

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Draft design principles released for public comment**

The owners of the East Village precinct have released the draft design principles for the development of a 20 year masterplan for the Bentleigh East industrial area for public comment.

Kris Daff, Director of MAKE property group, one of the property owners said the draft design principles reflect community and stakeholder feedback on the future of the East Village precinct collected during December 2015 to February 2016.

“The East Village masterplan is being developed in a number of stages, each with the opportunity for community input. We are encouraging the community to review and comment on the draft design principles,” Mr Daff said.

The principles consist of the following points:

1. Provide a sustainable employment hub for the future.
2. Connect new and existing communities through green spaces, public uses and better access to existing open spaces.
3. Mixed land uses to meet changing demographic needs, to facilitate new forms of employment, housing and community service opportunities.
4. Develop appropriate interfaces and transitions between the evolving site and surrounding community.
5. Integrate the need for education and community facilities.
6. Encourage traffic flows to main roads and away from adjacent residential areas.
7. Staged development of the precinct to match community needs and priorities.

A detailed outline of the draft principles along with the feedback from the first phase of consultation can be found at [www.eastvillagemasterplan.com.au](http://www.eastvillagemasterplan.com.au). Included with the draft design principles are details of how these will translate into how the precinct may ultimately look.

“The draft design principles are available for comment until early April. We welcome any and all input,” Mr Daff said.

There are several ways to provide input. Post a public comment at [www.eastvillagemasterplan.com.au](http://www.eastvillagemasterplan.com.au) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/eastvillagemasterplan](http://www.facebook.com/eastvillagemasterplan) or email [information@eastvillagemasterplan.com.au](mailto:information@eastvillagemasterplan.com.au).

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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.