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**MAIN ROADS ADVICE - DEDICATION OF A PORTION OF PEDESTRIAN ACCESS WAY AS A ROAD
(LOT 56 COURTNEY PLACE, WATTLE GROVE) – KALAMUNDA WEDGE PRECINCT 3A**

I refer to our previous discussion with respect to the above proposal to rededicate a portion of the pedestrian access way represented by Lot 56 Courtney Place, Wattle Grove.

We have received your advice that Main Roads has provided feedback on the proposal on 20 January 2021 noting that they object to any modification or removal of the PAW which currently prohibits access to a State Road, and referencing their previous advice prior to the approval of the adjacent development.

Given Main Roads has provided no new information or advice demonstrating that our approved crossover is unacceptable, we are of the view that the City should maintain the same position as previously taken, which is to support the proposal for the PAW closure and progress for final approval.

As you are aware, we have now progressed our development application for the subject site, and the application inclusive of the proposed Welshpool Road East crossover was approved at the Outer Metropolitan Joint Development Assessment Panel (JDAP) Meeting on 24 June 2020. It is worthwhile noting in the context of this approval:

- a) The proposed crossover was approved by the JDAP despite the lack of support from Main Roads both in writing and at the JDAP Meeting. The JDAP panel members considered our written technical justification as to the appropriateness of the crossover design, the benefits of the additional egress and the lack of any detrimental impact on traffic safety or efficiency on Welshpool Road East, and resolved to approve our proposal as submitted.
- b) The Responsible Authority Report presented to the JDAP meeting was prepared by the City of Kalamunda administration based on a review of the proposal from the City's planning and engineering departments, and recommended approval of the proposed crossover onto Welshpool Road East. This demonstrated that the City was satisfied with the technical justification and planning rationale for our proposal, and did not support Main Roads objection, and we are not aware of any change in the City's stated position since this approval.
- c) The Elected Members who sat on the JDAP on 24 June 2020, being Cr. Dylan O'Connor and Cr. Margaret Thomas, both spoke favourably of our proposed crossover and supported the approval in the unanimous resolution. Again, we are not aware of any change in the Councillors position since this approval.

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The City is not required to align with Main Roads position, but rather are obligated to make a recommendation consistent with the best interests of their ratepayers and residents, giving due consideration to the substantial benefits of our proposal on the functionality, safety and efficiency of the broader road network. The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage will thereafter consider this recommendation in the context of all agency advice and make a decision on the proposed rededication.

We would greatly appreciate the City's continued support in progressing this matter to Council with a recommendation for support of the rededication as early as possible. To this extent we are available at any time to assist in finalisation of this matter.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned direct if you require any further information or have any questions.

Yours faithfully

