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### LOCALE FORESTVILLE DEVELOPMENT

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT - STAGE 2

Major Projects & Pipeline







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### **Executive Summary**

This Engagement Report covers Stage 2 of the Community Engagement, on the draft Master Plan for the Locale Forestville development in November-December 2022.

On behalf of the State Government, Renewal SA purchased the former Le Cornu site at 10 Anzac Highway in November 2020. Through an Expression of Interest, the Locale Consortium was appointed the developer to create a truly sustainable, innovative and connected precinct that is integrated and sympathetic to adjoining residential land uses.

The State Government had not undertaken any Community Engagement activities regarding the Forestville site prior to its purchase.

Community Engagement for the master planning of the Forestville site is a three-step process:

- Stage 1 (completed) to enable Renewal SA to understand the community's connection and
  interest to the area and any concerns community members may have regarding the development –
  which helped the Consortium to draft the Master Plan;
- **Stage 2 (completed)** public consultation by the Locale Consortium and Renewal SA in partnership, on the draft Master Plan and,
- Stage 3 Public notification through the development assessment process.

Stage 2 Community Engagement occurred from 19 November – 11 December 2022 with a community drop-in session on 19 November at the Brick Dairy Pavilion, Wayville Showgrounds and online engagement through Social Pinpoint throughout the engagement period. The Drop-in session provided the community with an opportunity to meet the Project Partners, view and discuss the Master Plan panel display and provide feedback and indicate support via post-it notes and voting dots. The display was mirrored online using an interactive map and mini-surveys.

Over 110 local Community members attended the Community Drop-in session and provided their feedback via approximately 260 post-it notes and more 330 dots across the draft Master Plan core elements. During the engagement period 534 people visited the Locale Forestville Social Pinpoint site with 37 submitting feedback in the form of 98 survey responses to the mini-surveys covering the Master Plan core elements. The draft Master Plan core elements were: education & employment, market square, open space, central park, residential and movement. Movement was further segregated into 3 themes: vehicle, cycle and pedestrian, access and car parking and public transport.

### **Engagement Feedback**

Community feedback from Stage 2 confirmed the earlier feedback from Stage 1 in that, over-all there is support for the project vision, while there are also some concerns.

Across the engagement, community members' feedback showed strong support for the market square, central park and education and employment.

Key concerns at the Community Drop-in session – expressed both in the conversations with team members and in the feedback summitted – focused on movement (mainly traffic, parking and access), building heights and density, and access to and increasing open/green space.



Throughout the Social Pinpoint feedback recurring themes in every category (irrespective of the topic) included: traffic, parking, access/egress, safety, building heights/density, overlooking/overshadowing and open/green space.

The following statements are indicative of comments expressing support for the draft Master Plan

- Exciting! Can't wait will elevate Forestville!! Only concern is the traffic on Leah St
- Long overdue development for the area. There is now an opportunity to 'get this right' and be a leader in how inner city living should be now and into the future
- Excellent 21st Century mix of purposes
- Creating a truly integrated and connected community is fantastic
- It's a very exciting vision and I'm pleased to see community engagement as part of the process

Following in summary, is the feedback for each of the draft Master Plan core elements.

#### **Education and employment**

Supportive comments focused on the potential benefits of the education component including opportunities for young people, site activation, supporting the retail and partnerships with the supermarket. Concerns and questions focused on the long-term sustainability of the Urban Farm, student selection process, qualification and employment opportunities. Suggestion was made for linking with TAFE.

#### **Market Square**

Supportive comments cited potential benefits including improving services, amenity and convenience for locals, creating a community feel, vibrancy and activation and quality options for food and accommodation. Most concerns focused on potential negative impacts on the adjacent community, in particular, residential on and around Leader St, citing traffic flow, access/egress and parking and safety. Noise, building heights and infrastructure requirements were also concerns. Several suggestions were made to limit/overcome the perceived impacts and enhance the precinct.

#### **Open Space**

The inclusion of open space was strongly supported in principle as a core element of the draft Master Plan. However, both at the Drop-in session and online, concerns and questions raised mainly focused on views that there is a need to increase the open green space available across the site at ground level to be accessible for the community and concern of open space being overshadowed by the larger buildings proposed for the site.

From a selection of nine options of features for the open space areas, trees and shade was the top feature community members supported both at the Drop-in session and online. Indigenous plantings was the next most popular online, with Public shelters and seating and Lawn picnic area/kick-about space equal third. At the Drop-in session, Lawn picnic area/kick-about space was the second most popular option and outdoor seating for cafes and retail third.

Suggestions included developing a 'ground level' green nature corridor across the site, plantings to create wildlife habitat, including integrated wetland and interwoven bike path, water as feature for children's play and wildlife and an off-lead dog park.



#### **Central Park**

While supportive for the Central Park, there was a strong view that it is too small. The low percentage of open space within the Unley Council area and needs of both the planned residential community and adjacent community were key reasons cited. Concerns included overshadowing by the surrounding buildings and the need to provide for apartment residents' pets were also raised. Suggestions included ideas for increasing the size by reconfiguring of roads and residential buildings, and designing it for passive uses based on its size.

#### Residential

Supportive feedback focused strongly on sustainability in design, building materials, renewable energy, recycling and inclusion of affordable housing options. Concerns and questions focused on the residential development impacts on local residents including: parking, increased traffic, access/egress, building heights (overlooking/overshadowing), density and infrastructure requirements.

At the Drop-in session, there was a strong view by Community members that 6-8 storeys was too high, particularly adjacent to Leader St. Many online respondents expressed the view that there are too many dwellings proposed for the site and insufficient open space for these dwellings. However, some respondents supported higher density and higher building heights if it increased ground level open green space.

Several suggestions were made to address the building heights, make the residential precinct a walkable community and encourage home ownership over investors. Completing Brownhill Creek flood works ahead of Locale Forestville construction was also suggested.

#### Movement

Most of the feedback for movement expressed concerns and raised questions regarding impacts on existing residents in adjacent streets, primarily Leader and Leah Streets, and First, Second and Third Avenues. Respondents referenced current difficulty of accessing the area, traffic congestion and safety concerns for cyclists and pedestrians. The train level crossing on Leader St was also mentioned as a contributor to traffic congestion.

