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Commercial and Rural Areas Development Plan Amendment

Council is pleased to announce that the Minister for Planning, the Honourable John Rau has approved and signed off on the Commercial and Rural Areas Development Plan Amendment (DPA). The announcement was made via the South Australia Government Gazette published on 20 February 2018.

This DPA sought zone and policy changes in the Gawler (CT) Development Plan, involving the rezoning of a small section of land in Council's Rural Zone, located at the corner of Main North Road and Tiver Road Kudla, to accommodate a new car dealership and pre-delivery centre proposed by the Peter Kittle Motor Company. Although the site has previously been used for commercial purposes, any new commercial activity would have been a non-complying kind of development, due to the site being located in Council's Rural Zone. In addition, the DPA also successfully rezoned a small section of land on the corner of Jack Cooper Drive and Angle Vale Road to Business Zone. It is hoped this will assist in providing necessary convenience and local services for this growing area.

It is anticipated that the proposed Peter Kittle development will provide significant economic benefits to Gawler and the wider region. Whilst the full extent of these economic benefits will not be realised immediately, they start as soon as construction at the site commences and extend to ongoing employment opportunities within the automotive industry once the business is full established.

Through the development stage, the project is expected to deliver approximately 68 jobs and potentially up to 100 jobs once completed.

The DPA was instigated by Council as a response to an approach by the State Coordinator General to work with Peter Kittle to enable the company to develop its site in a timely manner, offering alternate employment opportunities for workers displaced as a result of the Holden Factory closure.

"Council worked extremely hard to have this DPA prioritised by the State Government's Minister for Planning. Processing the DPA in such a short time is testament to Council's commitment to realising this significant employment opportunity. Council is very aware of the impact the Holden's factory closure has had on Northern Adelaide and is hopeful this development will benefit some of the ex-automotive workers in our area," said Mayor Redman.

Tom Kelly, CEO of the Peter Kittle Motor Company advised, "Both Gawler Council and the Peter Kittle Motor Company have been working together to ensure the development of the New Toyota Dealership. It has been a long journey to get to this stage and we look forward to continuing our positive and professional relationship

which will see us deliver a state of the art and modern New Toyota Dealership. Our plan is to be operational by the end of 2018.”

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