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# 5.1 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 1987 (THE ACT)

The *Planning and Environment Act 1987* is the relevant legislation governing planning in Victoria. The Act identifies subordinate legislation in the form of Planning Schemes to guide future land use and development.

Section 60 of The *Planning and Environment Act*, requires the Responsible Authority to consider the following before deciding on an application:

- The relevant planning scheme;
- The objectives of planning in Victoria;
- All objections and other submissions which it has received;
- Any decision and comments of a referral authority which it has received; and
- Any significant effects which the responsible authority considers the use or development may have on the environment or which the responsible authority considers the environment may have on the use or development.

Section 61(4) of the Act makes specific reference to covenants. Under Section 61(4) of the *Planning & Environment Act 1987* the Responsible Authority must not issue a planning permit that would result in a breach of a registered restrictive covenant.

#### 5.2 MANNINGHAM PLANNING SCHEME

# Clauses of the Manningham Planning Scheme the Responsible Authority must consider:

- Planning Policy Framework
- Local Planning Policy Framework
- Clause 32.08 General Residential Zone, Schedule 3
- Clause 44.05 Special Building Overlay
- Clause 52.06 Car Parking
- Clause 55 Two or more dwellings on a lot and residential buildings
- Clause 65 Decision Guidelines

#### Zone

# Clause 32.08 General Residential Zone, Schedule 3

The purpose of the General Residential Zone is:

- To implement the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.
- To encourage development that respects the neighbourhood character of the area.
- To encourage a diversity of housing types and housing growth in locations offering good access to services and transport.
- To allow educational, recreational, religious, community and a limited range of other non-residential uses to serve local community needs in appropriate locations.

A Planning Permit is required to construct two or more dwellings on a lot within this zone.

An assessment for buildings and works for two or more dwellings is required under the provisions of Clause 55 of the Manningham Planning Scheme.

The purpose of Clause 55 is generally to provide well designed dwellings with considered regard to internal amenity, while at the same time, maintaining the amenity and character of the locality, with particular emphasis on the amenity of adjoining residents.

## Overlay

## Clause 44.05 Special Building Overlay

The purpose of the Special Building Overlay is:

- To implement the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.
- To identify land in urban areas liable to inundation by overland flows from the urban drainage system as determined by, or in consultation with, the flood plain management authority.
- To ensure that development maintains the free passage and temporary storage of floodwaters, minimises flood damage, is compatible with the flood hazard and local drainage conditions and will not cause any significant rise in flood level or flow velocity.
- To protect water quality in accordance with the provisions of relevant State Environment Protection Policies, particularly in accordance with Clauses 33 and 35 of the State Environment Protection Policy (Waters of Victoria).

A permit is required to construct a building or to construct or carry out works, including a fence.

An application under this overlay is exempt from the notice requirements of section 52(1)(a), (b) and (d), the decision requirements of section 64(1), (2) and (3) and the review rights of section 82(1) of the Act.

An application must be referred to the relevant floodplain management authority under Section 55 of the Act unless in the opinion of the responsible authority, the proposal satisfies requirements or conditions previously agreed to in writing between the responsible authority and the floodplain management authority.

# **Planning Policy Framework**

The relevant sections of the planning policy framework are as follows:

## Clause 15.01-1 Urban design

The objective of this policy is:

• To create urban environments that are safe, functional and provide good quality environments with a sense of place and cultural identity.

# Clause 15.01-2 Urban design principles

The objective of this policy is:

 To achieve architectural and urban design outcomes that contribute positively to local urban character and enhance the public realm while minimising detrimental impact on neighbouring properties.

# Clause 15.01-4 Design for safety

The objective of this policy is:

• To improve community safety and encourage neighbourhood design that makes people feel safe.

## Policy guidelines

Planning must consider as relevant:

• Safer Design Guidelines for Victoria (Crime Prevention Victoria and Department of Sustainability and Environment, 2005).

## Clause 15.01-5 Cultural identity and neighbourhood character

The objective of this policy is:

 To recognise and protect cultural identity, neighbourhood character and sense of place.

# Clause 15.02-1 Energy and resource efficiency

The objective of this policy is:

• To encourage land use and development that is consistent with the efficient use of energy and the minimisation of greenhouse gas emissions.

## Clause 16.01-1 Integrated housing

The objective of this policy is:

To promote a housing market that meets community needs.

# Clause 16.01-2 Location of residential development

The objective of this policy is:

 To locate new housing in or close to activity centres and employment corridors and at other strategic redevelopment sites that offer good access to services and transport.

# Clause 16.01-4 Housing diversity

The objective of this policy is:

• To provide for a range of housing types to meet increasingly diverse needs.

## Clause 16.01-5 Housing affordability

The objective of this policy is:

To deliver more affordable housing closer to jobs, transport and services.

