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Dear VPA,

As offered in your brochure recently delivered to my letterbox, I'll take the opportunity to have my say on the development of the Lilydale Quarry. While I'm glad to see the Quarry go, I have to say I'm not thrilled at the prospect of 3000 dwellings (and I think I heard ~9000 people) appearing on my doorstep in coming years. Two things stand out on the brochure that I think need comment.

You seem to be falling all over yourself to *not* commit to building the railway station that has been talked about for years. Why? We need the railway station **now.** Even with the redevelopment of Lilydale and Mooroolbark stations, the parking will still be inadequate and the traffic created by people driving to the two stations is bad enough as it is. Lots of people in this area - and in the new estate - would not need to drive to the station at all if you built it as proposed.

Then there's the widening of the Mooroolbark Rd railway bridge. Why isn't this underway already? I guess since the Manchester Rd crossing has been started you can't do both at once, but widening the bridge should also be commenced at the earliest opportunity. It is a hopeless bottleneck with the current level of traffic - don't wait for more.

Look forward to a positive response.

Regards,



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