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Dear Mr Butler

Thank you for your correspondence of 27 September 2023 concerning community infrastructure in Ginninderry.

I am pleased there is active engagement between the Ginninderry Joint Venture (Ginninderry JV) and the Belconnen Community Council. It is important that key organisations in the Belconnen region maintain a close working relationship.

Ginninderry's [Current Masterplan](#) – approved in 2015 – considers a single location for shops, denoted as 'Market Centre'. Aligning this intention to the [Staging Plan](#), this amenity was first earmarked for delivery between 2023 and 2032, or when there are between 4,680 and 12,480 residents. It is worth noting that Ginninderry currently has approximately 1,800 residents and no fewer than six shopping centres within a 10 minute drive, with an IGA in Holt as close as a four-minute drive. I appreciate your point regarding the status of some of these facilities but am also aware of proposed redevelopments that will enhance services to Belconnen residents.

Due to a review of the masterplan, I understand that Ginninderry's approach to retail amenities has shifted since 2015 to deliver multiple local centres, as well as a Market Centre. During community consultation for the Strathnairn School Site between February and March 2022, an adjoining block

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on the corner of McClymont Way and Road 150 was identified as a Local Centre. Residents' feedback was that a local centre should not be situated on that site.

As such, the Ginninderry JV reviewed available sites and determined that an alternative site on Pro Hart Avenue, on the border of Macnamara and Strathnairn was better suited to service community needs. The identification of this site for the purposes of a Local Centre has been considered within the [Macnamara EDP2 Development Application](#), a topic that I understand was covered at the July 2023 Belconnen Community Council Meeting. As communicated at that meeting, the Ginninderry JV is required to follow due process with respect to the planning and construction approvals. considering those timeframes, a Local Centre would be expected to be operational no sooner than the end of 2026.

In relation to your comment regarding the upgrades of the Spofforth Street Intersection, I have been advised that the works commenced construction in October for completion by the end of 2023.

I hope this information is useful and thank the Belconnen Community Council for your advocacy for our community.

Yours sincerely



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