

QUESTION TO: COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY 19 MAY 2020

QUESTION RECEIVED: Monday 20 April 2020; 11.33pm

Dr T Green, Padbury:

Re: Local Housing Strategy.

Q1 Did TBB undertake any work for the City regarding the design of the Local Housing Strategy or any other documents relevant to the HOAs during the period January 2010 to December 2018?

A1 At the Council meeting held on 17 July 2018 (CJ128-07/18 refers) Taylor Burrell Barnett (TBB) were appointed as the lead consultant to provide project management services and preparation of a planning framework for the management of infill development in the City of Joondalup's Housing Opportunity Areas. Before their engagement on this project, TBB had no involvement in preparation of the Local Housing Strategy.

Re: Playspace Renewal.

Q2 When a capital works programme item says 'playspace renewal' what notional fraction of the budgeted amount is intended to be spent on play equipment?

A2 The playspace renewal budget is not intended to be utilised for just play equipment. The budget is for the design and construction of a new playspace area including required softfall, furniture, built elements, paving, and associated landscaping.

The play equipment does not just include off-the shelf play items, the City also installs bespoke constructed items which are integrated with the landscaping and edge construction of the playspace, which makes it difficult to put a specific dollar amount on the play equipment as these items have dual functions, one of which is providing play opportunities.

The overall budgets for playspace renewal differ across different parks based on the park size and catchment, furthermore, within each park, there would be differing levels of landscaping, access and furniture required. However, it is the practice of the City to replace like-for-like as far as possible for new play equipment. For example, if the old playspace has a combination unit and a swing, the new playspace will include those items.

Re: *Public Open Spaces.*

Q3 *What strategic framework documents does the City use to manage public open space?*

A3 The City's Strategic Planning Framework includes a number of documents that are utilised to manage public open spaces. These are provided in the diagram below.



Re: *Public Statement made at 20 August 2019 Council Meeting.*

Q4 *How do I get an error in official Council Meeting Minutes corrected (referencing a public statement made at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 20 August 2019)?*

A4 The minutes for the 20 August 2019 Council meeting were confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at its meeting held on 17 September 2019. In terms of public statements that are summarised in Council minutes, the City uses its best endeavours to summarise the overall intent of a statement, based on the topic that is being discussed. This summation may not be an exact verbatim record of what was said. Notwithstanding, should any member of the public be interested in the substance of a statement made by any person at a meeting, the audio recording is available on the City's website.

Re: *Burns Beach MasterPlan.*

Q5 *Is the turfing seating area identified as 'G' in the Burns Beach MasterPlan map of page 25 still planned to be constructed?*

A5 The Burns Beach Masterplan document makes it clear that the concept plan on page 25 is an indicative concept design for possible future development of the Burns Beach Coastal Node.

Page 16 of the Burns Beach Masterplan outlines that:

- detailed design and implementation of the indicative Coastal Node concept design is not a project that has yet been endorsed by Council
- there is no current provision for funds for detailed design or implementation of the indicative Coastal Node concept design in the City's 20 Year Strategic Financial Plan or the City's Five Year Capital Works Budget and therefore the timing of any detailed planning or works to implement the concept design is currently unknown.

There are therefore no immediate plans to construct area 'G'. However, the City is undertaking a review of the Coastal Node concept design, in conjunction with the City's planning for a new cafe/restaurant facility in the coastal node.

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QUESTION RECEIVED: Sunday 17 May 2020; 9.18pm

Ms M Kwok, Ocean Reef:

Re: Glyphosate Spraying.

Q1 Given that many residents are concerned with the fact that workers are not using masks while applying glyphosate-based herbicides, will the City consider implementing the use of masks to protect City staff?

A1 As previously advised in emails to you dated 29 September 2019 and 22 November 2019; the City's use of PPE is in accordance with the product's SDS and label requirements. City staff and/or its nominated contractors can at any time elect to wear extra PPE.

Q2 Our parks are regularly visited by residents from outside City of Joondalup. Since the weekly pesticide use notification does not specify which day spraying occurs how can they avoid using parks that are recently sprayed?

A2 The City's weekly public notice published on the City's website details the upcoming weekly scheduled spraying locations. This information is intended to inform the community of scheduled herbicide treatments so visits, travel and usage of the City's Public Open Spaces can be planned or avoided at the discretion of individuals.

