

# Housing plan protest

MUNDARING Council seems certain to join the clamour of protestors agitating for approvals for contentious subdivisions at Parkerville and Stoneville to be reversed or modified.

Shire president John Beaton told a meeting of 90 protestors at Stoneville last Monday night that the council could lobby Planning Minister Alanah MacTiernan to overturn the earlier approval.

Cr Beaton warned that the council was powerless to rescind the approval decision of 10 years ago.

But he told the protestors the minister could stop the developments. It was complicated because some development

on larger blocks had already begun.

The two separate developments are for 900 home sites housing 2500 people at Parkerville and 1700 lots for 4800 people at Stoneville.

Perth Anglican Diocesan Trustees put up the Stoneville development proposal on an area of 574.4ha deeded to it by an English noble in the 19th century.

The Chambers family, who live locally, first proposed the Parkerville plan but it has more recently been taken over by a nominee company Diamo Nominees Pty Ltd.

Protest groups believe the company to be directed from Belgium.

Cr Beaton said the protest groups needed to get their ward councillors to advance a resolution to go before full council for it to put pressure on the minister.

Shire chief executive Jonathan Throssell said in his experience of nine months working for the council the majority of councillors were against the developments in their present form.

Cr Beaton and Mr Throssell agreed that if the council achieved a majority vote it was legally bound to pursue the matter with the minister.

Stoneville Progress Association chairman Mike Davies called another meeting for

June 12 to frame resolutions for the three ward councillors to put to the shire at its meeting on June 27.

Hovea resident Bernie Schelfnout said most objections to the subdivisions related to the small size, 300sqm blocks.

"It would be easy to modify the plans to insist on minimum size blocks of 800 - or even 1800sqm," he said.

"The developers would get better prices and there would be little difference to returns."

Cr Beaton said at the time the development proposals were approved by council, the plans seemed to indicate a village concept, judged to be acceptable then.

## Beaton in plea for no repeat of Ellenbrook

PITFALLS experienced in Ellenbrook needed to be avoided at Parkerville and Stoneville, Mundaring shire president John Beaton said.

The Ellenbrook study the City of Swan commissioned showed mistakes had been made.

He had circulated the study to each of the Mundaring councillors to ensure they were aware of the mistakes so that they would not be duplicated in Parkerville and Stoneville.

He had also circulated it to developers of the two proposed subdivisions. "Ellenbrook is an example of how things can change.

"What might have been right at the time it was planned may not be right now.

"Clearly the Parkerville and Stoneville proposals seemed right 10 years ago and that was why they were approved then. But they might not be right now. Certainly there are many people here who think that way," Cr Beaton said.

Ward councillor Cr Sharon Davies said she had followed the proposals from day-one 10 years ago, and they did not seem right then.

"There was never proper consultation," Cr Davies said.

"Apart from residents in the Hills, there are some alarms raised by health and environment authorities on sewerage disposal - by airport and aviation authorities because of interference on flight paths and aircraft noise.

"And although the proposals received Section 18 approval at the time about Aboriginal sacred sites, there was no proper consultations and Aboriginal elders in the area at now seeking to have that aspect reopened.

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