



Community Consultation “Social Sustainability”

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As part of the implementation of the Doncaster Hill Strategy, Manningham City Council has recently completed a series of ‘Community Consultation’ sessions to enable feedback on the progress of the Doncaster Hill Strategy. The sessions, the third in the series, were attended by Manningham Councillors Bill Larkin and John Bruce, Director of Environmental Amenity, Paul Molan, Doncaster Hill Unit staff and residents.

With two previous consultation phases held in March and August 2001, Council is keen to ensure the local community is informed about all aspects in the progress of the Doncaster Hill Strategy. “The latest session was important to assist the ongoing planning process and for residents to gain further insight into some of the early projects and the issue of “social sustainability”. Community interest and involvement is central to the success of the village as the civic heart of the city” said Mayor, Councillor Geoff Gough.

Participants contributed their ideas on the planning for social elements of Doncaster Hill. These included:

- Improving access for pedestrians throughout Doncaster Hill;
- Ensuring there is adequate shelter, security and comfort for residents and visitors;
- Importance of and suggestions for improvement to current services e.g. Shoppingtown, library, sporting facilities;
- Providing all age groups with a range of opportunities for active and passive activity and general entertainment;
- Providing a range of meeting spaces for a variety of purposes and groups including youth, older people, families and people from culturally diverse backgrounds;
- Maintaining green and open space;
- Improving public transport options (including possible tram routes);
- Promoting the development of more varied restaurants and street cafes;
- Promoting heritage and cultural elements;
- Providing adequate parking and traffic control and
- Ensuring equal access to a full range of community services.

Residents were also asked to contribute to the master planning process on issues such as education and health facilities for Doncaster Hill, social programs, transport issues and sport, recreational and open space provisions

The next Community Consultation phase is planned for June/July 2003. Please contact the Doncaster Hill Unit on 9840 9129 or email doncasterhill@manningham.vic.gov.au if you wish to register your interest in this series.