

Office plan for new liquor store

COLES has revealed its plans for a 1250sq m First Choice liquor store in Maylands would also include multi-level office space in an effort to make a development application to the City of Bayswater more palatable.

The proposed liquor store has come under fire from local residents who believe there are too many other licensed premises within walking distance.

The fact that no development application has yet been lodged with the City of Bayswater also appears to be an issue for Coles, with Bayswater Mayor Terry Kenyon saying any development would need the approval of the City.

In a statement to the *Eastern Reporter*, a Coles spokeswoman said they were currently working with council to re-lodge a planning application that "will be more in line with council's vision for a mixed use development".

The spokeswoman confirmed the liquor store would now feature an additional two floors of office space above the First Choice store.

Under the Maylands Urban Design Framework, released earlier this year, Guildford Road will "consist of larger scaled buildings, that maintain and expand upon existing amenities such as supermarkets, retail and offices, and encouraging mixed use development with office and residential uses on upper levels".

Cr Kenyon confirmed the City had advised Coles of the requirements under the Maylands Urban Design Framework, should they choose to make an application.

"Once plans have been lodged, the City will be in a position to advise what is proposed to be developed on the site," he said.

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