#### Movement - Vehicle, cycle and pedestrian

Support was mainly for the walking and cycling connections proposed within the site while raising concerns about current pedestrian and cyclist safety in the area and making many suggestions for improving safety and connectivity.

Leader St was deemed to be at vehicle capacity.

Suggestions focusing on vehicle movement ranged from restricting vehicle access/egress to the site to Maple Ave (not Leader St) and reviewing and improving traffic safety along Leader St to enabling people to use active transport and public transport.

There were many ideas suggested for pedestrian and cyclist movement, including ideas about shared streets within the site and improvements to local streets.

#### Movement - Access and car parking

The community had mixed views on the plans presented. Supportive feedback referenced plans to calm vehicle traffic within the site, the amount of underground parking and plans to minimise impacts on adjacent residential streets. However, most of the feedback expressed concerns and raised questions regarding



impacts on existing residents in adjacent streets. Current difficulty of accessing the area, traffic congestion and safety concerns were all raised. Views were mixed on the amount of the car parking provided onsite with argument made for mixed use walkable development prioritising walking and cycling over vehicles.

Community suggestions included limiting access/egress from Anzac Hwy and Maple Ave for all vehicles, limiting access to the site by service vehicles to business hours, traffic calming and ideas for access by foot or bicycle.

#### Movement – Public transport

There was general support for there being access to and use of public transport from this site. Supportive feedback focused on the benefits of existing services in particular, Anzac Hwy buses. There were mixed views on the adequacy of existing services. Concerns included difficulty of accessing Anzac Hwy buses from the site, buses being full at peak time or 'express', distance and safety issues for accessing the tram or train. Many suggestions were made to improve and access services including: increasing bus stops and frequency, Anzac Hwy pedestrian overpass, walking path western side of the railway and provision of a local shuttle service.

#### Any other feedback

Participants were asked if there was anything else they wished to comment on that hadn't been addressed. Both online and Drop-in session feedback to this question focused on several recurring topics expressed in response to the draft Master Plan core elements and included suggestions to improve traffic movement, pedestrian safety and encourage cycling. Supported was also expressed for social housing and engaging with First Nations peoples.

Four written submissions received reflected the same themes, concerns and questions as the online engagement and Drop-In session. One also raised concerns for local businesses in Maple Ave, with parking an ongoing issue for traffic flow, access and safety and the need for rigorous site works to manage the impacts of construction (particularly vehicle movement and dust).

It was suggested this could be an exemplary opportunity for planting deep rooted trees managed with water collected from the surrounding buildings.

#### **Feedback via Member for Badcoe**

Local community members also provided feedback to Jayne Stinson MP, Member for Badcoe via her electoral office. Ms Stinson, who also attended and participated in the Drop-in session, provided a formal submission to Renewal SA expressing the views of her community, outlining and detailing their key concerns.

Ms Stinson included the results of both recent surveys she conducted in relation to the development since plans were announced by the Consortium (refer separate Appendix to this report for full community feedback) and noted that this feedback complements the feedback she received from constituents verbally, via social media and via letters and emails.

Based on the feedback, Ms Stinson concluded that there is a moderate to high level of support in her community for the Locale development. Although not universal, most locals feel that the proposed mixed-use development is an appropriate use.

Ms Stinson noted that there is strong support for:

• The addition of a public park to the plans



- The Green School by Youth Inc
- Extensive underground carparking for customers and residents
- · Chapley's Foodland a high-quality South Australian retailer
- Piazza-style central area
- Rooftop gardens and the Urban Farm.

Ms Stinson also noted that there are questions and requests for further information from residents about:

- Heights exceeding zone limits on Leader Street
- The hotel-style short-term accommodation
- The Green School run by Youth Inc
- Traffic volume and management especially at peak times
- Access to Locale's underground parking by the public.

Ms Stinson also advised that, from the feedback she received, there are three main areas of concern to local residents in relation to the current plans.

- 1) Non-compliant building heights along Leader Street, Forestville
- 2) Traffic congestion
- 3) Green space and tree canopy

Ms Stinson details Badcoe constituents' concerns for these three main topics in her submission (refer separate Appendix document). Ms Stinson's submission complements the feedback received from community members by Renewal SA and the Consortium. Ms Stinson's submission has been provided in full to the Consortium.

### **Next Steps**

All feedback collected from Stage 2 Community Engagement has been provided to the Locale Consortium to help guide the finalisation of the Master Plan for the Forestville development.

Feedback received which falls outside the scope of the Forestville Development area has been noted and is being provided to the relevant government department/agency – Councils (City of Unley and City of West Torrens), Department of Infrastructure and Transport, Commonwealth Department of Defence, SA Health and Department for Education.

The Locale Consortium will be responsible for and manage future community engagement. This includes public notification through the development assessment process and, following refinement and completion of the Master Plan, key stakeholder and community engagement throughout the construction period – covering the delivery of critical infrastructure, the residential development works and the commercial development works.









### FORESTVILLE DEVELOPMENT SITE







#### REPORT PURPOSE

This Engagement Report by Renewal SA outlines the process and results of Stage 2 of the Community Engagement for the development at 10 Anzac Highway Forestville (also referred to as the Locale Forestville site). The engagement was undertaken from 19 November – 11 December 2022 consisting of a Community Drop-in session on 19 November and also offering an online engagement opportunity throughout the engagement period via digital engagement platform Social Pinpoint.

The main purpose of this report is to analyse the key findings and themes identified from community feedback regarding the Locale Forestville draft Master Plan and provide them to the Locale Consortium to help guide the finalisation of the Master Plan for the Forestville development.

In preparing this engagement report the following methodology was adopted:

- Collation of voting, comments and feedback received at the Community Drop-in session on 19 November 2022
- Collation of survey responses received online via Social Pinpoint
- Collation of written submissions
- Identification and analysis of key findings and feedback themes, indicative support for the Master Plan core elements being education & employment, market square, open space, central park, residential and movement
- Summary of the outcomes of the engagement and recommendations for the next steps
- Analysis of how the engagement process met the project partners' (Locale Consortium and Renewal SA) engagement objectives.

