

# PROPOSED ACCOMMODATION VILLAGE PROJECT UPDATE – WHAT WE ARE HEARING

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## CONVERSATIONS AROUND TOWN

Recently, you may have met or noticed consultants in town speaking with community members to get their views on the proposed accommodation village. You may have also picked up a flyer that enabled you to leave your feedback via a QR code. This is part of the social impact assessment (SIA) process we committed to, which will help us better understand the community's perceptions about the proposed village.

If you have not provided feedback yet, you can access the same short survey by scanning the QR code below.



**The survey will be available online until Sunday 9 September.**

We would like to thank those who have contributed already. Your feedback will inform the social impact assessment and we will make this publicly available once complete.

**Feedback from Binningup locals will help guide development of the project. So far, responses have included:**

### Traffic impacts

We are hearing that traffic is already a major concern for residents, particularly when exiting Binningup onto the Forrest Highway. There is also confusion about how the proposed village will be accessed. We can confirm that design of the accommodation village has considered traffic impacts to Binningup Road and proposes access via Taranto Road only, near the entrance to the desalination plant. Workers will be transported between the village and the Kemerton lithium plant in shuttle buses operating 5am-6am and 5pm-6pm.

Albemarle has conducted a Transport Impact Assessment that is publicly available as part of the approvals process, and this can be accessed through the Shire of Harvey website or please contact us for a copy.

### Sewerage

Sewerage is also an important issue raised with us across town, with some questions about how sewage will be managed at the proposed village. Albemarle has a team of hydrologists and engineers whose job it is to work with the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation and Water Corporation to ensure that the village's waste management process is both effective and environmentally sound. The aim is for the village to have a long-term sustainable waste management option, which includes storm and greywater collection, reuse and treatment.

### Future use

We are hearing some confusion about the proposed 10-15 year lifespan of the village. Concerns include the 'temporary' description, and also that this period is too short – creating uncertainty around what the future use will look like.

The village is needed to house the extra construction workers required for the proposed expansion of Albemarle's lithium plant. We plan to lease the land on a 10-15 year arrangement in line with a future expansion timetable. As for future use, that will mainly depend on the landowner and proper approvals. As part of our work with the local community we will help to explore preferred options for the site. One way to do this is to participate in the development of the Social Impact Management Plan (SIMP) which will include opinions on potential future uses. This is a conversation that will continue over the life of the accommodation village.

What we do know is there could be a range of positive end uses for the site including tourism, recreation and more, subject to the landowners choice and the usual approvals processes – including public consultation.

### Workers accessing town

There have been questions about what workers will do on their days off. Workers will be accommodated at the village only when they are on rostered shifts. They will return to their own residences after their roster has finished. Feedback so far has shown an interest in more detailed information about rostering and what it will look like in reality. We will work to provide and share that information with the community.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPLORE

We're hearing your concerns, but we are also hearing about opportunities:

### Shuttle bus

As there is currently no public transport in Binningup, it has been suggested that Albemarle buses be used to provide a service for Binningup residents during the day when not transporting workers. We will explore this option further and look forward to providing more information when we can.

### Shared community facilities

Albemarle intends to build a quality village that includes a range of wellness and sports facilities, along with meeting rooms and a dining hall. Feedback so far indicates some interest in community use of these facilities. We are happy to explore what this might look like in practice.

### Community Projects

Some people have suggested a recreational trail connecting Binningup Road to Taranto Road.

As with any good neighbour, Albemarle wants to become a positive part of the community in which it operates. Hearing ideas from the community is central to this. We would like to hear more, and encourage Binningup residents to contribute suggestions as part of this process.

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

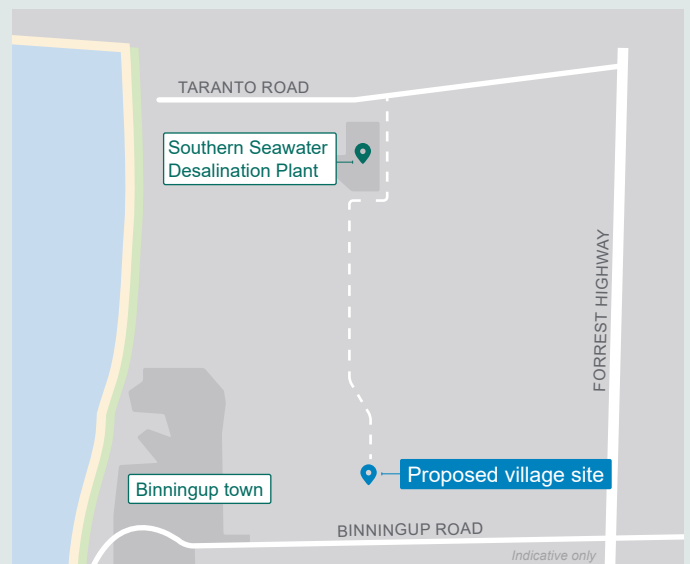
Albemarle is proposing to build a 500-person high-quality temporary workers accommodation village on the edge of Binningup.

The facility will provide essential accommodation to construction workers needed for future expansion of the Kemerton lithium plant.

Designed to fit within the landscape, on a small portion of the proposed farmland site, the village will only be accessible to traffic via Taranto Road, with shuttle buses taking workers to and from site, avoiding Binningup's main roads.

The proposed village is currently out for public consultation via the Shire of Harvey website in the "Have your Say" section, and includes attachments to several technical reports for the site.

Albemarle is presently conducting a Social Impact Assessment (SIA) to understand the full range of community views, and to help guide development of a Social Impact Management Plan (SIMP) for the village.



## Contact Us

Our local team is available to discuss these or any other questions:

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