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# #Shape Our Place

# Canning Highway Residential Density and Built Form Study



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## Executive Summary

Canning Highway is a key transport and urban comidor which plays an important role in the City of South Perth. GHD has been engaged to undertake a study to examine the residential density and built form (including dwelling types and building height limits) for a section of Canning Highway and the area approximately 100 metres either side of the highway. This includes making recommended changes to the City's Town Planning Scheme No. 6.

The study, known as #ShapeOurPlace, has stemmed from a recommendation of the City's Draft Local Housing Strategy (2011). This study identified Canning Highway for medium density and recommended investigation into providing an appropriate transition between the existing high density areas on the highway and the low residential areas in the suburban streets.

The vision for #ShapeOurPlace is:

To articulate a desirable future character for Canning Highway and adjacent areas, reflecting an appropriate scale and intensity for the strategic context of the place. #ShapeOurPlace will facilitate the development of Canning Highway as an urban corridor while enabling a transition that harmoniously integrates development between the highway and the suburbs. #ShapeOurPlace promotes activation of places, sustainable living through increasing use of public transport and reinforces the strong relationship the community has with its local area.

The objectives of #ShapeOurPlace are:

- To provide clear guidance for future development situated on or adjacent to Canning Highway.
- To recommend changes to the City's Town Planning Scheme No. 6 to facilitate desirable built form outcomes.
- To recommend appropriate dwelling types and building heights for the area.

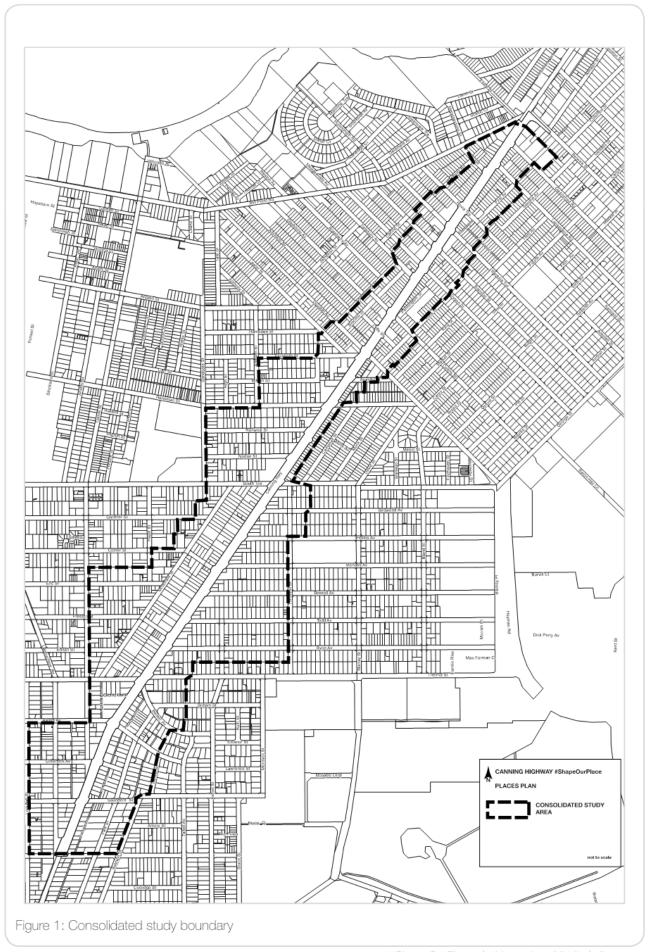
- To facilitate an harmonious transition of density and built form from Canning Highway to the lower density suburban areas.
- To protect the amenity of the existing residential areas, both within and adjacent to the study area.
- To facilitate an appropriate interface between residential and non-residential uses.

#ShapeOurPlace aligns with current state planning framework including the draft Perth and Peel at 3.5 Million, which identifies Canning Highway as an urban corridor. The plan recommends a transition of high densities along urban corridors, medium density in the transition area behind the highway and low density in the residential area.

#ShapeOurPlace initially investigated a wide study area to ensure residential surrounds were considered in the analysis and that there was sufficient area to accommodate a residential density and built form transition. The study area was later consolidated following the first phase of consultation. The consolidated study boundary is shown in Figure 1.

The area is highly diverse and is dissected by a major piece of road infrastructure. Canning Highway is affected by a Metropolitan Region Scheme 'Primary Regional Road' Reservation to facilitate road widening. The widening has a significant impact on properties abutting the highway, particularly on the southern side. There is an opportunity through #ShapeOurPlace and the road widening to improve the highway environment both in the public realm and the private realm through revitalisation.

The first step of #ShapeOurPlace was a comprehensive site analysis of the area to understand the dwelling types, streetscape character and street presentation based on the current town planning scheme zonings. The character of the area varies, from east to west and north to south. This is generally a result of the building ages, lot sizes and lot layout. The suburbs of Kensington and South Perth have a high proportion of single houses, whereas Como has



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a prevalence of both grouped dwellings and single houses.

The next stage of #ShapeOurPlace was to undertake consultation with the community and State Government stakeholders. #ShapeOurPlace engaged with its community and key stakeholders, to ensure that the study recommendations are reflective of community aspirations and directly informed by stakeholder planning priorities and identified challenges. It was seen as vital that the community was involved from the outset, in shaping their future urban corridor, Canning Highway.

The stakeholders raised a number of key considerations, in particular:

- Limiting direct access on to Canning Highway;
- Concentrating development around public transport services;
- Consideration of pedestrian and cyclist movement throughout the area; and
- Consideration of supporting studies (traffic and access) to support the project.

Consultation with the community was undertaken in two phases. The first phase was to establish an understanding of the community's desire for the future including what built form is preferred. This was facilitated through a community workshop, an online discussion on Facebook and through the submission of general feedback. The community were invited to share their thoughts and ideas about the appropriate built form (building type and appearance) for the area and where it was appropriate to be located. The key outcomes included:

- A preference for single houses throughout the area;
- A preference for more intense development at key locations (e.g. Way Road/Mill Point Road, the intersection of Douglas Avenue and Canning

Highway, between Thelma Street and Cale Street and between Dyson Street and Douglas Avenue);

- Design and built form elements that break up the bulk and scale of a building (e.g. large areas of landscaping, large balconies, eaves and large setbacks); and
- Some preference for lower scale heights in certain locations (2 storeys or less) and some preference for greater height in other locations.

The second phase of consultation involved obtaining feedback on proposed height concept plans and cross sections for the consolidated study area. The purpose was to determine whether the scale of development was appropriate for the area and whether the transition from the highway to the residential streets was appropriate. The key outcomes included:

- Preference for lower scale heights in Kensington;
- Concerns associated with increased traffic and parking as a result of increased development;
- Consideration of character study for Kensington; and
- Some consideration of greater heights and zonings in Como.

The feedback from the stakeholders and community led to a series of key recommendations proposed in the built form study.

#ShapeOurPlace proposes that the future development of the area be categorised into three streetscape types – highway, urban and suburban. Within these three streetscape types, there will be six key housing typologies likely to be developed: single house, town house, terrace, manor house apartment, apartment and mixed use development.

The highway streetscape relates to all lots that are directly facing Canning Highway. The streetscape rhythm and pattern for this category reflects high intensity development, comprising apartments, mixed use developments and terraces. The urban streetscape relates to those properties behind the highway. The character shares similar characteristics to the highway streetscape including smaller setbacks and a denser urban form; however the scale is between that of the highway and suburban street. The suburban streetscape is reflective of a typical residential street. The streetscape is open with large setbacks and open spaces.

The proposed location of the streetscape types is shown in Figure 2.

In order to achieve the indicative character of the proposed streetscapes, there are a number of key built form elements that require additional control through the town planning scheme or further design provisions through a policy framework.

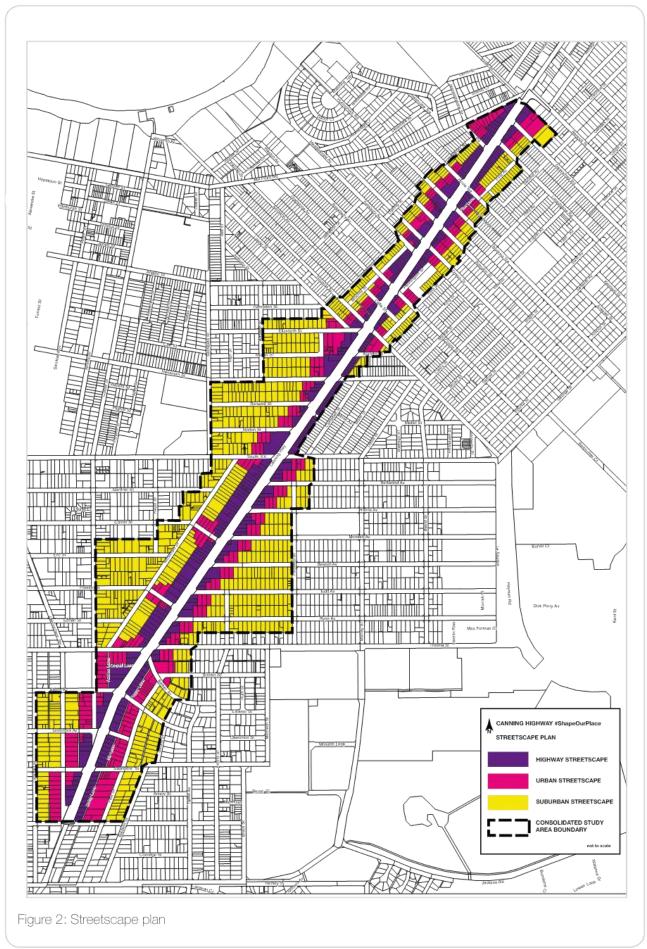
#ShapeOurPalce recommends that the City of South Perth Town Planning Scheme No. 6 include the provisions relating to:

- Density (town planning scheme maps) to manage the type of built form that can be developed;
- Building heights (using the same approach as currently utilised by the City) to manage the scale of development;
- Setbacks (front, side and rear) to manage the bulk of developments and control open space; and
- Any changes to access arrangements including ceding land for rights of way, enabling easements and requiring lot amalgamation.

The specific design control elements that should be managed through policy or through the implementation of the deemed-to-comply provisions of the R-Codes, include:

- Streetscape and typology types to specify the desired character of an area;
- Building design to provide mechanisms to add interest to buildings and break up the bulk and scale;
- Sustainable design to facilitate sustainable living particularly in a higher density environment;
- Open Space, outdoor living area and communal open space to reduce bulk and scale and provide useable open space areas within a higher density environment;
- Visual privacy to ensure the impact on surrounding developments is minimised;
- Solar access to ensure the impact of overshadowing on surrounding developments is minimised;
- Garages to ensure they are appropriately integrated with the development;
- Landscaping to assist in breaking up the bulk and scale of the development and soften the urban environment; and
- Fencing to provide privacy to dwellings without creating barriers to the public realm.

It is recognised that the #ShapeOurPlace study area is highly diverse and therefore provides a high level overview of the current environment and where it should move to in the future. Due to this, further planning should be undertaken to understand in more detail the intricacies of the various localities and further consult with the local community. It is recommended that this planning be undertaken on a place by place basis rather than as one larger study, as it is recognised that within the broader study area there are sub-precincts within it that have a unique character.



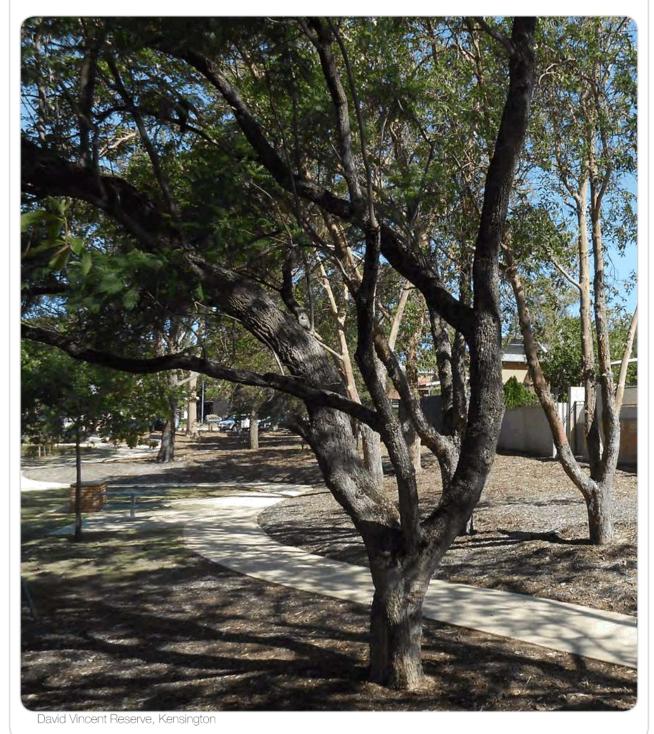
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- Access study to investigate alternative access arrangements for highway properties;
- Character study to undertake a comprehensive review of the existing building stock and understand how this impacts future development;
- Detailed design guidelines for individual areas to provide more detailed local planning provisions;
- Community infrastructure plan to determine whether there are adequate facilities to support the envisaged increasing population;
- Review of existing planning policies to determine where there may be cross overs with the existing framework; and
- Consultation to continue with the community particularly in areas where there were low response rates for this study.

The next step in the project will be for Council to endorse the overall study then progress with individual projects within the broader study. This will be through amendments to the City of South Perth Town Planning Scheme No. 6 and local planning framework. Consultation with the community will occur throughout all of these processes as it is recognised that the community plays a key role in shaping their local area for the future.

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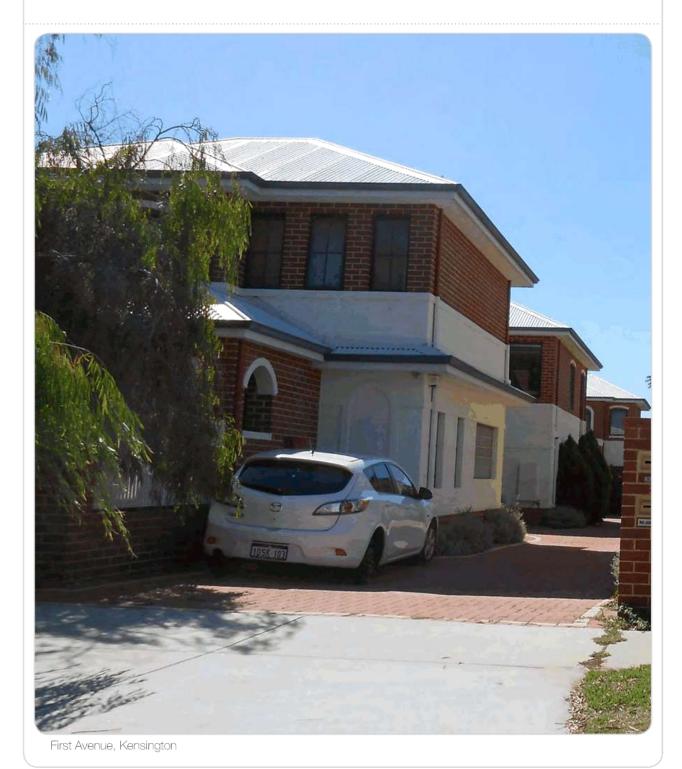
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## Part 1-Project Background



First Avenue, Kensington

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## 1.1 Introduction

Canning Highway #ShapeOurPlace is a study initiated to examine the residential density and built form for Canning Highway and the area approximately 100 metres either side of the highway. #ShapeOurPlace is a comprehensive document encompassing the foundations of the study, the consultation that has guided the study, the key issues, constraints and opportunities that exist and a set of outcomes and recommendations that will enable the City of South Perth to progress with the future planning of the area.

The study has stemmed from a recommendation of the City's Draft Local Housing Strategy (2011) which identified Canning Highway for medium density, to provide an appropriate transition between the existing high density areas on the highway and the low residential areas in the suburban streets.

This study is divided into seven parts:

- Project background
- Urban context
- Consultation
- Built form study
- Design controls
- Strategic considerations and recommendations

### 1.2 The Vision

Canning Highway has the potential to be an activated, highly utilised urban corridor that promotes sustainable growth and development, however it is important for the scale and character of future development to integrate with the surrounding locality.

The vision for the study is:

To articulate a desirable future character for Canning Highway and adjacent areas, reflecting an appropriate scale and intensity for the strategic context of the place. #ShapeOurPlace will facilitate the development of Canning Highway as an urban corridor while enabling a transition that harmoniously integrates development between the highway and the suburbs. #ShapeOurPlace promotes activation of places, sustainable living through increasing use of public transport and reinforces the strong relationship the community has with its local area.

## 1.3 The Study Area

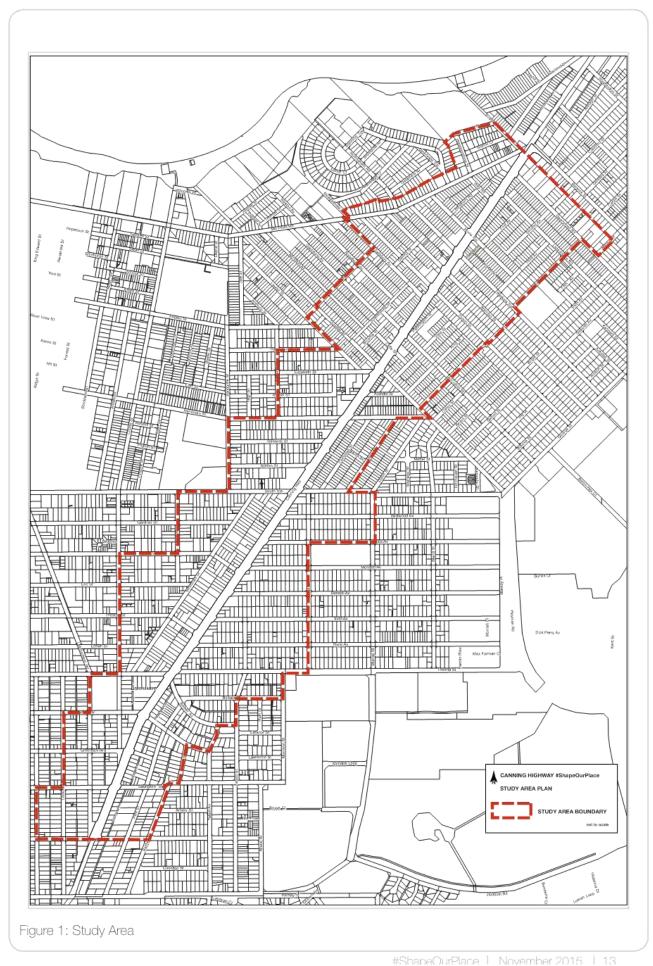
The intent of the draft Local Housing Strategy was to examine an area within 100 metres either side of Canning Highway. #ShapeOurPlace investigates a wider study area to ensure residential surrounds were considered in the analysis and that there was sufficient area to accommodate a residential density and built form transition.

The #ShapeOurPlace study area is shown in Figure 1.



