

# Bullsbrook flagged for horse precinct

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BULLSBROOK could be home to Perth's next major horse racing precinct, with north ward councillor Kevin Bailey and the City of Swan keen to develop an area similar to Ascot.

While the plan is in its infancy, Mr Bailey has revealed some of the concept to the *Advocate*, and it has the backing of the local Chamber of Commerce and other important stakeholders.

Although it would be a few years before the plan was realised, the City of Swan is already calculating the positive spin-offs and predicts the project could inject millions into the local economy each year.

The plan is to build a state-of-the-art training facility for racehorses and sub-divide adjoining land into small lots, which people could buy to build houses, yards and stables on, and have direct access to the facility.

"We're looking at a development that is a combination of the Byford trotting complex and

the Ascot development," Cr Bailey said.

"It would be a big development and could almost be an entire suburb in itself.

"We're talking the potential for hundreds of 0.8ha lots, with everything feeding into the racing facility."

The City of Swan has contacted Racing and Wagering WA about the idea and they have provided the City with all the guidelines to develop such a plan.

"Between 40 to 50 per cent of the cost of training a racehorse goes back into the community," Cr Bailey said.

"It would provide employment opportunities and business for local stock feeds, blacksmiths, service stations and fabricators.

"When you calculate that it could allow for the training of 50 to 60 horses, tens of thousands of dollars could be spent in the community every month."



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