-waste drop off days for residents to dispose of computers and TV's. Council distributes a community calendar to all residents which includes waste, recycling and litter messaging.</p>
11/02/2013	Alice Harper, Dingley	Will Council commit to Buy Australian and Buy Local Policy as far a practicable?	18/02/2013	<p>Council is already a strong supporter of local producers and manufacturers and supports a buy local approach whenever this offers an equal outcome in quality and cost. Councils existing Procurement Policy (available online) has a Council Policy position to support businesses in the local community. Council has a strong local content as part of its sourcing of suppliers and trades in building the new civic centre.</p>
11/02/2013	Thelma Wakelam, Dingley	Will the 2013 Council Plan include community consultation opportunities and how will the community be informed of them?	18/02/2013	<p>During July/August 2012, Council ran an online survey which was promoted in The City magazine and via Council's website. Focus groups were also held with community organisations, residents and business groups. Council further had 11 Councillors who collectively door knocked in excess of 10,000 homes during the election process. No further community consultation is now planned but the draft Council Plan will be placed on public display in early May 2013 and community submissions will be sought and considered prior to adopting the Council Plan in June 2013.</p>
11/02/2013	Edwin Morales, Dandenong North	Casey Council and the Shire of Cardinia are interested in Greater Dandenong joining them to jointly fund the South East Doors Program to keep it going. Does Greater Dandenong Council intend to support it?	13/02/2013	<p>At this stage Council has not received a request for funding in relation to the Opening Doors Program operated by United Care Community Options. However, the group did apply to Council for a community grant in 2012 and were approved</p>

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				\$1,000. The group would be encouraged to again seek a community grant and discussions can occur with Casey City Council and Cardinia Shire if appropriate to ensure all three Councils are aware of each others intentions in relation to possible grant funding.
11/02/2013	Phillip Lamaro, Dandenong	Please explain what the Council does towards adding more street art? How much of Council budget is issued to this and if all Councillors believe if this is enough?	06/03/2013	The City of Greater Dandenong has a public art collection of approximately 70 projects that includes permanent and temporary works from more than three decades of art in public space investment. In central Dandenong as part of the City's place making initiatives, the 'Transformed' program allows for new temporary public art works up to \$5,000 each to be commissioned annually, with approximately four per year being realised. In addition, an annual event called 'Nocturnal' brings together a lively program of light-based public art designed to be viewed and experienced after dark. In the current financial year, Council did not make an allocation in its annual budget for new works in the municipal wide Public Art program. Future allocations by Council are reviewed annually as part of the budget process. Council continues to seek external funding for public art projects and recently submitted an application to Arts Victoria for funding through the Victorian Public Sculpture Fund. Council's Public Art Program is directed by the Public Art Strategy 2008-2013 which identifies sites, projects and funding investment by Council. Council also has a Public Art Reference Group that provides expert advice and assesses the commissioning of new public art works for the City.
11/02/2013	Amanda McCracken, Noble Park	Do Councillors enjoy the opportunity to answer questions from the public at Council meetings?	26/02/2013	The significant majority of questions asked by the public are answered by Council's officers. This occurs because they are more often than not, best placed to provide a comprehensive answer – an answer that the public ought to be looking for. It naturally follows, that the question of whether 'Councillors enjoy answering questions' is less relevant. What may be more relevant is whether Councillors are informed or find benefit in questions

