

Future Hills development angers locals

A future development proposed for Stoneville and Parkerville has left some residents unhappy causing them to create a website to keep residents informed.

Save Perth Hills chairman, Mike Davies, said the website had gone up in August as he believed residents were being kept in the dark on the proposal. The website, www.saveperthhills.org, also has information on other issues affecting the Hills.

"We're not trying to be pedantic or clever," he said. "We deal in facts and we want to be honest and open about what's going on."

The proposed Parkerville townsite development would include 85 lots for Rural Landscape Living of a minimum size of one hectare, 88 lots of a minimum size of 2000 m², 243 lots of an average size of 1000 m² and 298 lots of an average size of 800 m².

The plan is proposed for Lot 501 Hidden Valley Road, Lot 502 Roland Road and Lot 500 Beacon Road, Parkerville.

The Stoneville development proposed for Lot 69 Stoneville Road would include 294 lots of a minimum size of 2000 m², 243 lots of an average size of 1000 m², 915 lots of an average size of 800 m² and 129 dwellings within an average size of 300 m².

Mr Davies said the developments would create many problems for the Hills including a dramatic increase in crime, road traffic, pressure on already over-stretched medical facilities and pollution. He said block sizes should be larger to complement the Hills environment.

"If development starts, it's not the end of the beginning as far as the Hills [is] concerned," he said.

"It's the beginning of the end. We're not saying there should be no developments but they should [suit] the social ethos of the Hills and the environment."

Mundaring Shire Chief Executive Officer, Jonathan Throssell, who met with Mr Davies recently, said it would be difficult to reverse the decision as it had already been decided upon when it went through the approval stage in 1997. Mr Throssell recommended that residents opposed to the proposal approach council to seek a review of the plans.

A shire information report said several issues needed to be resolved before work began on the residential lots but Mr Davies said the plans will be carried out as soon as surveyor pegs have been placed at the Parkerville site.

For information on the proposal and maps, visit www.mundaring.wa.gov.au.