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Site co-operation applauded

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THE Gidgegannup Progress Association has applauded an initiative by a prominent Perth developer. The developer called for Gidgegannup residents to join a community reference group that would identify matters relating to the development of a new estate.

Prime West Management Ltd is taking a softly, softly approach with Gidgegannup residents in the lead-up to the development

of Teewana Estate, located on Burgess Road in Gidgegannup. The proposed site comprises two lots totalling 397ha.

The group would discuss the matters needing to be addressed during the consultative process and preparation of a Structure Plan for the site.

Association chairwoman Sally Block said the association would be very keen to participate in a consultative group.

"In Gidgegannup we know there is going to be development, but it just has to be sus-

tainable... it makes perfect sense for a developer to approach the community in this way. We are happy to help in any way we can with land owners and hope to establish a mutually productive relationship."

Prime West Management Ltd project manager Matthew Whelpdale said the developer was aware of the issues facing an existing land development proposal by Port Bouvard and was keen to avoid similar complications.

"Because there have already been a num-

ber of issues raised in the Port Bouvard development we want to approach the consultative process in a completely different way.

"There are myriad possible uses for the land, so we are very keen to listen to what the community wants. We have deliberately not established any set plans for the site."

The developer plans to assess the response from the community to participate in the community reference group before establishing a confirmed date for initial group meetings.