# **Local Planning Policy Framework (LPPF)**

## **Municipal Strategic Statement**

## Clause 21.03 Key Influences

This clause identifies that future housing need and residential amenity are critical land-use issues that will challenge Manningham's future growth and sustainable development. The MSS acknowledges that there is a general trend towards smaller household size as a result of an aging population and smaller family structure which will lead to an imbalance between the housing needs of the population and the actual housing stock that is available.

This increasing pressure for re-development raises issues about how these changes affect the character and amenity of our local neighbourhoods. In meeting future housing needs, the challenge is to provide for residential re-development in appropriate locations, to reduce pressure for development in more sensitive areas, and in a manner that respects the residential character and amenity valued by existing residents.

#### Clause 21.05 Residential

This policy outlines the division of Manningham into four Residential Character Precincts. The precincts seek to channel increased housing densities around activity centres and main roads where facilities and services are available. In areas which are removed from these facilities a lower intensity of development is encouraged. A low residential density is also encouraged in areas that have identified environmental or landscape features.

The site is within Precinct 4 – Post 1975 residential areas.

This precinct includes areas that have been predominately developed since 1975 with a substantial amount of development occurring between late 1980s and the 1990s.

Although some of the housing built in the 1970s is single storey, housing built in the 1980s and 1990s is predominantly double storey and in some instances three storeys.

In this precinct there is minimal unit development.

An incremental level of change is anticipated in this precinct.

## Clause 21.05-4 Built form and neighbourhood character

The objective of this policy is:

To ensure that residential development enhances the existing or preferred neighbourhood character of the residential character precincts as shown on Map 1 to this Clause.

The strategies to achieve this objective include:

- Require residential development to be designed and landscaped to make a positive contribution to the streetscape and the character of the local area.
- Ensure that where development is constructed on steeply sloping sites that any
  development is encouraged to adopt suitable architectural techniques that minimise
  earthworks and building bulk.
- Ensure that development is designed to provide a high level of internal amenity for residents.
- Require residential development to include stepped heights, articulation and sufficient setbacks to avoid detrimental impacts to the area's character and amenity.

#### Clause 21.10 Ecologically Sustainable Development

This policy highlights Council's commitment to ESD and outlines a number of ESD principles to which regard must be given. These include building energy management, water sensitive design, external environmental amenity, waste management, quality of public and private realm and transport.

## **Local Planning Policy**

## Clause 22.08 Safety through urban design

This policy applies to all land in Manningham. It endeavours to provide and maintain a safer physical environment for those who live in, work in or visit the City of Manningham. The policy seeks attractive, vibrant and walkable public spaces where crime, graffiti and vandalism in minimised.

# Clause 22.09 Access for disabled people

This policy also applies to all land in Manningham. It seeks to ensure that people with a disability have the same level of access to buildings, services and facilities as any other person. The policy requires the needs of people with a disability to be taken into account in the design of all proposed developments.

#### **Particular Provisions**

## Clause 52.06 Car Parking

Pursuant to Clause 52.06-5, car parking is required to be provided at the following rate:

- 1 space for 1 and 2 bedroom dwellings.
- 2 spaces for 3 or more bedroom dwellings.

Clause 52.06-9 outlines various design standards for parking areas that should be achieved.

# Clause 52.34 Bicycle Facilities

No bicycle spaces are required to be provided as the development is less than 4 storeys.

## Clause 55 Two more dwellings on a lot and residential buildings

The provision of this clause apply to an application to construct two or more dwellings on a lot

The applicable clauses for the provisions of this clause apply to an application to construct or extend an apartment development include all of Clause 55 except Clause 55.03-5, Clause 55.03-6, Clause 55.04-8, Clause 55.05-1, Clause 55.05-2 and Clause 55.05-6.

## A development:

- Must meet all of the objectives of this clause that apply to the application.
- Should meet all of the standards of this clause that apply to the application.

For all of the provisions of Clause 55 other than Clause 55.07 (Apartment developments), if a zone or a schedule to a zone specifies a requirement of a standard different from a requirement set out in this clause, the requirement in the zone or a schedule to the zone applies.

The requirements of a standard set out in Clause 55.07 (Apartment developments) apply to the exclusion of any different requirement specified in a zone, a schedule to a zone, or a schedule to an overlay.

#### **General Provisions**

# Clause 65 Decision Guidelines

This clause outlines that before deciding on an application, the responsible authority must consider, as appropriate:

- The Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.
- The purpose of the zone, overlay or other provision.
- Any matter required to be considered in the zone, overlay or other provision.
- The orderly planning of the area.
- The effect on the amenity of the area.
- Whether the proposed development is designed to maintain or improve the quality of stormwater within and exiting the site.
- The degree of flood, erosion or fire hazard associated with the location of the land and the use, development or management of the land so as to minimise any such hazard.