Open Question FMC Meeting 5 Aug 14

The Hon Lord Mayor, Councillors.

I have a series of questions related to the same topic.

Regarding Southbank Community Open Space – Scarce and has been for many years!

We have been looking forward to the 2500m2 urban park which was promised as part of the Boyd redevelopment. While the community believes that owing to scarcity of open space in Southbank and the unlikely ability to ever expand on what we have got, we feel the whole of the Boyd site should have been allocated as public space.

Nevertheless two thirds of the site was sold to a developer for a residential and commercial complex.

I believe the development of this entire site was supposed to have been completed by the end of 2013.

2013 has now long gone and there are no signs development looks like it is about to commence.

Every day this development is not completed is a day the community is deprived of the utility this space offers.

Lord Mayor, I believe this was a project very close to you, one that you were very proud of, therefore I ask you:

* How much was the site sold to the developer for?
* Why is there a delay?
* What is the new time-frame for completion?
* Did Council make any condition in the granting of the development approval that the development must be completed by a certain date, or do the residents potentially need to go without for many more years to come?