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**Attribute to Chief Executive – Lydia Wilson**

## **ON LUCK NURSING HOME**

Manningham Council has received notice from the Minister for Planning, Justin Madden, that he has approved Amendment C88 to the Manningham Planning Scheme which applies to the Chinese Community Social Services Centre Inc property at 177-179 Tindals Road, Donvale.

Council is very disappointed that the normal planning processes have not been followed.

The property was originally subject to Amendment C39 of the Manningham Planning Scheme which came into operation on 5 March 2004 and enabled the establishment of the 60 bed On Luck Nursing Home in Tindals Road, which was until then prohibited under green wedge provisions.

Any expansion of the On Luck Nursing Home was prohibited under the Manningham Planning Scheme.

However, the Planning Minister's recent decision to approve Amendment C88 will enable the Chinese Community Social Services Centre Inc to seek approval of a development plan to expand the existing "On Luck" Chinese Nursing Home by an additional 120 high care places, bringing the total number of beds to 180.

The Amendment removes Manningham Council's responsibility for approval of the development plan which will be all handled directly by the Minister for Planning.

Council's only role now in relation to this site is to provide our 'views' of the development plans that will be submitted in the future for approval by the Minister.

The Amendment does not change the planning controls of any other land in the Green Wedge.