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Council stands against Heathfield OTR development

Adelaide Hills Council on Tuesday night took a stand against inappropriate development in the Council area by deciding to make a representation against the proposed OTR development at Heathfield.

Adelaide Hills Council at a Special Meeting resolved that it was opposed to the proposed development and submits that planning consent be refused in a formal representation to the Council Assessment Panel.

The Adelaide Hills Council's Council Assessment Panel (CAP) is the relevant development authority making the decision on the application.

Mayor Jan-Claire Wisdom said Council is committed to leading appropriate development in the Hills.

"It is rare for a council to make a formal representation regarding a development application being considered by its own CAP, but there is nothing stopping the Council, like any other person or entity, making a representation either for or against a development application," said Mayor Wisdom.

The Council Assessment Panel operates independently of the Council itself and is required to consider development applications against Planning & Design Code provisions.

"We commissioned our own consultant to examine the proposal against the requirements of the Planning & Design Code and identified a number of areas where we felt the proposal is inappropriate for the locality and lacks merit in relation to the provisions of the Planning & Design Code."

"In particular, we are concerned that the size and scale of the development is not consistent with a rural neighbourhood zone, that there are insufficient details regarding bushfire mitigation and that the proposed advertising is again, incompatible with the locality."

"We're also concerned about 24/7 operations, noisy activities like the car wash operating until 10pm and the size and scale, for example the height of the petrol price pillar sign."

"The community is understandably worried about this proposal and we wanted to back them up with a representation of our own," said Mayor Wisdom.

"We encourage anyone with concerns about the proposal to consider making a representation submission via the PlanSA website (plan.sa.gov.au) before the close of public notifications for this development application at 11.59pm on 3 March 2022."

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