

Letters to the Editor

Village-style homes overdue

RE: The proposed new town sites in the Shire of Mundaring.

There is a strong pent-up demand for smaller service lots close to shops and medical services in the Hills.

These proposed sites offer the ideal solution. The people campaigning against some limited smaller blocks either haven't thought the issue through or are very selfish and want to keep the Hills area to themselves.

The demand for these smaller lots will come from the elderly and young couples who don't want to spend all their spare time looking after a large lot, not to mention they can't afford the larger lots.

Cheaper housing will help to keep the young couples in the Hills area, closer to their families and friends.

Elderly people who have lived in the area all their lives are being forced to stay on their large lots for a lot longer than they would if they had the option of moving to a smaller and easier-to-manage house and land, or

even a unit. There is nowhere in the Hills for these people to go, so they are forced to leave their family and friends to move to the suburbs.

The problem with them staying in their large family home is they cannot maintain it as before. This results in the property becoming run down and in some cases almost derelict, and the owners losing their self-respect because they can't cope.

I beg you not to listen to the vocal minority. I am sure the policy of having development in a planned and co-ordinated village-style setting is better than the haphazard development we have seen in the past.

These proposed village-style developments are long overdue and the proposed areas are, in my mind, ideal, giving access to the suburbs between the Great Eastern Highway and the proposed Orange Route (Perth-Adelaide).

All we need to do now is get them started.

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