#### PROJECT BACKGROUND

As the South Australian Government's leading urban development agency, Renewal SA coordinates, develops and delivers projects and initiatives through its people and collaborative partnerships for the benefit of all South Australians.

On behalf of the State Government, Renewal SA purchased the former Le Cornu site at 10 Anzac Highway in November 2020. Through an Expression of Interest, the Locale Consortium was appointed the developer to create a truly sustainable, innovative and connected precinct that is integrated and sympathetic to adjoining residential land uses.

The primary frontage of the site is Anzac Highway (130m), with additional significant frontages to Leader Street and Maple Avenue. It is well connected to the Adelaide CBD by public transport including the Adelaide Showgrounds Railway Station and close to the Belair, Flinders and Seaford Railway line and only a short distance to the Park Lands and Glenelg's beach.

The project will be guided by the Principles and Objectives of the Green Star Communities Framework, part of the Development Agreement Locale Consortium and Renewal SA entered in June 2022.

The vision for the Locale Forestville is to create a truly dynamic, inclusive community where people can live, work, socialise, shop, eat and learn, but most importantly connect. Key features will include:

- A **Market Square** with Locale store (full line supermarket) open-air cafes, eateries and specialist retailers
- 30% publicly accessible green and open space
- Rooftop Urban Farm practising regenerative agriculture and tended by students from the Urban Green School



- Youth Inc. operative Urban Green School where students will learn about sustainable food production, urban farming and business skills
- 305 **High-quality apartments and terrace houses**, providing housing for varying life stages and lifestyles
- Short-stay apartments and commercial uses to cater for tourism, corporate and wellbeing sectors
- **Employment opportunities** estimated 900 direct and indirect jobs during construction plus 500 ongoing across retail, services, education and hospitality.





### FORESTVILLE TIMELINE - KEY DATES

Key Milestone dates for the Forestville Development

Activity	
Renewal SA Community Engagement Stage 1	2021
Renewal SA select Consortium Vision & Concept Master Plan	2021-2022
Refine Concept Master Plan working with Stakeholders	Jun-Dec 2022
Preliminary review Master Plan with Renewal SA	Sept 2022
Community Engagement Stage 2	Nov 2022
Final Master Plan endorsement by Renewal SA	Mid 2023
<ul> <li>Land Division (retail super lot/residential allotments)</li> <li>Building (retail/residential)</li> <li>Public notification of Development Application</li> </ul>	Mid 2023
Commence construction	2024
First residents	2025
Open Market Square	2026

<sup>\*</sup>Note the above project timeline is indicative only and may be subject to change



#### **ENGAGEMENT**

#### ENGAGMENT BACKGROUND

The State Government had not undertaken any Community Engagement activities regarding the Forestville site prior to its purchase by Renewal SA in late 2020.

Prior to 2021 Jayne Stinson MP, Member for Badcoe had conducted surveys independently regarding the Forestville site, with approximately 800 responses. In August 2022, Ms Stinson verbally advised Renewal SA of a number of local issues raised by local constituents following some 900 respondents to a personally conducted survey from Ms Stinson's office following several letterbox drops to the area. Brief summary of that advise to Renewal SA is included in the Stage 1 Forestville Engagement Report.

#### KEY STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

At various times Renewal SA has engaged – principally through meetings and ongoing correspondence with the following directly-impacted stakeholders: City of Unley, City of West Torrens, Infrastructure SA, Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT), Commonwealth Department of Defence (owner of the Keswick Barracks).

Renewal SA engaged with the State member for Badcoe, Ms Jayne Stinson, in August 2021 and also briefed her ahead of the announcement of the appointment of the Consortium. She was also briefed ahead of the second stage of community consultation.

Renewal SA briefed Elected Members from both the City of Unley and the City of West Torrens as part of Stage 1 Community engagement for the Forestville site. The Consortium also briefed Elected Members of the City of Unley in July 2022, shortly after its appointment as the successful developer for the site, and again in September 2022.

The Forestville development is a partnership between the public and private sectors, with Renewal SA and the Consortium working together and with City of Unley and its residents regarding how the new development will progress.

#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Renewal SA is committed to ensuring that key stakeholders, and the local community are engaged as part of the planning and design process for the Forestville development.

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- Stage 3 Public notification through the development assessment process.



Community feedback from Stage 1 engagement in Jul/Aug 2021 revealed that, over-all there is support for the project vision, while there are also concerns. The large amount of feedback demonstrated the strong community interest in the future development and detailed knowledge of the local area by community members. Wide-ranging interest across a broad range of themes including: green and open space, mixed-use, residential, traffic/parking, density, design and sustainability.

Feedback received from the online engagement helped the development of the Locale Forestville draft Master Plan on which community feedback was sought through the Stage 2 community engagement.

#### STAGE 2 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community engagement by the Locale Consortium and Renewal SA in partnership, on the draft Master Plan commenced in November 2022 with:

- **Letterbox drop of post-card invitation** to approximately 2400 business and residential properties in the suburbs of Forestville, Everard Park, Goodwood, Keswick and Ashford
- **eDM to database** of approximately 350 people who have subscribed to kept updated on the Forestville development
- Website (Renewal SA) with links from the City of Unley and City of West Torrens
- **Printed copies of the invitation** in various Council venues visited by community members (civic centre, library, community centre etc)
- Email to State and Federal elected members and to both Councils
- By the Member for Badcoe (Ms Jayne Stinson) via her social media to her electorate and media story

The community invitation (in eDM post card format) invited the local community to participate in the engagement activities for the Locale Forestville draft Master Plan, being Community Drop-in session on 19 November 2022 (Brick Dairy Pavilion, Wayville Showgrounds) and/or online through Social Pinpoint (Refer Appendices for map of letterbox drop engagement area and community invitation post card).

