

## Doncaster Hill Moving Forward Information Sessions

March/April 2007

In March and April 2007 Manningham City Council ran a series of events to update the community and other key stakeholders in the Doncaster Hill project on recent activity and where the project is headed.

The three events were the Local Developers Breakfast on 21 March, the 'Moving Forward' Stakeholders Breakfast held on 29 March, and the Community Briefing Session on the evening of 18 April.

### **Local Developers Breakfast – 21 March 2007**

On 21 March Council engaged in conversation with a number of local developers on the Hill to learn more about their plans and any issues they wanted to raise.

Some of the feedback Council received and areas that will continue to be worked with include:

- the need for Council to facilitate land consolidation and rationalisation to maximise the benefits for developing sites;
- concerns about getting finance for residential apartment developments;
- the need to be responsive to the mixed-use component in terms of the market and commercial trends; and
- having a vision which provides some flexibility.

There was also enthusiasm from both sides to continue these meetings on a regular basis so that we can help Doncaster Hill move forward together.

### **Doncaster Hill 'Moving Forward' Stakeholders Breakfast – 29 March 2007**

On 29 March Council hosted a breakfast for key existing and potential stakeholders in the Doncaster Hill project with the aim of attracting further interest and investment in the area to keep the current momentum going.

The guest speaker at the event was Minister for Planning, The Hon Justin Madden MLC. Presentations were also given by Manningham Director of Environmental Amenity, Paul Molan, on recent activity on Doncaster Hill, and Westfield Doncaster Development Manager, Justin Krzywokulski, on the progress of the Westfield development.

The session was attended by around 100 people including: local landowners and developers; major developers; architects; consultants; real estate agents; representatives from government departments and industry groups; and representatives from local businesses, service providers and community groups.

The session provided an update on activity, and was an important opportunity to bring together people from a wide range of key groups to discuss with each other, and Council representatives, opportunities on Doncaster Hill.

The session was very well received by attendees, and allowed Council to obtain feedback on what the major concerns of these potential investors are.

### Feedback summary

The main issues that were widely raised by attendees were:

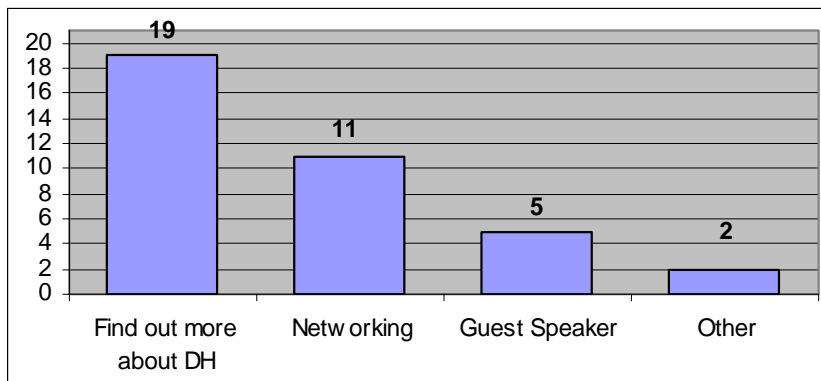
- The need for improved public transport, in particular the question of how important fixed rail might be; and
- Current construction costs for development

Issues that they suggested they would like to know more about included:

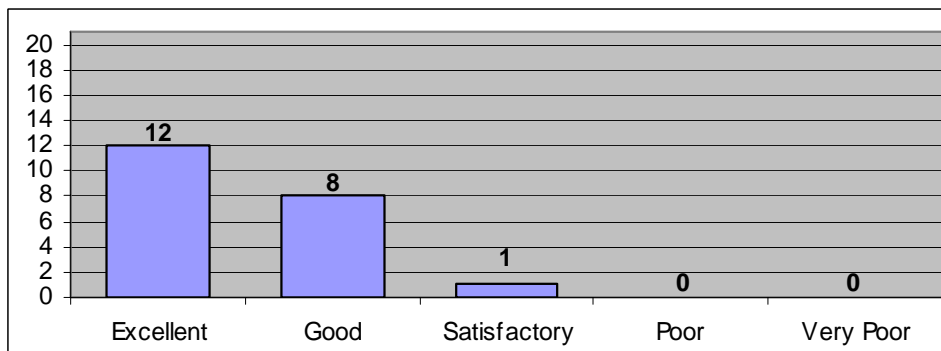
- public transport
- the Westfield redevelopment
- progress of key development sites infrastructure
- precinct characteristics

Feedback forms returned by 21 of the attendees also returned the following results:

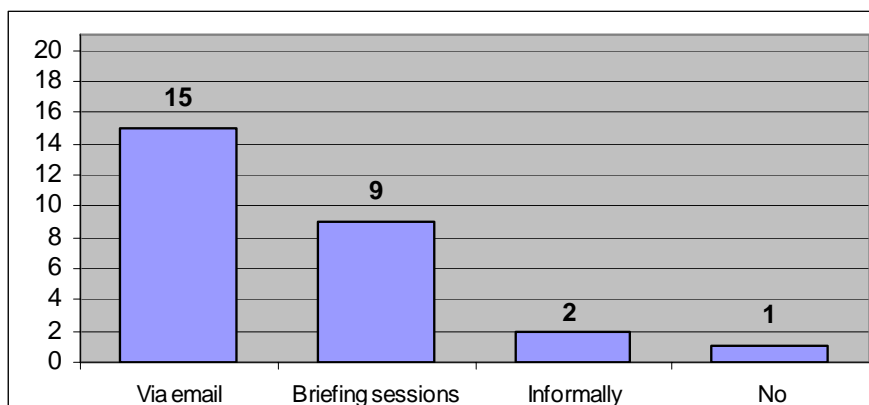
#### What was the main attraction of this morning's event?



