



## **Precinct 1 Community Consultation**

**October 2006**

On 25 October 2006, Council a number of local residents and other interested stakeholders attended a visioning workshop to raise and discuss ideas for Precinct 1, and any issues surrounding its potential as a civic hub for Manningham.

The Precinct 1 area covers the non-residential area north of Doncaster Road, between Council Street and JJ Tully Drive and includes major civic and educational facilities, such as Council Offices and Doncaster Primary School. Also included are key historic buildings and areas of open space.

It is envisioned that to address future requirements of the residents, Precinct 1 will be redeveloped to consist of improved open space, new social and community facilities plus other key civic services.

As Precinct 1 is visualised as being a community centre point on Doncaster Hill with a number of facilities and open space features, this workshop was an opportunity for residents to provide Council with the input required to ensure Precinct 1 becomes a community hub for all to enjoy.

### **Outcomes from the workshop**

The key themes for Precinct 1 that were addressed in the session were:

- Open space
- Services
- Art and culture
- Recreation

Participants generated ideas and issues within each of these key themes, with similar ideas/issues then grouped together and voted on by the participants.

They placed greatest importance on the following ideas and issues for Precinct 1:

- Uses/facilities, multi-uses, all ages, events
- Transport, access, pedestrian and cycle facilities
- Landscaping, views, green, seating
- Water features and usage
- Safety
- Meeting places
- Parking
- Learning opportunities
- Entertainment

### **Feedback from the workshop**

At the end of the session attendees were asked to fill in feedback forms and Council received responses from 16 of the 19 participants.

All respondents said the workshop adequately engaged participants, allowing for all to have their ideas, comments and needs reasonably considered. In this sense, 10 rated the workshop 'Excellent', four rated it 'Good' and two rated it 'Adequate'.

Regarding the potential of Precinct 1 as a civic hub, following the session seven said they were 'Excited', five said they were 'Happy', and four said they were 'Satisfied'.