Renewal SA used an online engagement platform during November 19 – December 11 2022 (<a href="https://renewalsa.mysocialpinpoint.com/forestville-locale/map#/">https://renewalsa.mysocialpinpoint.com/forestville-locale/map#/</a>) to seek feedback via Renewal SA's Forestville Social Pinpoint site – Map and mini-surveys, where community members were able to;

- View all the display content from the Community Drop-in session
- View the Locale Forestville Master Plan as a 'map' detailing each element with information, images or illustrations
- Provide feedback, including indicating 'levels of support' on areas of interest via mini-surveys on the Locale Forestville Master Plan elements including Education & Employment, Market Square, Open Space & Central Park, Residential and Movement



#### **ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES**

The Locale Consortium and Renewal SA identified and agreed to the following desired outcomes from Stage 2 Community and stakeholder engagement:

- The Consortium and Renewal SA gain a clear understanding of the community's views towards project decisions
- The final Master Plan benefits from engagement input towards key elements
- Stakeholders and community have a clear understanding of how their input has been used, and of the next steps
- Stakeholders and community have been provided with clear and timely information at all stages of the engagement process
- Concerns and issues have been proactively managed, and risks mitigated
- Relationships and trust continue to be built with the local community

#### **Engagement Participation**

The community engagement attracted:

- Over 110 local community members to the Community Drop-in session
- Approximately 260 post-it notes and more than 330 voting dots used during the Drop-in session
- Over 530 visits to the Social Pinpoint Locale Forestville site
- 37 participants contributing feedback via online surveys
- Nearly 100 mini-survey responses
- Four written submissions





#### **ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES - COMMUNITY**

#### Community Drop-in session – Brick Dairy Pavilion – Wayville Showgrounds November 19, 2022

Over 110 local community members (refer map below) attended the Community Drop-in session (held at the Brick Dairy Pavilion at Wayville Showgrounds) including State member for Badcoe and an Unley Council ward member.

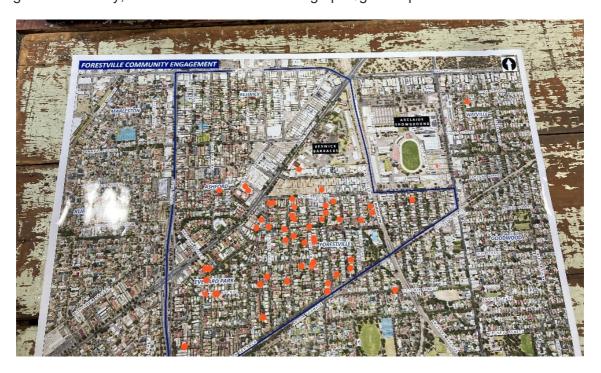
The Drop-in session was staffed by Locale Consortium representatives (from Commercial Retail Group and PEET) and Renewal SA project team members.

Participants attending the session were:

- Invited to view and provide feedback on the draft Locale Forestville Master Plan
- Meet and hear from Project partners the Consortium members and Renewal SA
- Invited to view and learn how to provide feedback online via the Social Pinpoint site until December 11, 2022.

Approximately 260 post-it notes, and more than 330 dots were used by community members – across the draft Master Plan core elements: market square, residential, open space and central park, education and employment and movement. Community members' feedback showed strong support for the market square, central park and education and employment.

Key concerns at the Community Drop-in session focused on movement (mainly traffic, parking and access), building heights and density, and access to and increasing open/green space.





#### **Online Engagement Social Pinpoint**

Renewal SA is using Social Pinpoint, a widely used and successful online engagement tool, to collect community feedback on the draft Locale Forestville Master Plan.

Social Pinpoint has been used for public engagement successfully by many councils and government agencies (including Renewal SA) in Australia and globally.

**Social Pinpoint** is a map-based online engagement tool to collect community feedback and ideas. Social Pinpoint features include interactive maps, discussion walls, surveys and informative pages. It also enables online discussion through posted comments. Social Pinpoint is available 24/7, can be translated into over 100 languages and is accessible from both desktop and mobile devices.

Social Pinpoint link: https://renewalsa.mysocialpinpoint.com/forestville-locale

The map, survey and information page tools were used for the Locale Forestville online Community Engagement, and provided community members with an overview of the engagement process, relevant project background information and enabled participants to:

- View all the display content from the Community Drop-in session,
- View the Locale Forestville Master Plan as a map (below) detailing each element with information, images or illustrations
- Provide feedback, including indicating 'levels of support' on areas of interest via mini-surveys on the Locale Forestville Master Plan elements including Education & Employment, Market Square, Open Space & Central Park, Residential and Movement
- Provide additional feedback should they wish, including sharing feedback on their online engagement experience, anytime between 19 November and 11 December 2022.

If participants had questions, required further information or assistance, they were encouraged to approach the Renewal SA Engagement team via email at <a href="mailto:RenewalSA.Engagement@sa.gov.au">RenewalSA.Engagement@sa.gov.au</a> or by phone.





#### **Online Engagement Outcomes**

During the engagement period:

- ▼ 534 people (unique users) visited the Locale Forestville Social Pinpoint site.
- 37 people (unique stakeholders) submitted feedback in the form of 98 survey responses (including the same stakeholder providing multiple responses through the individual mini-surveys).
- Survey responses were distributed across the following categories

Survey Category	Submitted
Education & Employment	11
Mixed Use - Market Square	19
Residential	24
<ul> <li>Movement – specifically</li> <li>Vehicle, cycle &amp; pedestrian</li> <li>Access &amp; Public Car Parking</li> <li>Public Transport</li> </ul>	14
Open Space & Central Park - comprising 2 questions	22
Any other feedback - comprising 2 questions	8
Total	98

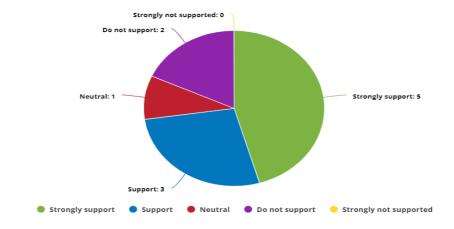
Throughout the Social Pinpoint feedback recurring themes in every category included: traffic, parking, access/egress, safety, building heights/density, overlooking/overshadowing and open/green space. Summary of that feedback has been included under the relevant area of the report.



#### **Education & Employment Survey**

Participants were asked to indicate their support for the proposed education element for the site. Eleven responses were received.

