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Sally Block
Gidgegannup Progress Association (Inc)
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Dear Sally,

RE: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF GIDGEGANNUP TOWNSITE BY PORT BOUVARD

Thank you for your letter dated 1st June 2009 regarding your concerns for the above proposed development.

I wish to assure you that any proposed development of the Gidgegannup townsite is in its early stages only, and the City of Swan is not currently involved in any assessment of the Port Bouvard proposal. No formal application for development of the Gidgegannup townsite area has been lodged with the City.

At this stage, the City understands that Port Bouvard is seeking an amendment to the Metropolitan Region Scheme (MRS) for the rezoning of a section of the proposed Gidgegannup townsite area. The request to initiate this amendment will be received by the Western Australian Planning Commission and assessed by the Department for Planning and Infrastructure (DPI). As part of this assessment, the rezoning proposal will be referred to the City of Swan for comment. The City will not be undertaking assessment of the proposal until this request has been received.

With no formal application lodged, it is difficult for the City to make comment with regard to the elements of the Port Bouvard proposal outlined in your letter. I can assure you that any proposal will be assessed with due regard to the recommendations of the *Gidgegannup Rural Strategy*, the *Gidgegannup/Brigadoon Place Plan* and all other relevant policies. The City is strongly committed to planning with the local Gidgegannup community, and believes that both strategic documents provide sufficient guidance to assess the Port Bouvard proposal. In addition to this, the City will be initiating a number of periods of public comment throughout the assessment of any applications lodged for the Gidgegannup townsite area.

With regard to the proposal for the City to undertake structure planning in the 'Commercial/Light industrial' area, I can advise that this work has not been budgeted for in the 2009/10 financial year. As such, the City will not be undertaking detailed planning work for the identified section north of Toodyay road within the next 12 months. The City does support the development of the 'Commercial/Light industrial' area as part of an integrated plan for the Gidgegannup townsite area, however, and are happy to work with local landowners to facilitate this development.

If you have any further questions with regard to the matters outlined in this letter or any other matters regarding the Gidgegannup townsite area, please contact Mr Steven Tan on 9267 9225 or email steven.tan@swan.wa.gov.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. J. Foley', written over a horizontal line.

MJ Foley
Chief Executive Officer