

Planning and Environment Act 1987

WHITTLESEA PLANNING SCHEME

Notice of the preparation of an amendment

Amendment C249wsea

Overview

Amendment C249 proposes to update the Whittlesea Planning Scheme (the scheme) to address a range of recommendations made by the Planning Scheme Review (PSR) 2018, an informal review undertaken in 2022 and the Council Plan 2021. The amendment will ensure the planning scheme is consistent with current practice and community expectations and will improve the usability of the planning scheme.

For further details, refer to the explanatory report about the amendment.

Details of the amendment

The City of Whittlesea as planning authority has prepared Amendment C249 to the Whittlesea Planning Scheme.

The Amendment applies to all land within the municipality.

The Amendment proposes to make the following changes:

Planning scheme ordinance

- Amends the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) at Clauses 02.01 (Context), 02.02 (Vision) and 02.03 (Strategic Directions) to incorporate outcomes from the *Council Plan 2021* and other adopted council strategies and policies.
- Amends local policy at Clauses 11.01 (Victoria), 11.03 (Planning for Places), 12.01 (Biodiversity), 15.01 (Built Environment), 15.03 (Heritage), 16.01 (Residential Development), 17.01 (Employment), 17.03 (Industry), 19.02 (Community Infrastructure), and 19.03 (Development Infrastructure) to reference adopted plans and policy documents, make changes to improve consistency and readability and delete redundant policies.
- Amends the following schedules to zones to improve readability, make corrections and other changes identified from the PSR 2018 and PSR 2022:
 - Schedule to Clause 35.05 (Green Wedge A Zone);
 - Schedule 4 to Clause 37.02 (Comprehensive Development Plan); and,
 - Schedules 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 to Clause 37.07 (Urban Growth Zone).
- Deletes Schedule to Clause 35.06 (Rural Conservation Zone) and amends Schedule 1 to Clause 35.06 (Rural Conservation Zone) to merge the content and remove duplication.
- Amends Schedule to Clause 72.03 (What does this Planning Scheme consist of?) to remove reference to Map 15PAO.
- Amends Schedule to Clause 72.08 (Background Documents) to include the following documents referred to in the scheme:
 - *Amended Cooper Street West Position Paper (Whittlesea City Council, October 2017)*;
 - *Biodiversity Strategy 2019-2029 (Whittlesea City Council, June 2019)*;
 - *Cooper Street Employment Area Design Guidelines (Whittlesea City Council, March 2018)*;
 - *Stage Two Dry Stone Wall Study Thematic History and Precincts (David Moloney, August 2020)*;

- *Greening Whittlesea – City Forest Strategy 2020-2040 (Whittlesea City Council, April 2021);*
- *Open Space Strategy: Technical Report (Thompson Berrill Landscape Design, August 2016);*
- *Strong Local Economy 2022-2026 (Whittlesea City Council, February 2022);*
- *Sustainable Environment Strategy 2022-2032 (Whittlesea City Council, November 2022);*
- *Thomastown Industrial Area Plan 2018-2038 (Whittlesea City Council, March 2018);*
- *Whittlesea 2040: A Place for All (Whittlesea City Council, September 2022); and,*
- *Whittlesea Water for All: Our Water Strategy 2020-2030 (Whittlesea City Council, December 2020).*

Zone maps

- Updates the Planning Scheme Maps 04, 05, 11, 12 and 17 to amend the Rural Conservation Zone Schedule 1 to remove duplication;
- Updates the Planning Scheme Maps 01, 02, 05, 06 and 07 renaming the Green Wedge A Zone Schedule to the Green Wedge A Zone Schedule 1; and,
- Deletes the Public Acquisition Overlay Schedule 4 at 605 O'Herns Road on Planning Scheme Map 15, which is no longer required.

You may inspect the amendment, any documents that support the amendment and the explanatory report about the amendment, free of charge, at:

- the Department of Transport and Planning website <https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/planning-schemes/amendments/amendments-on-exhibition> or by contacting 1800 789 386 to arrange a time to view the amendment documentation.
- the Whittlesea City Council website at <https://engage.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/>.
- on request, during office hours, at the office of the Whittlesea City Council Offices at 25 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang VIC 3752 by contacting 9217 2170 to arrange a time to view the amendment documentation.

Any person may make a submission to the planning authority about the amendment. Submissions must be made in writing giving the submitter's name and contact address, clearly stating the grounds on which the amendment is supported or opposed and indicating what changes (if any) the submitter wishes to make.

Name and contact details of submitters are required for the planning authority to consider submissions and to notify such persons of the opportunity to attend planning authority meetings and any public hearing held to consider submissions.

The closing date for submissions is **Friday 16 August 2024**.

A submission must be sent to the Chief Executive Officer, Locked Bag 1, Bundoora MDC VIC 3083.

The planning authority must make a copy of every submission available at its office and/or its website for any person to inspect free of charge until the end of the two months after the amendment comes into operation or lapses.

Yours sincerely



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