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Amendment C201more Moreland City Council

Via email: info@moreland.vic.gov.au

Proposed Moreland Planning Scheme Amendment C201more

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on proposed 'Amendment C201more' of the Moreland Planning Scheme to rezone land, apply an Environmental Audit Overlay and Incorporated Plan Overlay Schedule 5 (IPO5 – Sheppard and Norris Street Incorporated Plan 2021).

HIA **objects** to the inclusion of proposed *mandatory affordable housing contribution* (IPO5) for the reasons outlined in this submission.

Overview

The Housing Industry Association (HIA) is Australia's peak residential building industry association. HIA members comprise a diversity of residential builders, including all Top 100 buildings, all major building industry manufacturers and suppliers, as well as developers, small to medium builder members, contractors and consultants to the industry. In total, HIA members construct over 85% of the nation's new housing stock.

HIA exists to service the businesses it represents, lobby for the best possible business environment for building industry and to encourage a responsible and quality driven, affordable residential building and development industry. HIA is committed to working with all sectors of government to support a regulatory environment that facilitates growth in the economy, reduces red tape, and enable the delivery of affordable housing.

HIA Response Letter

HIA's view is Council should allocate existing property rates revenue, set up collaborative partnerships with industry and/or develop innovative funding methods (other than imposing a contribution levy or through private land 'inclusionary zoning') to increase social and affordable housing supply.

The proposed IPO5 requires a mandatory contribution of 5% 'affordable' dwellings be sold at 50% of the market rate to a Registered Housing Agency (RHA) for development up to four storeys, or 15% for five storeys. Where the calculation is not a whole number, a levy of 2.5% at market value for the equivalent dwellings must be paid. The requirement applies from two or more dwellings, including mixed use development, however where accommodation other than dwellings is proposed, the amount of the levy is to be negotiated with Council.

Inclusionary zoning puts further upward pressure on house prices in an already overly taxed and regulated Australian housing market

Inclusionary zoning and mandated quotas for affordable housing provision are not financially feasible in the highly regulated and expensive Australian housing market. In a report commissioned for HIA (2019), an estimated 37% of the price of a new greenfield house and land package; and 35% of an apartment is made up of statutory taxes, regulatory costs (including zoning restrictions) and excessive charges.

A study commissioned for the Reserve Bank (2018), indicates zoning restrictions constraining the supply of land/development has added an estimated 41% to the price of an average house and 30% to an apartment in Melbourne. The cost of heavily discounting stock at the point of sale is too much for the market to bear and would only push up other dwelling prices from that entity further.

A dwelling which is mandated to be sold as an 'affordable house' still costs the same to build but must be marketed and sold for less. There is no guarantee, beyond the original sale that the property continues to be sold or managed or rented at below the market rate.

Moreland has the ability to provide its own solution to inclusionary zoning, being to rezone and/or repurpose its own land for new council funded social and affordable housing.

Housing is already one of the most heavily taxed and constrained sectors of the economy, through **statutory taxes**. This proposal adds another cost to housing.

Statutory taxes including but not limited to overheads on the cost of housing are:

- GST on new dwelling construction
- Stamp duty (including cascading stamp duty on future transfers of land)
- Construction worker payroll and income taxes
- Land holding costs while seeking approvals (i.e. land tax, interest on borrowings)
- Development contributions/levies
- Municipal rates
- Materials transport fuel excise

HIA highlights the ways government is already or can further invest and partner with industry in improving social and affordable housing supply.

National Housing and Homelessness Agreement

The National Housing and Homelessness Agreement commenced on 1 July 2018 and provides around \$1.6 billion each year to states and territories to improve Australians' access to secure and affordable housing.

Build to Rent

As part of Victoria's Big Housing Build announced in the 2020-21 Budget, the Government is helping establish the build-to-rent sector, which has significant benefits. A build-to-rent sector will provide Victorians with a new alternative to home ownership (i.e. those in need of secure long-term accommodation that are unable to finance home loans). Build-to-rent projects attract institutional investment as large-scale residential developments, where the properties are held and managed by a single entity to be rented out over the medium to long term. They can also be brought to market quickly as they do not require a minimum number of off-the-plan

purchases to secure financing. HIA welcomes the 1 January 2022 until 31 December 2031 50 per cent land tax concession for up to 30 years and a full exemption from Absentee Owner Surcharge.

