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RYDE DEMANDS SAY ON FUTURE MELROSE PARK DEVELOPMENTS

The City of Ryde has called on Parramatta City Council and the NSW Government to factor in the views of Melrose Park residents in their future planning decisions after objections raised to the massive development at the old Putt-Putt complex on Victoria Road were seemingly ignored by both authorities.

The development is located just on the Parramatta side of the boundary between Parramatta and Ryde local government areas, and is one of a range of developments proposed for Melrose Park that could result in up to 10,000 new dwellings as well as a new street network.

Despite its close vicinity to Melrose Park residents in the City of Ryde and the strain it will put on existing infrastructure in Ryde, Parramatta City Council and the NSW Government approved the development with insufficient consultation with Council or affected residents not located in the Parramatta local government area.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, put forward a mayoral minute on the development and the effect it will have on the City of Ryde.

Clr Laxale said Council and nearby Melrose Park residents lodged objections to the development, but these seemingly had no influence on the final development that was approved by Parramatta City Council and the NSW Government.

“It is simply not right that this monster of a development can be built over the border with no consideration given to the poor residents living next door to it, not to mention the strain it will put on services and facilities in the City of Ryde,” Clr Laxale said.

“It is imperative that Parramatta City Council include all residents of Melrose Park in future planning notifications so that their concerns can be appropriately heard and considered before any more development takes place in the area.”

Clr Laxale also plans to make representations to the NSW Planning Minister, local Members of Parliament, Parramatta City Council, the Greater Sydney Commission and developer Payce, seeking a regional approach to road network and other infrastructure upgrades in Melrose Park, Meadowbank and surrounds.

“We had no say on this development, yet all the promotional material for it points to infrastructure, services, facilities and schools all found in the City of Ryde. On top of that, the influx of new residents will make existing rat runs far worse,” Clr Laxale added.

In addition, a meeting with Melrose Park residents and City of Ryde’s planning and traffic staff will be held, with the concerns raised by residents in that meeting to be forwarded to relevant planning and traffic authorities.

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