### Please let us know your level of support for education?



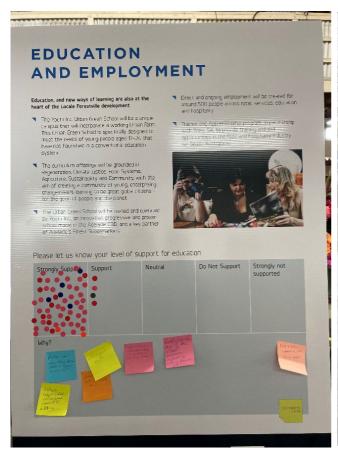
Online survey responses received for the **Education** component planned for the site indicated general support (8) with did not support (2) and neutral (1) responses recorded.

Comments supportive of Education focused on the potential benefits of including the education component, including: opportunities for young people, site activation, supporting the retail and partnership with the supermarket.

Concerns and questions raised focused on the long-term sustainability of the Urban Farm, student selection process, qualification, and employment opportunities. Suggestion was made for linking with TAFE.

Online support and comments aligned generally with the feedback received at the Locale Forestville Community Drop-in session, where all feedback received was strongly supportive (58) to supportive (4) for the inclusion of education on site.







Feedback received from the Drop-in session was supportive citing: it was a great idea, innovative, inspirational and involving and supporting different communities living and working in the local area.

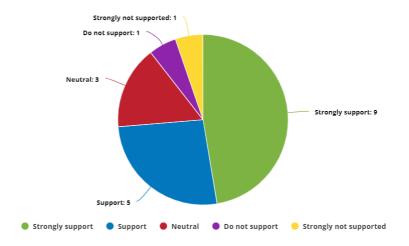
It was suggested to keep and retain connections with Kaurna peoples.



#### Mixed Use Survey

Participants were asked to indicate their support for the Market Square proposed for the mixed-use element of the site. Nineteen responses were received.

### Please let us know your level of support for the Market Square?



Online survey responses received for the **Market Square** planned for the mixed-use precinct of the site indicated general support (14) with unsupported (2) and neutral (3) responses recorded.

Comments supportive of the planned Market Square focused on the potential benefits, with respondents citing: improving services, amenity and convenience for locals, creating a community feel to the space, vibrancy and activation and quality options for food and accommodation.

Some concerns and questions were raised about the number of uses planned for the mixed-use precinct, with views expressed of it being overdeveloped. Most concerns focused on potential negative impacts of the development on the adjacent community, in particular the residential on and around Leader St, citing: traffic flow in local streets, access/egress to the site (including delivery vehicles/rubbish trucks) and parking.

Also raised as concerns were: noise during normal business hours, and potentially outside those because of the nature of the mixed use, building heights (overlooking/overshadowing by the short stay apartments at the interface with local streets) and infrastructure requirements (flooding/drainage).

Suggestions to limit/overcome perceived impacts from the mixed-use precinct included: limiting site access/egress to Maple St (particularly for delivery vehicles/rubbish trucks), funneling traffic to Leah St (connector road from Leader St to the surrounding suburb) and reducing heights.

Online support and comments aligned generally with the feedback received at the Locale Forestville Community Drop-in session, where the majority of feedback received for the planned Market Square was strongly supportive (59), supported (11), support/neutral (2), neutral (4) and do not support (1).







Drop-in session feedback also expressed support for the proposed supermarket integrated within the Market Square and similar concerns to the online feedback. It included the need for underground car parking, pedestrian safety and general safety at access/egress points.

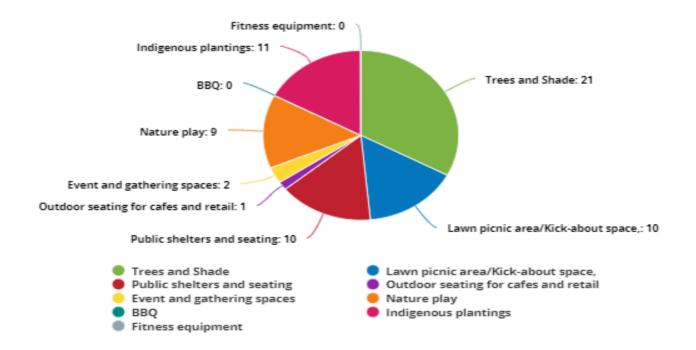
Suggestions at the Drop-in session included: enabling public art and performance opportunities, on site clean vehicle flexicar share and cycling infrastructure, review of parking restrictions and ensuring the site is fully accessible and inclusive (disability/limited mobility, child and dog friendly). Suggestions were also made for specific retail and commercial elements such as a post office and medical centre.



#### **Open Space & Central Park Surveys**

Participants were asked to indicate their support for the **Top 3 features** they would like to see included in the Open Space proposed the site. Twenty-two responses were received.

# What Top 3 features would you most like to see in the Open Space areas



Online survey responses received for the **Open Space** planned for the site indicated the following features as most popular: **Trees & Shade** (21), **Indigenous plantings** (11), **Public Shelters & Seating** (10), **Lawn picnic area/Kick-about space** (10), **Nature Play** (9), Event and gather spaces (2) and Outdoor seating for cafes and retail (1).

Comments received suggesting anything else for the Open Space focused on including developing a 'ground level' green nature corridor across the site, water as a feature for children's play and wildlife and an off-lead dog park for the area.

Concerns and questions raised mainly focused on views that there is a need to increase the open green space available across the site at ground level to be accessible for the community and concern of open space being overshadowed by the larger buildings proposed for the site.

Online support and comments aligned generally with the feedback received at the Locale Forestville Community Drop-in session where the most popular Open Space features were: **Trees & Shade** (69**), Lawn picnic area/Kick-about space** (35), **Outdoor seating for cafes and retail** (28), **Nature Play** (18), **Public Shelters & Seating** (17), Indigenous plantings (14), Events & gathering spaces (10.5), Fitness equipment (10.5) and BBQ (3).







