

Sunbury land attracts interest

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ENVIRONMENTALLY friendly building practices with shared stormwater harvesting and energy is just one vision for council-owned land in Racecourse Rd, Sunbury.

Hume Council's expressions of interest period for the 50.4ha site closed at the end of last month.

While the council has stayed quiet on how many submissions it has

received, at least one developer said it saw a lot of potential for the site.

Brookhaven Estate developer Custodian Land acquisitions manager Warren Roberts said the group had submitted an expression of interest for the site.

He said it saw potential in Sunbury's positive physical attributes and scope for environmental integration and renewable energy.

"Specifically, there is opportunity for district-based shared infrastructure systems such as co-gen, tri-generation (combined heating and cooling and power from a single heat source) which provide for infrastructure and site connections to serve a number of nearby residential and community buildings," Mr Roberts said.

"Similarly, there is opportunity to implement district-based rainwater harvesting, greywater/ blackwater collection treatment and reticulation systems, where wastewater is collected, centrally treated and distributed to residences and adjoining parkland and open spaces."

Mr Roberts said Custodian Land was already working in the community with Melbourne Water and Hume Council on major rehabilitation works on severely degraded and eroded sections of Blind Creek.

Hume Council finance and property manager Fadi Srour would not say how many expression of interest the council has received.

"Due to commercial in confidence, we are unable to state the amount of applications received. The council can say we had a good response," he said.

Villawood Properties and Delfin Lend Lease would not comment on whether they have expressed interest.

Peet did not respond to the Leader's questions and Stockland would not comment on specific transactions but indicated it would be extending in key growth corridors.

Hume Council is expected to appoint a developer by mid-2011.