# Designing a Liveable City – Part 5

Liveability is an assessment of what a place is like to live in, using particular criteria, for example, environmental quality, crime and safety, education and health provision, access to shops and services, recreational facilities and cultural activities.

You have been provided with a series of development proposals that you will need to make decisions on. These proposals are:

* highway off-ramps
* resort complex
* recreational complex
* national park

**Highway off-ramp**

A new highway has been built along the edge of the city. Parts of the city which are connected to the highway will have greater access to other parts of the city, other cities and regional areas. However, people around the area of the off-ramp will also be negatively affected by construction and possibly some demolition to make way for new roads. You will need to decide where the off-ramps for the highway will be located. You are allowed to have three off-ramps in total. (Off ramps - minimum 8 cm long)

**Resort complex**
A large multination corporation wants to build a resort complex and marina. It will include several large hotels, a golf course, and specially designed harbour with moorings for yachts and pleasure craft (boats). It needs to be located on the coastline to take advantage of beach locations and provide an appropriate location for the marina. It also needs to be accessible by road. Choose an appropriate location. (Marina - 8cx8cm, resort complex 10cmx10cm).

**Recreational complex**
The Federal government is going to provide substantial funding for a recreation and lifestyle complex and regional park. It will include a number of tennis courts, basketball/netball courts, soccer fields, football fields, as well as some open parkland with bike paths and foot paths. The complex will contribute positively to the quality of life of your residents. Choose an appropriate location. (Recreation complex 12 cmx12cm).

**National Park**
Lobbyists have proposed the creation of a national park. The park will protect environmental quality, provide opportunities for recreation (e.g. bushwalking, mountain climbing or snorkelling), and provide opportunities for tourism activities. Choose an appropriate location for the national park (12 cmx12cm).

**Technology hub**

A giant technology firm wants to set up a Tech Hub which will include a number of start-up businesses (new, small businesses) as well as several large technology businesses all in the one space. This will provide opportunities for employment in the city. (Tech Hub – 10cmx10cm)

For each of these proposals, consider how it will impact on liveability for the residents of the city.

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|  | Positives for liveability | Negative for Liveability |
| Highway off-ramps |  |  |
| Resort complex |  |  |
| Recreational complex |  |  |
| National Park |  |  |
| Technology Hub |  |  |

As a group decide which of these developments who would like near your part of the city. Write a proposal for where you think the new development should be located.

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| Which development proposal? |  |
| Location – Describe where the development should take place |  |
| Why is this location suitable? |  |
| How will this impact on liveability? |  |