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MEDIA RELEASE

MANNINGHAM CONTINUES TO ENGAGE DONCASTER HILL LOCAL DEVELOPERS

Manningham Council is taking an active role in facilitating future development on Doncaster Hill by engaging local developers through initiatives such as the Local Developer Breakfast Forum, held on Friday 12 October.

Manningham Mayor, Cr Ron Kitchingman was impressed with the attendance of 11 developers at the Forum, an indication of the willingness of key Doncaster Hill stakeholders to work in partnership with Council.

“Following on from the successful Forum in July, Council continues to work closely with local developers to progress the implementation of the Doncaster Hill Strategy in a planned and sustainable way,” he said.

The Doncaster Hill Strategy is a 20 year vision for the development of an urban village that will provide a civic, cultural, recreational and social centre for the City of Manningham.

“More than 8,000 additional residents will be attracted to Doncaster Hill and will have a choice of medium to high density residential housing in a location that has supporting infrastructure, such as community and cultural facilities, medical services, public transport and accessible retail areas,” Cr Kitchingman said.

Westfield Development Executive, Justin Krzywokulski, presented a comprehensive project update on the \$600 million transformation of Westfield Doncaster at the Breakfast Forum.

Justin reported that key sections of the external structure are now completed and by January 2008 Westfield will be in a position to hand over to Coles and Safeway supermarkets to commence fit-out ahead of their planned April openings.

“As part of our commitment to environmental sustainability, more than 63,000 tonnes of material, at a rate in excess of 90 per cent, from the demolition and construction works have been recycled to date.

“The redevelopment is progressing well and in October 2008 the new-look Centre will be home to 400 retailers and the multi-screen Village Cinemas complex,” Mr Krzywokulski said.

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