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## **SPRINGWOOD DEVELOPMENT - COUNCIL AND SPRINGWOOD WORK CONSTRUCTIVELY ON INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY PROCESS**

The Town of Gawler and Springwood Communities are working collaboratively on a process for approving critical infrastructure being vested into Council's ownership.

Following the decision by the State Commission Assessment Panel to approve four land division applications comprising of approximately 1,400 residential allotments, 30 kilometres of new roads, 4 kilometres of shared paths and 75 hectares of open space reserves, Council had raised concerns with Springwood Communities regarding the process for approving infrastructure vesting into Council's ownership.

This is of particular importance, as once vested into Council's ownership it is ultimately responsible for that infrastructures ongoing maintenance, repair and replacement. Given the magnitude of infrastructure proposed to vest into Council's ownership as part of the Springwood Development, this represents a significant financial risk for the Council and the community if not well managed.

*"Springwood is to be thanked for working collaboratively with Council regarding infrastructure delivery. Both parties can move forward with a level of certainty and confidence around the process for managing the necessary infrastructure investment, critical to meeting the needs of both our existing and future community"* – said Mayor Redman.

*"The Springwood development, on completion will deliver a housing development estimated at a value of half a billion dollars, and create in excess of 1000 jobs within the construction industry over the projected ten year life of the development. This level of investment will be of significant economic benefit for the region, particularly as it recovers from the impacts of COVID-19."* - said Mayor Redman.

*"Council is looking forward to working closely with Springwood Communities, and ultimately assisting them to deliver this significant master planned estate across Gawler East over the next 10 years"* – said CEO Henry Inat.

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