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Yeerongpilly TOD Masterplan Publicly Released but Lord Mayor's Plans Remain Secret

Public consultation is now being called for the draft concept master plan for the Yeerongpilly TOD (Transit Oriented Development) on Fairfield Road at Yeerongpilly.

Councillor for Tennyson Ward, Nicole Johnston, welcomed the release of the concept plan and urged local residents to have their say about how the 14 hectare parcel of land could be developed.

"I encourage local residents to review the draft concept plan and have their say about how the old Animal Research Station could be revitalised. There are some great ideas, and local input from residents familiar with the site will be critical to ensure the plan benefits both new and existing residents," Councillor Johnston said.

"Over the past few months I have been calling on Council to consider building a community centre as part of its *Visible Ink* programme on the TOD site. A centre of this type could be based on a PCYC model, providing opportunities for young people and the broader community to use a hall for indoor sport, functions, events, meetings, training, music, art and other activities."

"A community centre of this type would benefit not only the many young people from refugee backgrounds who currently use outdoor facilities in Yeronga, but local groups looking for low cost space for community or social activities."

Councillor Johnston said though she was concerned that the plans did not include any details from Brisbane City Council, a major TOD partner, and questioned why the Lord Mayor Campbell Newman was keeping mum on Council proposals for the site.

"The Lord Mayor, Campbell Newman, and Councillor Cooper should come clean on their secret plans for the TOD site, which have not been released for public consultation. Council's plans should have been released as part of the draft master plan," Councillor Johnston said.

Public consultation on the master plan concept closes on 31 October 2010.

The Yeerongpilly Transit Oriented Development (TOD) is being delivered in partnership by the Queensland State Government and Brisbane City Council.

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