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COMMENTS SOUGHT ON PLANS FOR AREA 20

Development of a key precinct in Sydney's northwest has moved a step closer with the public invited to comment on a proposal to formally change the area's planning controls.

Minister for Planning, Tony Kelly, said proposed amendments to allow urban development in the 245 hectare precinct known as Area 20 are on exhibition until Friday 11 February 2011.

"We want the local community to have its say on Area 20's future development," the Minister said.

"Area 20 is planned as an extension to the growing suburb of Rouse Hill.

"It will have capacity for around 2,200 new homes and around 6,000 people – all within walking distance of the award-winning Rouse Hill Town Centre."

Member for Riverstone, John Aquilina, said it will also feature a light industrial zone capable of supporting around 450 jobs, as well as a new village centre.

"The Area 20 proposal includes a corridor to be preserved for any future extension of the North West Rail Link beyond Rouse Hill," Mr Aquilina said.

"This is important so in the future we can build transport infrastructure to support the needs of generations of Rouse Hill residents."

Public consultation is being sought on the proposal to amend the Growth Centres SEPP (State Environmental Planning Policy) to include development controls for Area 20 in the North West Growth Centre.

The exhibition documents can be viewed at www.growthcentres.nsw.gov.au or at:

- Vinegar Hill Memorial Library, 29 Main Street, Rouse Hill Town Centre;
- Blacktown City Council, 62 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown;
- Department of Planning, Level 5, 10 Valentine Avenue, Parramatta; and
- Department of Planning, 23 – 33 Bridge Street, Sydney.

Drop-in sessions will also be held at the Rouse Hill House & Farm, Guntawong Road, via Rouse Road, Rouse Hill, on the following dates:

- Thursday, 9 December Noon – 8pm
- Friday, 10 December 10am – 4pm
- Saturday, 11 December 10am – 2pm

A community information line has also been established on 1300 730 550.

Submissions can be sent to the Department of Planning at GPO Box 39, Sydney NSW 2001 or by email to community@planning.nsw.gov.au