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FIRST IMAGES RELEASED OF NEW SHOPPER CAR PARK AND PLAZA IN EASTWOOD

The City of Ryde has released the first concepts of how a new shopper car park and public plaza on the western side of Eastwood could look once completed.

The concepts being developed by Council look to relocate the existing Glen Street car park to the Shaftsbury Road precinct at the edge of Eastwood town centre. The Glen Street car park site, after construction of the Shaftsbury carpark, would be transformed into a public plaza and community hub, creating a more vibrant open space for the community.

Consultation on the concepts will commence next week (13 February), in which residents, community groups and the local business community will be invited to have their say on the proposals.

The new car park would increase the number of off-street car parking spaces currently available on the western side of Eastwood from 450 spaces to approximately 600 spaces.

In addition, Council will engage in consultation with the relevant stakeholders to rebuild vital community facilities, which may include a new community hall, youth space and an occasional childcare centre.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said the concepts would provide enormous benefits to everyone in Eastwood.

“This new vision for Eastwood will address the chronic traffic and parking issues on the Western side while also providing a vibrant public space for generations to enjoy,” Cllr Laxale said.

“I was elected to help solve problems that have plagued Eastwood for decades. This vision presents more parking, more open space and new community facilities for our community to enjoy.

“I would encourage everyone to take part in the consultation process so they are aware of what is being proposed and to ensure their views are taken into consideration by Council before the concepts are further developed.”

Members of the community will also be able to have their say on the Draft Summary Report – Eastwood Traffic and Parking Study, with the consultation period for the study running concurrently with the consultation on the concepts for the new public plaza and car park on the western side of Eastwood.

The independent study investigated several options for off-street car parking in Eastwood and found that moving the Glen Street car park to the Shaftsbury Road precinct would improve the traffic conditions in the area. The study also found that adding commuter car parking to the town centre, in addition to the retail component, would cause traffic grid-lock.

The new car park on the western side of Eastwood would be in addition to the new multi-storey short stay car park that Council will build at 53-71 Rowe Street, on the eastern side of the town centre.

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