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Dear Felicity,

Hampton Activity Centre Car Parking

Thank you for your interest in the Association and your request to be kept informed.

The purpose of this letter is to provide feedback on the public consultation process undertaken concerning carparking in the Hampton Activity Centre environs and the implications for consultation on other planned developments.

I refer you to *Let's Talk A Consultation Framework* published in 2007 by the Victorian Local Governance Association.

The process undertaken by Bayside falls far short of best practice as outlined in this guide. How can Council officers possibly claim to have summarised the views of the community to assist decision making by Councillors when:

1. Many stakeholders are unaware of the meeting at all. Council officers advise that leaflets were distributed to all residents in the area to advise of the meeting. The Association is yet to find a resident member who received a leaflet. The summary of the consultation placed before Council cannot be regarded as representative of stakeholder and community views when stakeholders are unaware of the opportunity and not present.
2. The facilitators at the meeting refused to allow at least 2 groups to discuss the cumulative impact of the carparking required for commercial and residential development permitted under Council's planning documents for the Activity Zone. The facilitators emphatically restricted discussion to proposals currently before Council. These proposals represent only a portion of the area zoned for medium and high-density development in the Activity Centre and therefore only a portion of the required carparking and traffic flows. Residents are concerned about the cumulative impact of multiple developments yet their concerns cannot be

communicated to Councillors because they were not permitted to discuss this in the consultation process!

3. If Council wants to receive informed comment from stakeholders then it should distribute or provide a hyperlink to background information and allow adequate time for its consideration. The same amount of time that Councillors have for consideration of Council meeting papers would assist.

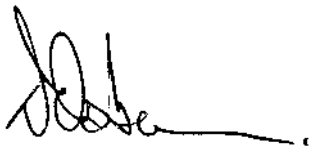
This and similar issues have been a feature of the planning of the Hampton Activity Centre and I again draw your attention to:

1. The poorly advertised, short notice display concerning the UDF cobbled together on the footpath outside Safeway.
2. The VicTrack community consultation which was a motherhood exercise focussed upon flower beds that appeared to have the sole purpose of allowing VicTrack to tick a box rather than being any serious attempt to identify community concerns and respond in a constructive manner

The Association would like to request that Bayside “do better”.

Council officers have advised that the “community consultation” concerning Koolkunna Lane requested in the decisions of a recent Council meeting has now been postponed from next week. The Association would support this postponement for the reasons outlined above.

Yours Sincerely,



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