

BELGRAVE HOTEL

Provision for parking

THE proposed hotel at Micawber Park, Belgrave, was again a subject of discussion at the last Council meeting, when Cr. Gilmour asked councillors to go along and see the plans.

"That is not the right procedure," said Cr. Eudy. "Council should not go to ratepayers to inspect plans. The place for that is in the Council Chamber."

Cr. Lambert stated that councillors were invited as individuals so that they could see for themselves just what was planned.

The discussion arose out of a letter from Mrs. F. T. Bunnett, for Hotel Belgrave Pty. Ltd., stating that the company's plans are not yet complete, and requesting the Council to suspend judgment on the project until plans have been submitted. When they are, the letter stated, it will be seen that very careful consideration has been given to the traffic problem, and generous provision made for parking.

Strong objection was raised at the previous Council meeting to the idea of a hotel being opened in Belgrave on the grounds that it would cause increased traffic congestion on an already over congested road, and that motor traffic from a hotel would increase the danger on one of the most dangerous roads in the Shire. The possibility of the introduction of ten o'clock closing of hotels was emphasised as an additional reason why the Council should oppose the idea.