

Consultation on proposed planning scheme changes

Site: 510 Swan St, Richmond

Additional information regarding the changing planning provisions for 510 Swan St, Richmond

Dated: 16th September 2016

Following the information session held by the Government Land Standing Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee) on 6 September 2016 and the Direction issued by the Advisory Committee on 7 September 2016, additional information is provided regarding 510 Swan St, Richmond:

Determining 510 Swan St, Richmond as surplus to Education requirements.

Request (a): The demographic analysis undertaken to inform the decision to declare the site surplus. The Committee notes it is limited by the Terms of Reference set out on its website and notes that *it is outside the scope of the Committee to review the decision that a subject site is surplus to government needs.*

Request (b): The time horizon of review for the demographic analysis.

Request (c): A statement explaining the details of the First Right of Refusal process undertaken in this case including which agencies were invited to acquire the surplus land and when.

Request (d): Details of the last time this parcel of land was assessed against the Victorian Government Landholding Policy and Guidelines (or similar as was in place at the time).

Department of Education and Training Response:

The land at 510 Swan St, Richmond has been determined surplus to its land owner the Department of Education and Training (DET). The determination of surplus was granted in June 2016 by the Minister for Education, James Merlino MP. At that time the Minister gave specific approval to undertake a land exchange with the Department of Health and Human Services.

DET regularly assess the demands for future education requirements across Victoria and its current land holdings and reports annually to the Department of Treasury and Finance in accordance with *the Victorian Government Landholding Policy and Guidelines 2015*. Where possible DET maximise existing land assets to be able to meet changing needs of education requirements. Demographic analysis (15 year projections) and short term enrolment projections play an important evidentiary role in helping to define future education needs and planning for new facilities.

In order to meet the needs of the new Richmond High School, DET requested that DHHS make a parcel of land DHHS owned (280 Highett Street, Richmond) in close proximity to the new school available for DET purchase. DHHS has forgone the delivery of new housing at 280 Highett Street, Richmond.

To facilitate a whole of Government outcome, DHHS were offered a preferential purchase of 510 Swan Street, Richmond. This preferential purchase is conditional on the outcome of the rezoning process. In accordance with *Victorian Government Land Transaction Policy and Guidelines 2016*, departments and agencies must transfer land at the nominated Valuer-General value.

Following the Advisory Committee process and the decision of the Minister for Planning on the final planning provisions, DHHS will advise DET if these controls are fit for their purposes and subsequently if DHHS wants to purchase the site. If DHHS do not want to purchase the site, it will be subject to a further round of consultation with relevant government authorities, Yarra Council and the Commonwealth to determine if they want to purchase the site for a current or future service delivery. If no government agency or department want to purchase the site for service delivery purposes, it will be sold through a public auction process.

Richmond Secondary School and proposed netball facilities

Request (e): Details of the DET information session on the new Richmond Secondary School and proposed netball Facilities.

Department of Education and Training Response: Consultation is a key component of all new school building projects. The New School Planning Group for Richmond High School was established in September 2015. The group advises the planning and design of the school and ensures a cross representation of State Government, Local Government, Local Principals, parents and members of the community. Planning for Richmond High School also takes into consideration other key stakeholder needs. These stakeholders include the City of Yarra, Lynall Hall Community School, Richmond Union Bowling Club, Richmond Fitness and Boxing Club, Sport and Recreation Victoria, Netball Victoria and the Swan Street users.

The Department will continue to actively engage with stakeholders throughout the development and construction of the school and provide the public information on the project's progression. Parties who registered an interest in the new school will be added to the project mailing list and will receive regular updates and confirmation of any planned events. The public can also access information on the project webpage.

<http://www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/Pages/Schools/Richmond-High-School.aspx>

For further information or questions please contact:

If you have questions about the site and the selection of the proposed planning provisions, please contact the Department of Education and Training on (03) 9637 3096 or email mills.geoffrey.f@edumail.vic.gov.au

If you have questions about the Advisory Committee process, please contact Planning Panels Victoria on (03) 9223 5317 or email planning.panels@delwp.vic.gov.au

All other questions should be directed to the Fast Track Government Land Service on (03) 9094 8473 or email ftgl.service@delwp.vic.gov.au