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FAIRFIELD AT RISK FROM COUNCIL PLANNING

Lord Mayor Graham Quirk's decision to fast-track a neighbourhood plan for Fairfield will put the suburb at risk from high rise buildings.

Councillor for Tennyson, Nicole Johnston, said the Lord Mayor and LNP had designated Fairfield as a future growth zone in the new City Plan 2014 with buildings of seven or eight storeys mooted.

"Fairfield is predominantly a low density, family friendly suburb, that floods. The only person putting the future of Fairfield at risk is the Lord Mayor with this cynical planning decision," Councillor Johnston said.

"If the Lord Mayor is genuine about protecting Fairfield he would immediately install the recommended backflow valves to prevent residents from being flooded and acquire the RSPCA site at Fairfield to ensure it remains in public hands for sport and recreation purposes."

Councillor Johnston said that Annerley was the most affected suburb by the BaT Tunnel plans but it was not mentioned regarding the neighbourhood plan.

"If we are to believe the Lord Mayor about the reason for this rushed neighbourhood plan why is the suburb most affected by the BaT Tunnel, Annerley, being ignored? What secret plans does the Lord Mayor have for this historic and gracious suburb?"

Fairfield's current zoning is Low Density (1-2 storeys) or Low to Medium Density (2-3 storeys), including existing planning protections for pre-1946 character homes and pre-1911 historic houses.

"The Lord Mayor's description of retaining the existing Dutton Park Rail Station, the inclusion of a widened footbridge and disability lift as a "major upgrade" simply defies belief. Just a few weeks ago the Lord Mayor wanted to axe Dutton Park station but now he says it's a "major transportation facility". His announcement simply doesn't add up."

Brisbane City Council have not yet announced how much of ratepayers funds will be invested into the BaT Tunnel project.

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