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## **Council decision delights Prestons developers**

Having worked closely with City Council staff over the last two months, the directors of Prestons, the proposed new suburban centre on the north-eastern outskirts of the city, are pleased that the Christchurch City Council has accepted the recommendation of their Regulatory and Planning Committee and notified their proposed Plan Change 30.

John Lindsay, director of developers Prestons Road Ltd, said that the company had spent three years and in excess of \$1.7 million preparing the Plan Change application.

“We have been heavily involved with Council staff over the last few months to ensure they had no unanswered questions about the proposed development and we are thankful for their support after initial doubts on their part.

“Considering the amount of co-operation between Council staff and ourselves during this time, we were always confident that the full Council would accept the recommendation of the committee,” he said.

Lindsay said that an undertaking the size of Prestons would be great for the local economy and also for the choice of housing that it offered.

“Not only has this project the ability of stimulating in excess of \$250m of wages into the Christchurch economy in a time when economic stimulus is so essential, but it will give Christchurch residents a new housing alternative only five kilometres from the centre of the city.

“Many of the locals in the Prestons area are keen to see strong investment in the local infrastructure with the likelihood of a new school, upgraded sewerage system and more facilities such as a supermarket and other retail outlets.

“What this decision has done is allow the people of Christchurch their statutory right to have a say in the kind of development they would like to have as part of the city,” he said.

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### **Prestons background**

Prestons will be an integrated sustainable urban community that provides for employment, schooling, affordable housing, community and recreational facilities with an abundance of open space. It will also link with the established infrastructure and the existing public transport network as well as the recreational areas of Bottle Lake Forest and two established golf courses.

Prestons' homes will incorporate five-star energy-rated designs, plus there will be a number of innovations proposed that will contribute to smarter water use including recycling water, strong emphasis on recycling and reducing waste as well as the availability of fibre optic technology for every home.