Q3 What measures are taken by the City to avoid public exposure to spray drift from glyphosate-based herbicides?

A3 The City complies with a number of requirements to ensure the safe application of herbicide treatments within Public Open Space in particular wind speed measurements which assist in mitigating exposure to spray drift. The City will not apply herbicide in a droplet form if the environmental conditions are not safe to do so.

Q4 *Under the National Registration Scheme for Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals framework, the APVMA is responsible for the regulation and control of agricultural and veterinary chemicals up to the point of retail sale. If we suspect a batch of glyphosate-based herbicide has toxic contaminants due to number of sick animals after using treated parks, who is responsible for carrying out the testing and will be liable for damages caused?*

A4 This question will be taken on notice.

Q5 *How does the City justify the cost of spraying when weighed against the risk of harm to health and increasing likelihood of legal action and what will be the cost to ratepayers should such legal action ensue?*

A5 The City is guided by the Australian Government regulator of agricultural and veterinary chemical products, the Australian Pesticide and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA). The City adheres to the safety requirements as articulated by regulator. The City is unable to comment on any legal actions or costs that have not preceded or cost that have been incurred.

QUESTION TO: COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY 19 MAY 2020

QUESTION RECEIVED: Sunday 17 May 2020; 10.30pm

Ms M O’Byrne, Kinross:

Re: Local Planning Scheme No. 3 – Lot 1 (16) Sunlander Drive, Currambine.

Q1 ‘Peer Review of the Macroplan Retail Sustainability Assessment Document by the Independent Economic Advisor - On April 21, I asked for the numbers of councillors, not the personal details of councillors who had availed themselves of this Macroplan document. Please may I know how many councillors requested this peer review document prior to the 10 December 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting, (CJ164-12/19 refers)?

A1 All Elected Members were provided with a copy of the ‘Peer Review – Macroplan Currambine RSA’ document ahead of the 10 December 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting.

Re: CJ065-05/20 – Jinan Garden – Project Status.

Q2 How could elected members decide on spending such a large sum of monies on the Joondalup Garden for Jinan Project on 21 May 2019, without first consulting with the residents of the Joondalup District?

*A2 The decision of Council to proceed with the Jinan Garden as a standalone project was made to reflect a long-term commitment to the Joondalup-Jinan sister city relationship. In line with the relationship both Cities agreed to construct sister city gardens and a Joondalup Garden was built in Jinan in 2009. The Council agreed to progress the Jinan Garden in 2010 and agreed to incorporate the project with the JPACF project. The decision to progress the Jinan Garden was reaffirmed in 2019 after a delegation to Jinan and the signing of a new Three-year Cooperation and Exchange Plan. The decision to proceed with the Jinan Garden as a standalone project allows for the garden to be developed sooner than the JPACF facility, which has a completion date of 2027 – 28. Council noted the results of the community consultation undertaken on the JPACF project, which included the Jinan Garden. The consultation was undertaken in accordance with the City’s former *Community Consultation and Engagement Policy*.*

Re: CJ057-05/20 – Governance Framework Review.

Q3 Could the City accept two further questions online on the day of the Council Meetings, but to be taken on notice?

A3 Council at its meeting held on 21 April 2020 adopted the procedures for electronic meetings, inclusive of consideration of public questions. An amendment to the number of questions permitted is a matter for Council to determine.

- Q4 *State Committees make COVID-provision for including the public into online committee meetings by operating logon and queue systems on Zoom, and have time controlled provisions such as those that ordinarily operate in our LG meetings. When is the City of Joondalup going to make such a provision available to the ratepayers of Joondalup?*
- A4 The live streaming of Council meetings held by electronic means is currently not provided however the audio of the meeting is uploaded to the City's website the next day.
- Q5 *Could Council please review the present prescribed form for petition gathering and produce a COVID-Safe petition collection method?*
- A5 In response to a similar questions posed at the Council meeting held on 17 March 2020, the City's *Meeting Procedures Local Law 2013* currently does not permit for electronic / on-line petitions of electors to be submitted to the City, as they do not conform to the requirements needed for a valid petition. It should be noted that members of the public are afforded the opportunity to raise matters of their concern directly with the City's administration, the City's elected members, or Council through its established public participation processes.

