



12 September, 2016

Dear Church,

Over the last 7 months the Leadership Team with participation from Vietnamese leaders, Student Residence Committee and leaders in the church has worked with Studio B Architects to bring 3 masterplan possibilities to the church. Through collaboration, discussion and prayer, the Leadership Team came to prefer Concept 3 (or C in some documents. A document of the 3 concepts is included). But as a Baptist Church we rely upon the Holy Spirit to speak to us through the whole church, not just leaders, so it is vital for you to engage prayerfully and express your perspective and insights.

Apart from many discussions across the church that are taking place, we would also suggest that Small Groups set aside an evening to discuss the options (we can make large colour copies of plans available), and also to spend significant time praying together about how we move forward. Feedback can be recorded and passed on to the office.

We are also planning to set aside time on the following days in order to provide another way for people to engage and contribute their thoughts:

- **September 25** after the 10am and NightChurch service an opportunity to discuss the property masterplan with Leadership Team members, ask questions and provide feedback.
- **October 23** after the 10am and NightChurch service an opportunity to discuss the property masterplan with Leadership Team members, ask questions and provide feedback.
- **Sunday 27 November** is our AGM and after 3 months of prayer, discussion and feedback it is the time when we will decide on whether to do nothing in response to the masterplan, adopt the preferred Concept 3 or one of the other 2 models, or look for other options altogether.

Thank you to those who have already provided written feedback on the Property Masterplan. If you would like to contact Leadership Team members directly, here are their contact details: [blocked for online publication]

Send any written feedback to Lauren Pickering: admin@kewbaptist.net.au or 10 Highbury Grove, Kew, 3101.

Finally, conversations with the Baptist Union, BaptCare and Melbourne Chinese Baptist Church are ongoing so that we pursue all possibilities and be open to how the Spirit is leading us.

Please commit to pray, to participate and to contribute to hearing God about the way forward. And let us continue to trust our Faithful God who has guided us and provided for us these past 160 years.

The Kew Baptist Leadership Team