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The study boundary was reduced to a more consolidated area following consultation with the community. Early during the project it was communicated to the community that it was never the intention that the whole study area be changed. The study area includes suburban areas that, while not likely to be directly impacted by changes to the planning framework, are close enough to Canning Highway that it was considered important to gain feedback from residents. In areas where existing suburban character is strongly valued and changes to the planning framework are not considered necessary at this time, the original study boundary was amended and the study focussed on areas where changes may be required.

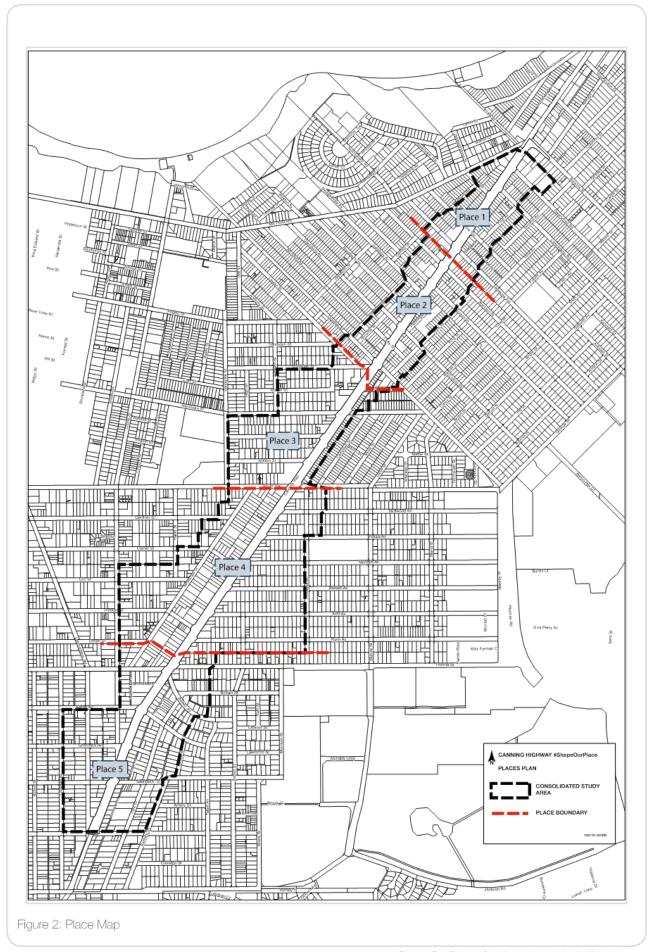
The transition from highway densities and built form will remain close to the highway. In the areas where there was desire or planning rationale to see more change, wider transitions are provided. Some areas were removed from the study as they were considered too far removed from the focus area of Canning Highway (e.g. parts of Gwenyfred Road and Mill Point Road).

The adjusted boundary reflects a more practical implementation of the study recommendations. The study area was further divided into five places as shown in Figure 2, for the purpose of this study.

## 1.4 Study Objectives

The objectives of #ShapeOurPlace are:

- To provide clear guidance for future development situated on or adjacent to Canning Highway.
- To recommend changes to the City's Town Planning Scheme No. 6 to facilitate desirable built form outcomes.
- To recommend appropriate dwelling types and building heights for the area.
- To facilitate an harmonious transition of density and built form from Canning Highway to the lower density suburban areas.
- To protect the amenity of the existing residential areas, both within and adjacent to the study area.
- To facilitate an appropriate interface between residential and non-residential uses.



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## 1.5 Planning Context

Future density and built form in the study area will be strongly guided by the current planning framework set by the State Government and local studies from the City of South Perth. Key influencing policies and decisions are described below.

## 1.5.1 State Planning Framework Directions 2031 and Beyond

Directions 2031 and beyond (Directions 2031) was the key spatial planning framework for the Perth and Peel regions at the commencement of the #ShapeOurPlace study. Directions 2031 provides a framework for guiding growth and delivering housing, infrastructure and services to accommodate the growth. It sets a vision for Perth to be a liveable, prosperous, accessible, sustainable and responsible city. It also identifies the City of South Perth within the central sub region and sets dwelling targets for local governments in order to accommodate the growing population of Perth. The dwelling target for the City of South Perth was 6,000 additional dwellings by 2031.

### Perth and Peel at 3.5 Million

In May 2015, the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) released the draft Perth and

Peel @ 3.5 Million which builds on the principles established in Directions 2031. This strategy aims to guide where future growth should be targeted to ensure the sustainable development of the Perth metropolitan and Peel regions. It suggests that by the year 2050, Perth and Peel will have a population of 3.5 million. Perth and Peel @ 3.5 Million has particular focus on urban consolidation and setting infill housing targets. An increase to the infill housing target from that of *Directions 2031*, for the City of South Perth is 8,300 additional dwellings by 2050.

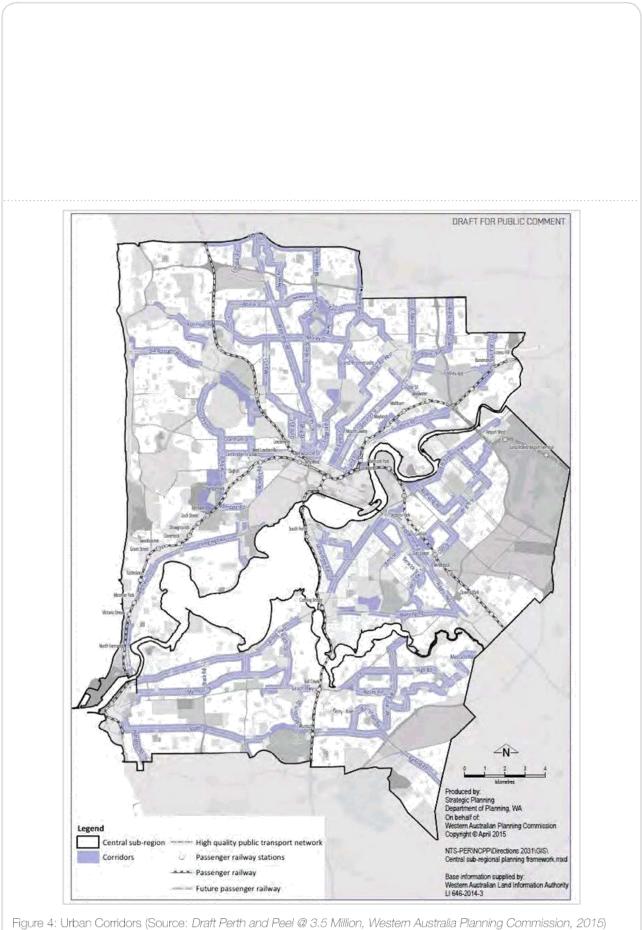
Urban consolidation principles were set by draft Perth and Peel at 3.5 Million to guide where infill should be targeted. The document identifies corridors as key location for concentrating urban consolidation, with Canning Highway being highlighted as one of these corridors (Figure 4). Future planning for the corridor should integrate both land uses and transport and consider all transport modes, parking and utilities whilst providing a pedestrian friendly environment.

Draft Perth and Peel at 3.5 Million provides an indicative cross section of urban corridors, illustrating appropriate densities for urban corridors and how the residential coding should be stepped down away from the urban corridor towards the existing neighbourhood. This is demonstrated in Figure 3 below.



Figure 3: Urban Corridors Cross Sections (Source: Draft Perth and Peel @ 3.5 Million, Western Australia Planning Commission, 2015)

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### Residential Design Codes (R-Codes)

The Residential Design Codes (R-Codes) are the primary tool for residential development control throughout Western Australia. All residential development is to comply with the objectives and standards of the R-Codes. Proposed residential development can either be assessed using the 'deemed-to-comply' requirements or the 'design principles'. The 'deemed to comply' requirements provide a more quantitative assessment whilst the 'design principles' provide a more qualitative and outcomes based assessment. Both mechanisms are designed to provide a comprehensive assessment process.

The R-Codes outline provisions for a range of low, medium and high densities. Low residential density applies to land coded less than R30 and predominantly contains single houses. Medium density residential applies to land coded R30 to R60 and contains grouped dwellings and single houses. High density residential applies to codings greater than R60 or an activity centre coding and predominantly contains grouped and multiple dwellings. Perth and Peel @ 3.5 Million defines medium density slightly differently; referring to medium density as R40-R60.

Part 5 of the R-Codes outlines the requirements for all single houses and grouped dwellings, and multiple dwellings in areas coded less than R40. Part 6 provides the required design elements for multiple dwellings in areas coded R40 or greater, mixed use development and activity centres.

As the R-Codes apply across the whole State, they cannot account for all local conditions. Consequently, the R-Codes allow the local government to vary certain requirements through the local planning scheme and policy framework.

The City of South Perth utilise the R-Codes, along with their local planning scheme and policies, to assess residential development.

## 1.5.2 Local Planning Framework

### City of South Perth Town Planning Scheme No. 6

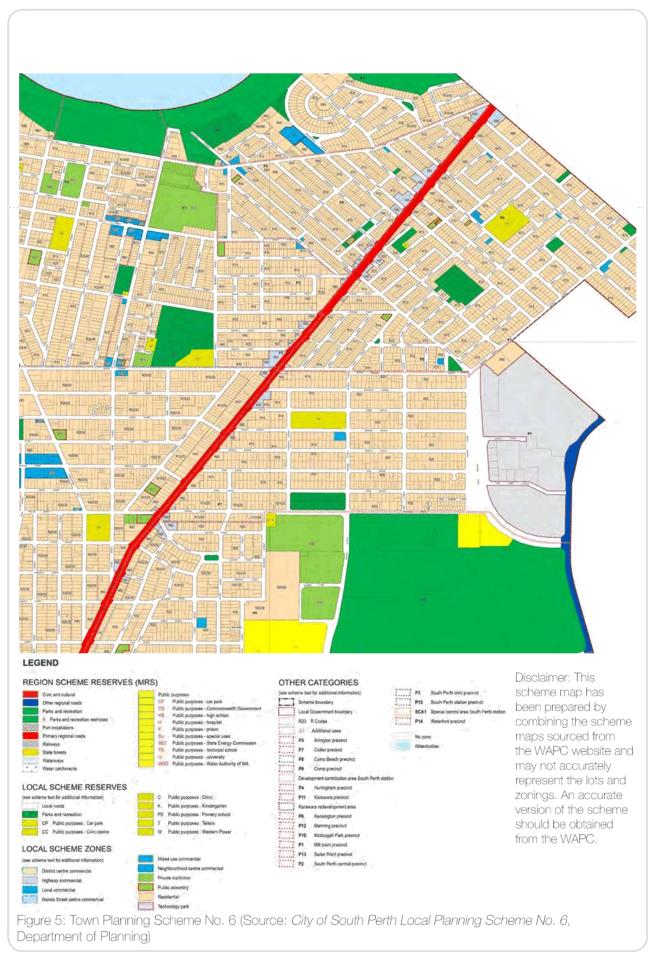
The City's existing Town Planning Scheme No. 6 provides the statutory framework for land use planning. Canning Highway is reserved 'Primary Regional Road' under the Metropolitan Region Scheme (MRS) and the land surrounding Canning Highway is predominantly zoned 'Residential' with small pockets of 'Highway Commercial' along Canning Highway. There are some areas of higher density along the highway (Residential R80) however immediately adjacent the residential densities are predominantly low (Residential R15). The #ShapeOurPlace study area includes a range of residential zonings ranging from Residential R15 to Residential R80. The predominant residential coding throughout the study area is R15.

The City of South Perth Town Planning Scheme No. 6 does not permit multiple dwellings in areas coded R40 or lower.



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## Local Policy P351.5 Streetscape Compatibility - Precinct 5 'Arlington' and Precinct 6 'Kensington'

This local planning policy provides guidance for development within the Arlington and Kensington Precincts excluding the properties with frontage to Canning Highway only. The intention of the policy is to maintain the character and amenity of the locality. This policy applies to some parts of the #ShapeOurPlace study area, as shown in Figure 6. The #ShapeOurPlace project recommendations have been prepared having due regard to the policy provisions and intent. The policy provides planning controls that ensure that future development is of a bulk and scale that is compatible with the subject streetscape. Multiple dwellings are not covered by this policy; however, amendments may be required to this policy in the future to include provisions for multiple dwellings.





Figure 6: Precinct 5 'Arlington' (top) and Precinct 6 'Kensington' (Source: City of South Perth local planning policy P351.5 Streetscape Compatibility – Precinct 5 'Arlington' and Precinct 6 'Kensington', City of South Perth)

## City of South Perth Local Housing Strategy (Draft)

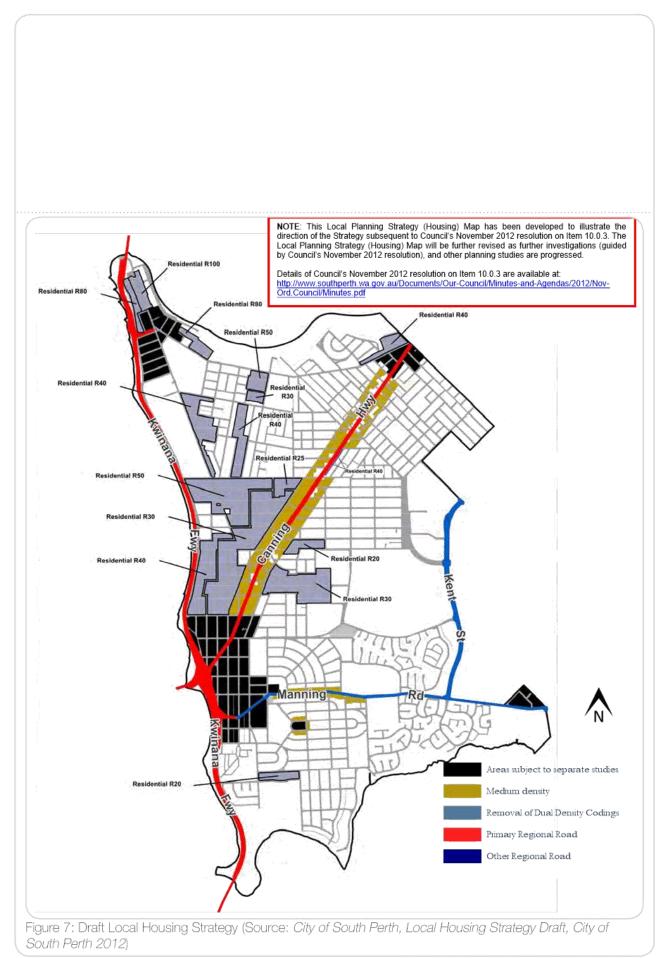
The City prepared a Local Housing Strategy in 2011 to help guide the review of Town Planning Scheme No. 6. The strategy identifies Canning Highway for medium density development, to provide a suitable transition between the high density Highway Commercial zoning and low density residential development in the adjoining suburbs. In addition, the Strategy recommends upper-medium to high density zoning to be investigated at the following intersections:

- Baker Avenue/Thelma Street/Canning Highway;
- Douglas Avenue/Canning Highway; and
- South Terrace/Canning Highway.

The southern end of the #ShapeOurPlace study area is the Canning Bridge Activity Centre Structure Plan which was endorsed by the City of South Perth in 2015. At the northern end of the study area the Local Housing Strategy recommends further investigation of the Eastern Activity Centre, which was identified in the Draft Capital City Planning Framework. However the Eastern Activity Centre has not been explicitly recognised in more recent State strategic documents such as draft Perth and Peel @3.5 Million and is therefore considered as part of #ShapeOurPlace.

The Local Housing Strategy recognises the challenge presented with higher densities along Canning Highway abutting lower densities behind and the need to provide an appropriate treatment to facilitate a transition. The extent of the medium density development is suggested to extend 100 metres either side of the highway.

The draft Local Housing Strategy identifies that Canning Highway will experience a shift from the existing built form of single lot dwellings to a more urban form through the application of medium densities. This is consistent with the State Government identification of Canning Highway as a key urban corridor.



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## 1.5.3 Local Planning Decisions

A key precursor and influence to this study are previous Council decisions which highlight the development challenges being experienced along Canning Highway and the abutting residential area. In November 2012, the Council considered the Draft Local Housing strategy – Engagement Report and Next Steps report. The Council resolved a number of matters during the consideration of this report including:

- (i) Progress detailed investigations into Action 4.1A with stronger emphasis on localised areas. Further detailed investigations are to include (but not be limited to):
  - (A) Discontinue investigations into increasing density within the Canning Highway density flank for all properties fronting Campbell Street, Kensington;"
  - (B) Specific densities in individual locations with respect to lot dimensions, size and orientation in specific areas:
  - (C) Boundaries for density coding changes, including consideration on the use of streets as buffers between different densities, and the graduation of densities within the density flank area;
  - (D) Outcomes of the Canning Highway Road Reservation Review and the future direction of the City in dealing with this Review;
  - (E) Outcomes of the Activity Centres Strategy, existing and future nonresidential uses, and their interface with residential development;

- (F) Provision of an R40 density coding to properties fronting Canning Highway on the eastern side of the Highway between Hensman Street and the residential zone properties up to South Terrace; and
- (G) Investigation of residential densities surrounding the Canning Highway/South Terrace intersection, and the interface between residential densities and existing non-residential land uses.'

In addition the City has received a number of development applications within the study area. On a number of occasions planning approval has not been granted by the Council as the developments were considered to be out of character with the streetscape, particularly in relation to setbacks, overshadowing and inconsistencies with the scheme objectives.

#ShapeOurPlace provides the analysis, tools and recommendations for the City to implement a planning framework that will assist to manage how new development can better integrate with the existing character of the area. This framework will provide future developers with a clear understanding of what is expected for the locality so that regardless of whether the Council or the Development Assessment Panel is the determining authority, the planning intent for the area is known.

## 1.5.4 Canning Highway Road Reservation

Canning Highway is a key transport and urban corridor in the study area. As identified earlier, Canning Highway is denoted as a 'Primary Regional Road' in the MRS. The road reservation denoted on the MRS makes provision for future road widening.

The road reservation has the potential to include:

- Two lanes of traffic in each direction;
- A transit/bicycle lane in each direction;
- Wider verges for pedestrians, shared use and utilities/services; and
- A median strip.

The timeframe for the widening is not known however the future urban form needs to be cognisant of the future road widening. Spatially, the impact of the road widening affects the south east side of Canning Highway more than the North West side of the highway. The impact on affected lots will be reduced lot sizes and resultant development potential.

In addition, direct access from local roads onto the highway will be reduced over time. This may impact local traffic movements in the area.



Corner of Todd Avenue and Canning Highway, Como



Corner of Monash Avenue and Canning Highway, Como



Corner of Comer Street and Canning Highway, Como

## Part 2 - Site Analysis



Canning Highway, Kensington

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## 2.1 Site analysis introduction

The study area is highly diverse with the streetscape character varying throughout. This section provides an overview of the subdivision and street layout characteristics, open space, landscapes, movement and the interfaces that exist throughout the area.

Generally, the character of the study area between Berwick Street and South Terrace, Kensington and South Perth is reflective of an earlier period with a prevalence of original dwellings. Whilst between South Terrace and Cale Street, Como there are a greater number of grouped dwellings and the housing is more reflective of the past three decades. Regardless of the dwelling style, the majority of the streets have a suburban character with wide, grassed verges with street trees. Canning Highway has an urban character with narrow foothpaths and minimal street plantings.

