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## **COMMUNITY CONSULTATION BEGINS ON PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR 112 TALAVERA ROAD**

The City of Ryde, as directed by the NSW Government, has now commenced community consultation on a planning proposal for 112 Talavera Road in Macquarie Park.

The planning proposal seeks to amend maximum building heights and floor space ratio on the land. In addition, a draft voluntary planning agreement will be exhibited.

The community consultation follows the NSW Government Department of Planning and Environment issuing a Gateway Determination for the planning proposal on 7 March 2018.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, encouraged members of the community to take part in the consultation on the planning proposal.

“This planning proposal has been made possible only because the NSW State Government increased heights, density and changed land use zonings in Macquarie Park. The State Government is the consent authority for this proposal,” Cllr Laxale said.

“As the power to determine this proposal has been stripped from our community, it is vital that as many local residents as possible get to have their say.

“Council will then review all submissions and make a recommendation to the State Government, who will determine the matter. The feedback received during the community consultation will heavily influence what Council’s recommendation to the State Government will be on this proposal so it is imperative that members of the community provide their comments.

“Mischievous claims by members of the NSW Government, and a local Liberal Councillor, that the City of Ryde has already approved this planning proposal are completely false. No City of Ryde Councillor has voted to approve this planning proposal.”

Once the community and stakeholder consultation phase has been completed a report will go back to Council and submissions made by members of the public and various state government agencies including Roads and Maritime Services will be reviewed.

As Council has not been authorised to be the local plan making authority it will forward its recommendations on the planning proposal to the NSW Government.

The proposal will then be determined by the NSW Government.

“Despite being a part of the planning process, the City of Ryde ultimately has no power to reject or approve the planning proposal and associated development applications,” Cllr Laxale said.

The planning proposal and voluntary planning agreement are on public exhibition for 28 days from 24 October 2018 to 21 November 2018.

The planning proposal can be viewed at City of Ryde Customer Service Centre, Council's North Ryde office and Council's libraries during the public exhibition period. It can also be viewed online at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay).

The community is also invited to attend to attend drop-in information sessions to discuss the planning proposal with planning staff between 10am and 2pm Wednesdays and Fridays at the City of Ryde Customer Service Centre and 10am and 2pm Mondays and Thursdays at Council's North Ryde office.

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