QUESTION TO: COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY 19 MAY 2020

QUESTION RECEIVED: Monday 18 May 2020; 7.52am

Ms S Young, Beldon:

Re: Glyphosate Spraying.

Q1 *What is the council doing to allay these fears and ensure the community feels heard in these matters?*

A1 The topic of herbicide usages, particularly the use of glyphosate for weed control within public open spaces presents some conflicting views within the community that can initiate emotive responses from those passionate about this subject matter.

When the City has been contacted by concerned residents, comprehensive information has been provided to assist with educating and supporting individuals in understanding the City's approach to weed management.

Furthermore, a report will be presented to Council following the receipt of a petition regarding the use of glyphosate in public spaces. This will provide further information for the community on this topic.

Q2 *Can a deadline be created regardless of the circumstance of Covid-19?*

A2 The City acknowledges the passion of some members of the community regarding this matter, however, the unprecedented circumstances of COVID-19 and the dynamic impacts the City has been and continues to be faced with as Federal and State Government announcements are made, has unfortunately required previous undertakings to be revised.

The City will consider the appropriate timing for the presentation of a report to Council that maximises opportunities for public participation at a later date.

Q3 *Can interim measures be put in place immediately to allay community concerns given what was possible in other councils to respond to this issue?*

A3 The City continues to undertake non-chemical weed control trials, of which the outcomes will be presented to Council for its future consideration. Information continues to be provided to the community in relation to this matter as concerns are raised.

QUESTION TO: **COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY 19 MAY 2020**

QUESTION RECEIVED: **Monday 18 May 2020; 8.25am**

Ms P Scull, Beldon:

Re: Replacement and design of play areas and other communal facilities:

Q1 Would the City consider inviting the participation of local communities in the placement and design features of proposed play areas and other communal facilities in an effort to foster cohesion and the involvement of individuals in local community?

A1 The City's approach to community participation, in which specific feedback is sought for proposed infrastructure projects, is guided by the scale and impact of the proposal on the community. More significant projects, such as Landscape Master Plans and facility redevelopments are subject to a consultation process to inform the final design and potential support and/or opposition to the proposal, due to the substantial costs involved in progressing such large scale projects.

With regard to the replacement of existing playspaces, the City does not undertake a consultation process but rather notifies affected residents of the planned works to ensure sufficient notice of potential disruption is given prior to construction commencing.

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Mr M Baird, Padbury:

Re: Upgrade of Macaulay Park, Duncraig:

Q1 Why is there no information about or even reference to the Macaulay Park 'amenity renewal' in the 5 year Capital Works Program?

A1 The park amenity renewal works at Macaulay Park is funded as part of the City's Park Amenity Renewal project PDP2275 listed in the City's Five Year Capital Works Program.

As per the City's notification letter to affected residents, the amenity improvements at Macaulay Park included the following works:

- Replacement of the ageing swing set.
- Extensions and alterations to the existing footpath network.
- Installation of mulched garden beds.
- Installation of seating.
- Tree planting.
- Improved irrigation cover.

Q2 Why was the best the Council could do, was put up a sign and issue a brief flyer two weeks before work was set to start?

A2 The City's engagement process for Council approved capital works projects extends to a notification period of two weeks prior to works commencing. The intention being is to provide sufficient notice to affected residents for any inconvenience that may be experienced during construction works.

The information released to affected residents was not for the purpose of consultation.

Q3 Why is there an inability by the Manager Operations Services to provide even a basic schematic/map of the proposed work?

A3 As part of the engagement process referred to in answer two above, it is standard practice that a notification letter is provided to affected residents which includes a reference point for any queries to be directed for further information.

- Q4 *Why is upgraded play equipment not part of the amenity renewal?*
- A4 The amenity renewal budget does not include the renewal of the playspace at this park, as playspace renewals alone are budgeted at either \$60,000 or \$110,000 based on the size of the playspace and the classification of park.
- Q5 *Why was the public access way provided with new play equipment (Doveridge Drive), when it meets no criteria or need? It is within 100 metres of much more comprehensive play equipment provided by the state at Glengarry Primary school and is a dry 31 hectare access way.*
- A5 The play equipment installed in public open space at Doveridge Drive is in reference to Alfreton Park which is currently classified as a local recreation park. Its installation has been considered within the context of existing City owned playspaces within the 400 metre walkable catchment.