## 2.2 Subdivision and street layout

A site analysis was undertaken to understand the built form character of the study area and the streetscape character. A detailed summary of the site analysis was provided in a memorandum dated 9 March 2015. The initial site analysis divided the study area into eight areas (four on each side of the highway). The findings detailed in the memorandum have been realigned into five Places (that were described in Figure 2) and a summary has been provided in this section of the report. These places have similar built form character, zoning and lot sizes and orientation.

The site analysis provides a general description of the dwelling types, streetscape character and street presentation based on the current town planning scheme zonings. The analysis was undertaken in this manner to determine whether there was a distinct built form and streetscape character at the zoning level and what variation existed between the highway lots and non-highway lots. For the purpose of the analysis, three streetscape types were recognised as described below.

- A suburban streetscape Predominantly single houses with garden; however there is a presence of grouped dwellings in the form of units and battle axe developments. Dwellings typically have side setbacks and are either single or two storey.
- Urban streetscape Range of housing types (townhouses and multiple dwellings) with a harder street edge (smaller setback). Building heights are greater than the suburban streets.
- Highway streetscape Range of housing types with harder street edge. Building heights are potentially greater. There is often a presence of commercial development.

The character on the west and east sides of the highway varies, which is generally a result of the building ages and period in which the areas developed. As a result, the five places have been divided into the north-west and south-east sides of the highway.



Brandon Street, Kensington

### 2.2.1 Place 1 - Berwick to Banksia

#### North-west

Existing development on the Highway Commercial/R80 lots on Canning Highway are single storey, with the exception of the section between Hovia Terrace and Banksia Street where heights vary. Residential development on Canning Highway varies in height and style. The highway lot sizes vary considerably between 265m² and 3,830m². Setbacks are inconsistent due to the angle of the highway. The footpaths and verges are narrow and generally paved.

Residential R15 development behind the highway is typically single storey original dwellings, or two storey new builds. The majority of the area has suburban streetscapes with the exception of Mill Point Road which has more of an urban streetscape. Lot sizes typically vary between 490m² and 600m².

Residential R15/40 development behind the highway is an eclectic mix of building typologies including original single storey houses, two storey new build single houses and three storey walk up old build multiple dwellings. Lot sizes typically vary between 232m² and 2,405m².

In the R15 and R15/40 areas, setbacks are generally wide and consistent. The streets have wide grassed verges, with street trees, however they are less established than in other parts of the study area. Verges have high numbers of crossovers.

There is an abrupt transition in density code between Highway Commercial R80 and residential R15 areas.



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The Highway Commercial/R80 zoned lots consists of two storey commercial developments.

Residential development on R80 lots are typically single storey original dwellings at present. Lot sizes vary between 370m² and 740m². Canning Highway has an urban streetscape character, dominated by high, solid walls with varying setbacks. The footpaths along the highway are narrow and verges are paved. First Avenue has a suburban streetscape character with wide setbacks both paved and grassed. The street verges are wide with established street trees.

Residential R60 lots are characterised by two storey walk up old build multiple dwellings and townhouses. Lot sizes vary between 356m² and 4,250m². The streets have a suburban streetscape character with wide front setbacks. Street verges are also wide with street trees.

Residential R15 areas are typically single house with a mix of original single storey houses and two storey new build single houses. Lot sizes vary between 473m² and 543m². The streets have a suburban streetscape character with wide front setbacks. Typically street verges are wide with grass and street trees of varying sizes.

There is a significant presence of original dwellings throughout the area.

There is a small area of R30 and R50 lots. This area has a suburban character, with wide grassed street verges with street trees of varying sizes. The front setbacks are wide.

There are abrupt transitions between R80 and R15 areas, and some more gradual transitions from the highway to the suburban areas from R80 to R50 to R30 between Banksia Terrace and Brandon Street.



First Avenue, Kensington

## 2.2.2 Place 2 - Brandon to Lawler/Arundel

#### North-west

Existing development on Highway Commercial/ R80 lots on Canning Highway is single storey. The character is reflective of an urban streetscape area distinguished by the narrow footpaths and narrow to nil front setbacks. The lot sizes are highly variable.

Residential development throughout the area ranges in age.

Residential R15 development behind the highway is typically single storey original dwelling. The predominant lot size is 438m² and 521m². The streetscapes are reflective of a suburban streetscape with grassed verges with street trees.

Residential R40 development is eclectic, with most forms of grouped dwellings and single storey original

dwellings present. Lot sizes vary, particularly in the streetblock bounded by Lawler Street, Angelo Street, Douglas Avenue and Canning Highway, depending on whether the lot has been subdivided or not.

There is an abrupt transition in density code between Highway Commercial R80 and residential R15 areas.



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Highway Commercial/R80 lots along Canning Highway and Douglas Avenue have primarily single storey commercial developments.

The Residential R80 area along the highway addresses Pennington Street rather than the highway.

There is a small portion of land coded Residential R30 with lots sizes typically 615m² and a small area of R50 with lots between 596 m² and 640 m². The houses in the area are predominantly single residential houses.

The Residential R25 areas are characterised by single dwellings with lot sizes varying between 306m² and 533m². The dwellings are consistently setback with grassed street verges with few street trees.

Residential R15 development is typically original single storey houses. The lot sizes are typically between 420 m² and 675 m². Front setbacks are consistent and street verges are grassed with street trees present.

The houses in this area are generally original, with some new developments present.

There is an abrupt change between the coding of the lots on Canning Highway (R80) and the adjacent residential area (R30, R25 or R15).



Brandon Street, Kensington

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## 2.2.3 Place 3 - Lawler/Arundel to South Terrace

#### North-west

Highway Commercial/R80 lots on Canning Highway are characterised by single storey and two storey commercial development, which is reflective of an urban streetscape generally with narrow footpaths and narrow paved and grassed verges.

Residential R60 development is characterised by two and three storey walk up old build multiple dwellings.

Residential R15 development behind the highway is typically single storey original dwellings with lot sizes of approximately 900m². The streets have a suburban streetscape character with wide setbacks and well established street trees on wide grassed verges.

Residential R40 development is eclectic, with most forms of grouped dwellings and single storey original

dwellings present. Lot sizes vary however many are larger than 1,000m<sup>2</sup>. The streets have a suburban streetscape character and well established street trees on wide grassed verges.

Residential R20 development is predominantly villas and original single storey houses. Lot sizes vary in this area however front setbacks are generally consistent.

Residential development throughout the area ranges in age.



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The houses in this area are generally original, with some new developments present. Lots sizes are typically 506m² with more variation in lot sizes in the streetblocks bounded by Canning Highway, Hensman Street and Arundel Street. There are wide front setbacks and wide grassed verges with well established street trees.

There is no transition of zonings as all of the lots (which the exception of three corner lots on Canning Highway) are coded R15.



Campbell Street, Kensington

## 2.2.4 Place 4 - South Terrace to Ednah/ Ryrie

### North-west

Highway Residential R40 development is characterised by villas, townhouses, original single storey houses and new and old battle axe lots. Lot sizes vary between 974m² and 1,948m² depending on whether amalgamation has taken place. There is predominantly suburban streetscape character; however narrow verges and footpaths, and the proximity of development to the road, gives the area an urban streetscape character.

Residential R20/30 development is generally a mix of single houses and grouped dwellings ranging from one to two storeys giving the area a suburban streetscape character. There is very little consistency in lot sizes. Front setbacks are wide and generally paved. The verges are wide and grassed and the tree coverage varies.

Residential R15/25 development is generally a mix of single houses and grouped dwellings ranging from one to two storeys giving the area a suburban streetscape character. Lot sizes are typically 974m² or greater than 1,000m². Front setbacks are wide and mostly paved. There are wide verges with well-established street trees.

The age of the dwellings varies within the area.

The zoning transition between Canning Highway and the residential area adjacent is less abrupt compared to other areas along the highway.



McDonald Street, Como

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#### East

Highway Commercial R80 development is characterised by commercial uses.

Residential R80 development in this area is predominantly single storey houses however the streetscape has a more urban streetscape character feel with narrow footpaths adjacent to the highway. Lot sizes vary, as do front setbacks. In some locations the road widening setbacks have already been taken into account, resulting in some development being significantly setback from the highway.

Residential R15/20 development is reflective of a suburban area including original single storey houses, new and old battle axe, villas and townhouses. Lot sizes are typically 1,012m². Front setbacks are wide, as are street verges, which are grassed with street trees present.

Residential R15 development is predominantly original single storey house and two storey new build single house. Development is reflective of suburban streetscape with lot sizes typically 1,012m². Front setbacks are wide and the street verges are grassed with street trees present.

The age of dwellings varies throughout the area.

There is an abrupt change in density coding between the R80 areas and the adjacent R15 areas.



Bessell Avenue, Como

## 2.2.5 Place 5 - Thelma to Cale

#### North-west

R40 residential development on Canning Highway is characterised by original single storey houses, terrace housing and two storey walk up old build multiple dwellings. The lots are irregular in both size and shape. The streetscape is generally reflective of a suburban street with elements of an urban streetscape including high solid walls along Canning Highway and narrow footpaths and verges. Front setbacks are highly variable due to the angle of Canning Highway.

R20/30 residential development is characterised by original single storey houses, townhouses and villas. Lot sizes are typically between 1,012 m² and 1,151m². The streetscapes are reflective of a suburban streetscape, and wide grassed verges with established street trees. The front setbacks are wide

and generally consistent in depth, however some variation exists particularly where grouped dwellings are present.

The age of dwellings varies however there are a number of 1980's grouped dwelling developments throughout the area.

There is a gradual transition between the lots on Canning Highway and those adjacent.



Saunders Street, Como

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Highway Commercial R80 development includes commercial uses predominantly in the form of converted single houses. Lots sizes vary considerably between 195m² and 3,013m². These lots have a commercial character with varying setbacks including some with nil setbacks. The verges are paved and where setbacks are larger, these are typically paved.

R60 residential development along Canning Highway is predominantly original single storey houses and original house with second storey addition. The lots are generally greater than 1,000m². Similar to the other side of the street, the character is reflective of a suburban streetscape with elements of an urban streetscape including narrow footpaths and verges. Setbacks vary due to the angle of the highway and where development has already implemented the required setbacks associated with the road widening.

R30 zoned areas are dominated by villas with lot sizes varying between 274 m² and 4,358 m². The streets exhibit a suburban streetscape character with varying front setbacks that are generally narrow. The verges are neither wide nor narrow and are grassed with street trees.

R20/30 zoned areas are dominated by villas with lots greater than 1,000m². The streets have a suburban streetscape character with wide front setbacks however some variation exists due to the irregularity in street block shape. The street verges are grassed with street trees.

R20 residential development is predominantly original single storey houses and single storey new builds. Lot sizes vary between 545m² and 1,000m². The streets exhibit a suburban streetscape character with wide front setbacks. The verges are grassed with street trees.

R15/20 residential development is predominantly original single storey houses with some villas. The

lots are generally greater than 1,000m<sup>2</sup> and exhibit a suburban streetscape character. Front setbacks are wide with some variation in the depth. The street verges are typically grassed with street trees.

The age of housing varies however there are a high number of 1980s style dwellings.

There is an abrupt change between the areas coded Highway Commercial/R80 and R15/20 and R20. There is a more gradual transition of zonings between Saunders and Cale Street. The zoning decreases from R60 on Canning Highway, to R30 behind the highway then to R20 in the subsequent street blocks.



Poppy Lane, Como

# 2.3 Study area landscape

## 2.3.1 Topography

Canning Highway traverses a ridge line resulting in the highway sitting higher than the surrounding area. There is a noticeable decline from the highway towards the river.

This will need to be taken into consideration when proposing future heights of development, particularly on the south-east side of highway where overshadowing will be more prevalent, as will the sense of bulk and scale.

# 2.3.2 Public Open Space

Figure 8 illustrates that local parks within and adjacent to the study area and the 400m walkable catchment. The open spaces shown in the figures correspond to those areas reserved in the Town Planning Scheme No.6. The majority of the parks are outside the study area even though a large proportion of the study area is within a 400m walkable catchment.

This highlights the importance of private and communal open spaces in developments.

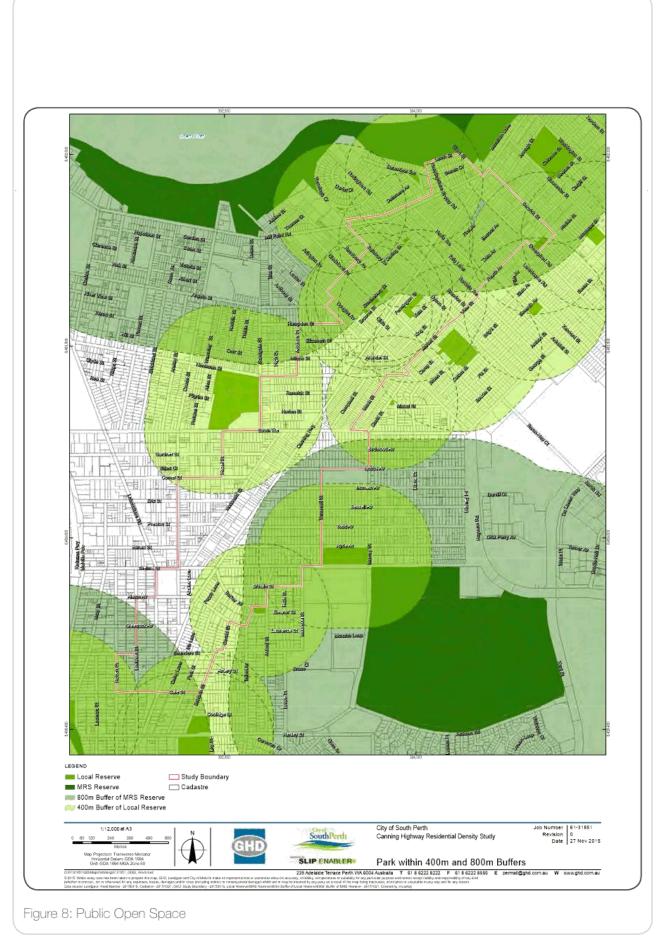
An 800m walkable catchment has been applied to regional open spaces. The foreshore reserve west of the Kwinana Freeway has not been included in this map as it is considered that the freeway creates a significant barrier for pedestrians, particularly as the foreshore can only be accessed from designated locations.



Banksia Terrace, Kensington, looking towards the Swan River



Banksia Terrace, Kensington looking east



#### 2.3.3 Streetscape patterns

As discussed in section 2.2 above, the majority of the streets in the study area exhibit a suburban streetscape character. These streets typically have wide street verges with street trees of varying sizes. The greening of the streets through street trees and verges can play a more significant role in creating a suburban character compared to the dwelling style. In the streets where there are a high number of crossovers, there was a noticeable difference in the size of the street trees compared to streets with fewer crossovers.

Along Canning Highway there is an absence of street plantings and verges in the public realm. In addition the angle of Canning Highway results in variation in the orientation of the buildings.



Absence of vegetation in parts of Canning Highway

Table 1: Number of motor vehicles within the study area suburbs and Western Australia (data source: 2011 Census, ABS)

# 2.4 Movement

#### 2.4.1 Vehicle movement

Canning Highway is the main thoroughfare within the study area which is intersected by key transport routes including Mill Point Road/Way Road, Douglas Avenue and South Terrace. With the exception of Canning Highway (MRS – Primary Regional Road Reserve), all streets within the study area are zoned as a local road reserve.

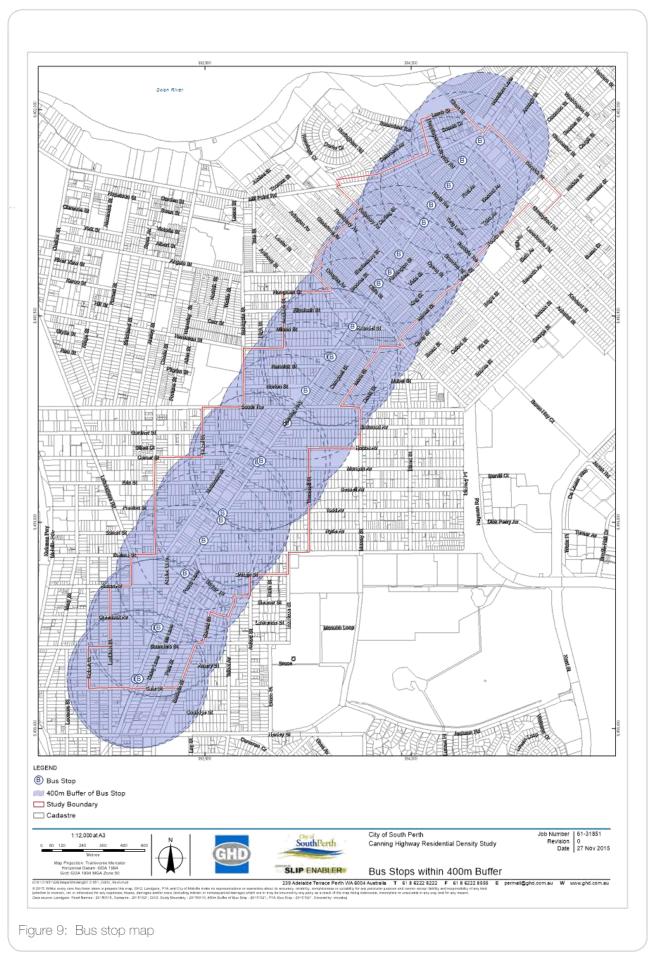
Canning Highway is a high frequency bus route with the entire length of the highway in the study area being within a 400 metre walkable catchment of a bus stop. There are only small portions of the study area that do not fall within the Canning Highway walkable catchment. This is illustrated in Figure 9.

To investigate private vehicle use, the 2011 Census was reviewed. Table 1 below illustrates that generally there are fewer households with 2 or more vehicles in the study area compared with the State.

Anecdotal evidence obtained through the consultation indicated that while the route is classified as high frequency, during some periods there are insufficient services to enable passengers to board the service and on weekends the service times are not convenient. It is recommended that the City of South Perth facilitate ongoing conversations with the Department of Transport and Public Transport Authority to investigate the feasibility of providing additional services along this route. The introduction of new and/or additional services would assist to reduce reliance on private car use.

| Number of registered motor vehicles | South Perth | Kensington | Como  | Western Australia |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|------------|-------|-------------------|
| None                                | 8%          | 6.1%       | 7.9%  | 6.1%              |
| 1 motor vehicle                     | 44.9%       | 32.5%      | 44.7% | 32.6%             |
| 2 motor vehicles                    | 34%         | 44.9%      | 33.9% | 38.5%             |
| 3 motor vehicles                    | 11%         | 14.3%      | 11.1% | 20.0%             |
| Number of motor vehicles not stated | 2%          | 2.3%       | 2.3%  | 2.8%              |

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#### 2.4.2 Access

In most instances, access to properties is from the front of the property on both Canning Highway and the residential streets. Key State Government agencies have indicated that direct access on to Canning Highway will be discouraged as future development occurs, particularly once the road widening progresses further. A large proportion of the lots abutting the highway do not have right of way (ROW) access or access from a secondary street. Alternative access solutions will need to be investigated for a number of highway lots to facilitate the wider State Government agenda.

