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Dear Mr Osborn

Thank you for your question submitted to Public Question Time at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 24 March 2015. Please find below the written response to your question.

Question 1

Are Council officers declining to provide a further reasonable explanation of the decision making criteria they intend to use and the relative importance that they assign to each criteria and if so how can an open and transparent decision making process and an outcome that can be understood by residents and traders be achieved?

Response to your question:

The assessment criteria published on Council's website and as listed in the question is considered to be appropriate. It is not intended that the criteria be weighted, but that a balanced, qualitative assessment against this criteria will be undertaken. This assessment will be presented in a report to the April 2015 Council meeting within the publically available agenda, ensuring an open and transparent decision making process. Officers advise that they have explained to the Hampton Neighbourhood Association and the community in general that whilst the published criteria will inform their assessment and recommendation, Councillors are not bound by this assessment criteria in making a decision.

Once again, thank you for your question.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Felicity Frederico".

Cr Felicity Frederico
Mayor