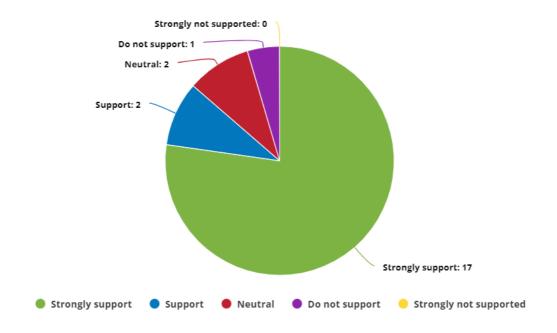
Drop-in session feedback received for the Open Space indicated strong support for more publicly accessible open space and suggesting plantings to create wildlife habitat, including integrated wetland and interwoven bike path, and open space for children.

Suggestions were also made to increase public space by putting residential parking underground and reducing car parking space to take advantage of public transport.



Participants were asked to indicate their level of support for the **Central Park** proposed for the site. Twenty-two responses were received.

# Please let us know your level of support for the Central Park (off Leader St)



Online survey responses received for the **Central Park** planned for the site indicated general support (19) with not supported (1) and neutral (2).

While supportive for the Central Park, comments received strongly focused on increasing the Central Park size, amount of ground level open space and trees across the site, due to the low percentage of open space within the Unley Council area and the need to provide recreational green space for physical and mental health.

Concerns about environmental impacts of buildings and people and the need to provide for residents' pets were also raised. Inclusion of large shade trees and native vegetation, and ideas for increasing the size of the park by reconfiguring roads and residential buildings were among suggestions by respondents.

Online support and comments aligned with the feedback received at the Locale Forestville Community Dropin session, where the feedback was strongly supportive (61) to supportive (5) for the Open Space planned for the site. Feedback also strongly focused on the Central Park and Open Space in general proposed, considered by the majority of participants as insufficient.







Feedback received from the Drop-in session for the Central Park overwhelmingly focused on increasing the Central Park as the proposed size (approximately 1,500 sqm) is considered too small, the need for space for existing, new residents (particularly in apartments) and children to meet and play. Concerns also raised overshadowing of the Central Park by the surrounding buildings, particularly in winter.

Suggestions were made to consider community food gardens, wading pool, playground and designing it for passive uses based on the proposed Central Park's size.



#### **Residential Survey**

Participants were asked to provide their feedback on the proposed **Residential** precinct for the site. Twenty-four responses were received.

Online feedback received for the **Residential** precinct planned for the site indicated general support. Comments received supportive of the planned Residential precinct included a strong emphasis on sustainability in housing design, orientation, use of quality building products, integrating recyclable and renewable energy principles, ensuring the exterior is different and attractive and the inclusion of affordable housing options.

Feedback with concerns and questions raised focused on the residential development impact on local residents, including: pressure on existing parking, insufficient parking planned, impact of increased traffic from the residential development, access/egress, building heights, density & overshadowing and infrastructure (floodwater and waste management) requirements. Noise from neighbouring businesses on Maple Ave was raised as a concern for the new residents.

Many respondents expressed the view that there are too many dwellings proposed for the site and insufficient open space for these dwellings. However, some respondents supported higher density and higher building heights if it increased ground level open green space.

Stepping back the building heights for the planned taller residential buildings on Leader St, completing the Brownhill Creek flood works ahead of Locale Forestville construction and ideas for encouraging home ownership over investors for the residential precinct were among suggestions made.

Online comments and support for the planned Residential precinct generally aligned with the feedback received at the Locale Forestville Community Drop-in session.







Over 60 post-it notes were received at the Drop-in session commenting on the Residential precinct. Supportive feedback focused strongly on incorporating green infrastructure and high-quality architectural design.

Concerns and questions for the proposed Residential precinct at the Drop-in session predominantly focused on traffic, parking and building heights (overlooking and overshadowing) with most considering 6-8 storeys too high. Views varied on the number of car parks thought appropriate per residential unit.

Suggestions included ideas to increase building heights in the northern section or remove some units to enable more open space, and ideas to create a 'walkable' residential precinct using retractable bollards, local area speed limits and underground parking.



#### **Movement Surveys**

Participants were asked to provide their feedback on **Movement** across the site. Feedback was sought on three areas

- Vehicle, cycle and pedestrian
- · Access and public car parking
- Public transport

Forty-two responses were received across Movement – 14 for each of the three areas.

Online feedback received for **Movement – Vehicle**, **Cycle and pedestrian** indicated mixed views on the plans presented.

Support was mainly for the walking and cycling connections proposed within the site while raising concerns about current pedestrian and cyclist safety in the area and making many suggestions for improving safety and connectivity.

However, most of the feedback expressed concerns about the plans and raised questions regarding impacts on existing residents in adjacent streets, primarily Leader and Leah Streets, and First, Second and Third Avenues. Respondents referenced current difficulty of accessing the area, traffic congestion and safety concerns for cyclists and pedestrians. The train level crossing on Leader St was also mentioned as a contributor to traffic congestion.

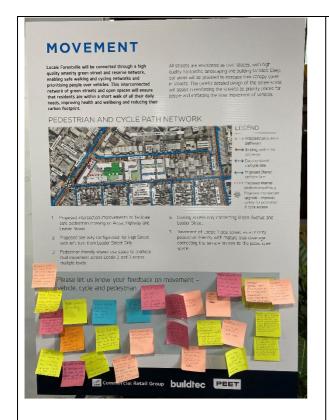
Leader St was deemed to be at vehicle capacity and First, Second and Third Aves were cited as dangerous for cyclists and pedestrians because of speeding cars and there being insufficient dedicated cycle/pedestrian pathway.

Suggestions focusing on vehicle movement included: further traffic calming infrastructure on Maple Ave, restricting vehicle access/egress to the site to Maple Ave (not Leader St), excluding vehicle access to the site and restricting access to car parking from Anzac Hwy and Leader St only, removing cars from the High St, conducting a traffic survey, improving traffic safety along Leader St and reviewing current intersections, and enabling people to use active transport and public transport.

Suggestions focusing on pedestrians and cyclist movement included: making streets within the site shared spaces/one-way/pedestrian and cyclist only, including more walking and cycling paths in and around the site (to reduce traffic), make cycling improvements to Leader St and adjoining local streets, include on-site bike parking facilities for residents and visitors, pedestrian crossing/bridge on Anzac Hwy (near Everard Ave) and shade trees on pedestrian paths including current pedestrian crossing Anzac Hwy.

