

## SOLAR FARM UPDATE

On 18 Apr 2019, at 2:49 pm, Louise Ainsworth <LOUISEA@fremantle.wa.gov.au> wrote:

The Solar Farm proposal and the draft Site Management Plan (SMP) provided with the development application has now been reviewed and updated. **The new layout is somewhat pared back and (as a result of community feedback) avoids disturbing the bund.**

The SMP identifies and documents management measures which are required for development and operation of a solar farm on this site. The SMP includes a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) specifically to manage risks at the construction phase.

Before considering the documents, Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) requires they be reviewed by an accredited contaminated sites auditor. The auditor's recommendations are documented in a Mandatory Auditor's Report (MAR.) **The MAR recommends the site is suitable for the proposed use as a Solar Farm providing the SMP/CEMP are adhered to.**

**The MAR and the SMP have now been submitted to DWER for approval. As part of its review DWER has referred the documents to the Department of Health.**

Once DWER has issued its approval (and any required changes have been made - hopefully mid to late May) the city will work with Epruon to proceed in clearing the remaining dev conditions.

**While the City has had considerable input into the preparation of the SMP, it will not formally approve the SMP or sign off the conditions of the Development Approval (DA) which relate to the SMP until/unless the DWER has issued its approval.**

Once the approvals are in place the City will arrange information session(s) for the community where it (and Epruon) can explain the management measures and answer any questions that might arise. This is likely to occur in June.

**The Site Management Plan and the Auditor's report (MAR) will be made available on the City's My Say website. A number of Q&A are also being prepared to help explain the site management measures including cross references to the document itself.**

Meanwhile the lease is being finalised and Epruon is working with potential customers to cement a Power Purchasing Agreement (PPA.) Providing environmental approvals have been secured, once Epruon has a PPA in place it can proceed to signing the lease and issuing construction contracts.

We are hoping to see this fall into place mid year, in which case construction can commence in the second half of 2019 with completion early 2020. The contractor will need to produce a dust management plan and contact protocols (in line with the SMP) prior to issue of the building permit.

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## **RUNNING WITH THIEVES APPLICATION**

Running With Thieves DA update

- Amended Plans and additional information has been received by the City and is currently being reviewed.
- The site includes a brewery/distillery, a restaurant, a bar, and a bottle shop and retail element (clothing), in addition to staff and customer amenities.
- 15 on-site bays are proposed, including 1 universal access bay, in addition to 14 bike racks.
- The application is likely to go to the June planning committee meeting (5 June 2019).

If you would like more specific details while I'm away just contact [planning@fremantle.wa.gov.au](mailto:planning@fremantle.wa.gov.au) and they will assign someone to contact you.

Thanks,

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