

MEDIA RELEASE

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF MORGAN TEMPORARY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

A proposal to build temporary workers' accommodation for up to 176 people in Morgan has been released for public comment today.

A Development Application has been lodged with Mid Murray Council seeking approval for the development at Lot 7, North West Terrace, Morgan, on Crown Land that is under the care and control of Council.

The accommodation, to be constructed by the Downer Group, would house workers working on the South Australia-New South Wales Interconnector project for up to two years.

The proposal includes the construction of 176 accommodation rooms in 44 buildings; kitchen and office buildings; a multipurpose building including a wet mess (bar), recreation room, gym, and amenities; and onsite car parking.

The proposed land currently houses a community bike track, which would be retained and remain open and accessible for community use under the proposal.

Mid Murray Council Chief Executive Officer Ben Scales said the application presented a unique opportunity for Morgan, however a rigorous assessment process including a public notification and feedback period would be undertaken before any decision is made.

"This proposal presents a number of exciting opportunities for Morgan as a direct result of the projected number of workers who will be living locally during the project, particularly in terms of investment in the local community and infrastructure, and increased expenditure with businesses in the town and the wider region," Mr Scales says.

"However, it's important to point out that the Development Application for the project will be assessed through Council's normal planning processes, which includes an opportunity for public comment. Community consultation will also be undertaken for any proposed leasing of the community land."

Adjacent landowners have been notified of the development application by letter. The wider community can also view details of the application at plan.sa.gov.au/en/pn?aid=4100, or in person at the principal office of Mid Murray Council, 49 Adelaide Road, Mannum, SA, 5238.

Public notification begins on 20 September and runs until 12 October 2022.

The Development Application will be assessed by Council staff and the Council Assessment Panel, and community members who make a submission may request to be heard by the CAP during its meeting to consider the application.

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