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As addressed

Dear Parties

Casey Planning Scheme Amendment C258case: City of Casey Activity Centre Strategy 2019

A Directions Hearing was held in regard to this matter on Wednesday 29 April 2020. A number of parties were in attendance, including parties who did not seek to be heard. One of the parties not seeking to be heard was Kameel Pty Ltd (Kameel).

At the Directions Hearing, the Panel raised a number of procedural issues. One related to the late submission from Kameel and some of its content. The Panel noted the submission was made some three months after the close of submissions and that it did not relate to the Amendment as such, but rather to a submission made by Charbury Pty Ltd (Charbury). Notwithstanding, Mr Montebello for Council noted Council referred the late submission to the Panel and indicated that the parts of the submission relevant to the Amendment should be considered by the Panel. Ms Brennan for Charbury did not object to the receipt of the submission and generally concurred with the opinion of Council on this.

The Panel issued Directions and the Hearing timetable on 4 May 2020 (Document 22).

Since that time, parties have confirmed their evidence and the timetable was finalised for three days, these being 11, 12 and 16 June 2020.

Over the past two weeks, Kameel has been communicating with the Senior Project Officer (Ms Selvaraj) and advised it wished to be heard. Originally it sought to be heard by submission only, then indicated it would call economic and planning evidence. In following this up, Ms Selvaraj sought details of Kameel's advocate. She was then advised Kameel would be represented by a barrister (Ms Sharp), would be calling two witnesses, (Mr Stephens in economics and Mr Peggie in strategic planning, both from Ethos Urban) and sought 1.5 hours. The Panel has now been advised Kameel seeks a day for its hearing time.

This is presenting difficulties to the Panel because of other hearing commitments. The Panel is not available on 9 and 10 June, nor as it understands is Charbury available on 15 June. The only option for the Panel to accommodate Kameel is 17 June. Kameel will present its submissions and evidence on the afternoon of 16 June and the morning of 17 June, with Council closing its case on the afternoon of 17 June. No other submitter time will be changed.

The Panel makes it quite clear to Kameel that its evidence must be submitted in accordance with the directions already provided and it will not be accepting any late evidence.

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Selvaraj, Senior Project Officer at planning.panels@delwp.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Panel Chair