Affordable Housing Bond Aggregator program

The National Housing and Finance Investment Corporation's Affordable Housing Bond Aggregator program provides a secure source of very low cost loans for RHAs to buy, build and maintain social housing stock. RHAs have the capability to project manage a larger portfolio of social housing stock and realise cost efficiencies, if government transfers more of the estimated 65,000 existing public housing properties under their management.

Reinstate the National Rental Affordability Housing Scheme

HIA understands the National Rental Affordable Housing Scheme (NRAS) was scrapped because it achieved sub-optimal results in terms of attracting institutional investment. However now this is primarily addressed through the Build to Rent sector, an equivalent based scheme could be introduced to capitalise on the 'ready made' sectors of 'mum and dad' investors and 'millennials' who want to set foot on the property ladder.

The NRAS scheme, which provided homes for thousands of low income renters throughout the country in partnership with RHAs, attracted strong participation from novice investors seeking a means to improve their financial futures, supplement household income and provide a valuable community service.

Social housing is the responsibility of governments with such infrastructure to be funded from existing revenue sources. As per HIA's *Subsidised Affordable Housing Policy*, HIA supports the following options for developers and builders on a voluntary basis, to enter into an agreement to increase the delivery of affordable housing:

- Increasing industry's land supply and development rights for affordable housing.
- Voluntary supply of affordable housing in a development in exchange for agreed or negotiated development bonuses which are relevant to the particular site and location.
- Innovative funding mechanisms to ensure greater government buy in on private development.
- Increasing the opportunity for 'joint venture' partnerships between government and industry.
- Provision of taxation and development levy concessions for developers to encourage greater supply.

A well-functioning housing industry can readily provide a wide range of housing types at various price points to mirror community needs. Many developers and builders already provide affordable housing product, based on their price positioning at the lower end of the market and a consumer perception that their product is better 'value for money' than others.

Thank you for the opportunity to share with you our concerns on the proposed mandatory affordable housing contribution (IPO5) for C201more.

HIA would formally like to be kept informed on the progress of this amendment. Please do not be sitate to contact should you require anything further.

Yours sincerely

HOUSING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION LIMITED



27 April 2022

Moreland City Council Locked Bag 10 Moreland VIC 3058



Proposal: Planning scheme amendments

Site location: 3-5, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 16-20 Sheppard Street Coburg North, 2-4 and 6 Norris Street Coburg North, Part of 39A Shorts Road, and the former right of way abutting the western boundary of 11 Norris Street, Coburg North

Melbourne Water reference: MWA-1247010

Date referred: 04/04/2022

Melbourne Water has reviewed the proposed planning scheme amendment and would like to offer the following information and advice.

Flooding information

Information available at Melbourne Water indicates that the property is not subject to flooding from Melbourne Water's drainage system, based on a rainfall event which has a 1% Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP), that is, a 1% probability of being equalled or exceeded in any one year.

Asset Information

No Melbourne Water infrastructure assets have been identified within the subject property.

Advice

Melbourne Water does not have any further comment to make on the proposed planning scheme amendment.

For general development enquiries contact our Customer Service Centre on 131722.



Regards,



Development Planning Services

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9 May 2022



Our Ref: REQ001941



RE: MORELAND PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C201 - NORRIS & SHEPPARD STREET, COBURG NORTH

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a response in relation to Planning Scheme Amendment C201, now on exhibition, and referred to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) via email on 4 April 2022.

