

Shire votes to lift Urban Deferment

The Shire of Mundaring has voted on a recommendation to the Urban Defered Zoning of town-sites in Stoneville and Parkerville.

Council voted eight to three in favour of lifting the Deferment, which was placed in 1997 subject to conditions being completed to enable development to progress.

The main issue was the lack of a viable wastewater treatment solution to service the area.

A Wastewater Treatment Options Report was provided to councillors in the lead-up to the vote.

Tuesday night's meeting saw East Ward councillor Sharon Davies put forward an alternative motion that the Council undertakes an environ-

mental assessment of the area, and that the Shire seek written confirmation from Water Corporation that it would be involved in the decision process to determine the final wastewater solution.

The alternative motion was out-voted eight to three.

The meeting was attended by around thirty members of the public, some of whom voiced environmental concerns.

Central Ward Councillor Alan Pilgrim said the purpose of the meeting was simply to determine if adequate wastewater treatment options were available.

"The whole sub-division plan is to be re-visited. We'll get a chance to look at better means of envi-

ronmental management," he said.

"It's now up to the WAPC to take the advice and make a decision. We were simply being asked to comment.

"The applicants have a right to go ahead with what was approved."

East Ward Councillor John Daw said the will of the people was being ignored, and that many people in the area bought property in the area not knowing about the developments.

He said the meeting was not just about the wastewater treatment facility.

"This developments will happen, and if you're supporting this, it means you're supporting the destruction of the environment," Mr Daw said