

Manningham City Council Media Statement

Frederick Street Doncaster

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“Frederick Street Doncaster could be reopened as part of the future development of Doncaster Hill however it is unlikely to be considered by Council for at least 10 years,” said Paul Molan, Manningham Council Director Environmental Amenity.

“If the need arises to reopen the north end of Frederick Street, as with any traffic proposal, extensive community consultation will be undertaken,” he said.

As part of the 20 year strategy for Doncaster Hill, Manningham Council engaged Greg Tucker & Associates to undertake an extensive traffic study and 3D modelling of the Doncaster Hill area as well as the periphery.

“The study identified a number of traffic issues and put forward a number of recommendations.”

“These recommendations made up part of Amendment C30 to the Manningham Planning Scheme which included the reopening of the north end of Frederick Street when the need arises to accommodate the increased population.”

“All residents in Frederick Street were notified directly by mail and were invited to an information session held on 13 August 2003 which showed the 3D model as part of the Amendment C30 process,” he said.

A total of 2000 invitations were sent to residents and owners in the Doncaster Hill Area and periphery.

The Amendment process included all traffic and transport recommendations for the entire Doncaster Hill precinct.

Amendment C30 was reviewed by an independent panel, which released a favourable report in December 2004.

After extensive community consultation and public exhibition Amendment C30 was adopted by Manningham Council on 1 February 2005. It is currently being prepared to be sent to the Minister for Planning.

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“Doncaster Hill is a 20 year strategy for the development of an urban village that will provide a civic, recreational and social centre for the City of Manningham,” said Mr Molan.

The Doncaster Hill Strategy is in response to Council research that highlighted the community's need for more appropriate housing for an ageing population, an increase in demand for medium or high rise multi unit development, the community's desire to see less unit development across the municipality and the removal of ad hoc site by site development.

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