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Mick Gentleman
Minister for Planning and Land Management

by email: gentleman@act.gov.au

Dear Minister Gentleman,

I write on behalf of the Belconnen Community Council Committee and our members relating to the Kippax Centre and the amendments requested to the Kippax Group Centre Master Plan by the owners and Elton Consulting, who led those discussions on behalf on the Stramarcos family. It has been over a year since the “consultation” process with the community concluded and residents, tenants and workers are no clearer as to the outcome.

In particular, our BCC Committee attended the Community Reference Panel chaired by EPSD Director General Ben Ponton and the expectation was built that we would see results and a potential outcome by October 2018. To date, the silence has been deafening.

We appreciate the significant time and effort ACT Government staff have invested in this process from the development of the draft plan in 2015 right through to the Community Reference Group and final feedback last year; their dedication to a robust and transparent process has been greatly appreciated and highly valued. But the community now requires answers to the questions we put through the CRG and general feedback.

We would appreciate being briefed on where the current process is up to, what the outcome of the green space behind Kippax Fair is likely to be and what that involves, plus the impact and amendments to the Group Centre Plan.

We invite you to attend one of our next General meetings to assure our community that this process is being finalised (or has been completed) and a list of our meetings is attached for your convenience.

I look forward to hearing from you soon and continuing our strong relationship with the ACT Government and your Directorate.

Kind regards,

Glen Hyde
Chair, Belconnen Community Council
12 March 2019