

# Size does matter for proposed town centre

AURORA estate's northern town centre could quadruple in size pending council discussions.

The VicUrban estate in Epping North originally had plans for a 6000 square metre northern town centre, but plans have been presented to Whittlesea Council to increase it to 24,000 square metres.

The bigger town centre could include a department store, up to two super-

markets, a library and a community centre. VicUrban will seek a retail development partner in August with a view to start work in 2012.

But Aurora Residents Association vice president Cara Horner said she had not seen the revised plans.

"There's been no community consultation on it whatsoever," she said.

VicUrban urban communities general manager Rob Vines said community

engagement would occur later in the process.

Whittlesea Council strategic planning manager George Saisanas said: "Any change to the location of the town centres and/or the retail floor space quantum will require council approval."

The increased northern town centre would be in addition to the 14,000 square metre southern town centre.

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