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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **LUXURY HOTEL PROPOSAL GIVEN THE GREEN LIGHT**

Manningham Council last night approved the development of a 140 room, luxury hotel at 682 Doncaster Road, Doncaster, comprising of a nine storey building, a three level basement car park, a function centre and restaurant.

Manningham Mayor, Cr Patricia Young, said Council granted a permit for the hotel subject to special conditions that will ensure the development complies with all requirements of local and state planning policies, meets all requirements in terms of the design and development overlay and incorporates Ecologically Sustainable Development principles.

“The hotel complex application has been the subject of considerable misinformation generated in the local community, in terms of car parking and access management issues, and there have been some unfounded concerns about potential uses of the hotel that are not in line with that of a Five Star establishment.”

“The application is for a luxury hotel that is in keeping with the mixed use of the precinct, with residential, restaurant and function facilities that will cater for future visitors to Manningham and bring extra business to local businesses within the precinct.”

Cr Young said that contrary to misinformation in some sections of the local community, the development application is not for an apartment building, nor is it for a ‘local ‘pub’, with gaming machines and concerns about excessive alcohol consumption.

“There will not be activities within the premises that will generate excessive noise, excessive traffic volumes or make it reliant on car parking at the Council Offices or the neighbouring shops.”

“The conditions that have been put in place will ensure the development meets all concerns of the community and that the hotel complex provides a valuable contribution to the future of this important precinct,” Cr Young said.

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