Online support and comments aligned generally with the feedback received at the Locale Forestville Community Drop-in session, where the majority of feedback received was mixed for the Movement elements planned for the site.







Twenty-nine post-it notes were received at the Drop-in session commenting on the Movement - Vehicle, Cycle and Pedestrian element of the plan with the majority of feedback focused on concerns about current traffic issues surrounding the site including traffic volume (particularly at peak times), congestion, pressure on local roads/intersections and safety for pedestrian and cyclists.

Suggestions included review and improvements to all nearby intersections and access/egress points to site, traffic calming, dedicated walking/bike lanes and safer pedestrian crossings. Leader Street was highlighted as particularly problematic for all road users, compounded by the train level crossing, with suggestions including expanding the northside footpath to provide a generous and functional and green boulevard.



#### **Movement - Access and Car Parking**

Fourteen responses were received for this.

Online feedback received for **Movement – Access and Car Parking** indicated mixed views on the plans presented.

Comments supportive of the Master Plan element regarding access and car parking referenced plans to calm vehicle traffic within the site, the amount of underground parking and plans to minimize impacts on adjacent residential streets.

However, most of the feedback expressed concerns about the plans and raised questions regarding impacts on existing residents in adjacent streets, primarily Leader and Leah Streets, and First, Second and Third Avenues. Respondents referenced current difficulty of accessing the area, traffic congestion and safety concerns for cyclists and pedestrians. The train level crossing on Leader St was also mentioned as a contributor to traffic congestion.

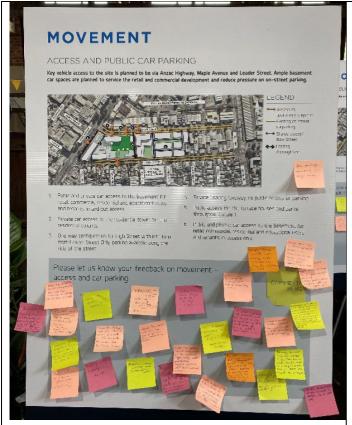
Concern was expressed about service vehicles accessing the site from Leader St, particularly outside of normal business hours. Potential for increased parking pressure in adjoining local streets was also raised and the question asked whether due to proximity to Showgrounds and Ashford Hospital, people would also use the Locale development as 'free' parking.

Mixed views were expressed regarding the amount of car parking provided onsite, from comments that it appears to be enough to minimise impacts on adjacent residential streets, to there being too many, which could encourage more cars and associated traffic impacts. The argument was made for mixed-use walkable development prioritising walking and cycling over vehicles.

Suggestions made included: limiting access/egress to the site from Anzac Hwy and Maple Ave – for all vehicles/service vehicles, traffic calming First, Second & Third Avenues (recommendation in Forestville Local Area Traffic Management study from several years ago), plan for plenty of bike parking including cargo bikes, prioritise access via foot or bicycle by removing footpaths and making all internal streets shared and limiting access to the site by service vehicles to business hours.

Online support and comments aligned with the feedback received at the Locale Forestville Community Drop-in session regarding access and car parking.







Twenty-five post-it notes were received at the Drop-in session, commenting on the access and car parking element of the plan, with the majority of feedback focused on parking, citing: not enough, supporting more underground parking (including all) and suggesting reviewing the parking provision for the residential precinct.

Current pressure on Leader St (particularly during peak hours) and concerns about the impact of development to Leader St/Maple Ave and other local streets from through-traffic, parking and access/egress points to the site was the other key area of feedback. A need for traffic management/calming for safety of all road users was also a concern.

Many suggestions were made to address issues including: key intersection turning restrictions, one-way roads, indented bus stops, and provision of cyclist/pedestrian lanes and facilities to improve access and safety for those users.



#### **Movement - Public Transport**

Fourteen responses were received for this.

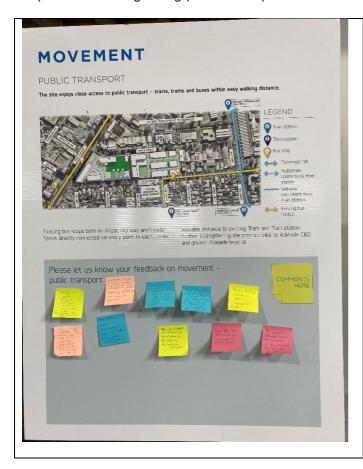
Online feedback received for **Movement – Public Transport** indicated general support for there being access to and use of public transport from this site.

Comments supportive of the Master Plan element regarding public transport focused on the benefits of existing services in particular Anzac Hwy buses and to a lesser extent trains and trams, expressing the view that these would be sufficient for the development.

Concerns and questions raised, however, mainly focused on the perceived inadequacies of existing services, including: difficulty of accessing Anzac Hwy buses from the site, buses being full at peak times or 'Express', too far to walk to the tram or train station at Wayville and safety issues for pedestrians at night accessing tram or train.

Suggestions made included: increasing the number of bus stops and service frequency, another pedestrian crossing on Anzac Hwy (north side of Leader St), Anzac Hwy pedestrian overpass, access to the station from the north east corner of the site (via access rd. owned by DIT), walking path on the western side of the railway to access the station and provision of local transport to shuttle residents between the site and public transport.

Online support and comments aligned with the feedback received at the Locale Forestville Community Drop-in session regarding public transport services.







Twelve post-it notes were received at the Drop-in session commenting on the public transport element of the plan, with views that current public transport needs to be improved through: increased frequency of public transport (with W90 bus & trams already full), improved access to the train station and improved bus stops. Respondents cited lengthy delays to traffic created by Leader St level train crossing and suggested an overpass.

Other suggestions to support public transport use included: secure bike locking at the train station, increase safety for pedestrians after dark and local council to provide a community bus to access the retail precinct.

