

APPENDIX C – Ruthven Master Plan

RECOMMENDATION to be moved by DNT community members at DNT Meeting 18 Feb 2020

| That DNT advises and strongly encourages Council to: | Officers Response: |
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| (i) adopt the Draft Masterplan as a first stage in planning for the development of the Ruthven site as a park and endorse it as a document that broadly captures many key concepts all of which need to be subject to further planning and investigation. | Noted. Page 4 of the Master Plan states: <i>'What the master plan does: Provides a clear long-term vision for the park.'</i> As the Master Plan is implemented, each major project will go through detailed site investigations and design work. |
| (ii) specifically include an ephemeral wetland using local stormwater within the next stages of planning for the park, in order to add a significant feature to the park and enhance its biodiversity values. | This is currently included in the draft master plan. Key direction 6 supports the proposal to future proof a wetland and recognizes that further feasibility work is required to determine the location and size of the wetland. This additional work will be subject to Council annual budget process and Council stormwater management priorities, as detailed in <i>Darebin's report for Priority Stormwater Projects for a Water Sensitive Darebin</i> . |
| (iii) make appropriate commitments to the next stages of planning for the Ruthven site specifically via functional and detailed design phases, in order to permit various concepts to be fully investigated and tested and works efficiently planned. | Each major capital project will be subject to detailed site assessments, concept and detailed design. The community will also have an opportunity to contribute to the detail design process of key projects. Page 4 of the master plan has been updated to reflect this. |
| (iv) ensure any site works are appropriately coordinated, efficient and guided by design recommendations in order to ensure available funds are optimally spent to benefit the development of the site. | Noted. An internal project working group has been established to oversee the implementation of the Master Plan, ensuring site works are designed and delivered in a coordinated manner. |
| (v) actively engage DNT community members and the Ruthven CRG, in future design work. | Noted. Officers will provide DNT with updates on the implementation of the Master Plan and involve them in future design work, which have a strong biodiversity outcome. In line with the Terms of Reference, the Ruthven CRG were appointed for a two-year period, which ceased in February 2020. The Ruthven CRG will be brought together for their input of 2 key pieces of work – the planting plan and renaming of the park. |