

Question on Notice

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Asked on 8 March 2007

Mr HINCHLIFFE asked the Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure (Ms BLIGH) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the work of the Office of Urban Management, will she outline plans to support and promote a transit oriented development at Albion, in and adjacent to the electorate of Stafford?

ANSWER:

The State is aware the Brisbane City Council has commenced detailed local planning work in partnership with the local community as part of the Albion master planning process to facilitate revitalization and better land use and transport integration at Albion.

Council's aim to achieve a vibrant mixed-use transit focussed community at Albion is consistent with principles and policy of the *South East Queensland Regional Plan 2005 – 2026* (SEQ Regional Plan) and is supported by the State.

Office of Urban Management (OUM) staff have been working constructively with Council's Urban Renewal Brisbane team to support them in master planning work for the precinct including attending community consultation events and coordinating State interests relating to major development in the area.

Brisbane City Council has also received a development application from FKP for the re-development of the Albion Mill site. The OUM is facilitating the review of the proposal with respect to State interests and consistency with the transit oriented development principles in the SEQ Regional Plan.

The State's Transit Oriented Development Taskforce, which reports to me through the OUM, has identified the need for appropriate transit oriented development demonstration projects that will exhibit the significant benefits of this form of development to the community and development industry.

A number of sites are being considered by the State, and OUM staff have been undertaking discussions with several Councils in SEQ regarding candidate locations, including with the Brisbane City Council regarding Albion.

The State's SEQ Infrastructure Plan and Program (SEQIPP) identifies \$45 million in funding for facilitation of transit oriented development in SEQ. I have requested the OUM to develop an implementation program in partnership with Queensland Transport and in consultation with relevant state agencies and SEQ local governments.