In the residential streets, dwellings are typically front loaded as many properties do not have access to a ROW. On street parking is also prevalent throughout the precinct. A large proportion of non-highway lots do not have access to a ROW. This results in numerous cross overs breaking up street verges and can impact on street trees.

#### 2.4.3 Pedestrian movement

There are pedestrian paths on either side of Canning Highway however the pedestrian environment requires improvement. The footpaths are narrow, resulting in pedestrians being in close proximity to a busy transport route. There are very few street plantings, so the area is highly urbanised and footpaths are poorly shaded. Many properties have been poorly maintained over many years, which also reduces the amenity of the environment.

In the suburban streets there are pedestrian paths, however they are separated from the road by wide street verges, resulting in a more pleasant, safer pedestrian environment.

#### 2.4.4 Constrained sites

A number of lots along the highway are constrained, either by access or lot size and in some instances lots are impacted by both of these constraints.

There are a number of sites along Canning Highway that do not currently have alternative means of access other than directly off the highway.

In addition there are a number of lots along the length of Canning Highway that will be significantly reduced in size as a result of the proposed road widening. Figure 10 provides a spatial representation of those lots which are either, or in some instances both, constrained by limited access or reduced site area.

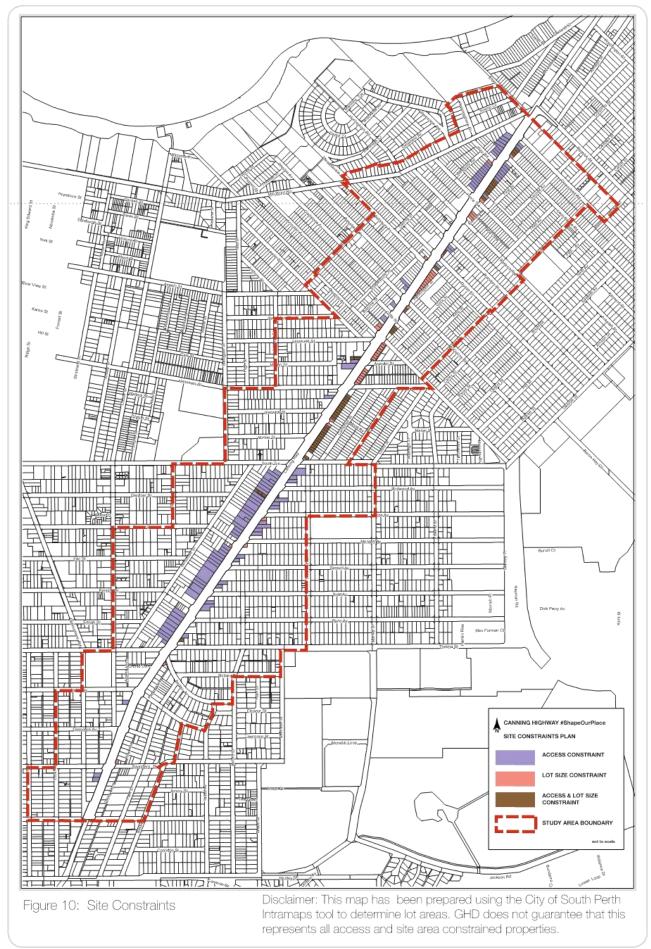
For the purpose of this analysis, those lots highlighted as being site area constrained, are lots that will result in an area less than 380m<sup>2</sup>. This figure represents the minimum lot area/ rear battleaxe for lots coded Residential R40-R80.



Narrow pedestrian footpaths along Canning Highway



Residential streets with grassed verges and street trees



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# 2.5 Transitions

One of the objectives of this study is to create harmonious built form transitions from the highway to the adjacent lower density residential areas. There are a number of density transitions that exist throughout the study area, including transitions between:

- Highway properties and non-highway properties.
- Non-residential zoned properties and residential zoned properties.
- Streets with varied densities.
- Properties within the study area and outside.

Each of these are described below.

# 2.5.1 Highway and non-highway properties

A large proportion of the highway is zoned for high residential density (R80) and medium densities (R60 and R40). In a number of locations these highway zonings abut directly on to low density (R15) as illustrated in Figure 11 along Bessell Avenue.

This transition is considered to be very abrupt as the scale of development that can be produced in these locations is vastly different. More gradual transition exist where there are medium densities located between the high and low zonings, as illustrated along Banksia Terrace and Brandon Street in Figure 12.

Where a right of way (ROW) exists behind the highway lots the gradual transition can be facilitated by providing an additional setback area to minimise the impacts of bulk and scale and subsequently overshadowing and overlooking.

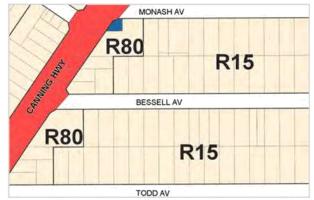


Figure 11: Abrupt highway to non-highway R-Code transitions



Figure 12: Gradual highway to non-highway R-Code transitions

# 2.5.2 Non-residential and residential properties

There are a number of highway commercial zoned properties along the length of Canning Highway. Commercial properties typically have different built form characteristics to residential dwellings including lesser setbacks, ground floor parking, larger ground floor footprints, little or no landscaping and services and amenities.

The scale of commercial development on the highway is currently of a relatively low scale, therefore the impact of bulk and scale is minimal. However current zonings could facilitate far greater development, potentially in the form of mixed use developments.

There are locations on the highway where the Highway Commercial/R80 area directly abut R15 areas. (Figure 13). This is an abrupt transition, particularly given that setback requirements for commercial developments are typically lesser than that of residential developments.

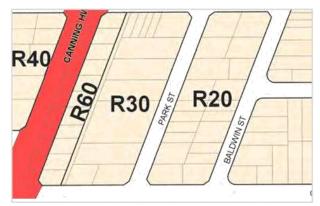


Figure 14: Gradual residential R-Code transition

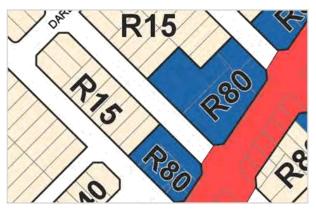


Figure 13: Abrupt residential to non-residential R-Code transitions



Figure 15: Abrupt residential R-Code transition

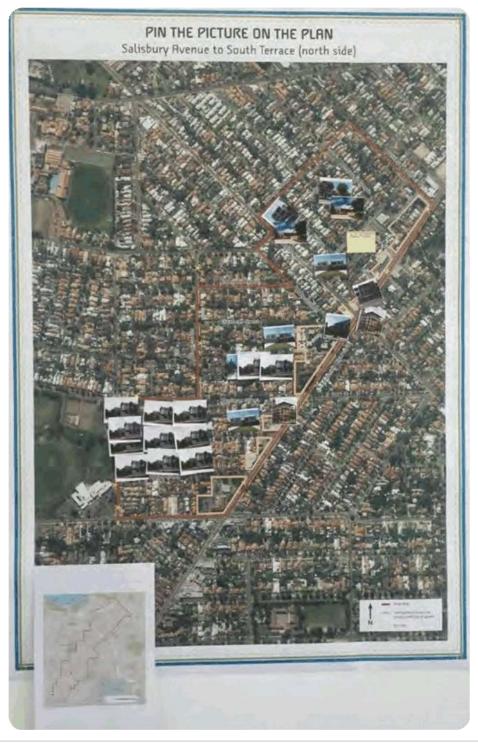
# 2.5.3 Streets with different R-Code densities

There are streets within the study area that have different densities on either side of the street. This is not problematic in areas where the zonings result in similar built form outcomes for example Park Street, Como (Figure 14). However there are streets where the variation in densities can produce a very different built form outcome, for example First Avenue in Kensington (Figure 15).

# 2.5.4 Inside and outside the study boundary

The properties within the study area may be identified for future rezonings and additional planning controls through this study. A change in density may be perceived to impact on areas outside the study boundary where zonings are not proposed to change. These properties have been designated as 'edge' properties and will require more detailed policy/development controls to manage the transition, such as greater side setbacks.

# Part 3 - Consultation



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Consultation has been undertaken with State Government agencies as well as the local community. Each play different, but important roles in shaping the future of this area.

The City of South Perth purposefully sought to engage with its community and key stakeholders, to ensure that the study recommendations are reflective of community aspirations and directly informed by stakeholder planning priorities and identified challenges. It was seen as vital that the community was involved from the outset, in shaping their future urban corridor, Canning Highway.

# 3.1 Elected Members

Consultation was also held with the Council members. An initial session was held with the Council to provide an overview of the study. The second Council briefing was to outline the proposed height plan and cross section prior to consulting with the community. There was some concern raised in regards to the increased heights, however only minor amendments were made to the plans prior to being presented to the community.

This report will be presented to Council for discussion of the findings and recommendations. It will be up to Council to decide how to progress with the recommendations.

# 3.2 Stakeholders

In addition to the provision and maintenance of infrastructure, the State Government owns many properties adjacent to Canning Highway. As a major landowner, the Government has a large influence on the built form adjacent to the highway.

Canning Highway is a major infrastructure asset for the State, therefore it was important to include key State Government agencies in the #ShapeOurPlace discussion early in the project. The way in which Canning Highway develops will be largely influenced by the road widening as this will significantly impact on how buildings interface with the street, the sizes of the lots and what is feasible to develop.

Throughout the development of the project, workshops have been held with the City of South Perth, Department of Planning, Department of Transport, Main Roads WA, Public Transport Authority and the Department of Housing to ensure that the agencies which will play a key role in the future development of the highway are involved in the conversations. During the first stakeholder workshop a vision for the highway was developed:

To use built form outcomes to enable improved highway safety and management and encourage mode shift towards public and active transport whilst enabling a transition that harmoniously integrates development between the highway and the suburbs.

Key considerations that have resulted from the discussions were:

- · Minimise direct access on to Canning Highway;
- Higher density around nodes and within the public transport walkable catchment;
- Facilitating increased use of the public transport network;
- Movement of pedestrians and cyclists through the area;
- Road considerations (e.g. queue jump lanes, side street requirements);
- Traffic and access studies to support any changes;
- Use of visual imagery in the study to help communicate ideas;
- Concentrating density in particular locations to minimise the need to change lower density areas;
- Use of planning tools such as activity centre coding and form based codes rather than the R-Codes;

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- · Consideration of density infill targets;
- Influence of local studies Local housing strategy and local commercial strategy;
- Power requirements associated with increased density; and
- Open space and parking.

# 3.3 Community

Consultation for #ShapeOurPlace involved significant community consultation and engagement. The consultation undertaken will be a key influence for future decision-making, including policy and town planning scheme provisions.

A separate report detailing the consultation outcomes has been prepared for the City dated August 2015. A summary of the key outcomes has been included in this report.

#ShapeOurPlace aims to ensure that any future planning for the area is reflective of the community wants and aspirations, and factors in the strategic planning already in place for the Canning Highway study area. Acquiring a solid understanding of both what the community aspirations and stakeholder priorities are for the future formed a solid basis for the recommendations on how the future development and built form along Canning Highway and the land immediately adjacent can be achieved

The methodology employed to undertake the community consultation comprised two key phases - Phase 1 to establish the community desires and aspirations for the area and Phase 2 to seek feedback on concept plans for the area.

The City's Facebook page was used for this project, with the aim to offer those community members who were unable to attend the workshops the opportunity to participate and engage with the study through an online forum. There was a mixed response to utilising the online forum for engaging with the community, with some actively participating in any online

consultation taking place and others opposed to this approach, because of it being restricted to those who already had a Facebook account.

#### 3.3.1 Phase 1

Phase 1 introduced the study to the wider community and enabled the project team to gain a better appreciation of what type and intensity of development was regarded as generally acceptable by the community.

Specifically, the initial phase of consultation aimed to paint the picture of the future Canning Highway and its surrounding environment by:

- Gauging an understanding of the community preference for built form typologies;
- Determining the community's opinion of appropriate design of the locality; and
- Understanding the community's opinion of the spatial locations of the suburban, transitional and urban forms of medium density development.

During the first phase of consultation three key mechanisms were used to consult with the local community.

- A community workshop to provide an opportunity for community members to tell us where they wanted to see certain types of development, and identify what they liked and didn't like about a range of building types presented.
- An online social media discussion facilitated through Facebook - to encourage community members to provide examples of preferred development types for the area, as well as comment on a range of imagery supplied to stimulate discussion amongst the community to understand what the preferred built form is and where it is appropriate.
- General Comments to enable the community members to submit comments to the City of South Perth about the project that may or

may not have aligned directly with the above conversations.

The community workshop was attended by approximately 125 community members. There was active discussion and participation on the Facebook page (via posts and 'likes') and 29 individual comments were submitted to the City regarding the study. The five most 'liked' images are shown on this page, including the photo caption.

In addition, the community were encouraged to comment on whether the development was appropriate for the study area. A number of comments relating to particular built form elements were noted on Facebook, as detailed in Table 2.



Photo caption - Would this building be appropriate on or around Canning Highway in the future? (12 'likes' on Facebook discussion)



Photo caption - Would this building be appropriate next to a single house? Would it be appropriate next to a 3 storey apartment building? (8 'likes' on Facebook discussion)



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Table 2: Key built form themes raised during phase 1 of the community consultation

| Built form<br>Element   | Preference  | Dislike   |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| Height                  | No specific comments noted.   | Concerns relating to overshadowing caused<br>by a 3 storey single house                           |
|                         |   | Development that contained dwellings too large for the block                                      |
| Setbacks                | Large setbacks  | Development that is too close to the road   |
|                         | Setbacks for pedestrians  | and did not have a large enough setback   |
| Traffic and car parking | 0.00 0. | Garages that dominated the street   |
|                         | parking issues  | Developments that did not provide car<br>parking  |
|                         |   | Concerns relating to increased traffic and<br>car parking issues (impacts on local streets)       |
| Landscaping             | Developments that had front gardens,<br>and vegetation, trees and grassed<br>areas on or around the site  | No specific comments noted.   |
| 011010001               | Character retention   | No specific comments noted.   |
|                         | New developments to better integrate<br>with, and be sympathetic to, existing<br>housing stock  |   |
|                         | Developments that were original or<br>attempt to mimic original character   |   |
|                         | Developments with large balconies   | The use of certain materials  |
|                         | New developments to consider<br>the use of sustainable design (e.g.<br>consideration of green roofs, solar  | Concerns about precinct streetscape<br>policies that include arbitrary aesthetics<br>requirements |
|                         | panels)   | Built form that was sterile   |
|                         | Developments with eaves   |   |
|                         | Developments that were new and modern   |   |
|                         | Developments with varied facades and used different textures  |   |
| Building<br>interface   | No specific comments noted.   | Built form that results in overlooking of<br>neighbouring backyards                               |
|                         |   | Backyards with security fences and many rubbish bins  |

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Community members were also encouraged to post their own examples of desirable built form they would like to see in the study area. Some of the images posted are shown below.



For Monk and Campbell Streets



Either side of Canning Highway



Location not specified

During the community workshop an exercise known as 'pin the picture on the plan' allowed the community to stick certain types of development onto the study area to understand the sorts of development that were appropriate in certain locations. The exercise broke the study area into 8 areas (4 either side of the highway). An example of the exercise is shown in Figure 16.

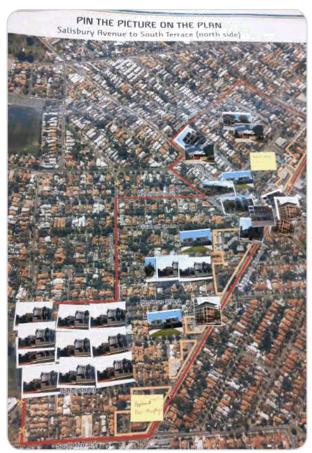


Figure 16: Example of 'pin the picture on the plan'

The concept of a 'green buffer' was raised by the local residents of Campbell Street. The idea proposes that rather than developing the land along eastern side of Canning Highway between South Terrace and Hensman Street, the land be vegetated and left as a green buffer between the highway and the residential streets. There was concern that with the reduced lot sizes along the highway with no direct access that vehicle movement would be pushed onto local streets such as Campbell Street. The image below was posted by a community member as the preferred interface between Campbell Street and Canning Highway.

While this concept is noted, #ShapeOurPlace has not proposed to include this option. The green buffer on the highway is not considered to be a useable area of open space. It would likely require considerable maintenance, otherwise the area may become unsafe and unattractive due to overgrown vegetation. This would also result in the rear fences of those properties along Campbell Street abutting the highway and resulting in no surveillance to the street in this location.

While the individual lot sizes will be considerably reduced, collectively this will be a large area of land. The State Government is currently acquiring lots along the highway in order to facilitate the proposed road widening. If this continues to happen, particularly in this location, the lots could be amalgamated and a more consolidated development could be proposed.

A feasibility assessment would need to be undertaken to consider this option and whether the costs are feasible as it will result in a loss of developable land and the maintenance costs involved in maintaining the space.

Preferences for more intense form were identified at:

- The area bounded by Canning Highway, Way Road and Mill Point Road
- The intersection of Canning Highway and Douglas Avenue
- Along Canning Highway between Thelma and Cale Streets (north)
- Along Canning Highway between Dyson Street and Douglas Avenue (south)

The transition area behind Canning Highway was predominately recognised as an area for single houses and grouped dwellings. Multiple dwellings were pinned to the plan mainly on the north side of the highway between Thelma and Cale Streets.

Overall, there was a preference for single houses throughout the study area, but more specifically in:

- Comer Street (between Coode and McDonald Streets)
- Canning Highway (between Lansdowne and Brandon Streets south)
- Fourth Avenue
- Market Street
- Campbell Street
- Monk Street



Facebook post suggestion for green buffer on the highway.

Table 3 below provides a more detailed breakdown of the key built form preferences.

