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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **ALL NOMINEES ACCEPTED FOR DONCASTER HILL ISSUES FORUM**

Following substantial interest in Doncaster Hill from the Manningham community, Manningham Council last night agreed to accept all nominees as members of the newly-formed Doncaster Hill Issues Forum.

A total of 52 nominations were received from residents, local developers, real estate agents and key stakeholders.

Manningham Mayor, Cr Geoff Gough said Council endorsed the formation of the Doncaster Hill Issues Forum in October last year to give residents and key stakeholders input on issues relating to the implementation of the Doncaster Hill Strategy. The Strategy guides the nature of development in the area and outlines the planning vision for Doncaster Hill.

“Council was extremely pleased with the enthusiastic response from our Doncaster Hill stakeholders and local residents and wanted to give everyone an opportunity to participate”, said the Mayor.

Council also endorsed an amended Terms of Reference which allows participation by all who have expressed an interest in being kept informed about Doncaster Hill.

The original Terms of Reference for the Issues stated that the Forum would comprise:

- Nominated Councillors and officers
- Two local developers
- Two local real estate agents
- Five local community representatives (Doncaster Hill residents)
- Five broader community representatives
- Other key stakeholders, including Westfield Doncaster, Box Hill Institute, Residents' Associations and sporting clubs.

The amended Terms of Reference does not set a limit on the number of stakeholders and residents who can participate.

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Cr Bill Larkin, Chair of the Doncaster Hill Implementation Committee said that feedback from the Doncaster Hill Issues Forum members will be passed on to the Doncaster Hill Implementation Committee and Council, and will assist to drive the implementation of the Doncaster Hill Strategy.

“As Council moves forward with its vision for Doncaster Hill, it vital to engage all stakeholders and seek their input into future planning for this contemporary urban village.

“Through the Doncaster Hill Issues Forum, Council will investigate ways to seek feedback on the progress of Doncaster Hill from the whole community”, said Cr Larkin.

The minutes of the Doncaster Hill Issues Forum will be publicly available via the Doncaster Hill website and the Manningham City Council websites.

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