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Alexandrina Council supports the 'heart' of Strathalbyn

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Alexandrina Council has made a significant step forward in progressing the Strathalbyn Township and Environs Development Plan Amendment by considering public and agency consultation feedback at its 21 May 2018 meeting.

Supporting the 'heart' of Strathalbyn, Alexandrina Council has resolved to provide direction to the administration with respect to the Adelaide Road land to assist with the preparation of the necessary statutory documents as follows:

- Reaffirm the residential zoning,
- Maintain the 250 square metre floor area for non-residential development; and
- Reinforce the open space requirements through the desired character and principles within the zone.

Mayor Keith Parkes said "Monday night's decision, supported by the overwhelming majority of Councillors, shows Alexandrina Council is committed to a vibrant and active town that protects and strengthens the unique charm and character of Strathalbyn's town centre"

"Strathalbyn is a growing and passionate community. We want to ensure that the full potential for development within the heart of the town is realised so that even more people can discover and share Strathalbyn's picturesque heritage streetscapes and associated appeal."

"We are doing this by setting planning policy that can accommodate a range of activities and future development; from industry at Milne Road, to sport and recreation off Langhorne Creek Road, to enhancing the town centre. These components of the DPA gained significant support from the community."

"Alexandrina Council is also continuing to look at opportunities to support aged care, child care and medical services and has recently worked closely with the Kalimna Working Group to help progress their recommendations for that facility."

"Given the mixed response to the public consultation, we understand that not everyone in Strathalbyn will be happy with Council's direction, but we, as community representatives, believe it is in the town's best interests."

With respect to the Strathalbyn DPA, the next steps are to prepare the required statutory documents and obtain final endorsement from Council in coming months. Should this occur, the matter will be referred to the Minister for Planning for his consideration.

For further information on the Strathalbyn Development Plan Amendment process, please visit Council's website at www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/strathdpa