Table 3: Key built form themes raised during phase 1 of the community consultation

| Area   | Preference  |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|
| Ellam Street to<br>Salisbury Avenue<br>(north side)  | <ul> <li>3 and 6 storey multiple dwellings and 3 storey terraces in the area bounded by Canning Highway, Way Road and Mill Point Road</li> <li>3 and 6 storey multiple dwellings near the intersection of Canning Highway and Salisbury Avenue and Dyson Street.</li> </ul>   |  |  |
| Salisbury Avenue<br>to South Terrace<br>(north side) | <ul> <li>3 and 6 storey multiple dwellings around the intersection of Canning Highway and Douglas Avenue.</li> <li>2 storey large house grouped dwellings near Sandgate Street, Hensman Street and Norton Street.</li> <li>2 storey single houses and grouped dwellings behind the highway lots.</li> </ul>   |  |  |
| South Terrace<br>to Thelma Street<br>(north side)    | <ul> <li>Single houses on Comer Street (between Coode and McDonald Streets).</li> <li>2 storey single houses, townhouses and grouped dwellings on Eric Street (between Coode and McDonald Streets).</li> </ul>  |  |  |
| Thelma Street to<br>Cale Street (north<br>side)      | <ul> <li>3 and 6 storey multiple dwellings and 3 storey terraces along Canning Highway.</li> <li>3 storey terraces and multiple dwellings behind Canning Highway.</li> <li>2 storey terraces and townhouses with some 3 storey developments in the suburbar area.</li> </ul>  |  |  |
| Berwick Street<br>to Dyson Street<br>(south side)    | <ul> <li>Single houses on Canning Highway between Lansdowne Street and Brandon Street.</li> <li>Single houses along Fourth Avenue.</li> <li>3 storey multiple dwellings and terraces east of Gwenyfred Road.</li> </ul>   |  |  |
| Dyson Street to<br>South Terrace<br>(south side)     | <ul> <li>3 storey terraces and multiple dwellings on Canning Highway between Dyson Street and Douglas Avenue.</li> <li>Original style single houses along Market Street between Dyson Street and Douglas Avenue.</li> <li>Single houses on Campbell Street (both original and new).</li> <li>Trees and green space along Canning Highway adjacent to Campbell Street</li> </ul> |  |  |
| South Terrace<br>to Thelma Street<br>(south)         | <ul> <li>Single houses (old and new) throughout the area.</li> <li>Some multiple dwellings and grouped dwellings along parts of Canning Highway.</li> </ul>   |  |  |
| Thelma Street<br>to Cale Street<br>(south)           | <ul> <li>Single houses behind the highway.</li> <li>Higher intensity development particularly around Baldwin and Saunders Street and near the intersection of Canning Highway and Barker Avenue/Thelma Street.</li> <li>A commercial strip near the intersection of Canning Highway and Cale Street.</li> </ul>   |  |  |

# 3.3.2 Phase 2

Phase 2 built on the findings from the first phase of community consultation, providing the community with an overview of the project to date, including general feedback received through Phase 1, and presenting suggested ways to introduce medium density development into parts of the study area. A package of material was released for community feedback (Appendix A), which included:

- Project background;
- Overview of Phase 1 consultation;
- Draft design guideline area;
- Draft maximum building heights plan;
- · Example building cross sections; and
- Example typical building heights.

The purpose of the second round of consultation was to:

- Understand community opinion of a draft height plan for the study area;
- Illustrate how heights will transition back into the residential areas through the provision of cross sections; and
- Determine the community's opinion of the draft design guidelines area (later referred to as the consolidated study boundary).

During the second phase of consultation, community members were encouraged to provide written feedback on the concepts. This was further supported by a community workshop. Facebook was used primarily as a tool to direct the community to the City's website, where they were able to access a full suite of consultation material. In total, the City received approximately 150 written submissions and the community workshop held on 1 August 2015 was attended by approximately 100 people.

Some of the general comments received included:

Consideration of parking and concerns

associated with increased cars.

- Concerns about increased vehicle access in residential streets.
- The buses are not frequent enough.
- Concerns raised regarding increasing heights bringing more cars and reduced safety.
- Opportunities to retire in place.
- Queries regarding adequate open space and vegetation.
- Queries regarding adequate infrastructure to support changes.
- Suggestion for community infrastructure plan.
- Consideration of on street parking timing restrictions.
- Consideration of character study prior to changes in height.

Given the large extent of the study area, the feedback received reflected a spatial distribution of locations within the study area where there was significant community interest and expectations for their local area, and by contrast, where there was very minimal community interest and engagement. This trend reflected a variance between local areas, that required a more specific and focused understanding, to ensure that the local concerns and community aspirations were appropriately identified and captured.

The outcomes of the consultation were divided into five places to better understand the local context. The five places are:

- Place 1 Berwick Street to Banksia Terrace
- Place 2 Brandon Street to Douglas Avenue
- Place 3 Lawler Street/Arundel Street to South Terrace
- Place 4 South Terrace to Ednah Street/Ryrie Avenue
- Place 5 Thelma Street to Cale Street

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Place 1 received the most feedback throughout the second round of consultation. Note: While it is acknowledged that Kensington includes areas outside Place 1, comments referencing Kensington as a whole are reported on within Place 1.

There was a distinction between the east (Kensington) and west (South Perth) side of Canning Highway within Place 1, with community opinion differing on a range of issues.

The Kensington community overwhelmingly suggested that building heights were too high in this area and that the concept plans were not reflective of the outcomes of the first round of consultation. Additionally, the community identified issues with character and heritage properties and requested a Character Area Assessment be completed before any further changes are made. The increase of building height limits and the proposed design guideline area was not well received in and around First Avenue and Hovia Terrace.

Conversely, community members were seemingly more receptive of increasing building height limits on the South Perth side, particularly surrounding the existing Metro Hotel and the area bounded by Canning Highway, Way Road and Mill Point Road.

Some comments received included:

- Heights are too high particularly around First Avenue, Second Avenue, between Hovia and Banksia Terraces and behind Metro Hotel.
- Area bounded by Canning Highway, Way Road and Mill Point Road to be six storeys.
- A character study should be undertaken prior to any changes in heights.
- Increasing height limits on the South Perth side to buffer the bulk of the Metro Hotel.

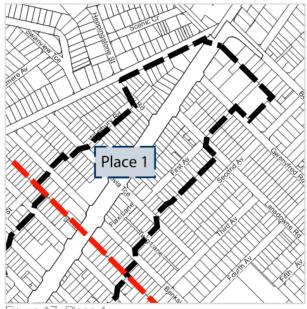


Figure 17: Place 1

- A set of commercial design guidelines for properties zoned Residential Commercial.
- Removing the stretch of properties with a two storey height limit on Gwenyfred Road from the proposed design guideline area.
- Three storeys along Canning Highway.

Place 2 contains portions of the suburbs of South Perth (west) and Kensington (east) adjacent to Canning Highway. Generally like in Place 1, comments suggested that the proposed building height for the area was too high, and that it detracted from the character and amenity of the locality. There was additional concern about traffic movement, particularly rat running and parking within the suburban streets.

Other specific comments included:

- A request for increases in height limits for particularly properties on Vista Street and Collins Street.
- Decrease in height limits between Collins and Douglas Avenue.
- Traffic and congestion issues at the Douglas Avenue traffic lights.
- Consideration of topography at Douglas Avenue and Vista Street.
- Consideration of partial road closure on Pennington Lane with land to be ceded to those properties adjacent to Canning Highway.
- Heights are too high towards King Street, Douglas Avenue, and between Collins and Cliffe Streets.
- Three storeys is too high for the three properties on Dyson Street that back onto David Vincent Park.
- A full character assessment for Kensington be undertaken.



Figure 18: Place 2

Place 3 contains portions of the suburbs of South Perth (west) and Kensington (east) adjacent to Canning Highway. Generally comments related to traffic and parking concerns, specifically relating to Campbell Street, and the protection of character and amenity in Kensington.

Though there was a significant amount of comments relating to the increase in building heights on the Kensington side of Canning Highway, some community members questioned why there was no transition allowed for east of Canning Highway between Hensman Street and South Terrace.

Other specific comments related to:

- The introduction of a green buffer between Canning Highway and Campbell Street.
- Increasing building heights and extending the transition area further into South Terrace.
- More appropriate building heights on Norton Street to South Terrace responding to the existing character of the area and the Como Hotel.
- Unbalanced height on Norton Street.
- Reducing building heights along Canning Highway from South Terrace to Hensman Street.
- No three storeys near Hensman Street.
- A revision of Policy P351.5 Streetscape Compatibility – Precinct 5 Arlington, and Precinct 6 Kensington.
- Two storeys adjacent to Campbell Street, no multiple dwellings over looking.
- Consideration of density transition between the highway and Campbell Street.
- A full character assessment for Kensington.

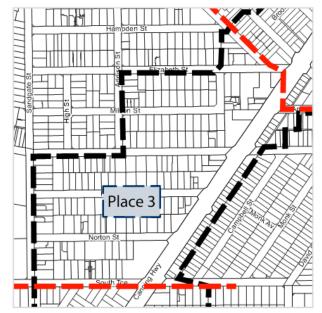


Figure 19: Place 3

Place 4 contains portions of the suburb of Como. Generally comments were positive, with the majority supporting the proposed design guidelines area, proposed height plan and the transition from Canning Highway into the surrounding streets. There were some comments that suggested building heights should be increased in the area, particularly on the eastern side of Canning Highway.

Other specific comments related to:

- Rezoning of 'the Avenues' from R15 to R20
- Increasing building heights on 'the Avenues' to three storeys.
- · Request for rezoning on Comer Street.
- Hazel Street, McDonald Street, Gardiner Street and South Terrace to be R20/30 or R30/50.
- Good opportunity to rezone lots between the highway and McDonald Street to encourage amalgamation.
- Three and four storeys on 'the Avenues' is too high.

#### Place 5

Place 5 contains portions of the suburb of Como. Due to the limited amount of comments received in relation to this area, it is difficult to identify a general view on the proposed concept plans.

Other specific comments related to:

- Cohesion of design guidelines with the Canning Bridge Structure Plan.
- Road safety on Labouchere Road and Alston Avenue.
- Increase in density and building height on Labouchere Road and Cale Street.
- 6 storeys too high for Canning Highway between Barker Avenue and Cale Street.



Figure 20: Place 4



Figure 21: Place 5

# 3.4 Key Findings

The community and stakeholder consultation and engagement gamered a number of key findings relating to the future development along Canning Highway. The findings from the stakeholder consultation and engagement are based in the most part on technical investigations and future planning for Canning Highway, while the findings from the community consultation component of the study reflect a community that is actively engaged and invested in shaping the future development along and adjacent to Canning Highway. The key findings have been divided into two parts, being 'General' and 'Locational'.

## 3.4.1 General

The following provides a summary of the general key themes derived from consultation with both the stakeholders and wider community.

#### Density

- The introduction of medium density along Canning Highway and land immediately adjacent is generally supported by both the community and stakeholder groups;
- However, there are areas where changes to the existing planning framework are not supported without more detailed investigations and/or community engagement;
- There is a preference for concentrated areas of mixed use development in nominated locations such as at key intersections, and where it is within the public transport walkable catchment area;
- Increased development and height along Canning Highway is generally supported, with the exception of land abutting the highway at Campbell Street, and in the northern portion of the study area, mainly in the Kensington area;

- Preferences for more intense form were identified at:
  - The area bounded by Canning Highway, Way Road and Mill Point Road;
  - The intersection of Canning Highway and Douglas Avenue;
  - Along Canning Highway between Thelma and Cale Streets (north);
  - Along Canning Highway between Dyson Street and Douglas Avenue (south).
- The transition area behind Canning Highway was predominantly recognised as an area for single houses and grouped dwellings. In some areas, multiple dwellings were deemed appropriate, particularly in the north side of the highway between Thelma and Cale Street;
- There was a preference for single houses throughout the study area but specifically in:
  - Comer Street (between Coode and McDonald Streets);
  - Canning Highway (between Lansdowne and Brandon Streets south);
  - Fourth Avenue:
  - Market Street;
  - Campbell Street;
  - Monk Street.



Residential area in Leederville

#### **Built Form**

- Development proposed within the transition zone between the highway and the suburban areas needs to respond to the existing streetscape patterns and built form style;
- New development needs to respond appropriately to the built form and streetscape context within which it is proposed;
- Bulk and scale of development needs to be appropriately managed through development control mechanisms.

#### Height

- Two storey townhouses and grouped dwelling developments were notably the preferred residential built form for medium density development located away from the highway;
- There was a preference for three storey townhouses and apartments to be located on the highway and on immediately abutting lots fronting the highway (ie transition zone). Three storey developments were generally not supported elsewhere, with the only exception being where there is already highway commercial uses, such as at the intersection of Douglas Avenue and Canning Highway, or Way Road and Mill Point Road;
- Where there is existing height (ie Metro Hotel), increases to height limits should be supported, in order to reduce the visual impact of the existing height on surrounding areas.

#### Interface

 Interfaces between highway and non-highway need to be appropriately managed, particularly with respect to bulk and scale and access.

#### Setbacks

- Any new development should complement the existing street setback patterns;
- The use of setback areas for landscaping and vegetation should be actively encouraged;

- Visual privacy and overshadowing were primary concerns expressed by the community.
   Appropriate design controls should be put in place to ensure that these impacts are minimised;
- There was a noted preference for larger rather than smaller street setbacks for lots fronting existing residential streets.

#### Streetscape character

- Streetscape appearance and preservation was a key focus area for the majority of the community, with a strong desire to see the design and streetscape appearance of any new development to sit comfortably within the existing streetscape;
- Areas with notable character, namely Kensington, should have full character assessment study undertaken prior to any rezoning occurring.



Preservation of original character building, Perth



Preservation of original character building, Perth

#### Design

- Development control measures, such as Design Guidelines, that promote good quality built form design, are supported and seen as necessary to ensure proper and orderly planning and development within the study area;
- Materials and façade treatments for new development should be varied, particularly in character areas, should be sympathetic to existing housing stock and/or incorporate elements of original housing stock into the design;
- Large balconies are a noted preference for new developments;
- New development should seek to incorporate sustainable design into the design of any built form, with such design elements as green walls and roofs, sustainable material selection, eaves and built form orientation.

#### Movement and access

- Reducing access onto and from the highway is strongly supported across both stakeholder and community groups;
- Traffic management will need to be addressed as a matter of priority to ensure that feeder traffic onto and off the highway utilising neighbourhood streets is appropriately managed;
- There are concerns relating to street parking in residential streets;
- The impact of garages and off-street parking needs to be appropriately managed, particularly by ensuring that streetscapes do not become dominated by garages;
- Consideration needs to be given towards the safe movement of pedestrians and cyclists through the study area and along Canning Highway;
- Facilitating the use of the public transport network should be a key focus for relevant stakeholder agencies.

#### Services

- Investigations need to be undertaken to ensure that there is adequate existing in-built or planned capacity of key services such as power, water and gas to cater for increased densities being introduced into the area;
- The provision of supporting community infrastructure (open space, waste collection, community hubs) that caters for the increased population base needs to be planned for and provided.



Examples of varied design materials in East Perth



Examples of varied design materials in North Perth

# 3.4.3 Key Issues and Challenges

Overall, the findings and key outcomes from the community consultation provide a solid basis and reference point for developing an appropriate set of recommendations for the future development along Canning Highway and the land immediately adjacent.

A number of common themes were identified through community and stakeholder feedback. This highlights the need for more specific development controls to be introduced or investigated in order to achieve the optimum and most appropriate built form outcomes for the area. A summary is provided below and discussed in more detail in Part 5 of this study. In summary, these themes include consideration of:

- The specific location of preferred and appropriate building typologies;
- Appropriate building heights for the area;
- The preferred building design elements, including:
  - Façade treatment
  - Streetscape contribution
  - Sustainable design
- Appropriate setbacks for the locality, including street, side and rear setbacks;
- Areas for open space, outdoor living areas and communal open spaces;
- Visual privacy of residents;
- Solar access and overshadowing on adjoining properties;
- Parking requirements and ensuring sufficient parking for the locality and the impact on the residential area;
- Garages and their impact on the streetscape;
- Appropriate ways to incorporate and enhance landscaping in development;
- Safe access for vehicles and pedestrians, particularly along Canning Highway; and

Appropriate location for commercial areas.

#### 3.4.4 Next Steps

The consultation undertaken during this study has informed the project outcomes and recommendations for the area. The steps to progress the project will be further discussed in Section 6, however any changes to the planning framework (Town Planning Scheme No. 6 and/or local planning policies) will require further Council consideration and community consultation prior to any changes being implemented. This study is the first step in the investigation process to understand the area and the community's desires for its future.



Varying building materials and treatments, Claremont

# Part 4 - Built Form Study



Corner of Corner Street and Canning Highway, Como

The aims of this study were to investigate potential for medium density along the length of Canning Highway and within an appropriate distance of the highway and aims to determine appropriate built forms for the area.

Following the first phase of consultation it was evident that were areas where no change was required in order to facilitate an appropriate residential density and built form transition away from the highway.

As a result the original study area was reduced and a consolidated study area (known as the design guideline boundary during the consultation) was established. For the purpose of the following discussion, the #ShapeOurPlace study from relates to the consolidated study boundary.

# 4.1 What is medium density?

The R Codes identifies medium density as:

The medium-density residential development outcome would be generally land coded R30 to R60, and would be developed under the provisions of parts 5 and 6 of the R-Codes, depending on the type of development proposed. These areas predominantly contain grouped dwellings and single houses.

The application of parts 5 and 6 of the R Codes will facilitate all built form types – single houses, grouped dwellings and multiple dwellings, resulting in areas with diverse building typologies.

Canning Highway currently exhibits a range of zonings including Residential R80/Highway Commercial and Residential R15, R40, R60 and R80. The majority of the southern side of the highway has an R80 zoning, while there is more variation in the northern side. Based on the R Code definition, a large proportion of the highway already falls outside the 'medium density' classification and instead is considered to form part of the high density category.



Examples of a Residential R30 dwelling. Key features include large front setbacks and large areas of open space.



Examples of a Residential R40 dwelling. Key features include large front setbacks and large areas of open space.



Examples of a Residential R50 dwelling. Key features include smaller front setbacks, large areas of open space and small individual lot sizes.



Examples of a Residential R60 dwelling. Key features include smaller front setbacks, large areas of open space and small individual lot sizes.



Examples of a Residential R80 dwelling. Typically in the form of a multiple dwelling and includes small front setbacks and balconies.

The images provided demonstrate the range of dwelling types that can be developed under the R-Code 'medium density' classification.

This study does not propose to down code any properties within the study area as there are implications for the City and State Government relating to compensation under the planning legislation that prevent down-coding. Therefore those areas of high density on and off the highway (R80) will remain. Typically R80 products would be in the form of multiple dwellings, however it can also include single or grouped dwellings.

Planning for major roads and their adjacent neighbourhoods is not a unique challenge to South Perth. There are a number of other key corridors throughout the metropolitan area that experience similar conditions including Lord Street, Stirling Highway and Charles Street. The MRS reservations and local reservations applicable to each of these are as follows:

- Lord Street, Highgate and East Perth –
  Predominantly Residential R80 and R60 with
  MRS Other Regional Road Reservation
- Stirling Highway, Nedlands Predominantly Residential R35 and Office/Showroom with MRS Primary Regional Road Reservation
- Charles Street, North Perth Predominantly Residential R60 zoning with local road reserve with Planning Control Area for road widening.

It is acknowledged that these roads, like Canning Highway play an important role in traffic movement, however they also provide opportunities to create development corridors. The zonings on these routes varies between medium and high density and there is often an element of non-residential zonings along the route as well.



Charles Street, North Perth



Stirling Highway, Nedlands



Lord Street, Highgate

There is sometimes a misperception about what density means and what it looks like. The imagery that was 'liked' by the community (as discussed in section 3.1.1) was generally more reflective of medium density. The products included mixed use developments, townhouses and terrace style development. However it is noted that there was still a considerable desire for single houses.

The outcomes of the first phase of consultation indicates that there is some desire from the community to see some medium density products within the study area. #ShapeOurPlace chose to

focus more on the built form outcomes and the preferred built form products rather than the density code. Density can be a difficult concept to grasp particularly medium density where the development product can vary considerably.

The application of the appropriate density for this study will be investigated using built form typologies and streetscapes types. This allows the focus to be on the built form outcome rather R-Code density. An appropriate R-Code can then be applied based on the preferred built form and streetscape type.

