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Bidadi master plan gets approval

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'Plan will help prevent haphazard development'

BANGALORE: The Interim Master Plan (IMP) for the Bidadi Area Planning Zone and the Ramanagara-Chennapatna Local Planning Area, where land conversion had been stopped for over two years, has been approved by the State Government, bringing relief to the stakeholders. In all, about 2,500 hectares of land has been opened up for development. Work in these areas had come to a standstill as the Government had, on March 20, 2007, banned conversion of land pending completion of the IMP.

“The IMPs have been prepared to give a direction to the growth and prevent haphazard development. Uninhibited growth cannot be allowed here as rural character of the area had to be protected. Besides this is an environmentally-sensitive region,” a senior Bangalore Metropolitan Region Development Authority official told *The Hindu*.

The Special Area Plan 2021 for “Bidadi Urbanisable Block” is for an extent of 462 sq km spread over 111 villages, and the plan has been approved under the Bangalore Metropolitan Region Development Authority Act.

The IMP for an extent of 63 sq km in 25 villages of Ramanagara-Channapatna has been approved under the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act. A notification to this effect was issued by the Urban Development Department on September 5.

Growth of population by about 2.5 lakh over the next 20 years has been considered for the preparation of the Bidadi IMP. “The plan assumes a density of 95 to 100 persons per hectare and approximately about 2,500 hectares have been opened up for development,” the official said.