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HILLS COMMUNITY URGED TO HAVE THEIR SAY ON THREE URBAN ACTIVATION PRECINCTS

Minister for Planning, Pru Goward today reminded Hills residents to go online and help inform planning for more jobs and homes around three North West Rail Link stations before Sunday 19 October.

Planning is underway for three precincts located within walking distance of Showground Bella Vista and Kellyville train stations that will help support 19,000 jobs and 12,000 homes over the next two decades.

Ms Goward said a second community survey was being rolled out to give Hills residents an opportunity to nominate the kind of facilities they want to support a vibrant Hills community.

“There is up to $15 million in funding for better local infrastructure to be invested across these three precincts,” Ms Goward said.

“This is the community’s chance to be involved at the ground floor of shaping what their neighbourhood will look like in the next two decades and help inform where that funding is spent.”

Member for Castle Hill, Dominic Perrottet said it was important for the Hills community to have their say on how the future UAPs were designed.

“The local population is growing – so these precincts are about ensuring people have access to a home, a job and a convenient way to get between the two,” Mr Perrottet said.

Member for Baulkham Hills, David Elliot said providing more homes and jobs in the Hills meant having to plan for associated infrastructure to support liveable communities.

“With 12,000 new homes expected in this part of Sydney over the next 20 years, we need to make sure we also plan for better local infrastructure like parks and services like cycle links, cafes and car parks.

Member for Hawkesbury, Ray Williams said the first telephone survey for the UAPs in April had more than 500 people tell us the sort of improvements they would like to see.
“This is another chance to have your say. Jump online and tell us about what makes a vibrant community – it could be playgrounds near schools, more facilities for community based events or cycle links to get around the neighbourhood.”

The community’s ideas from the survey will inform how the local infrastructure funding is spent by Hills Shire Council.

To complete the online survey go to any one of these three links


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