



Shire of
Peppermint Grove

Local Planning Policy 10 – Design Review Panels

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Statutory Authority

- Planning and Development Act 2005
- Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015
- Shire of Peppermint Grove Local Planning Scheme No. 4 (2017) as amended.

State Policy

Local Planning Policy

This local policy shall apply to all matters considered pursuant to Local Planning Scheme No.4 (LPS 4) and where the Council may exercise its discretion to vary Scheme requirements, to advise and direct on matters of land subdivision and amalgamation, site and building design, and/or processes associated with the assessment and implementation of development and matters related to its implementation.

The Policy Statement intends to provide clear direction and explanation as to the justification and basis for Council preferences in design and planning. It intends to influence the design of proposals and to achieve consistency of deliberation on matters which call for judgement and consideration of site characteristics and merit of design proposals.

All Policy will apply to each case prescribed to achieve a balance between consistency and appropriate site related design.

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Policy Reference	Formal Description	Service Line
LPP 10	Design Review Panels	Development Services
Implementation:		Planning and Building
Adoption and Modification	2020	
Strategic Community Plan		
Review Date		

Planning Objective (LPS):

- *To provide Council with high level, independent expert advice and expertise on urban design, architecture, landscape design, sustainability and heritage in relation to significant development applications.*

Statutory Basis

This Local Planning Policy is made under the provision of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) 2015 Regulations.

Policy

The panel shall act in an advisory capacity on specified proposals with respect to development meeting the Shire's objectives with particular reference to those of the Local Planning Scheme, Local Planning Strategy and residential development codes.

The advice provided to Council should encompass the following:

- The merits of the architectural design including its relationship to adjoining development;
- Impact of the design on the broader public realm and streetscape and general amenity of the locality.
- How the proposal would affect the character of the locality, including impacts upon heritage structures and places of cultural heritage significance, including natural features.
- The extent to which the proposal is designed to be resource efficient, climatically appropriate, responsive to climate change and makes a contribution to environmental sustainability;
- The demonstration of best practice urban design including Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CEPTED) principles, protection of important view corridors and the creation of safe and active civic and commercial places.

The Panel shall examine the plans of all development proposals referred to them and provide professional and technical advice to the applicant and the Shire's Development Services in relation to matters relating to urban design, architecture, landscape design, sustainability or heritage.

Membership

The Shire's Design Review Panel (DRP) shall comprise of four external members and one deputy member approved by Council and consist of members who are able to demonstrate:

- A demonstrated high level of expertise and knowledge in their particular field of architecture, urban design, landscape architecture, sustainability or heritage;
- The relevant skills and experience to provide independent expert advice in regard to significant urban design, place making; and
- Current registration or eligibility for registration with their relevant professional body is essential.

The Chief Executive Officer and/or the Manager of Development Services shall be ex-officio members and provide administrative support.

Selection

Members of the DRP can be either nominated by the CEO and/or selected from a pool following public advertising in a local newspaper and the Shire's website.

Role and Scope of the Policy

The Review panel provides advice only. It has no powers or authority, whether by delegation or otherwise, to make decisions or approve applications which have been referred to them.

In respect of any item under consideration at a meeting, the Panels' comments are restricted to Council Members. Panel Members are not entitled to comment on behalf of the Shire to the media.

The DRP is not to provide advice directly to an applicant in respect of any item under consideration at a DRP.

Applications to be referred to the DRP

The following applications for planning approval for proposed development (Development Applications) in the following categories are to be referred to the DRP for their consideration and comment:

1. Commercial development directly abutting land zoned residential; and Development, which, in the opinion of the Chief Executive Officer or Council, is contentious or likely to be of significant community interest;
2. Redevelopment of a site within the District Centre Zone.
3. Non-residential development which, in the opinion of the delegated officer, is likely to have a significant impact on the Shire;
4. Residential development on land zoned either Mixed-use, or Activity Centre greater than three storeys or comprising ten or more dwellings and
5. Minor development proposals which, in the opinion of the delegated officer, should be referred to the DRP due to unusual or unconventional design elements.

Design Review Panel Process

The recommendations are to be included in the report to Council for determination along with any contrary views or concerns raised by the applicant.

Officers are to circulate agendas including plans and preliminary Officer's comments to DRP at least 10 days prior to the meeting. DRP members are to review plans and undertake site inspections as required.