EPA have reviewed the following documents of relevance:

- Explanatory Report;
- Incorporated Plan Overlay Schedule 5 (IPO5);
- Incorporated Plan 2021;
- Council's desktop assessment of potential contamination of Council owned and occupied land;
- Preliminary Site Investigation for 16-20 Sheppard Street, Coburg North, prepared by ESG Environmental, dated 3 October 2017;
- Letter of Environmental Advice 4 Sheppard Street, Coburg North, Victoria, prepared by Peter J Ramsay & Associates, dated 16 November 2021;
- Planning Scheme Amendment Report, prepared by Hansen Partnership, dated December 2021; and
- Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment (Phase 1 assessment), prepared by Peter J Ramsay & Associates, dated 20 November 2019.

Our Understanding of the Proposal

EPA understands the Amendment seeks to rezone a number of parcels of land (referred to as the Amendment Land) from the Industrial 3 Zone (IN3Z) to a combination of the Mixed Use Zone (MUZ) and General Residential Zone (GRZ), and apply the Environmental Audit Overlay (EAO) and Incorporated Plan Overlay (IPO)

Council have advised that rezoning the Amendment Land to residential purposes is consistent with the Moreland Industrial Land Strategy 2015-2030, which identifies the Amendment Land as suitable for transition from industrial to residential development. The proponent is the owner of the land at 1-5/4 Sheppard Street.



The Amendment Land includes:

- 3-5, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 16-20 Sheppard Street;
- 2-4 and 6 Norris Street;
- Council owned or occupied land, which forms part of 39A Shorts Road and includes the accessway (Vol. 7434 Fol. 520), Revenge Strip (Part Vol. 9260 Fol. 272) and Right of Way (ROW) (Part Vol. 11976 Fol.167).

Previous Advice

EPA provided a written response to Council in accordance with Ministerial Direction 19 (MD19) on 20 September 2021 (EPA Ref: REQ001187). This response included a number of recommendations for Councils consideration, which are summarised as follows:

- Council should communicate, via the amendment documents, that an assessment has been made that the land is 'potentially contaminated land' and that the requirements of Ministerial Direction 1 (MD1) may be deferred;
- On the basis that Council appropriately justifies the above (that the audit should be
 deferred via the Environmental Audit Overlay (EAO)), the proposal to apply the EAO
 appears to be in accordance with policy;
- A Certificate of Environmental Audit has been issued for 4 Sheppard Street, and therefore the application of the EAO is not considered necessary;
- Consideration of compelling future audit outcomes, where a planning permit is not required;
- Inclusion of a map that clearly labels each parcel of land;
- Further work/clarification is recommended regarding the desktop assessment of Council owned and occupied land;
- Consideration of the Industrial 1 Zone (IN1Z) to the south of the site, and any applicable separation distances; and
- Further consideration of amenity impacts for single dwelling developments.

Current Advice

In reviewing the exhibited information, it is noted that:

- Based on the updated information provided, Council has satisfied itself that the subject land is 'potentially contaminated', and this assessment appears to be generally consistent with policy guidance;
- Based on the updated information provided, Council has outlined the reasons for deferring audit systems requirements via the EAO, which appears to be consistent with policy guidance;
- EPA note that the EAO is not proposed to be applied to 4 Sheppard Street, Coburg North, consistent with previous advice provided;
- Council has included recommended provisions in the IPO5, regarding compliance with any environmental audit recommendations;
- EPA understand that the IN1Z site to the south of the subject land has been redeveloped as the Bakers Business Park. The Planning Report states that there is a transition from larger industrial operations occupying large sites to commercial and smaller warehouse/office development. EPA would like to highlight that the requirements of Clause 53.10 of the Moreland Planning Scheme would need to be addressed for any new industrial use seeking to establish in the IN1Z; and



• In light of previous comments regarding single dwellings, refer to the point above.

Given the varying forms of environmental assessments undertaken across the Amendment Land, EPA have included a summary of the assessments and recommendations for each parcel of land in the table, attached as an appendix to this letter.

Closing

EPA considers that Council has taken reasonable steps to ensure that the risks associated with potentially contaminated land are known and managed. Therefore, EPA is supportive of the Amendment, and EPA does not wish to be heard in support of this or previous submissions.

If our assessment is not aligned with your view of the environmental risk, or if the proposal is subsequently amended, please contact on 1300 EPA VIC (1300 372 842).