# 4.2 Built Form Typologies

There are six key built form typologies that are likely to be developed within the study area that range from low to high density built form products. These include:

- Single house
- Townhouse
- Terrace house
- Manor house apartment
- Apartment
- Mixed use development.

Each of these has been described in the following pages including an overview of their key characteristics, the typical densities where the product is found and where the community prefer to see this product based on the outcomes of phase 1 consultation.

## 4.2.1 Single House

A 'single house', under the R Codes, is defined as:

A dwelling standing wholly on its own green title or survey strata lot, together with any easement over adjoining land for support of a wall or for access or services and excludes dwellings on titles with areas held in common property.

'Single houses' are typically found in lower density areas such as R15 and R20 where average lot sizes as per the R-Codes are 666m² and 450m² respectively, however they can generally be built in all zones unless a minimum density or development standard exists. Vehicle access to single houses is typically from the primary or secondary street or a

ROW where one exists.

There was community preference for single houses throughout the study area, particularly in Kensington.

Key features of 'single houses' include:

- · Dwelling addresses the primary street.
- Wide front setbacks.
- · Garden in the front setback.
- Car ports and garages accessible from the primary street via a driveway. Alternatively vehicle parking is on the street or from a right of way.
- Single storey or two storeys in height.



Examples of single house in Como



Examples of single house in South Perth

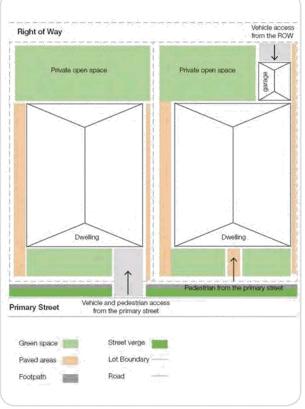


Figure 22: Indicative lot layout of 'single house'

#### 4.2.2 Townhouse

A 'townhouse' is also known as a 'grouped dwelling' as per the R Codes and is defined as:

A dwelling that is one of a group of two or more dwellings on the same lot such that no dwelling is placed wholly or partly vertically above another, except where special conditions of landscape or topography dictate otherwise, and includes a dwelling on a survey strata with common property.

Townhouses' are typically found in medium density areas such as R30, R40, R50 and R60 where average lot sizes as per the R-Codes are 300m², 220m², 180m² and 150m², respectively. Vehicle access to single houses is typically from the primary or secondary street or a ROW where one exists.

There was community preference for townhouses in close proximity to Hensman Street, South Perth and Gardner and Lockhart Streets, Como.

Key features of 'townhouses' include:

- Front dwelling addresses the primary street, all other dwellings address driveway.
- · Wide to narrow front setbacks.
- · Courtyards in the front setback.
- Shared driveway either along the boundary fence or in the centre of the development.
- · Front fences along the primary street.



Examples of 'townhouse' development in North Perth



Examples of townhouse development in Yokine

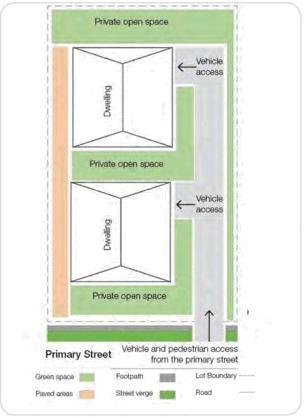


Figure 23: Indicative lot layout of 'townhouse'

## 4.2.3 Terrace House

A 'terrace house' is a dwelling that is one of three or more dwellings erected side by side and sharing common walls. Each terrace dwelling has frontage to a public road and has its own exclusive useable site (i.e. front yard and back yard). Under the R-Codes, a 'terrace house' can be defined as grouped dwelling or a single house, depending on whether the lot has been subdivided.

Terrace houses' are typically found in medium density areas such as R30, R40, R50 and R60 where average lot sizes as per the R-Codes are 300m², 220m², 180m² and 150m², respectively. Terraces are also present in higher density areas such as R80 where the average lot size is 120m². Vehicle access

Examples of terrace development North Perth



Examples of terrace development in Mount Hawthorn

to terrace houses is typically from a single point from the primary or secondary street or from a ROW, or alternatively to each individual dwellings from the primary street or ROW.

There was community preference for terrace houses in close proximity to Labouchere Road, Alston Avenue and Lockhart Streets, Como and close to the intersection of Douglas Avenue and Stirling Highway.

Key features of terrace houses include:

- Dwelling addresses the primary street.
- Shared walls.
- Courtayards in the front setback.
- Generally upper floor is not setback from ground floor.
- Vehicle access from a single point.

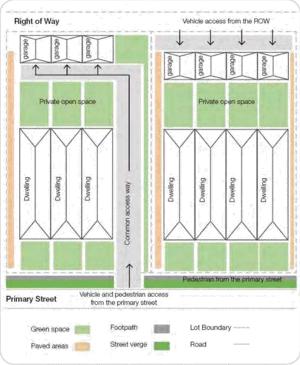


Figure 24: Indicative lot layout of 'terrace house'

# 4.2.4 Manor House Apartment

A 'manor house apartment' comprises two or more multiple dwellings but must look like a single detached dwelling. Its streetscape appearance, including access onto the site, must mimic that of a single detached dwelling, with any additional parking being provided in a basement location, and a minimum of two bays per dwelling.

Where applicable, a 'manor house apartment' is defined as a 'multiple dwelling' as per the R-Codes.

A dwelling in a group of more than one dwelling on a lot where any part of the plot ratio area of a dwelling is vertically above any part of the plot ratio area of any other but:

- does not include a grouped dwelling; and
- includes any dwellings above the ground floor in a mixed use development.

'Manor house apartments' are typically found in medium density areas such as R30, R40 and R60 where average lot sizes are 300m², 220m² and 150m², respectively. Vehicle access to manor house apartments is typically from a single point off the primary street.



Examples of manor house development in West Perth

The key principle of a manor house apartment is that it has the same appearance as a two or three single houses. As a result the key features and indicative lot layout is similar to that of a single house.

No examples of 'manor house apartments' were provided for discussion in phase 1 of consultation.

Key features of a 'manor house apartment' include:

- Appearance of single house.
- Dwelling addresses the primary street.
- Wide front setbacks.
- Garden in the front setback.
- Single pedestrian access point from the primary street.
- Vehicle access from a single point from the primary street or right of way.

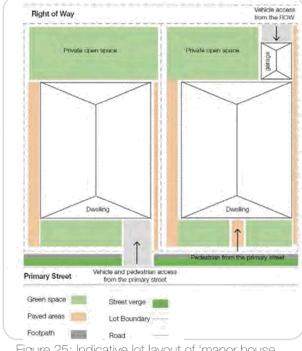


Figure 25: Indicative lot layout of 'manor house apartment'

## 4.2.5 Apartment

An 'apartment' is a single building that contains two or more dwellings, but does not include a semi-detached dwelling, terrace dwelling or grouped dwelling. A typical feature of a development involving a residential apartment building is a shared driveway and dwellings joined together and/or constructed above other dwellings.

Where applicable, an 'apartment' is defined as a 'multiple dwelling' as per the R-Codes. Apartments are typically found in areas coded higher than R40.

There was community preference for apartments in close proximity to Way Road/Mill Point Road/Canning



Examples of apartment development in Perth



Examples of apartment development in North Perth

Highway, South Perth, at the intersection of Douglas Avenue and Stirling Highway, Canning Highway/ Labouchere Road/Saunders Street, Como and at various points along Canning Highway.

Key features of an 'apartment' include:

- Two or more storeys in height.
- Narrow front setbacks.
- Courtyards in the front setback.
- Balconies addressing the primary street.
- Single pedestrian access point from the primary street.
- Vehicle access from a single point from the primary street or right of way.

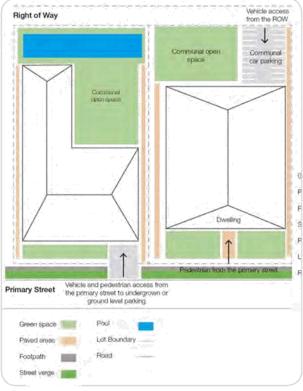


Figure 26: Indicative lot layout of 'apartment'

#### 4.2.b Mixed Use Development

A 'mixed use development' is one that includes both residential and non-residential uses within the one development and typically the same building. The ground and first floor are typically occupied by non-residential uses with residential uses in the upper floors. The appearance of a mixed use differs from a development that is purely residential due to the interface on the ground floor which typically has more interaction with the street.

Where applicable, a 'Mixed use development' is defined as a 'mixed use development' as per the R-Codes as outlined below;

Buildings that contain commercial and other nonresidential uses in conjunction with residential dwellings in a multiple dwelling configuration.

'Mixed use developments' generally occur on land that has either a commercial zoning or a mixed use zoning.

Examples of mixed use development in Leederville

There was community preference for mixed use development in close proximity to Way Road, South Perth, at the intersection of Douglas Avenue and Canning Highway, on the east side of Canning Highway between South Terrace and Hobbs Avenue.

Key features of 'mixed use development' include:

- Two or more storeys in height.
- · Narrow or nil front setbacks.
- Non-residential tenancies on the ground floor.
- Balconies addressing the primary street.
- Single pedestrian and vehicle access to residential component of development.
- Separate pedestrian and vehicle access for nonresidential tenancies.

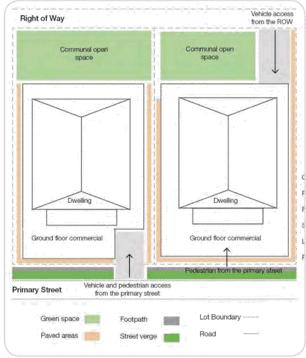


Figure 27: Indicative lot layout of 'mixed use development'

#### 4.3 Streetscape types

The collection of individual built form typologies make up the overall character of a streetscape along with other elements of the public realm.

The initial site analysis undertaken made an observation of what type of streetscapes currently exist throughout the area. #ShapeOurPlace now proposes to use streetscape types as a tool to guide the future character and development intensity of the area by suggesting appropriate built form typologies and densities that align with the streetscape characteristics.

In order to manage the transition from Canning Highway into the residential streets, the density, scale and form of development should be reduced as it moves away from the highway. Canning Highway will typically be characterised by high to high-medium density products such as apartments, mixed use developments and terrace houses. Behind the highway a more medium density product including terraces, town houses and smaller apartments will allow the development scale and density to be stepped down. This will then be further stepped down into the low-medium/low density areas where built form including town houses, manor houses and single houses are more appropriate.

#ShapeOurPlace proposes three different streetscape types to facilitate this transition from Canning Highway to the residential suburban streets.

- Highway streetscapes: for high density (R80 and greater), high-medium density (R60-50) and mixed use products.
- Urban streetscapes: for high-medium (R60-50) and medium density (R40) products.
- Suburban streetscapes: for medium (R40) lowmedium (R30) and low density (R20 and lower) products.

Identifying the type of streetscape gives the City, the land owners and the developers a clear understanding of the level of development intensity envisaged for the locality. The streetscape type guides the look and feel of the street from the public realm and pedestrian scale. The streetscape also describes those elements that impacts on the character of the street however are outside the private lot, including footpaths, verge widths and treatments, street trees and vehicle movement.

The streetscapes provide an indication of what built form typologies are appropriate to achieve the desired streetscape and in turn create an appropriate transition. It is recognised that the existing Residential R80 coding that is present along parts of Canning Highway is more reflective of a high density development. It is not the intention of the study to reduce these codings.

The following pages provides an overview of the three streetscape types proposed within the #ShapeOurPlace study area, their characteristics and preferred built form typologies. It is intended that future development be reflective of the allocated streetscape.



Hovia Terrace, South Perth

#### 4.3.1 Highway Streetscape

As the name suggests, this streetscape area relates to all lots that are directly facing Canning Highway. The streetscape rhythm and pattern for this category reflects high intensity development, comprising apartments, mixed use developments and terraces. There is variance in building heights and development intensity along the highway, with key nodes defining areas of higher mixed use activity.

The built form along the highway streetscape typically has nil or narrow setbacks, particularly where the ground floor is occupied by a non-residential land use. Generally, there are no street verges and footpath widths are varied. Some street planting may exist, however it is generally of a smaller, less established size due to the presence of awnings or proximity to the road. To create a strong relationship with the street, car parking in the front setback is discouraged for all forms of development.

Development in the highway streetscape should address the street and provide surveillance through use of balconies. Developments should exhibit high quality design, utilising a range of building materials to assist break up the bulk and scale.

Highway streetscapes typically encompass high (R80) or medium density development (R60) and mixed use development.



Examples of Highway streetscape type, Perth

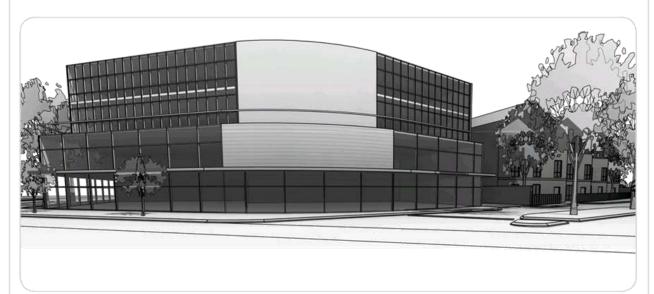


Figure 28: Model perspective of highway streetscape

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#### 4.3.2 Urban Streetscape

Properties identified within this category of streetscapes, are located immediately adjacent to Highway Streetscape lots. They represent a transition area between the highway area and lower density development situated further away from the highway streetscape. The form of development is similar to that of the highway however the scale of development is more reflective of the suburban streetscape. Development in the urban streetscape typically includes terraces, townhouses and small scale apartments.

The built form is located close to the street with courtyards provided in the narrow setback area. Street verges (paved or grassed) vary in width, however established street trees exist. The presence of footpaths facilitate pedestrian movement. Vehicle access is generally accessed from a single point or right of way, minimising disruptions in the streetscape. The built form has a strong relationship with the street through the use of windows and balconies.

Dwellings are located close to one other, with small side setbacks denser residential environment, whilst height limits facilitate a reduced building bulk and scale.

Urban streetscapes typically encompass medium density development ranging between Residential R60 and Residential R50.



Examples of Urban streetscape type, North Perth



Figure 29: Model perspective of urban streetscape

#### 4.3.3 Suburban Streetscape

This streetscape reflects a more traditional suburban development and lot layout. Development in this streetscape needs to integrate with existing residential areas, ensuring that any new development is compatible with existing streetscape patterns. The suburban streetscape comprises manor houses apartment, townhouses and single houses. The suburban streetscape includes the area known as the 'edge'. These are those lots which abut directly onto a property outside the consolidated study area.

The built form is typically setback from the street to enable large landscaped front gardens. Street verges generally wide, grassed with establish street trees exist. The presence of footpaths facilitate pedestrian movement. Vehicle access to dwellings is generally via crossovers along the length of the street or from the right of way where possible.

Dwellings are setback from one another and building heights are limited to facilitate a more open residential environment. Suburban streetscapes typically encompass medium density development ranging between Residential R40 and Residential R30 and low densities less than Residential R30.



Example of Suburban streetscape type, Mount Hawthorn

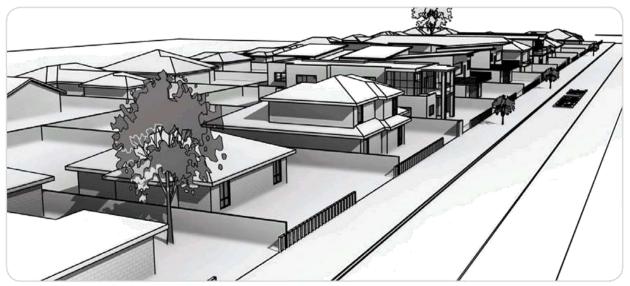


Figure 30: Model perspective of suburban streetscape

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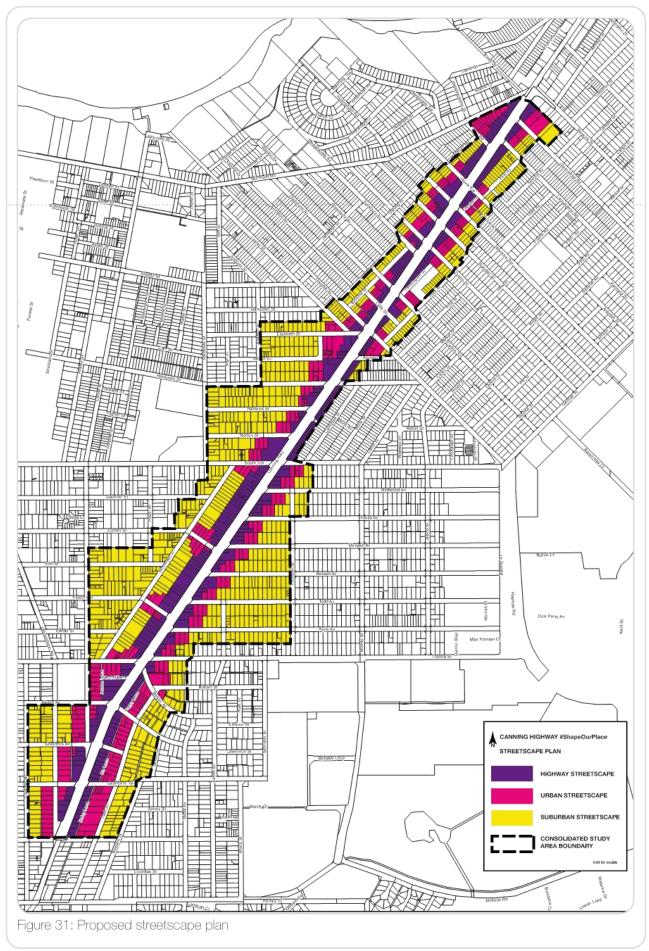
#### 4.4 Streetscape plan

#ShapeOurPlace depicts a spatial plan detailing appropriate locations for streetscape types. The designation of streetscapes are reflective of both the community's desires as well as the Metropolitan planning framework. The streetscape plan is shown in Figure 31.

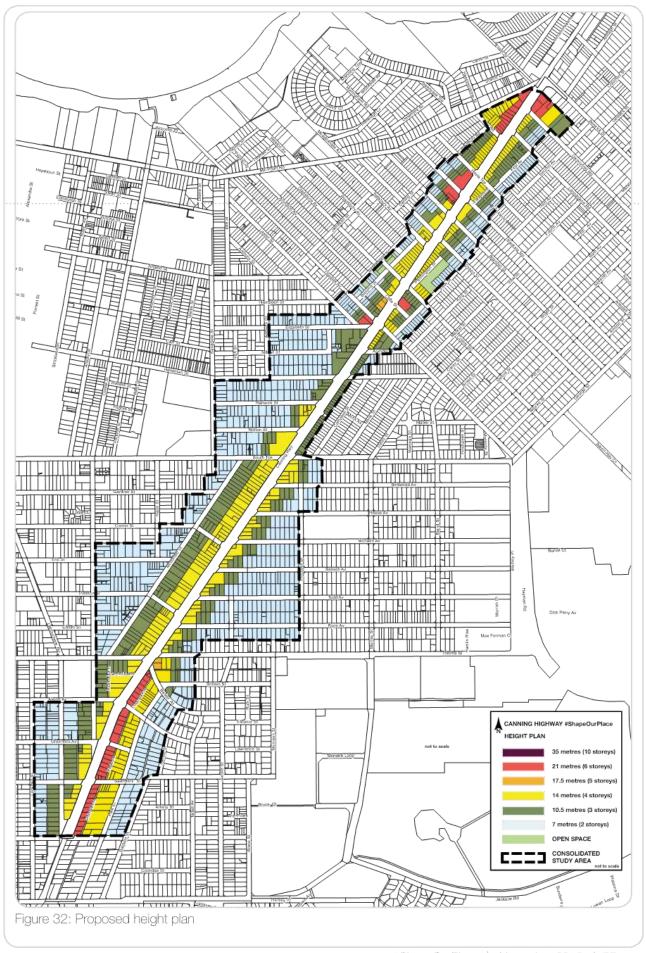
The streetscape plan should be viewed in conjunction with the indicative height plan (Figure 32) to understand the intensity of the development proposed in the location.



