



Community feedback session – Thursday 23 July

The evening started with a number of presentations which are included on the website as PDF files. Please feel free to look through the files to see what was presented prior to the following question and answer session.

The following questions were raised by the participants:

Q	The information presented show new buildings and some older buildings with considerable density. Can we afford the cost to develop without the commitment of the state and federal government rather than the local ratepayer?
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developments from state and federal government are needed. There is a lot of surplus crown land that can be sold to help fund this. • The analysis is being done to determine the costs. • Federal and state government contributions will be required. • Partnerships with private sector through JVs will also be sought.
Q	How can we keep the ethnic and traditional styles and feel of the area rather than just create something that is new and plastic?
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our challenge is to decide how we will reflect the culture and history of this area. We need to do that.
Q	Is the mental health ward appropriate at the Osborne Park hospital? Are there more appropriate places with a greater need for aged care in the area?
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some of us will have mental challenges in our lives. We need to accommodate appropriate facilities for all needs. How we do it is the challenge and we should accommodate these health needs as essential services with appropriate frontages.
Q	Has anyone prioritised the many issue shown. Is traffic management a key need?
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The focus is on the provision of appropriate infrastructure – public transport and also environmental needs prevail.
Q	If the new off ramp moves to Hertha Road, how will that occur?
A	Hertha Road will link across the freeway with Civic Place. Ramps may link to it from the southern side only.
Q	High rise apartments were proposed on many times. Will we become like other places with slums resulting over time.
A	There are places that have turned bad as a result of the way in which they were created. There are equally beautiful places that are fantastic examples of what can be achieved. We must also think of qualities and safety and the public realm for people of all ages with spaces not dominated by cars. The quality of the public space becomes very important as part of the resultant solution. The images used tonight are representative of full build out and will take considerable time.
Q	We have an ageing population and people want to age in their own homes. What are we looking at for people who want to stay and for their transport needs so they can stay in their community?
A	We need to allow for all modes of transport and allow for the city centre to grow in a way that allow for good access.



Q	<p>Considering the mental health issue there is a need with 1 in 5 people needing these services.</p> <p>Our ageing population adds another exciting opportunity for people to stay on. A more walkable place would be great can we improve lighting and paths for people walking and cycling from the fringe of the area.</p>
A	<p>We can use green corridors to create a network that allows for these opportunities to reach out to other areas.</p> <p>A regional and walkable bus network will also help.</p>
Q	<p>Do we need high buildings? Is the land valuable enough to provide good views and is this the style of residential amenity we want?</p>
A	<p>Please join to discuss this further.</p> <p>We have largely 95% single residential housing with 1/3 of people living alone.</p> <p>Future projections are that 45% of local people will live alone. We need to provide a range of housing for everyone.</p> <p>Diversity of choice is important to cater for different needs.</p>
Q	<p>It is great to see this initiative. Why isn't Herdsman Business Park included in this plan it has many attributes?</p>
A	<p>It will be included and is in the greater area of influence.</p> <p>Other studies are also looking at this area.</p>
Q	<p>Why isn't the city supporting current development initiatives via a panel or other mechanism to encourage diversity of building and housing stock? How will we ensure that future buildings blend in with other centres?</p>
A	<p>We are looking at local area planning initiatives in Yokine Tuart Hill and Glendalough individually with community input.</p>

After the presentations the participants moved into small groups to discuss and provide response to the following questions.

1. **What do you love about the Stirling City Centre and environs?**
2. **What do you dislike about the Stirling City Centre and environs?**
3. **Do you agree with the vision for the Stirling City Centre as demonstrated in the presentations?**

Following are the key responses from the groups'

What do you love about the Stirling City Centre and environs?

Group 1

- Train station
- Access to it is problematic
- Diversity of employment
- Shops and services
- Proximity



Group 2

- Location
- Proximity – beach, city and transport
- Good open space
- Good shopping

Group 3

- Location – beach city transport
- Good aged facilities
- Freeway access
- Entertainment facilities

Other comment

- Parks are important
- Good community spirit to be retained.
- Mix of vegetation – native and introduced
- Movement network – buses, cycleways.

What do you dislike about the Stirling City Centre and environs?

Group 7

- Traffic around the city centre.
- IKEA poorly integration with surrounding area

Group 6

- Missing elements – Medicare, library,
- Concern at high rise
- Mix of uses, density with lifestyle
- Theatre and amphitheatre needed.
- Concern, lack of trust at history of Council.
- Ideas good but concerned at impact for existing lifestyles.

Group 4

- Lack of shade – trees and awnings
- Poor connectivity between areas with some segregation
- Traffic light delays

Other comment

- Concern at Shopping Centre lack of soul.
- Safety at night
- Little to do at night particularly.
- Businesses moving away from industrial area



- Wide roads
- Safety around hotels.
- New development areas sterile and take away vegetation.
- Not enough signage for parking – Cedric and Karrinyup
- No city centre and what exists is too fragmented.
- Lack of amenity
- No cultural heart
- Building stock poor in some areas.
- Lots of ad hoc development
- Wonderful vision but too slow being implemented with great location.

Do you agree with the vision for the Stirling City Centre as demonstrated in the presentations?

Group 1

- Generally positive
- Creek good
- Landscaping and public art
- Minimising traffic from Cedric good.
- Secure higher density ok to provide choice
- Finer details need to be understood.

Group 2

- Fantastic idea
- Community input pleasing
- Funding of initial infrastructure a challenge
- Implementation – by redevelopment authority or otherwise.

Group 3

- Generally supporting and exciting vision
- Needs more involvement by young people
- Some concern at height
- Use of podium development good

Group 4

- Agreed but need to create close community
- Should be activities for all people.
- Diversity of housing needed
- Medium rise not suited for all future residents.

Group 5

- Reduce resource usage and sustainable development
- Different opinions about what is medium density
- Community development important – community gardens, sporting facilities, libraries



- Managing the interface with existing
- Diversity of employment is important and should be encouraged

Group 6

- State govt involvement needed to deliver infrastructure.
- Concern at impacts of high rise. Is it justified with our population?
- Seems about $\frac{3}{4}$ right
- Support for public transport – trams.
- If we look long term we should be looking at innovative public transport including undergrounding public transport
- Transport – priority 1.

Group 7

- Support for improved access – cycling walking etc.
- May be too much high rise with sketches needing local character even though only indicative.
- May need more facilities for young people – ovals. Skate facilities
- Ground water and geo-technical limitations need to be considered.