Appendix 1: Summary of the assessments and recommendations for each parcel of land, including EPA advice on whether the conclusions are consistent with PPN30 2021.

		Phase 1 Assessment			
Address	Former/current Use	Conclusions	Is the Potential for Contamination in accordance PPN30 2021?		
3-5, & 7 Sheppard Street, Coburg North	Former rubber manufacturing, boat building, chemical manufacturing / storing / blending, imported fill.	High potential for contamination. Audit required.	Yes. High potential for contamination. Audit or PRSA option applies but proceeding directly to an audit is recommended. Council proposing to apply EAO.		
6, 8, & 10 Sheppard Street, Coburg North	Former rubber manufacturing, chemical manufacturing / storing / blending, imported fill.	High potential for contamination. Audit required.	Yes. High potential for contamination. Audit or PRSA option applies but proceeding directly to an audit is recommended. Council proposing to apply EAO.		
4 Sheppard Street, Coburg North	A Certificate of Environmental Audit (EPA Reference: 8006325 (CARMS 78171-1)) has been issued for this site. The certificate states that "the condition of the site is neither detrimental nor potentially detrimental to any beneficial use of the site".				
2-4, & 6 Norris Street, Coburg North	Former paint factory, chemical manufacturing / storing / blending, imported fill.	High potential for contamination. Audit required.	Buildings have been demolished in recent months. Planning permit issued for "use of the land for warehouses, the construction of 14 triple storey buildings and a reduction in the standard car parking requirements" in 2020. The planning permit includes a condition requiring either a certificate or statement of environmental audit, prior to the commencement of the permitted use. Council proposing to apply EAO.		



Preliminary Site Investigation					
Address	Former/current Use	Conclusions	Is the Potential for		
			Contamination in accordance		
			PPN30 2021?		
16-20	Foundry (potentially	The site operations	No.		
Sheppard	since 1917). Two	and housekeeping	High potential for contamination.		
Street,	underground	are likely to have an	Audit or PRSA option applies but		
Coburg	storage tanks	overall low to	proceeding directly to an audit is		
North	(USTs) not	moderate potential	recommended.		
	decommissioned.	of significant	The fellowing long decree which		
		releases to soil	The following land uses which		
		and/or groundwater at the site.	carry a high potential for contamination could also be		
		at the site.	considered at this site; Iron and		
		No assessment of	steel works, Metal finishing and		
		soil or groundwater	treatments, Metal smelting /		
		has been	refining / finishing.		
		undertaken at the	Terming / miloring.		
		site and intrusive	Council proposing to apply the		
		environmental	EAO.		
		assessment would			
		be required to verify			
		or confirm the sites			
		environmental			
		status.			
		ıncil's desktop assessm			
Address	Former/current Use	Conclusions	Is the Potential for		
			Contamination in accordance PPN30 2021?		
Vol. 7434	Road (accessway),	The assessment	Yes.		
Fol. 520	fully asphalted	draws on	Medium potential for		
Referred to	, .	conclusions from the	contamination.		
as		Phase 1 assessment	PRSA or audit option applies,		
Accessway		undertaken for the	PRSA to determine need for audit		
Part Vol.	Car park, fully	nearby properties.	is recommended.		
9260 Fol.	asphalted	Based upon this			
272		assessment, Council	Whilst Council expects the		
Referred to		states that there is a	current use of the land to		
as Revenge		similar risk of	continue, given the rezoning of		
Strip		contamination to	the land to Mixed Use Zone, which		



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Part Vol. 11976 Fol.167 Referred to as ROW	Car park, fully asphalted	this land, because of imported fill, and offsite activities including; rubber manufacturing, UST's and other industrial uses.	may allow sensitive uses to be established on the land, and the medium potential for contamination, the appropriate level of assessment in accordance with PPN30 2021 is a PRSA or audit option applies, (PRSA to determine need for audit is recommended.). Council now includes reasoning to apply the EAO in its assessment in accordance with PPN30 2021, based on the proposed rezoning and the requirement for a PRSA, the application of the EAO would appear to be in accordance with policy.
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Sent to: strategicplanning@moreland.vic.gov.au