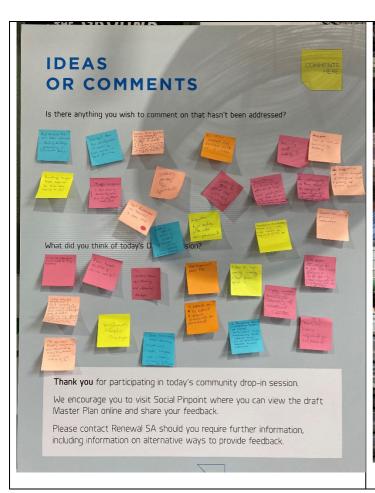


#### **Ideas or Comments**

Participants were asked 'is there anything you wish to comment on that hasn't been addressed'? Eight responses were received.

Online feedback received in response to this question focused on a several recurring topics expressed elsewhere in this report, and also included traffic management suggestions (closing off Third Ave, indenting bus stop 3 on Anzac Hwy to assist traffic flow along Anzac Hwy), pedestrian safety opportunities by installing a pedestrian bridge or underpass and the inclusion of bike parking on site, including cargo.

Online comments received for 'anything you wish to comment on that hasn't been addressed', generally aligned with the feedback received at the Locale Forestville Community Drop-in session with this feedback included within the relevant section of the Drop-in session feedback.





Twenty-six post-it notes were received at the Drop-in session commenting on anything else, raising issues mostly already mentioned including: existing traffic concerns (particularly for Leader St), access/egress points across the site, support for quality buildings with interesting sustainable design and concerns that building heights are too high, more green space is needed, and support expressed for social housing and engaging with local First Nations peoples.



Participants were asked to **tell us how they found using Social Pinpoint to provide your feedback**? Six responses were received.

Online feedback received in response to this question ranged from 'good' to 'atrocious', suggesting user experience varied according to the level of familiarity using Social Pinpoint (2<sup>nd</sup> time for the Forestville project), volume and Master Plan detail provided and feedback topics. Positive feedback was received on the support service provided by Renewal SA.

Online comments received for 'tell us how you found using Social Pinpoint to provide your feedback differed to the Locale Forestville Community Drop-in session question asked - being specifically about the physical Drop-in session - with this feedback more positive, citing: the session being friendly, informative, helpful, well-organised, the opportunity to feel heard and general excitement that the development is occurring. Suggestion made that continued engagement occur on the plans as they develop.

All feedback received on Social Pinpoint and from the Community Drop-in session is available in the Appendices document.

#### Did the outcomes from the engagement activities achieve the Objectives?

Engagement Outcomes	Feedback
Consult with local community members on the draft Locale Forestville Master Plan	Feedback from the engagement indicated local community members appreciated the opportunity to hear about, ask questions and provide feedback during Stage 2 engagement for the draft Locale Forestville Master Plan
Seek and capture community feedback on draft Master Plan core elements	Feedback from the engagement indicated local community members feel more informed and showed strong support for the market square, central park and education and employment core elements of the draft Master Plan
Enable community members to meet the Locale Consortium partners	The Drop-in session provided the community with access to meeting and discussing the draft Master Plan with Locale Consortium and Renewal SA team members. Many participants took this opportunity and spent considerable time talking with the team members
Manage queries and concerns	Feedback from engagement (concerns, issues and ideas) will be used to help guide the finalisation of the Master Plan for Locale Forestville



Positive feedback was received about the engagement process during the Community Drop-in session including verbal feedback that this was the best engagement event that they had attended and, they had not experienced engagement like this and, written feedback including

- Excellent session very welcoming and informative thank you
- Thanks for listening appreciate you can't please all!
- Very helpful session. But needs a follow-up after the next changes are made. Continuing feedback is needed when discussing such projects.

Feedback from online participants was mixed however, positive feedback was received on the support service provided by Renewal SA.

### Conclusions and recommendations

There was keen public interest in the Locale Forestville Master Plan with the majority of people engaged supportive and excited about the redevelopment of the site for a variety of uses.

Across the engagement, community members' feedback showed strong support for the market square, central park and education and employment.

Key concerns at the Community Drop-in session – expressed both in the conversations with team members and in the feedback summitted – focused on movement (mainly traffic, parking and access), building heights and density, and access to and increasing open/green space.

Throughout the online engagement feedback via Social Pinpoint, recurring themes in every category (irrespective of the topic) included: traffic, parking, access/egress, safety, building heights/density, overlooking/overshadowing and open/green space.

In refining and finalising the Master Plan, it is recommended that the Locale Consortium and its specialist consultants take note of all the feedback within this report and the Appendices and explore the viability of the many and varied ideas and suggestions made by community members based on their local knowledge of the area surrounding the site.

### Next steps

All feedback collected from Stage 2 Community Engagement has been provided to the Locale Consortium to help guide the finalisation of the Master Plan for the Forestville development.

Feedback received which falls outside the scope of the Forestville Development area has been noted and is being provided to the relevant government department/agency – Councils (City of Unley and City of West Torrens), Department of Infrastructure and Transport, Commonwealth Department of Defence, SA Health and Department for Education.

The Locale Consortium will be responsible for and manage future community engagement. This includes public notification through the development assessment process and, following refinement and completion of the Master Plan, key stakeholder and community engagement throughout the construction period – covering the delivery of critical infrastructure, the residential development works and the commercial development works.



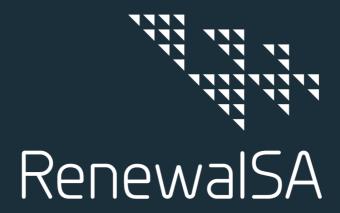
#### **Appendices List**

The following appendices are all contained within a separate document.

- Appendix 1 Engagement invitation to community informing of commencement of engagement process
- Appendix 2 Engagement Area map showing letterbox drop area for community invitation
- Appendix 3 Links to Forestville Social Pinpoint site and project webpage for Drop-in session display
- Appendix 4 How to use Social Pinpoint
- Appendix 5 Summary of all comments received at Drop-in session and on Social Pinpoint
- Appendix 6 Written submissions received by Renewal SA from community individuals and groups

A further appendix comprises the formal submission from the Member for Badcoe of community feedback she received through her own consultation.

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We acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the Lands throughout South Australia. We respect and support their spiritual relationship with Country and connection to their land, waters and community.

As an organisation that is passionate about creating a better future for all South Australians, we are committed to working with First Nations peoples to ensure Culture and Country is respected in everything we do and is represented through our people and projects.