#### How would you rate this morning's event?



### Would you like to be kept up-to-date? How?



### **Community Briefing Session – 18 April 2007**

On Wednesday 18 April more than 80 residents attended Council's Doncaster Hill Community Briefing Session, which included an update on recent activity, plans for future development and an opportunity for questions

Presentations by Manningham Director of Environmental Amenity, Paul Molan, and Westfield Doncaster Community Relations Manager, Paul Murphy, updated attendees on the progress of the respective projects.

The open forum then allowed a number of attendees to raise issues of concern including parking, traffic, public transport, water efficiency, land values, heights, improved pedestrianisation and the current impact of the Westfield demolition.

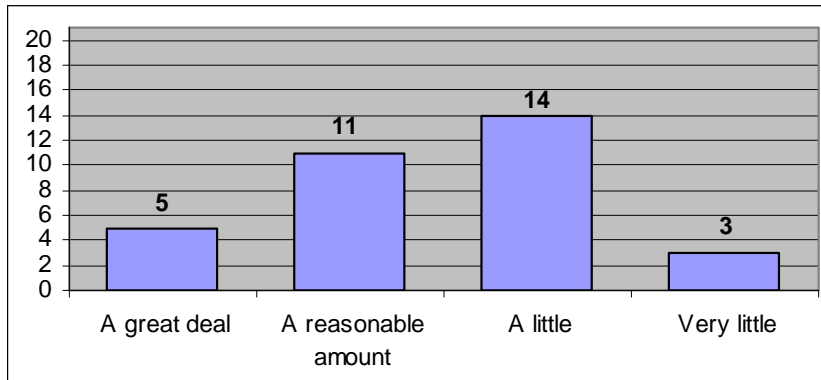
### **Feedback summary**

Feedback forms were filled out by 45 attendees at the Community Briefing Session. The issues that they told Council they would like to know more about were:

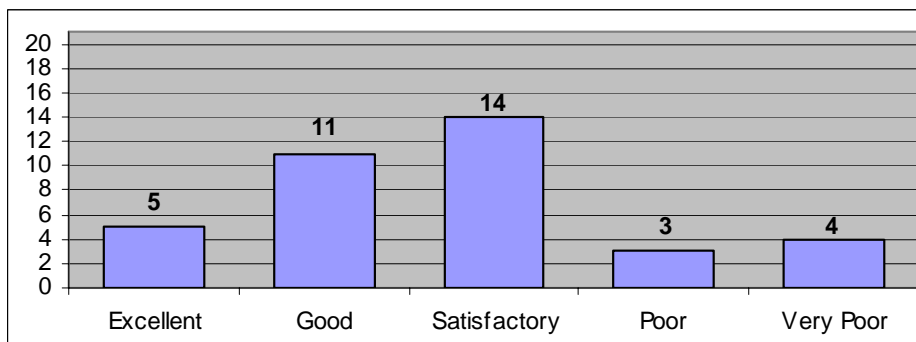
- Public transport
- Development
- Public infrastructure
- Costs
- Traffic

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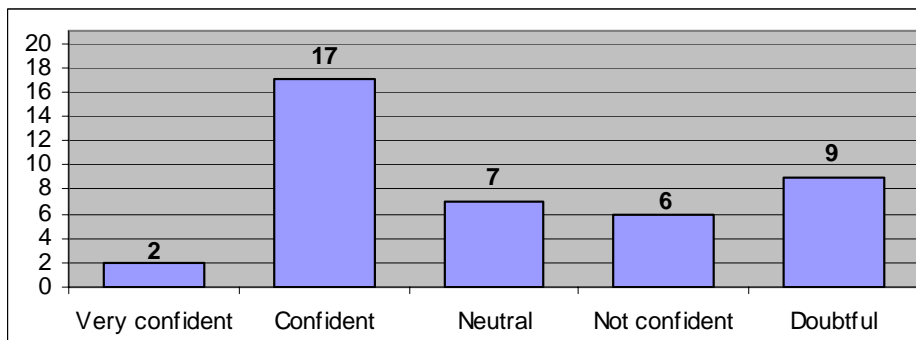
**How much did you know about the Doncaster Hill project before tonight's session?**



**How would you rate tonight's update on the progress of Doncaster Hill?**



**What are your overall feelings about the progress of the Doncaster Hill project?**



**Would you like to be kept up to date on the Doncaster Hill project in future?**