Ricardo Energy Environment & Planning

ABN 80 605 049 054

Our reference 31434 / Issue 1

12 May 2022

Re: SUBMISSION TO AMENDMENT C201MORE

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Ricardo Energy Environment & Planning (hereafter Ricardo) acts on behalf of the in this matter, owners of the land a

1 Introduction

With a motto of: Advancement, Determination and Faith, which has been a part of the Moreland community since 1983. They provide an important purpose within the community providing an educational service based on their motto in encouraging the advancement of students, empowering students for life with a clear consciousness of their role in the wider local and international community and promoting an environment where students are comfortable and free to practice and enhance their Islamic faith. They also form part of an International Baccalaureate World School.

understands that Amendment C201more has been prepared by Moreland City Council as the planning authority for this amendment, with the amendment made at the request of Builtmore Investments Pty Ltd and Sheppard Street Pty Ltd.

The land subject of the proposed amendment relates to land at 3-5, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 16-20 Sheppard Street, 2-4 and 6 Norris Street, part of 39A Shorts Road, and the former right of way abutting the western boundary of 11 Norris Street, Coburg North.

The purpose of Amendment C201more is to implement the *Moreland Industrial Land Strategy 2015-2030* by rezoning the land from Industrial 3 Zone and General Residential Zone Schedule 1 to General Residential Zone Schedule 1 and Mixed Use Zone and applying an Incorporated Plan Overlay and Environmental Audit Overlay. The associated *Sheppard and Norris Street Coburg North Incorporated Plan, 2021* is to provide a framework which guides the redevelopment of the land and provide certainty to the community that this will occur in an orderly and proper manner.

2 Site Context and Background

is located at the control of the land subject to Amendment C201more. The aerial image below illustrates the relationship of the subject land and AIA. Of particular note, access to Hosken Reserve is provided through the subject land, which accesses car parking as well as providing vehicle access to the rear of some of the Sheppard Street properties and . A portion of the land currently provides car parking which serves Hoskin Reserve.



3 Incorporated Plan

is generally supportive of the Incorporated Plan, in particular the following objectives of the Plan:

- Encourage a high level of passive surveillance of Hosken Reserve and quality landscape design to integrate into the parkland context.
- Improve access to Hosken Reserve from the east for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Identify where the provision of a land, rather than purely financial, contribution to public open space may be appropriate; and
- Create a welcoming and landscaped public realm.

The requirements for buildings and works identified within the Incorporated Plan relating to Passive Surveillance and Parkland Interface are supported to improve on the passive surveillance of Hosken Reserve, including the vehicle access and car parking, the provision of landscaped setbacks to the reserve, and low or visually permeable fencing adjacent to the vehicle accessways to maintain sightlines for users.

Within Precinct 2 in the Incorporated Plan, any redevelopment within this precinct must maintain and improve on the vehicle accessway into Hosken Reserve, safeguarding this access (from Short Street via Sheppard Street to the existing car parking) for the long term and allowing for integration with the Hosken Reserve Master Plan. This access is vitally important as it is the primary vehicle access to Hosken Reserve from the north/ east, as well as providing access to the rear of AIA. Any development within Precinct 2 must consider the status of this accessway and its preservation as a public road.

The western boundary treatment whereby the siting of buildings facilitate the transfer of the existing land occupied by a car park serving Hosken Reserve to Council within Precinct 3 in the Incorporated Plan is **strongly** supported. This will enable the delivery of the Hosken Reserve Master Plan, providing a net community benefit as identified. Further, it will enable the continued utilisation of the vehicle access and associated car parking within Hosken Reserve.

With regard to the requirements for subdivision in the Incorporated Plan, AIA strongly supports the requirement that any subdivision layout should provide that part of Precinct 3 identified as currently occupied by a car park serving Hosken Reserve as a portion of the Public Open Space contribution payable unless alternative arrangements for the transfer of this land to Council have previously been entered into.

