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CONSULTATION TO TAKE PLACE ON WEST RYDE REVITALISATION

West Ryde Town Centre will be rejuvenated into a distinctive, vibrant and attractive centre without the introduction of overdevelopment should the community support a new draft masterplan endorsed by Council.

Community consultation will soon commence on the draft masterplan. As part of the consultation, Council will ask for feedback on two potential options for West Ryde Town Centre.

Both draft options provide roadmaps on how to revitalise West Ryde Town Centre, while ensuring appropriate limits to development are set.

The draft options have been developed with consideration given to previous community feedback, infrastructure needs and the need to minimise congestion.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said the masterplan would transform West Ryde Town Centre.

“For years people have told us that West Ryde Town Centre needs some love. Our community want new buildings, activated laneways, bars and restaurants. It is clear that the current planning controls are unable to deliver that,” Cllr Laxale said.

“The masterplan, if endorsed by the community, will rejuvenate the Town Centre by overhauling planning controls that will activate key areas, improve pedestrian access and take advantage of its optimal transport links.

“Crucially we will achieve this without the introduction of overdevelopment that would destroy the town centre’s amenity and increase congestion in the area. West Ryde is simply not suited to the Rhodes-style development that other interests have pushed to date.

“I am glad Council supported my resolution which rules out overdevelopment in West Ryde.”

Community consultation on the draft masterplan is due to commence later this month.

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