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Greater Springwood Master Plans gets tick of approval

The face of Logan City is certain to change within the next 20 years - and Springwood is taking its first step towards its transformation with Council's endorsement today of the Greater Springwood Master Plan (GSMP).

The plan sets the scene for Springwood, already Logan City's largest business precinct, to be developed into city's premier commercial centre.

Logan City Councillor John Grant (Division 3) said the plan encompasses 480 hectares, includes a core Springwood business precinct and reached as far north as Underwood and Rochedale South, west to Woodridge and Slacks Creek, and south to Daisy Hill.

Company GH&D was appointed by Council in February 2009 to draft and finalise the plan. Three options were workshopped before being presented to a public consultation meeting in June.

The June public consultation was attended by more than 80 residents and attracted more than 40 submissions.

"What the GSMP does is set the scene for the planning for parts of six suburbs for the next 20 years and that includes something in the order of \$300 million worth of infrastructure," Cr Grant said.

"It sets the course for significant growth in jobs, office space, commercial buildings, and retail space as well a significant private enterprise investment.

"It is an exciting time for all the suburbs impacted by this plan."

Cr Grant said the much-needed facelift for Springwood would transform it into a "modern metropolis".

"The heart of the Springwood business precinct will be rejuvenated and the provision of more areas for alfresco dining will give the area a much-needed facelift," he said.

"A series of key community facilities have also been proposed for the precinct including an art gallery and theatre and dance facility."

Cr Grant said the planned expansion of Springwood Park and development of wonderful outdoor living spaces due to the increased number of workers in the area would also have a positive impact on Springwood.

"Two new town squares, complete with cinemas and restaurants, are planned while improved pedestrian connectivity and access to services have not been forgotten," he said.

Cr Grant said a vital component of the GSMP was the provision for major upgrades for roads, major allowances for low rise buildings and improvements for transport infrastructure.

He said a "huge amount of money" would need to be invested in roads and parks in the Greater Springwood area over the next 20 years if the objectives of the GSMP were to be achieved.

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"Council will need to spend on average \$3.7 million annually for the next 20 years in order to implement key elements of the plan," he said.

"The costs of that infrastructure will be levied by the infrastructure charges plan in the new Logan Town Plan."