4 Hosken Reserve Masterplan

Although the Hosken Reserve Masterplan is considered separately by Council, its consideration within the process for Amendment C201more is important given the direct interfaces between the two areas and for the orderly planning of the area. Strategically, these two separate areas should be considered in an integrated manner ensuring that the identified benefits for both can be realised ensuring that each area functions as intended.

5 Conclusion

We thank Council for the opportunity to make a submission on Amendment C201more.

Overall is generally supportive of the proposed Amendment and the detail in the Incorporated Plan. The treatment of the interface along Hosken Reserve and the maintenance and improvement of the vehicle accessway from Sheppard Street through to Hosken Reserve and associated car parking is vitally important. Amendment C201more must ensure that this is safeguarded for the long term to continue to serve as a community asset and achieve the net community benefits identified.

Further consideration should be given to the integration of Amendment C201more and the Hosken Reserve Master Plan to enable the orderly strategic planning for this area of Coburg North.

Please do not hesitate to contact

Yours sincerely,

Ricardo Energy Environment & Planning Pty Ltd





From: Sent:

Friday, 13 May 2022 11:03 PM

To: Strategic Planning

Subject: Amendment C201: Submission received

Name :

Address :

Phone:

Make a submission: I am opposed to this Amendment, as I believe it is not strategically justified, and this area is not suitable for significant change. The area surrounding the subject sites are General Residential Zone which is a height limit of three storeys, not four or five. The Upfield train line has one of the poorest services in Melbourne with only 3 trains per hour. The adjacent Hosken Reserve is a significant sport and recreation precinct, for which there is already a severe shortage of space for soccer in this municipality. In my opinion the Incorporated Plan will impact on the Council's Masterplan for Hosken Reserve, and it is very disconcerting that this Amendment was kept hidden from public view until the Masterplan was close to being finalised in October 2021. The numbering of this Amendment, C201, follows immediately on from Council's own C200 which was the translation of the LPPF, and which was under preparation from April 2020 or earlier. Councillors have made decisions on the Hosken Reserve Masterplan without any consideration of C201. It is unintegrated decision-making. I would also like to draw your attention to the fact that the Decision Gateway 1 Report for C201 did not include a Draft Explanatory Report. Councillors were not given an adequate opportunity to scrutinise the strategic justification for this Amendment. Council Planners know all the tricks in the book to help their mates, property developers. The question in the Explanatory Report about the Transport Integration Act 2010 is not answered correctly. It does not say whether or not this Amendment is likely to have a significant impact on the transport system. Surely that is not a difficult question to answer? Instead it says that: "The amendment will not have any significant impact on the objectives and decision-making principles set out in the Transport Integration Act 2010"

https://www.moreland.vic.gov.au/globalassets/areas/amendments/amendmentslib-7208/c201/01.-moreland-c201more-explanatory-report-exhibition.pdf I am impacted by this Amendment because I have a child who wants to join a soccer club, and the club at Hosken Reserve is the closest and most convenient to access. However I am already reluctant to apply for my child to join the club, because of the very toxic and bitter community dispute around Hosken Reserve of the past two years, and the actions of some local residents who are interfering with the kids training and matches. To build 350 apartments on this site, will have a significantly detrimental impact to the area, and impact on a whole range of other people. Councillors should reject this Amendment at the Decision Gateway 2. I also believe that this Amendment should have been promoted on the Council's Conversations Moreland page, and should have been in the Inside Moreland newsletter that is distributed in hardcopy to every newsletter. Whilst the public exhibition process might somehow meet statutory requirements, in my opinion this is not being done in good faith or with the interests of the community at heart. Thank-you Upload your submission:

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Subject: FW: Amendment C201: Submission received

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Sent: Monday, 23 May 2022 6:43 PM

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Subject: Amendment C201: Submission received

Name : \\
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Make a submission: I have been living in coburg north for 38 years and raised a family This is the long awaited and time for new and improved changes. I can't wait to see the industrial go and new young family the rejuvenation of Hoskins reserve.

Upload your submission:

Privacy: I accept