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C69**SCHEDULE 10 TO THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN OVERLAY**

Shown on the planning scheme map as **DPO10**.

**NORTH OF THE MERRI RIVER DEVELOPMENT PLAN****1.0**12/04/2012  
C69**Requirement before a permit is granted**

The Responsible Authority may grant a permit for subdivision, use or development prior to the approval of a Development Plan only where it is satisfied that the proposed subdivision, use or development is generally consistent with the provisions of the North of the Merri River Structure Plan and will not prejudice the future development of the area as intended by the *North of the Merri River Structure Plan*.

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C69**Objectives of the development plan**

A development plan must be generally in accordance with the *North of the Merri River Structure Plan* and must address the following objectives:

**Overall Objectives**

To implement the vision depicted in the *North of the Merri River Structure Plan* to establish a well-connected and well serviced community that demonstrates a positive sense of place, with specific reference to the following plan elements:

- Movement network
- Open space
- Activity centre and community facilities
- Neighbourhoods and density
- Utilities and drainage.

To implement the layout, design and density objectives of the *North of the Merri River Structure Plan*.

**Movement Network Objectives**

To provide a movement network, including a connector road, local street and pedestrian/cycle path network that:

- Responds to the topography and existing road reserves (internal and external to the Development Plan area).
- Establishes a modified grid-based local road network with a high level of streetscape diversity, including a variety of street cross-sections.
- Establishes connections between neighbourhoods within the *North of the Merri Structure Plan* area, and to existing, surrounding neighbourhoods where relevant.
- Incorporates a positive landscape character in key locations through use of boulevard treatments and high quality street tree planting.
- Provides an accessible public transport route along Wollaston Road and a linked pedestrian and cycle network (on and off road).

**Open Space Objectives**

To provide an interlinked open space network that:

- Focuses on the Merri River floodplain and key site features (ridgelines, existing vegetation, heritage features) to create a 'green loop' of open space connected by boulevard roads throughout the structure plan area.

- Is visually and physically connected to surrounding land uses through use of edge road treatments or active frontages.
- Accommodates a range of functions, including drainage, active and passive recreation, walking/cycling trails and preserves key site features.
- Locates local open space to form the heart of neighbourhoods.
- Provides a high amenity setting for diverse housing outcomes, including current and future medium density housing.
- Establishes a distinct character for each open space that reflects the context and intended function of the space and provides for an area of usable open space.
- Reinforces the role of streets by establishing small green spaces within the local street network, including small parks, widened nature strips and central medians to provide points of difference and to create neighbourhood character.
- Identifies land within the floodplain suitable for active and passive recreation purposes and for drainage and conservation purposes, having regard for the 30m biodiversity corridor along the river.

### **Activity Centre and Community Facilities Objectives**

To provide a centralised activity and community centre that:

- Provides a local focus for the community, incorporating retail at a local Convenience Centre scale.
- Locates community facilities, including the primary school and local and active open space, adjacent to or nearby the retail/service centre.
- Identifies opportunities for shared use of land for community facilities, including the primary school and any required Council operated facilities.
- Is accessible via public transport with convenient access to a bus stop.
- Takes a ‘street-based’ form with a design that enhances visual interaction between the street and the land uses and accommodates on-street parking.
- Provides adequate parking for retail and other commercial uses in a location that does not feature prominently from key locations, such as Wollaston Road.
- Provides opportunities for diverse housing options including higher density housing and mixed use activities surrounding the centre, including service businesses and home offices.
- Incorporates buildings and uses of a scale sympathetic to the surrounding residential context.

### **Neighbourhoods and Density Objectives**

To provide a series of internal neighbourhoods that:

- Are diverse in landscape, streetscape and built form character, each with a neighbourhood ‘core’ consisting of a feature (such as open space, a streetscape feature, local activity centre etc).
- Are clearly defined by streetscape features and land uses, yet are connected through use of local streets and the ‘green loop’ of open space and boulevard connectors.
- Provide diversity in lot sizes and housing styles, with smaller lots in key, high amenity locations around open space and the local activity centre and larger lots in appropriate locations such as on steep slopes.
- Achieve an overall density of 12 lots per net developable ha across the structure plan area.
- Incorporates a high amenity character through use of diverse streetscape cross-sections and distinct open space to provide a context for diverse and higher density housing outcomes.

- Incorporates sensitive design of lots and siting of housing to preserve opportunities for infill subdivision/development to occur over time.
- Provides an appropriate housing and fencing interface to adjoining rural land, and vehicle and pedestrian connections to adjoining residential land.

