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Residents to have a say on 20 year vision for urban renewal

A new community engagement website has been launched to gain input on the design principles for a 20 year master plan for the Bentleigh East Industrial Precinct.

The website is an initiative of three major owners of industrial and commercially zoned land adjacent to East Boundary Road, Bentleigh East.

The initial consultation phase will seek community input at the very beginning of the master plan process by asking residents to provide input into the future design principles for the precinct.

The new approach follows community and Glen Eira Council feedback on an earlier proposal to rezone part of site (the Virginia Park Business Centre) which Council rejected from proceeding to a Planning Panel review earlier in 2015.

“By the property owners joining together a comprehensive and long term vision for the Precinct can be developed,” said Kris Daff, Director of MAKE property group, one of the major property owners.

“The first thing we are asking the public is to become aware of what is currently happening at the precinct. The employment-hub status of the precinct is in decline with a cornerstone factory on the site closing. Generally the precinct lacks the necessary amenity and mixed use to support modern business and community needs.

“We are asking the community to consider how the site can better integrate with the surrounding land uses, be more accessible to the surrounding community and meet the needs of the changing demographics of the area.

“We welcome and actively encourage any resident, business or interested party to let us know their views and get involved with the process to develop the master plan,” Mr Daff said.

The website provides background on the project including current uses, demographic trends, planning provisions and the stages planned for public consultation.

Input on design principles is being sought through early 2016.

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About the East Village project

The East Village project is a community engagement initiative by three major property owners of industrial and commercially zoned land in Bentleigh East: The Gillon Group, MAKE property group and the Abacus property group.