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#### 4.5 Local centres

The Canning Highway urban corridor includes small commercial local centres along its length, connected by medium to high density residential development and low scale commercial uses (Figure 33). #ShapeOurPlace does not propose rezoning any properties from 'Residential' to a non-residential zoning within the study area.

There are four nodes of commercial activity within the study area these occur, specifically where Canning Highway intersects with:

- Way Road/ Gwenyfred Road;
- · Douglas Avenue;
- South Terrace; and
- Thelma Street.

#### 4.5.1 Way Road/ Gwenyfred Road

This area is referred to as the 'Eastern Activity Centre' in the City's draft Local Housing Strategy and is recommended for separate planning consideration. However in recent State Government planning documents the area has not been identified as a significant future activity centre. Regardless, this intersection is a key gateway into the City of South Perth and has the opportunity to provide iconic buildings as an entry statement into the City, as well as a link with the secondary centre of Victoria Park.

#### 4.5.2 Douglas Avenue

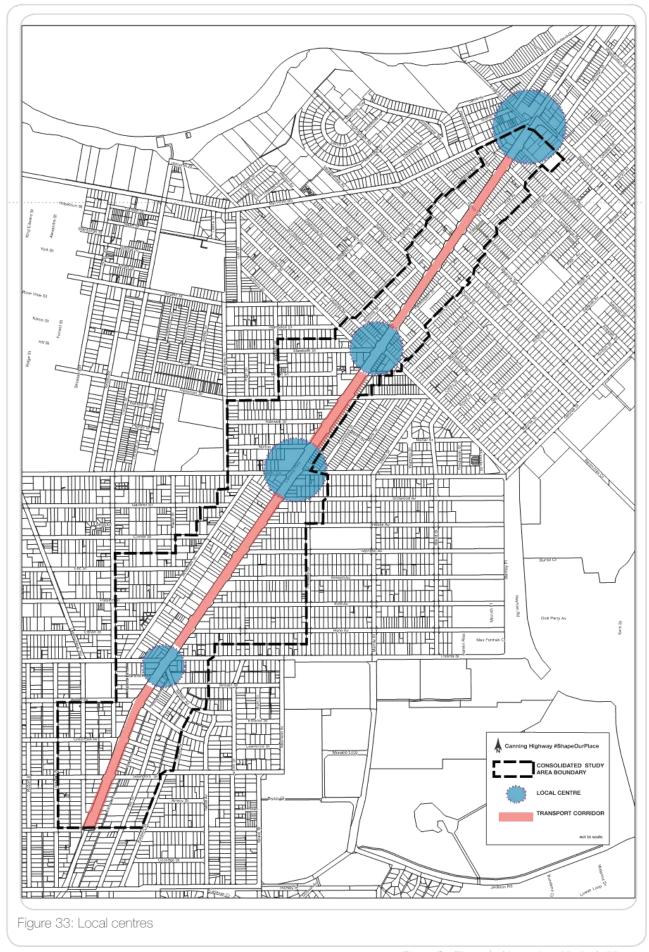
The local centre at the intersection of Douglas Avenue and Canning Highway provides a range of active commercial uses such as cafés and retail stores.

#### 4.5.3 South Terrace

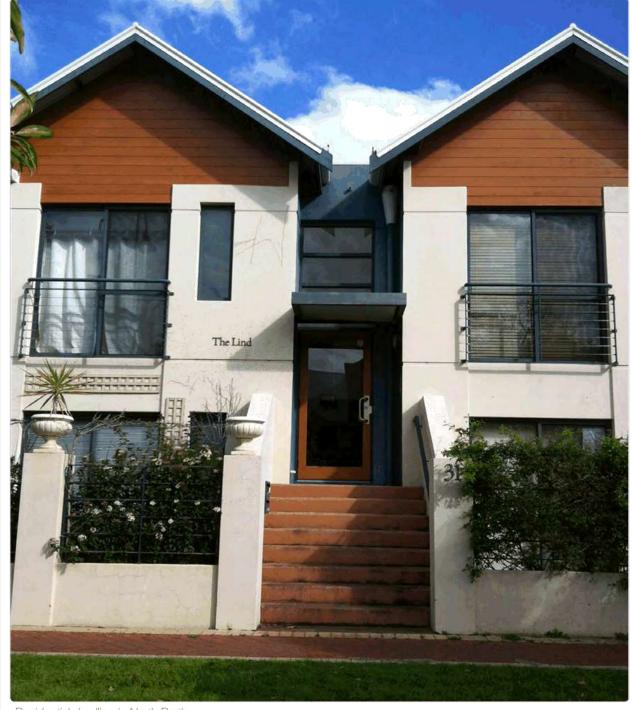
The local centre at the intersection of Canning Highway and South Terrace plays an important role in connecting local and regional traffic. This intersection includes the iconic 'Como Hotel' which represents the largest Highway Commercial lot in this centre. It is envisaged that this centre will remain relatively low scale, with commercial uses contained predominantly on the ground floor.

#### 4.5.4 Thelma Street

The local centre at the intersection of Canning Highway and Thelma Street is the smallest of the local centres. This centre is envisaged to provide local services such as consulting rooms, hair dressers and specialist retail shops to service the local community. There is an opportunity for cafés, restaurants and deli's along Barker Avenue where they are of a scale compatible with the surrounding residential area.



# Part 5 - Design Controls



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#### 5.1 Introduction

The stakeholder and community engagement undertaken for this study highlighted a number of key issues and challenges needing to be addressed in relation to medium density development within the consolidated study area. While the community was generally receptive of medium density development, as suggested through the workshopping and built form typologies presented, there was concern that the current development control mechanisms will not adequately address the impacts of increased density, particularly in relation to bulk and scale, for local areas.

The study purposefully sought to dispel the general perception within the community that medium density translates to intense forms of development and results in a significant reduction in amenity for adjoining properties. The nomination of built form and streetscape typologies, as referred to and explained in Part 4, provide a foundation for more specific development control mechanisms to be introduced and applied for specific design and built form elements. It is suggested that the R-Codes form the basis for more specific development controls that relate to the City of South Perth and study area context.

The Residential Design Codes are the primary tool for residential development control within the City of South Perth. It is suggested that the City continue to use the R-Codes as the primary reference tool to inform density and general development control for residential development. However, it is also recommended that greater guidance for discretion and more stringent development controls be applied in certain circumstances, to ensure that the optimum and most appropriate development outcome is achieved for any new development proposed, within the study area.

In response to key issues and challenges identified through the consultation phase of the project, a framework has been developed as an initial step towards preparing a more formal set of design criteria for development located within the study area. The rationale and suggested design controls to address these concerns have been detailed in the following section of this report.



Pennington Lane

#### 5.2 Application of the R-Codes

Residential density is defined in the R Codes and applied through local planning schemes. The R Codes provide a quantitative (deemed to comply) and qualitative (design solution) method of assessment. They also provide local governments the ability to vary code provisions through local planning frameworks to provide a local response to certain requirements. In addition, local planning schemes have the ability to include provisions that vary the R Codes, again to factor in local conditions.

The R Codes are divided into two key parts those being Part 5 – single houses, grouped dwellings and multiple dwellings in areas coded less than R30 and 6 – multiple dwellings, mixed use and activity centres. Within both parts, there are a number of provisions which are controlled by density and those that are not. Tables 4 and 5 and provides a breakdown of the provisions which are density controlled and those that are not for Parts 5 and 6 of the R Codes, respectively.

It is evident from tables 4 and 5 that those elements that are density controlled are elements that play a key role in the overall bulk and scale of the development.

Table 4: R Code Part 5 Provisions density and not density controlled

R Codes - Part 5: single houses, grouped

dwellings and multiple dwellings in areas

| coded less than R30   |                         |  |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Density Controlled    | Not density controlled  |  |
| Site area             | Communal open space     |  |
| Street setbacks       | Height                  |  |
| Lot boundary setbacks | Setback of garages and  |  |
| Open space            | carports                |  |
| Outdoor living areas  | Garage widths           |  |
| Retaining walls       | Street surveillance     |  |
| Visual privacy        | Street walls and fences |  |
| Solar access          | Sight lines             |  |
| Outbuildings          | Appearance of retained  |  |
| Aged or dependent     | dwelling                |  |
| person's dwellings    | Landscaping             |  |
| Single bedroom        | Car parking             |  |
| dwellings             | Vehicular access        |  |
|                       | Pedestrian access       |  |
|                       | Site works              |  |
|                       | Stormwater              |  |
|                       | management              |  |
|                       | External fixtures       |  |
|                       | Ancillary accommodation |  |

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Table 5: R Code Part 6 Provisions density and not density controlled

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|--|----------------------------|--|--|--|
| R Codes - Part 6: multiple dwellings, mixed use and activity centres |                            |  |  |  |
| Density Controlled   | Not density controlled     |  |  |  |
| Building size (plot ratio)   | Street surveillance        |  |  |  |
| Height   | Street walls and fences    |  |  |  |
| Setbacks   | Sight lines                |  |  |  |
| Open space   | Building appearance        |  |  |  |
| Visual privacy   | Outdoor living areas       |  |  |  |
| Solar access   | Landscaping                |  |  |  |
| outbuildings   | Car parking                |  |  |  |
|  | Design of car parking      |  |  |  |
|  | Vehicular access           |  |  |  |
|  | Site works                 |  |  |  |
|  | Retaining walls            |  |  |  |
|  | Stormwater                 |  |  |  |
|  | management                 |  |  |  |
|  | Building diversity         |  |  |  |
|  | External fixtures          |  |  |  |

Table 6 outlines the parts of the R Codes identifies those development controls relating to medium density development that are considered relevant to the study objectives.

The R-Codes perform a key function in determining appropriate development and design of buildings and siting for development within the study area. In instances where there is opportunity to strengthen the provisions outlined in the R Codes to achieve a better and more suitable outcome that relates to the local context, it is suggested that additional design control measures be adopted that are different to those specified in the R Codes.

The focus of any design framework should be on the discretionary elements of the R-Codes (Design Principles) as this is where locally specific interpretation is needed to achieve locally desired outcomes.

Table 6: Relevant design elements

| Relevant part of R-Code   | Relevant design elements to this study  |  |
|---|---|--|
| Part 5: Design elements for all single house(s) and grouped dwellings; and multiple dwellings in areas coded less than R30      | <ul> <li>5.1 Context</li> <li>5.2 Streetscape</li> <li>5.3 Site planning and design</li> <li>5.4 Building Design</li> <li>(5.5 Special Purpose Dwellings)*</li> </ul> |  |
| Part 6: Design elements for multiple dwellings in areas coded R30 or greater; within mixed use development and activity centres | <ul><li>6.1 Context</li><li>6.2 Streetscape</li><li>6.3 Site planning and design</li><li>6.4 Building Design</li></ul>  |  |
| Table 1: General site requirements for all single house(s) and grouped dwellings; and multiple dwellings in                     |   |  |

Table 1: General site requirements for all single house(s) and grouped dwellings; and multiple dwellings in areas coded less than R40

Table 4: General site requirements for multiple dwellings in areas coded R40 or greater, within mixed use development and/or activity centres

#### 5.3 Design Controls Framework

It is recommended that a Design Controls Framework be established comprising a combination of the R Codes provisions as well as specific built form provisions to help guide future development. Design elements have been identified as needing more specific development control measures in order to achieve the overall strategic objective of the study for medium density development.

It is also recommended that some elements should remain discretionary to facilitate appropriate design. Any discretionary built form design elements should be provided as provisions in local planning policies.

Where no discretion is recommended, the City can consider incorporating provisions into the Town Planning Scheme No. 6. Those elements where no discretion should apply, are the built form elements which play a vital role in achieving the project objectives and outcomes.

Draft design objectives have been prepared to outline the intention of the provision and guide what the vision is for those elements that are suggested to be discretionary.

#### 5.3.1 Building typologies and streetscapes

As outlined earlier in this study report, due to the extent and diversity within the study area, it has been divided into five Places. The boundaries of each of these Places has been based on similar character, lot configuration and size and the general concentration of community feedback based on location.

The establishment of both streetscape and built form typologies, as outlined in Part 4 of this report, provides a solid basis from which further and more specific design controls can be introduced. The streetscape and built form typologies have a direct relationship, and will ensure that there is a consistent approach applied, when developing and subsequently implementing specific policy provisions for each of the areas.

#### Suggested development control

The streetscape typologies of Highway, Urban and Suburban ensures that any medium density development responds to and delivers a transition that minimises the impact on amenity and streetscapes for areas immediately abutting the study area and is contained, from a community perspective, within a defined area.

This built form element should be discretionary as the built form typology appropriate and achievable on the site will be dependent on the lot size, applicable zoning and feasibility of the development. The preferred built form typologies could be listed in a local planning policy.

To ensure an appropriate built form response for properties located within the study area, it is suggested that clear guidance with regard to what built form typology is considered appropriate for each streetscape type be provided. This type of development control measure will ensure that any new development proposed will meet the desired streetscape character and built form typology that

Table 5: Preferred housing typologies for streetscapes

|             |          | Housing Typology |           |                       |          |           |
|-------------|----------|------------------|-----------|-----------------------|----------|-----------|
|             |          | Single house     | Townhouse | Manor house apartment | Terrace  | Apartment |
| Streetscape | Highway  | Х                | X         | X                     | <b>/</b> | <b>~</b>  |
| Type        | Urban    | <b>/</b>         | <b>/</b>  | <b>~</b>              | <b>~</b> | <b>/</b>  |
|             | Suburban | <b>✓</b>         | <b>/</b>  | <b>/</b>              | X        | X         |

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has been identified as appropriate for this study area. Table 5 provides a matrix that identifies the built form typologies considered appropriate for the relevant streetscape type.

A local planning policy should include clear objectives for each of the three streetscape types as detailed below.

#### Highway

The streetscape rhythm and pattern for the highway streetscape reflects high intensity development within a non-discretionary height limit, comprising apartments and medium rise terraces. There is variance in building heights and development intensity along the highway, with key nodes defining areas of higher mixed use activity. There is a strong relationship with the urban environment of the street with development typically including a harder street edge. Developments are typically in the form of apartments and terraces and are located close together to provide an urban boulevard.

#### Urban

The urban streetscape represents a transition area between the highway area and lower density development situated further away. The form of development is similar to that of the highway however the scale of development is more reflective of the open streetscape. Development in this location varies from terraces and small scale apartments.

#### Suburban

The lots located within this streetscape area reflect a more traditional suburban development and lot layout characterised by open space and a softer landscaped edge. Development in this area needs to integrate with existing residential areas, ensuring that any new development is compatible with existing streetscape patterns. The suburban streetscape comprises manor houses, townhouses and single houses.

#### 5.3.2 **Building Heights**

Building height is often interpreted by the community as the most notable feature of bulk and scale for a building, and is considered one of the most contentious design issues relating to this study. The assignment of building heights in specific locations is based on a combination of streetscape and built form typologies. It is suggested that height is concentrated in key locations where it will deliver an acceptable outcome and distribution of building height that is appropriate to that location.

Heights above two storeys should be concentrated along the highway and at key locations such as intersections with commercial nodes. Generally, existing building height limits within the study area are predominantly two storeys with some areas permitting three storeys along and adjacent to the highway. There is potential to increase the height limits in some locations to permit medium-density development and promote redevelopment.

A height plan has been prepared (refer Figure 38), based on what is considered an appropriate scale of development for the study area. The heights specified on the height plan are the maximum permissible heights based on location, as measured from natural ground level and variations to the heights should not be permitted. This will provide a level of certainty to the community and ensure that the scale of development remains appropriate to the locality. The maximum heights should not be viewed as a given. Some lots in their current form are not considered an appropriate size to support the level of development proposed and as a result a sliding scale for heights is recommended based on an increased lot size. This is to encourage amalgamation of lots. This is further discussed in Part 6 - Strategic Considerations.

There are no minimum lot sizes required to achieve a two storey height limit, as this height is permitted as of right. Similarly no minimum lot size has been prescribed for three storey developments, as there are properties that already exist in the area that permit three storeys and the study does not intend to reduce the development potential of existing lots.

Heights in excess of three storeys will be predominantly concentrated in the 'Highway' streetscapes, with small pockets in the 'Urban' streetscapes. Table 6 provides a suggested approach relating to development control for building heights, whereby the minimum lot size required to achieve heights greater than three storeys is provided. The R20 average lot size of 450m² has been used as the increment to for greater heights. A large portion of the study area has a base residential density of R15 or R20 therefore, using the R20 average lot size gives a general indication of the common lot sizes throughout the precinct. Therefore lot amalgamation will be required in order to achieve the maximum permissible height outlined in Table 6.

#### Suggested development control

Building height should not be discretionary. It is important that the heights proposed are the maximum permissible heights so that the community has a level of certainty about what could be developed in the area. Building heights can be listed in the scheme similar to City's current height requirements.

It is suggested that the City amend the existing height plan in Town Planning Scheme No. 6 to reflect the proposed height plan. This will require further consultation with the local community. Any changes to the height plan will need to be preceded by recoding to allow higher density. No changes to the height plan are recommended until the relevant residential coding is amended.

It is also suggested that a design guideline framework

include a sliding scale for permissible heights. It is not recommended that this be included in the scheme, unless a 5% site area variation is included, as this could be considered too prescriptive.



Residential apartment in East Perth

Table 6: Proposed minimum lot sizes to achieve building heights

|             |          | Permissible building height |           |           |           |
|-------------|----------|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|             |          | 2 & 3 storeys               | 4 storeys | 5 storeys | 6 storeys |
| Streetscape | Highway  | No minimum lot size         | 900m²     | 1,350m²   | 1,800m²   |
| Type Urbai  | Urban    | No minimum lot size         | 1,350m²   | ~         | -         |
|             | Suburban | No minimum lot size         | -         | -         | -         |

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## 5.3.3 Building Design - Facade design and treatments

Building design comprises many different elements that can result in either good or bad design outcomes. Appropriate development control and design guidance can improve the design quality of the built form that will help achieve better built form and aesthetics of buildings and streetscapes; promote developments that will be a long term asset to the neighbourhood and maximise the amenity, safety and security afforded by the development and to the public realm.

The articulation of buildings, including the façade of buildings, will help ameliorate the sense of bulk and scale, if done appropriately. Through the use of articulation, buildings offer visual interest to the street, and definition of the building structure.