#### **Utilities and Drainage Objectives**

To provide physical services and infrastructure that:

- Meet the needs of the future community and the development.
- Is provided in accordance with the North of the Merri River Development Contributions Plan.
- Provides for the efficient, staged delivery of services and infrastructure to ensure all lots are provided with adequate services.
- Incorporates a Water Sensitive Urban Design approach to stormwater management to protect the water quality of the Merri River.

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## **Requirements for the development plan**

### **Development Plan Precinct**

A development plan should be prepared for a group of landholdings generally in accordance with the development plan precincts identified in the *North of the Merri River Structure Plan*. Variations to the development plan precincts must be to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.

### **Site Analysis**

A development plan must include a detailed site analysis and design response that includes the following items to the satisfaction of the responsible authority:

- An environmental assessment of the flora, fauna and habitat significance of the land which includes recommended actions for management, revegetation and restoration of any identified conservation and vegetation protection areas where relevant. The assessment must also make recommendations with regard to management of noxious weeds as identified by the *Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994*. The assessment should be guided by the broader environmental assessment and recommendations completed as part of the *North of the Merri River Structure Plan*.
- An arboriculture assessment of all existing trees on the land which provides a description of the condition, health and integrity of all trees. The assessment must include recommendations for the long term preservation of tree(s) having regard to proposed open space or development in the neighbourhood context. The arboriculture assessment must include a plan showing the location of all vegetation nominated for removal and retention and surveyed locations of the trunk, canopy and tree protection zone of all vegetation nominated for retention.
- An archaeological survey and heritage assessment which includes recommendations for the protection, restoration and interpretation of significant sites, and where appropriate, design measures to sensitively integrate sites. The assessment must also identify areas where a Cultural Heritage Management Plan is required by the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*. The assessment should be guided by the broader archaeological and heritage assessment and recommendations completed as part of the *North of the Merri River Structure Plan*.
- A landscape assessment that defines any important landscape views or vistas and any landscape features.
- An environmental audit identifying any environmental hazards or contamination on the land and proposed treatments, if any; or a qualified statement indicating the absence of such hazards or contamination.

- A consolidated site analysis plan in digital and hard copy format that depicts all relevant site analysis information.

### **Design Response**

The development plan must comprise:

- A design response that is based on the results of the site analysis process, and is generally consistent with the objectives and requirements of the *North of the Merri River Structure Plan*.
- A written report and plans addressing the objectives described in this schedule.
- The written report and plans must include (where relevant):

### **Movement Network**

- Street layout plan that details all aspects of the movement network, including streets, intersection treatments, traffic management devices, public transport routes and pedestrian/cycle paths.
- Typical cross-sections for all streets.
- A road hierarchy plan.
- A road traffic safety plan that assigns a traffic volume range to each road and identifies measures to ensure roads do not exceed the traffic volume range commensurate with their position in the road hierarchy.

### **Open Space**

- An open space plan identifying encumbered open space, passive open space, land suitable for active open space, and any additional open space required to perform a streetscape function or to link open space areas.
- A landscape masterplan that identifies a preferred character/theme for each open space area and a street tree theme for streets and boulevards, including nomination of suitable species.
- A landscape masterplan for the floodplain or part thereof that clearly defines land within the floodplain suitable for active, passive and conservation functions, with a distinct landscape design for each.
- A plan detailing any vegetation to be preserved on site, vegetation to be removed and any revegetation works required in accordance with the recommendations of the flora and fauna assessment.
- Details of fencing treatments proposed for land abutting open space, including land abutting the floodplain.

### **Activity centres and community facilities**

- An activity centre plan indicatively identifying the design of the centre, the location and scale of uses, location of bus stops and parking areas and the relationship between the activity centre and the open space, primary school and any community facilities required by the responsible authority.

### **Neighbourhoods and Density**

- An indicative lot layout plan that identifies areas appropriate for medium density housing, areas that are suitable for potential change over time (potential re-subdivision) and areas appropriate for mixed uses.

**Utilities and Drainage**

- A Development Sequencing plan that identifies the likely sequence of development, the staging and provision of infrastructure, drainage, roads and other key facilities and evidence that reticulated water supply and sewerage services can be provided to the land in a timely and efficient manner.
- An overall land budget that calculates the area for each category of land use shown on the plan. The land budget must specifically identify land that will be set aside for infrastructure and open space in accordance with the *North of the Merri River Development Contributions Plan*.

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**Decision guidelines**

In considering whether to approve a development plan, the responsible authority must consider objectives and requirements of the *North of the Merri River Structure Plan, 2010*.