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Gawler's Boundary Change Proposal opens for Consultation

Council has developed a Boundary Change Proposal and key to moving forward with this Proposal is consultation with our community. It is launching a 6 week consultation period on Wednesday 26 August 2020 during which time Council encourages the community to learn more about the Proposal and provide their views on the matter.

"Council is at the beginning of the Boundary Change process and we want your opinion regarding our Proposal," said Mayor Redman. "Council has developed its proposal with the intent of forming one community with one Council to provide services as we grow and prosper."

The following are some key points in relation to Council's Proposal.

- Boundary reform could realign the footprint of Gawler to include adjacent area that are seen as part of the Gawler community.
- Areas suggested to be included in Gawler are Concordia Growth Area, Hewett, Kalbeeba, Gawler Belt (portion of), Evanston Park, Reid and Hillier.
- Areas suggested to be removed from Gawler are Bibaringa and Uleybury.
- These proposed changes to boundaries would be investigated by the Local Government Boundaries Commission (an independent body) if Council elects to proceed this way.
- Council would fund the investigation as the initiating Council.
- The proposed realignment would allow Council to provide more efficient and effective services to our community in an economically thriving community.

"Council needs to understand our community's views on the current proposal and its desires with regard to embracing our entire community, some of which happens to sit outside our current Council boundaries," continued Mayor Redman. "It's important for us to understand where people feel connected to, what community means to them and whether they agree with the idea that, from a community, social, economic and environmental perspective, changing Gawler's boundaries just makes good sense."

The greater Gawler area is estimated to increase in population from its current size of more than 23,500 to up to 60,000 by 2040. Gawler currently provides facilities and services to an estimated 110,000 people living beyond the Town of Gawler council area.

Council's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Henry Inat, said, "Gawler is a major regional hub and is also one of the fastest growing local government areas in South Australia. Rapid population growth brings with it change and places considerable pressure on infrastructure and services due to increased demand. Boundary reform will enable Council to appropriately prepare for this growth and ensure that the community has appropriate representation in shaping Gawler's future."

Community Consultation regarding Council's Boundary Change Proposal starts on Wednesday 26 August and ends at 5pm on Wednesday 7 October 2020. People can participate in the consultation via Council's consultation platform Your Voice Gawler: <https://www.gawler.sa.gov.au/your-council/boundary-reform>. There will be two public forums during the consultation period at the Gawler Sport and Community Centre, Nixon Terrace, Gawler. These forums will start at 7pm on Mondays 21 and 28 September 2020. Interested people can find more information about the Boundary Change Proposal via Council's website.

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