

PROPOSED LEASE OF LAND TO KIDS UNDER COVER

Greater Shepparton City Council is seeking community feedback in accordance with section 115 of the *Local Government Act 2020* on its intention to lease land at 4 Deane Court, Shepparton.

Council received a request from Kids Under Cover to lease the land for at least ten years to facilitate the construction of a Village 21 Mode. Village 21 is designed to support at-risk young people successfully transition to independent living from out of home care. The Village 21 Model is an innovative village environment for six young people between the ages of 18-21 who have exited foster care. Village 21 assists in creating strong connections back to the community and teaches skills in self-sufficiency. The proposal includes construction of a communal building containing a kitchen, living room and laundry, three two-bedroom studios with a bathroom and two one-bedroom studios for live-in mentors, and communal outdoor spaces. Village 21 will support communal activities such as cooking, maintaining shared gardens and learning life skills. Kids Under Cover would be responsible for the maintenance of the buildings on the land and their eventual removal at a future date.

As part of its community consultation process, Council is inviting submissions on the proposal to lease the land. Any person wishing to make a submission must do so in writing by no later than **20 June 2022**.

You can make a submission by emailing it to council@shepparton.vic.gov.au, completing online at <https://shaping.greatershepparton.com.au/> or posting it to Greater Shepparton City Council, Locked Bag 1000, Shepparton VIC 3632. Submissions should be titled 'Notice of Intention to Lease Land – 4 Deane Court, Shepparton'.

Submitters may also request in their submission that they wish to appear in person/online, or to be represented by a person specified in the submission, in support of the submission at a meeting of Council on a date, time and place to be determined by Council.

Following the consideration of all submissions, Council may decide to lease the land or not to lease the land.

Any person making a written submission is advised that all submissions and personal information in the submission will be handled by Council in accordance with the provisions of the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014*.

Please direct enquiries to Colin Kalms, Manager Building Planning and Compliance, on 03 5832 9730.