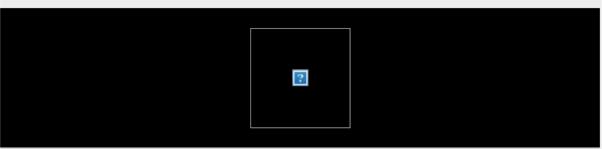
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Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the Public Consultation for the Arden Precinct Structure Plan. Having resided throughout an almost fifty year time frame in , I have a deep affinity for, and levels of involvement with, the area. I congratulate the Victorian Planning Authority and the City of Melbourne on the work to date; my comments relate to the Arden Central aspects, chiefly the housing and education services.

THE DISTINCTIVE CHARACTER OF THE ARDEN PRECINCT – HOUSING
THE GASOMETER: Figure 3 shows the gasometer as a focal point and yet nowhere on the site planning is there a round building to replicate it; such a building would be a literal 'centrepiece' for Arden, perhaps as a home to the primary school, with housing on the floors above. The roof could be used for open space for the school and the residents, replicating the Arden Street Football Ground.

RED BRICK CHARACTER: Figure 14 is a very fine example of the distinctive character of this locality, from The Mills, to the Weston Building, as opposed to the apartment "block' as shown in Figure 30.

## **EDUCATION**

Strategy 24.3: co-location of services has potential to be an innovative world class "All of Life" hub.

The Arden Precinct is easily accessible for world class services, such as all those in the Royal Parade area, and others such as the Orygen Head Office in Poplar Road Parkville, accessible via the Upfield Bike path. An "All of Life" hub can deliver 'womb to tomb' services, physically and mentally.

As mentioned above, the centrepiece building (replicating the gasometer) might incorporate a primary school, residences, and also the "All of Life" Community Hub.

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