

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

3.1 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING – Application – 1919 and 1929 Oxford Street West (Z-9115)

- Laverne Kirkness, Kirkness Consulting, on behalf of the applicant – Thank you for having this public meeting, this is quite a bottleneck in the planning process in these times but we are glad to get here, we have been waiting for some time of course and we appreciate staff's report. We know this is a very noticeable, conspicuous site, kind of coming in from the west end of town and we aim to do a really nice job on the site design, we have a chain restaurant of very contemporary design, we have the gas bar, the convenience store behind it but on page four of the report, at least the fourth page in, I know when I print these off the computer there's no page numbers but I think it is the fourth page in has an illustrative kind of site plan that shows the landscaping across Oxford Street and, in fact, that is further into the site now as the site plan is further on in the report that is more up-to-date but the concept at least, to show substantial landscaping and bringing the building out to the front as much as we can is an important thing as well as along West del Bourne, which the landscape strip there has quite been widened. What is out of date about that plan that is four pages in is the right turn into the site from Oxford Street and that was addressed by Sonia and asked by Anna, Councillor Hopkins, so basically that is the layout that is intended and we note that there were sixteen letters sent to surrounding landowners and there was just one reply received about making sure that the access on Oxford Street would be coming some day and so we suspect that by the lack of complaints at least, or concerns, that the residential area seems ok, certainly, with this proposal. I think the proposal will serve to make the corner certainly more functional, more aesthetic, the main entrance is certainly going to be off of West Del Bourne with its full turns and quite limited on Oxford Street with only a right turn out. We're in agreement with the staff report as it is in front of you and we are looking forward to site plan consultation and approval soon because the tenants want to get onto the site so we would ask that you adopt the report and recommend it to Council. Thank you very much and I would be glad to try and answer any questions if there are any.
- Councillor Cassidy: Thank you Mr.Kirkness. I'm just going to ask if there is anybody else in Committee Room 1 that would like to speak or ask questions about this application? I'm not seeing any and I know we have staff in the, thank you Michael, we have staff that are there to assist any members of the public that are there so I am seeing that there are none so I will look for a motion to close the public participation meeting.