

Greater Flagstone is now a declared masterplan area

LOGAN City Council will this month officially start community consultation as part of its planning process for the Greater Flagstone area.

Greater Flagstone incorporates land at Flagstone, New Beith, Undullah and Greenbank and has been designated a declared masterplan area in line with the Integrated Planning Act 1997.

In line with the designation, council will now move towards the creation of master and structure plans for the area which will aim to map the region's future and guide development.

To do so, it will commence non-statutory consultation this month, with public comment on three broad development options set forward by council due by December 18.

Deputy Mayor Russell Luton said the planning process was about making sure Greater Flagstone was developed in an orderly manner.

"We have come up with three planning options that we would like community feedback on and then we will go forth and develop a structure plan for the area," he said.

"These draft planning options are really the first cast across the land to say (to residents), do you think this is a good idea? From there we will go forward and put more detail onto the plans."

As part of the initial consultation, council has put forward three options based around

the principles of "centre", "corridors" and "southern focus".

The centres option suggests developing job-generating areas near transit and road infrastructure to allow for the provision of local employment, so that people can work nearby.

The corridors option suggests spreading employment areas across Flagstone while establishing one larger enterprise area and seeks to use infrastructure corridors as a buffer.

The southern focus option suggests a large employment precinct near a Flagstone Activity Centre and seeks to maximise access to public transport and road connections.

All three options include rail transport as a key component as council believes quality public transport links are crucial to the area's success.

Developers of Flagstone MTAA Superannuation Fund welcomed the designation.

Project director for Flagstone Estate Matt Levido said the decision would add impetus to the projects site planning processes and provide the planning certainty required to continue with overall structure planning.

When completed, Flagstone is projected to house more than 30,000 people within a forecast regional population of more than 120,000 for the Greater Flagstone area.

The planning options can be viewed online at www.logan.qld.gov.au

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