

Response to question on notice

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Question No. 691

Peter Cain MLA: To ask the Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development

1. Can the Minister advise what types of developments would be considered appropriate or permissible under current zoning and planning regulations for Blocks 1, 2 and 3 Section 6 in Higgins, located at 2-6 MacNaughton Street, which were reportedly sold in 2024.
2. Can the Minister advise whether any development applications have been submitted, approved, or are currently under assessment for the sites referred to in part (1).
3. Can the Minister advise whether the ACT Government is aware of any intended use for the sites referred to in part (1) following their sale.

CHRIS STEEL MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. The blocks are currently within a residential zone, the RZ1 suburban zone. Within this zone, the policy outcomes aim for a wide range of low-density residential types, with some other low impact non-residential uses that compliments residential use and the streetscape. Permissible uses within this zone include uses, such as residential and community use, supportive housing and retirement village, health facility and early childhood education and care. Most uses, other than some single dwelling housing and minor developments, require a development application (DA) which is assessed by the independent Territory Planning Authority (the Authority). A development is only deemed appropriate once the Authority is satisfied the proposal meets the requirements of the Territory Plan and *Planning Act 2023*.
2. The Authority has advised that, as of 12 November 2025, there are no active DAs in relation to this site.
3. The Authority has advised that enquiries have been made in relation to a proposed childcare centre, however, the lessee has not made any formal applications to pursue the use on this site.

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Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



Chris Steel MLA
Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development

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