

Amendment prepares for residential growth

Council has adopted the South Gippsland Planning Scheme Amendment C65 at the intersection of Gibson Street and Shingler Street, Leongatha, providing a much needed boost to the town's residential land supply.

The Amendment will now be submitted to Minister for Planning, The Hon. Richard Wynne MP, for approval.

The Amendment proposes to rezone 12ha at 77 Gibson Street, Leongatha from Farming Zone (FZ) to General Residential Zone (GRZ1). It will also apply a Development Plan Overlay (DPO) to approximately 60 ha of land covering the rezoned area and land adjoining to the south and west which is in the same ownership.

The DPO is to be applied to the entire area identified as 'Urban Expansion' on the western boundary of the township in the 'Leongatha Framework Plan' in the Planning Scheme. Two Environmental Significance Overlays will be removed from the land and their requirements included in the provisions of the DPO Schedule.

The Amendment was exhibited for a month, ending on 31 August 2015. There were 17 submissions received of which 12 objected to aspects of the development, focussing on subdivision design and development contributions. Council resolved at its Ordinary Council Meeting in October last year to refer the submissions to an Independent Planning Panel. The Panel Hearing was held on 5 February 2016 where members recommended Council adopt the amendment as it is consistent with the Leongatha Framework Plan.

Director of Development Services, Bryan Sword said "The land has been identified for many years as an area suitable for residential development - providing the opportunity for long term and staged residential growth."

Photo caption: Amendment C65 Subject Land - Rezoning and Development Plan Overlay areas at the intersection of Gibson and Shingler Street, Leongatha.

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