

Dear Supporter

Fantastic meeting on Monday evening, thank you for your support. We had 350+ people there, which showed how much interest there is in the new 2016 City Plan, together with the proposed Sunland development in Mariners Cove. There has been a lot of media attention since the meeting (see links to some of the articles at the end of this letter).

Important information we gained from the meeting includes:

- The 2003 and the 2016 City Plans have the same height designations for the Spit. A height designation is not the same as a height limit as there is no such thing as a height limit under State law. This means developers can apply for whatever they want, although they have no guarantee of getting it accepted but the Council still has to assess the application.
- The building height test for The Spit, if over the three-story designation, is the “CHARACTER OF THE AREA” - it was not made clear at the meeting how CHARACTER is considered. We believe the Sunland development is an extremely important case because it is the first attempt to get a high rise onto the Spit, and there are others waiting in the wings. **If one approval goes through the CHARACTER of the Spit will be set.**
- Both the new and old City Plans are only guides for how the city should progress and neither Plan guarantees the result will be exactly the way the plan shows. This made us frustrated, as we all wanted much more certainty for residents and future purchasers
- Traffic was a major topic of discussion at the meeting and our Association is taking action that will highlight this problem to the council and hopefully make a significant difference to the ultimate decision.

People left the meeting feeling powerless. Using an Association such as The Main Beach Association gives residents power over

decision makers. To increase our political power and influence we need people to join our Association. If you are already a member, get your friends, wives, husbands and children to join. Numbers count.

You can contact us at mailbeachassoc@gmail.com or follow us on facebook at www.facebook.com/MainBeachGC.

If you have a planning question, text your question to #gccityplanimpact.

Yours faithfully

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President

The Main Beach Association (in formation)

List of recent media

Let's keep the Coast livable (Editorial) - Gold Coast Bulletin - Thursday 21 January 2016

High Cost of a plan with no limits - Gold Coast Bulletin - Thursday 21 January 2016

Big 'no' to High-rise on The Spit - Gold Coast Bulletin - Tuesday 19 January 2016

This article covers the meeting at the Southport Yacht Club last night organised by the Main Beach Association. The Council was invited to address members about development on the spit. Approximately 300 people attended the presentation that was chaired by former President of the Save Our Broadwater Judy Spence.

<http://www.goldcoastbulletin.com.au/news/gold-coast/300-voice-opposition-to-mariner-highrise-development-at-the-spit/news-story/4fb71d867f418d5ca87d41a3a50e62a0>

Spit Project faces delay - Gold Coast Bulletin - 18 January 2016

<http://www.goldcoastbulletin.com.au/news/gold-coast/the-councils-vote-on-sunlands-600m-mariner-towers-set-to-be-delayed-until-post-election/news-story/5089bd1831741fd39f7d6b19345f48e8>

Gold Coast High Rise Approval Process Questioned by former City Architect

Interview by Tom Ford with former Gold Coast City Architect Philip Follent on ABC News on Sunday 17th January

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-01-17/queensland-gold-coast-high-rise-approvals-questioned/7093164>