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RESIDENTS VINDICATED BY SOUTH BRISBANE PLANNING DECISION

Brisbane City Council's Labor Councillors are today celebrating the State Government's decision to reduce building heights in part of the South Brisbane Riverside Neighbourhood Plan.

In the Riverside South area of the plan, residential building heights will be reduced from 12 to seven storeys and mixed-use zones will drop from eight to four storeys.

Local Councillor Helen Abrahams said she was thrilled with the decision, which she had lobbied for extensively.

"This is a real victory for local residents, common sense and sustainable planning," Councillor Abrahams said.

"This decision vindicates the hard work of local residents and I'm absolutely over-the-moon.

"The community was always concerned about the lack of social infrastructure, services and access to public transport in this specific area.

"Campbell Newman refused to listen to their concerns but I'm pleased the State Government has," she said.

Labor Leader Shayne Sutton congratulated Councillor Abrahams.

"Councillor Abrahams has campaigned alongside local residents for a long time on this plan and this is wonderful news," Councillor Sutton said.

"Any increase to densities must be made in collaboration with the local community, located in appropriate areas and incorporate high quality public space, services and facilities.

"Cr Newman has tried to take a 'one size fits all' approach to increasing density in our city by cramming in as much density as possible, without addressing issues such as social infrastructure and public transport.

"This is a real blow to Cr Newman's plans for sardine suburbs throughout our city. I hope it will cause him to take a different approach to planning in the future," she said.