

Council confirms commitment to inner city living

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Council has approved the next stage in the Bett Carpark redevelopment, which will see negotiations begin with Scott Syndicate Development Company, for the sale and purchase of the site.

The Council-owned land, on the corner of Nile St East and Trafalgar Square is currently leased for private carparking.

In March this year, the council signalled its desire to redevelop this site for inner city living. Design controls were established and "Requests for Expressions of Interest" in the sale and development of the Bett Carpark were called for.

Mayor Rachel Reese says the brief has been met exceptionally well.

“Council’s aim is to leverage a high quality residential development within the inner city, to ensure we are enhancing the vitality of the city and promoting inner city living.

“In releasing the concept designs today, I hope that the community is able to appreciate the care we have taken in offering this site for redevelopment.

“In calling for proposals we wished to set the standard for well thought out residential development that encourages more people to view inner city living as a real and desirable option,” she says.

The proposal by Scott Syndicate Development Company consists of 15 high amenity residential apartments with an extensive mix of dwelling types.

Graeme McIndoe, Chair of Council’s Urban Designs Panel, says the developer has delivered an exceptional design and has taken into consideration the existing area.

“This design shows an exemplary response to neighbours and provides a very high level of quality.”

Justin Candish from Scott Syndicate Development Company says they are excited to be working on this project.

“The local development syndicate together with Scott Construction and Arthouse Architects are excited to have been selected to develop the Betts Carpark site. It is a bold initiative which fits with Council’s vision of urban intensification to help revitalise Nelson City.

“The design provides quality of space, light and views, grassed communal outdoor space and pays specific consideration to the existing surrounding buildings, particularly the adjacent neighbours.

“We are committed to delivering an enduring, high quality project for Nelson,” he says.

Mayor Reese acknowledges the hard work of all respondents to Council’s "Request for Expressions of Interest".

“I’d like to thank all the respondents for the work which went into preparing a proposal for this important site.

“It’s great to see us moving forward and continuing momentum as the premier urban centre in the Top of the South.”

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Note: Nelson City Council approved Bett Carpark to become a Special Housing Area on 17 December 2015 and recommended the site to the Minister of Building and Housing. Cabinet made an Order in Council to formalise this site as a Special Housing Area under the Housing Accord and Special Housing Area Act 2013, along with 9 others in Nelson, on 15th February 2016. One further site received an Order in Council from Cabinet on 16th May 2016 bringing the total gazetted SHAs in Nelson to 10.

High res images of concept designs available on request.

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