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Second-round community 'drop-ins' & preliminary design concepts announced

The owners of the East Village precinct have today announced the second-round of community drop-in events and released the preliminary site design concepts for public review (www.eastvillagemasterplan.com.au).

Two community drop-in sessions are open to all residents and interested parties:

- Wednesday, 22 June 6-8pm
- Saturday, 25 June 2-4pm

The sessions will be held at 18 North Drive, 236-262 East Boundary Road, Bentleigh East.

Kris Daff, Director of MAKE property group, one of the property owners said the draft design concepts have been developed taking into account community and stakeholder feedback on the future of the East Village precinct collected since the consultation program started in December 2015.

"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 preliminary design concepts," Mr Daff said.

The site concepts cover the following points:

1. Site accessibility for vehicles and managing car parking.
2. Connecting communities through green spaces and public uses.
3. Management of interfaces and transitions.
4. Creating a community heart for a mixed use precinct.
5. Developing a sustainable 21st employment hub.
6. Diverse residential uses as a transition to the wider community.

A detailed outline of the preliminary concepts along with the feedback from the previous phases of consultation can be found at www.eastvillagemasterplan.com.au. Included with the draft design concepts are details of how these will translate into how the precinct may ultimately look.

"The draft design concepts are available for comment until the end of July. 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 or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/eastvillagemasterplan or email 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.