

Promise to consult

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PORT Bouvard Limited's redevelopment of Gidgegannup will contain "detailed and visible community consultation", real estate broker John Garland said this week.

Mr Garland was speaking on behalf of his client, the Michael Coleman-owned Riseley Investments, which is the company selling the land to developer Port Bouvard.

This month Port Bouvard Ltd told the Australian Stock Market it would develop two blocks of land surrounding Gidgegannup Primary School, and one further south

on the eastern side of Bunning Road, into more than 2000 blocks of either residential or rural-residential sizes.

Gidgegannup Progress Association chairwoman Sally Block expressed concern that the development did not fit in with the North East Hills Settlement.

Mr Garland said residents should feel reassured because Mr Coleman was a City of Swan ratepayer and one of the largest landowners in Gidgegannup, with property bordering the development on the south and eastern sides.

"There will be consultation at a level that hasn't been seen before," Mr Garland said.

He said the staged sale of the land to Port Bouvard meant Riseley Investments could continue to guide the development.

A "rural specialist" responsible for developments in Denmark has been engaged as a consultant on the project.

Port Bouvard expects the first blocks would go on sale in the 2008-09 financial year. Mrs Block said the progress association would begin consultation immediately.

"The GPA is sending a survey to all residents to find out exactly what their views are on subdivision and to qualify the word "lifestyle", which is the reason we all have moved to the Hills," she said. "The GPA has

not, as yet, been contacted by Port Bouvard with its proposals on lot sizes in the townsite and on the rural-residential subdivision."

A City of Swan spokeswoman said the council had received information from the developers about the proposal but no comment would be made at this time. She confirmed Mr Coleman met Mayor Charlie Gregorini to discuss the proposal last Friday.

Mrs Block said she was encouraged that Planning Minister Alannah MacTiernan and the city appeared to advocate development that complied with the North East Hills Settlement Plan.

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