

Residents Agree To Sell Doncaster Hill Properties

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Manningham Council will proceed with the purchase of two properties designated by Council under a Public Acquisition Overlay (PAO) process as necessary for the development of the Doncaster Hill Strategy.

Manningham Mayor, Cr John Bruce, said the purchase of the properties is necessary to meet future open space and traffic requirements within the Doncaster Hill precinct.

“This proposed sale recognises that Council has been transparent and that the price offered by Council is fair and reasonable”, he said.

The proposed Amendment C30 to the Manningham Planning Scheme, which is currently on public exhibition, includes the PAO covering 10 properties located within the Doncaster Hill precinct.

Of the ten properties identified in the amendment, two property owners have approached Council seeking to sell their properties.

Council has resolved to purchase these properties at an agreed market value as soon as possible. Until Council decides to develop the property for the community purposes outlined, the properties will be utilised to generate an annual rental return for Council.

The purchases will be funded from current Council funds and from land sales.

Cr Bruce said this method of funding the land purchase is financially sustainable and will preserve the integrity of Council’s Five-Year Financial Plan.

Among the properties that Council intends to sell, subject to consultation, are the Serpells Road Reserve, Daphne Street Reserve and the Coolabah Street Reserve.

“Each property is designated a Category 4 Reserve meaning that it is currently underdeveloped for community purposes and is surplus to Council’s needs given that it is located close to other higher category reserves,” Cr Bruce said.

A Council committee will be established to hear submissions under Section 223 of the Local Government Act in relation to the sale of these and other Council-owned land properties identified in the Report.