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“The Precinct Plan does not allow for division of stands smaller than 900m², so even clusters are relatively large. The aim of the Hurlingham gated community is to collate, consolidate and co-operate resources, information and manpower, manned by volunteers.” She says each street is represented by a resident whose role is to ensure issues are actioned immediately. The association feeds info through newsletters, a website and street representatives.

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