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				asked at meetings. The answer to this will be examined and debated in an upcoming review of Councils Meeting Procedure Local Law and Council does not consider it fair, to pre-empt this review. Many of the questions asked (that officers answer) are either operational in nature, or matters that Councillors have been fully briefed on. They relate to matters that Councillors are most commonly, already familiar with or, accept that they could be addressed efficiently and effectively for the questioner, by earlier referral to and resolution by Council's Customer service centres. In this context only, Councillors would 'enjoy' the earliest resolution of matters and we believe this can often be achieved in other ways.
29/01/2013	Thelma Wakelam, Dingley	<p>2. RATWISE was of the understanding Council had temporarily diverted Dandenong's household waste to the Hallam Road landfill to fill the offending odour producing cell more quickly at Hallam Road. RATWISE's concern now lies with the knowledge the diversion of waste is permanent, to 'spread the cost' of the carbon price with other municipalities. RATWISE is of the opinion this decision to save money may be flawed and it leaves a vacant general waste cell at the Lyndhurst tip available for future State Government use for another hazardous waste cell. This would further lengthen the life of the landfill, with the potential to add more hazardous waste to the region. How does the carbon pricing relate to the Lyndhurst landfill and the Hallam Road landfill – the 2 tips being in close proximity to each other?</p> <p>3. In strengthening the position on the landfill will Council investigate the validity and long term implications of Council decision in diverting all of Dandenong's household garbage to the Hallam Road landfill and take every possible opportunity to have the</p>	26/03/2013	<p>2. Under current arrangements, the Hallam Road landfill exceeds the thresholds and SITA is liable to pay the carbon price. This liability will be passed onto the contracted users of the facility. Again, as Council understands it, Taylors Road landfill does not exceed the threshold, but would if Greater Dandenong's waste was diverted to this facility.</p> <p>3. Overall it would seem very unlikely that a strategy of Council depositing its municipal solid waste at the Taylor's Road landfill would be successful in leading to the early closure of the prescribed waste facility. If Council was to change from Hallam Road to Taylor's Road, it is the officer's assessment that the costs to the ratepayers would be significantly greater due to this triggering the previously mentioned carbon price liability thresholds. It is the officer's assessment that the likely cost will be greater than that negotiated for Hallam Road. The proposed strategy therefore has a very low chance of success and is likely to come at a higher cost to ratepayers. As such, this course of action is inadvisable. This does not mean that Council has changed its position on the early closure of the facility, rather we would prefer to</p>

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		<p>disposal of Dandenong's waste reinstated back to Taylors Road?</p> <p>4. Will Council request the Environment Protection Authority instead of hiding behind 'commercial in confidence' make available the calculations they have used to indicate the Lyndhurst landfill is still able to achieve the 35% Prescribed Industrial Waste (PIW) in relation to general waste as required by their current licence, should the operators not be using the general waste cell?</p>		<p>concentrate on tactics that have a higher chance of success and in this regard, we are active in re-visiting the '2007 position' to identify updated opportunities for advocacy.</p> <p>4. Council will ask the EPA to make available the calculations they have used. While we can ask, this does not guarantee that Council will be able to achieve the release of this information.</p>
29/01/2013	Colin Riddiford, North Dandenong	<p>2. Can the ratepayers have a say in the type of trees that are being placed on the nature strips? (Say a choice of three suggested types), some of the current trees create such a mess and block the drains etc.</p>	03/04/2013	<p>Council's adopted street tree strategy 'Leafy Legacy' is a 50 year plan that was initially developed because it was recognised that a large number of street trees were inappropriate and causing infrastructure damage. There are many benefits of trees within the urban environment, including improving the amenity of streetscapes, increasing the value of properties, providing shelter and shade, cooling the surrounding area, producing oxygen, filtering airborne pollutants, and reducing the effects of wind.</p> <p>The preparation of Leafy Legacy included review and analysis of all the street trees and streetscapes within the city, to enable the development of detailed guidelines for tree selection, tree management, and site management. A key aim of the strategy was to reduce costs, retain infrastructure, and develop superior streetscapes. The strategy aims to replace trees that are presently causing damage, including blocking drains, and lists species that are more appropriate for our streets. A short list of tree species was developed through extensive public consultation sessions for Leafy Legacy. During this process each street in the municipality was designated an appropriate tree species, considering infrastructure concerns and the characteristics of each tree species. Due to this prior public consultation, and the matching of tree species to each street, Council</p>

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				is unable at this time to provide a selection of three species for individual household selection as you have proposed. However, Mr Riddiford's suggestion will be considered in the future review of Leafy Legacy.
26/11/2012	Minwen Wu Dandenong	Some local governments are trialling wheel lock mechanism etc for shopping trolley management. What about Dandenong?	12/12/12	Council officers had discussions earlier in 2012 with at least one of the major supermarket retailers, who are looking at introducing wheel lock technology to their supermarkets in this municipality. It is expected that a trial will occur in 2014. However, that is a matter and initiative being undertaken by the retailer. This municipality has a very effective local law in place which has reduced the incidences of abandoned shopping trolleys to negligible levels. Local laws are generally the mechanism used for such matters and Council does not propose to introduce at this time any further local laws in relation to this matter.