#### Suggested development control

It is suggested that any design guideline framework or built form provisions require development to include appropriate design treatments that assist to add interest and reduce the bulk and scale of a development. Built form elements relating to building design should be discretionary to enable creativity.

Suggested treatments may include variation to:

- colours;
- materials;
- setbacks;
- heights;
- roof pitches.

Furthermore, building articulation should be encouraged through appropriate design and planning policies, to ensure that solid facades are avoided. Articulation can be achieved through such design features as:

- insertion of balconies;
- adding awnings and eaves to a proposed building;

windows and openings that address the street.

The suggested design objective is:

Developments should be designed so as to minimise the bulk and scale on the street and surrounding properties through the implementation of varied facade treatments and materials and building articulation.

#### 5.3.4 Building Design - Sustainable Design

Sustainable building design should be a requirement for all new dwellings. The community is particularly interested in seeing that any development proposed incorporates sustainable design principles. Such design measures as material selection, orientation and siting of dwellings and outdoor living areas, and the inclusion of windows and openings in locations which offer cross-ventilation are design control areas that the City should develop and implement as part of any development application.

#### Suggested Development Controls

It is suggested that the following design controls and provisions be considered and included as a part of any future planning policies that may be developed for residential development within the Study Area. They should remain discretionary.

- Indoor and outdoor living areas should be located on the northern side of the dwelling to capture the benefits of passive solar design;
- Windows and openings should be located facing the direction of prevailing breezes with openings located opposite each other to maximise air flow through the dwelling creating cross-ventilation;
- Windows on the east and west elevations should be minimised or appropriately shaded. Eaves or fixed awnings should be used to shade all major openings on the northern, eastern and western sides of a dwelling;
- Notwithstanding the requirements of the Building Codes of Australia, dark roof and wall colours will generally not be supported. Light coloured

roof finishes ensure that heat is reflected and the internal temperature of the dwelling is reduced.

#### 5.3.5 Setbacks - Street

Primary street setback areas are important parts of the streetscape and are fundamental to the amenity and particular character of residential localities. They should enable a clear view between homes and the street and provide a comfortable and secure transition between homes and the street. From a visual point of view, an open setback area in suburban areas provides a more attractive setting for the building.

Upper floor street setbacks are also an important built form element that assists to reduce the bulk and scale of a development. Low density areas tend to have large setbacks whereas higher density areas tend to have smaller setbacks. In areas coded R40 or higher, it is suggested that an additional setback be required for upper levels so as to reduce the impact of large and bulky dwellings that detract from the established streetscape.

Primary street setbacks relating to properties on the highway need careful consideration. Given the prevalence of residential development that is likely to occur along the length of Canning Highway, it is important to manage the interface this development will have with the highway. It is recognised that by limiting the extent of the commercial development along the highway, particularly on the ground floor, there may be potential urban design issues that will result from this. This is further discussed in Part 6 – Strategic Considerations.

#### Suggested Development Controls

It is suggested that street setback not be discretionary. Setbacks play an important role in achieving the desired streetscape and assist to manage open space.

The following nominal minimum street setbacks, which include garages but exclude carports in terms of urban and suburban streetscapes, are suggested to be applied for all street frontages, based on

streetscape typology:

- Highway: To be determined following further investigation\*
- Urban: 2-4 metres
- Suburban: 4-6 metres

Upper floors should be setback from all street frontages, with a suggested additional 2.0m setback being required.

\*It is recommended that setback provisions for properties that abut the highway be further investigated with the overall objective to retain primarily residential land use along the highway. With the exception of those key commercial nodes that have been identified, setbacks will need to address both the amenity expectations for the residential development, while still ensuring that the highway function is not hindered by residential development.

A nominal 2 metres setback is proposed for development on the highway where there are no dwellings directly abutting the street or the ground floor is raised or a solid fence is provided. 4 to 6m setback where ground floor contains dwellings abutting the street.



Example of an urban streetscape in East Perth

#### 5.3.6 Setbacks - side and rear

Side and rear setbacks play an important role managing the sense of bulk of a building viewed from the street, and are important to providing an interface to adjoining properties. #ShapeOurPlace proposes that setbacks consider the nature of the streetscape. Upper floors should also be required to be setback from lower floors.

Where a highway property abuts an open streetscape, the rear setbacks may need to be increased further to ensure that an appropriate transition is provided within the site.

#### Suggested Development Controls

Setbacks play an important role in achieving the desired streetscape outcomes and assist to manage open space requirements. It is suggested that side and rear setbacks not be discretionary.

The deemed-to-comply setback provisions in the R-Codes are considered appropriate to achieve the outcomes desired by #ShapeOurPlace.



Stepping of heights and providing internal setbacks, Claremont

## 5.3.7 Open space, outdoor living area and communal open space

A key factor that influences the bulk and scale of a development is the amount of open space that surrounds a building and exists between buildings. Regardless of the building typology in the area, open space should be adequate and not varied to a scale that shifts the character of a place from suburban to urban, or to a level reflective of a higher density. It is not considered acceptable to compromise the level of open space in order to achieve a larger development or one with more dwellings.

In addition to open space, private and communal open spaces should be adequate and of a useable size. Any planning policy, design guidelines and/ or scheme provisions will therefore need to make appropriate recommendations for these spaces.

#### Suggested Development Controls

Being cognisant of the underlying density coding and respective minimum open space requirements outlined in Tables 1 and 4 of the R Codes, it is suggested that the City of South Perth consider using the following minimum open space design objectives:

#### Highway

Highway streetscapes are to provide highly functional, attractive communal and private open spaces to facilitate a desirable retreat from the urbanised environment of the highway.

#### Urban

Urban streetscapes are to provide functional open spaces that enable established gardens whilst still facilitating an urban environment.

#### Suburban

Suburban streetscapes are dominated by open space to provide for landscaping, access, living areas and an open character.

#### 5.3.8 Visual Privacy

Visual privacy is a key element to consider when contemplating an intensification of development in an area. This is particularly important to note as topographical profiles within the Study Area mean that parts of Canning Highway is higher than the surrounding properties in some locations, particularly on the western side, where the land drops away quite significantly towards the Swan River.

To ensure that appropriate design responses are incorporated into the design of new development, the application of the streetscape typologies and the underlying density coding should provide better guidance and relationship between transitioning development types and reduce the potential for highly different development being located adjacent to one another.

#### Suggested Development Controls

Visual privacy requirements can remain discretionary and can be managed through policy provisions or through the application of the deemed-to-comply visual privacy provisions in the R-Codes. The R-Code deemed-to-comply provisions are considered appropriate in this instance as they do not relate to streetscape character.

The following design objective should apply.

Development should be designed in manner that maximises the visual privacy on the adjoining properties through appropriate setbacks, screening and orientation.

#### 5.3.9 Solar access

Solar access is an important consideration and contributor to amenity. The intensification of development on sites affected by this study should not result in a reduced level of amenity, resulting from significant overshadowing, between properties. Similar to visual privacy considerations, the topographic profile is particularly important to note as in many locations Canning Highway is higher than the surrounding properties which could result in greater overshadowing.

#### Suggested Development Controls

Solar access requirements can remain discretionary and can be managed through policy provisions or through the application of the deemed-to-comply visual privacy provisions in the R-Codes. The R-Code deemed-to-comply provisions are considered appropriate in this instance as they do not relate to streetscape character.

The following design objective should apply.

Development should be designed in manner that minimises the overshadowing impacts on the adjoining properties through appropriate setbacks, orientation and building height.

#### 5.3.10 Garages

With the likely increase in density, along with the reduction in access points onto and off the highway, on street parking will need to be systematically removed wherever possible, and on-site parking required for all new development. The location of on-site parking will play an important role on the streetscape pattern and pedestrian environment, and as such design controls that minimise this impact will be a necessary requirement to ensure that streetscape character is preserved. Guidance, in particular for garages, will need to be clearly provided. With the potential for garages to dominate the presentation of a dwelling to the street, and sometimes overwhelm the street frontage, the placement of garages and their extent in relation to the remainder of the dwelling will need to be clearly defined.

#### Suggested Development Controls

It is suggested that requirements for garages can remain discretionary and the provisions included in a policy. Policy provisions could include the following design controls:

- All new development should provide on-site car parking. In the instance the development proposes a garage, the location of the garage should be either behind the building line of the proposed dwelling or to the rear.
- Clear guidance should also be provided that highlights the requirement for the extent of the garage to be less than 50% the total frontage of the dwelling.
- In the instance of manor house apartments, undercroft car parking will be required, and/or integrated into the design of the building.
- The number of crossovers will need to be reduced onto site.

The following garage design objectives are suggested:

#### Highway

Garages and parking areas are located away from the street frontage, or screening is used to provide an attractive, enjoyable street environment.

#### Urban

Garages and parking areas are located away from the street frontage, or screening is provided to provide an attractive, enjoyable street environment.

#### Suburban

Garages are not the dominant visual structure on the lot, and are located and designed to provide a facade that integrates with the character of the dwelling.



Example of a garage in South Perth



Example of a garage in Yokine

#### 5.3.11 Landscaping

Landscaping is a key component of developments that helps to break up the bulk and scale and provides an attractive streetscape environment. Front gardens give an area a welcoming and pleasant feel, so it is important that front setbacks have substantial vegetation and the gardens are displayed to the street. Landscaping and well-designed front gardens ensure that dwellings do not become dominated by impervious surfaces. Where open spaces are proposed, both private and communal, a minimum percentage of the area to be landscaped should be specified. In addition, where possible the number of crossovers should be minimised to enable verge plantings. In some parts of the study area this may be achieved via amalgamation of lots and redevelopment as medium density grouped or multiple dwellings where access is consolidated or provided via a right of way.

#### Suggested Development Controls

It is suggested that requirements for landscaping can remain discretionary and the provisions included in a policy or the deemed-to-comply landscaping, setback and access provisions in the R-Codes are appropriate to achieve the outcomes desired by #ShapeOurPlace.

Focus on setbacks and open space provides the necessary space for landscaping.

In addition to the R-Codes the following design controls should be considered to encourage greater landscaping.

- Minimum percentages of soft landscaping to be provided within the front setback.
- Removal of trees on site shall be replaced with the equal amount.

#### 5.3.12 Fencing

The location and height of walls and fencing in the street setback area has a significant impact on the streetscape. The desire is to see streetscape appearance preserved in order for it to offer an attractive and safe pedestrian environment.

For properties located on the highway, in particular, fencing and wall treatment, will require clear guidance and development controls in order to preserve the pedestrian environment, and not impact on it negatively. Large blank walls should be actively discouraged. It is noted that the City's local planning policy P350.7 relating to Fencing and Retaining Walls allows solid fencing to a maximum height of 1.8m along the following roads within the study area Canning Highway, Douglas Avenue, Labouchere Road (Mill Point Road to Thelma Street), South Terrace, Thelma Street (Labouchere Road to Canning Highway) and Way Road. The rationale for this provision would be to alleviate noise from the street as well as provide a clear separation between the highway and property, affording privacy as well.

It is also important that passive surveillance is facilitated through design. Every dwelling must contribute to the safety of its neighbourhood by allowing a high level of passive surveillance.

The preferred streetscape is one without front walls or fences. If a fence or wall is to be built, low fences and walls will provide the most desirable outcome. They make streets more open, attractive and hospitable places to live.

#### Suggested Development Controls

Given the contribution fencing and walls have on the streetscape character, it is important that the construction and style of fencing is managed well. Through appropriate development controls such as the restriction of height and the requirement for fencing to generally be of a low profile, it will ensure that streetscape character is preserved and not compromised.

To minimise the potential for 1.8m solid fences along

the length of the highway, it is suggested that solid fences be permitted to 1.2m and the additional 600mm should be visually permeable.

This will require an amendment to the City's local planning policy P350.7 relating to Fencing and Retaining Walls which currently allows 1.8m high fences along Canning Highway, Douglas Avenue, Mill Point Road (Labouchere Road to Canning Highway), South Terrace, Thelma Street (Labouchere Road to Canning Highway) and Way Road.

1.8m fences are typically allowed to minimise the noise impacts of the road. Other mechanisms such as double glazing should be considered for these properties.

There is an opportunity to incorporate artwork into fencing to add interest and activate the street.



Example of a visually permeable fence in South Perth.



Example of a fence in Yokine

#### 5.3.13 Access

There is a strong desire to see access onto and from the highway minimised wherever possible. Both the stakeholders and the community recognise that the reduction in the number of local road points to the highway will result in increased traffic in residential streets, Investigations into how this will be achieved and appropriately managed will need to be undertaken. This is further discussed in Part 6 – Strategic Considerations.

To optimise the development potential of lots fronting the highway, access to these lots will need to be provided by a laneway/ROW to the rear of these properties. The provision of laneways that will provide access to the rear of these properties will need to be programmed and facilitated by the City and land developers.

Over time Main Roads WA will seek to reduce direct access from properties onto Canning Highway.

Alternative access options that could be considered include:

- A requirement to cede land to facilitate the development of a right of way;
- Providing access from the secondary street;
- Providing access via another street by obtaining land from rear properties; and
- Encouraging amalgamation of lots from the Highway to the rear to shift the point of access.

Removing primary street vehicle access should not be limited to those properties along Canning Highway. Managing access from residential streets in the urban and suburban streetscapes facilitates the establishment of green street verges by reducing the number of cross overs. Where a right of way exists, access to properties should be from the rear. Where lot amalgamations occur that results in a consolidated development, vehicle access should be from a single point. These matters should be clearly shown on a Development Application.

#### Suggested Development Controls

It is noted that there will need to be further investigation undertaken to understand how the reduction of access from the highway, and provision of rear access to those sites that abut the highway, can and will be provided. Properties that are only accessible directly from Canning Highway are shown on Figure 10.

It is nominally suggested that gradually removing access from Canning Highway will best be managed through making it a requirement of Development Approval that access is not permitted from the highway for all new development proposed.

The provisions for changing access arrangements will need to be managed through the scheme.

Any changes to access arrangements should be discussed with Main Roads WA and the Public Transport Authority to ensure a coordinated approach and response is taken.

Suggested development controls could include the following:

Highway Streetscape

For developments within the highway streetscape, developments shall provide a 6 metre right of way to enable vehicle access from the rear.

Where access can be obtained from the secondary street, a 6 metre right of way is not required, unless required to facilitate future access to adjacent highway lots.

Vehicle access hierarchy

The following hierarchy is suggested when considering vehicle access.

- From a right of way;
- 2. From the secondary street;
- 3. From the primary street from a single point (access to more than one dwelling); and
- 4. From the primary street to an individual property.

#### 5.3.14 'Edge' areas

Properties that may be up-coded through scheme amendments prompted by this study, that are adjacent to unchanging properties, should be subject to additional controls that require setbacks, open space, and other relevant design considerations to mimic the lower density code along that property boundary. Such controls provide reassurance to neighbours that the increased density will not subject them to a different built form impact that could not otherwise be built at the existing density.

#### 5.3.15 Commercial areas

There are areas along the highway that are zoned for 'Highway Commercial'. The intention is that where these properties exist, mixed use developments should be accommodated. #ShapeOurPlace focusses on the built form outcome rather than the building composition. Therefore the development standards that apply to the residential areas will generally also apply to the commercial properties. The only difference will be in relation to the street setbacks. Ground floor commercial developments can have a nil setback in order to create an active urban edge to the street.

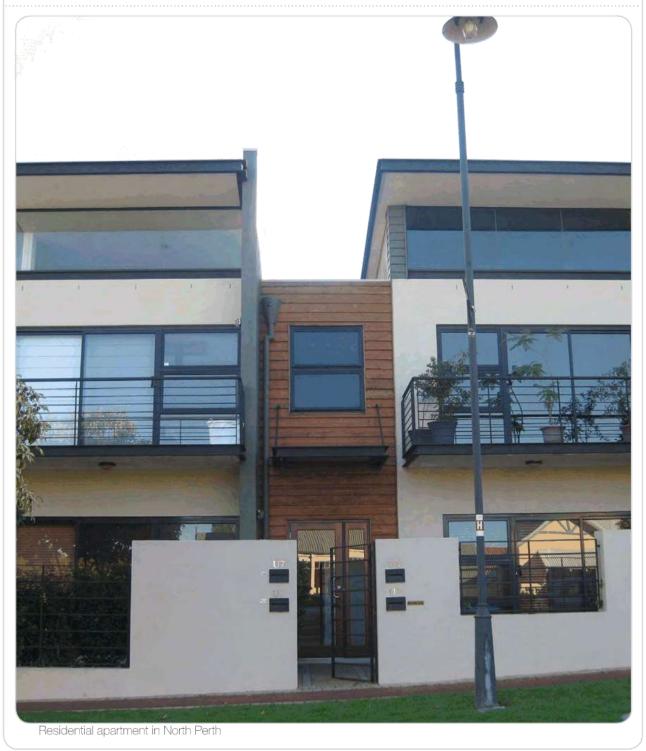
In locations where commercial development is permitted, developments should form a relationship with the public realm. Land uses will be determined in accordance with the land use permissibility under the local planning scheme. It is suggested that focus be placed on the ground floor treatments, that will assist in proving the relationship of the building interface with the street.

#### Suggested Development Controls

Commercial and mixed use developments should apply the following design responses to add interest and activation to the public realm.

- Large windows (mandating a minimum percentage of glazing);
- Al fresco dining, where appropriate;
- Use of public art;
- Use of varying materials;
- Awnings; and
- Street infrastructure Planter boxes, benches, bike racks.

# Part 6 - Strategic Considerations and Recommendations



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#### **b.1** Strategic Considerations

This study has taken a long term view of the future development of the study area. Part 5 highlights the suggested development control mechanisms that should be considered and incorporated into a local planning policy framework. To ensure that the development control mechanisms can be achieved, there a number of key strategic considerations that need to be factored into the future planning and development control framework.

Those strategic considerations that are considered fundamental to informing the greater planning framework that will deliver the built form outcome for the study area, have been identified as follows:

- Services
- Access
- Public Transport Strategy
- Highway Interface
- Incentives for development

Part 6 provides an overview to appreciate what each of these strategic considerations entail.

#### **b.1.1** Services

Planning for increased density needs to consider the implications on the existing and planned capacity for infrastructure and key services such as power, waste water, gas and telecommunications. Discussions will need to be held between the respective servicing authorities and the City of South Perth, to understand and ensure that adequate planning is put in place to cater for the forecast demand on service infrastructure.

#ShapeOurPlace does not make recommendations on the upgrades required to essential service infrastructure and this will need to be planned for by servicing authorities in consultation with the City of South Perth.

#### 6.1.2 Access

The increasing importance of Canning Highway as a key transport corridor, located close to the Perth CBD, means that the appropriate strategic planning needs to be put in place to ensure that its function is preserved and that any future road widening is unhindered. To this end, and reflecting stakeholder feedback, access onto and from the highway needs to be removed with redevelopment.

Reducing access to and from the highway will have a significant impact on those lots that currently abut the highway and have direct access. In order to address this removal of direct access from the highway for these properties, Main Roads WA and the City will need to investigate ways and mechanisms to ensure that those affected lots are afforded appropriate access from the rear. Planning for and subsequent construction of rights of way (ROWs) to the rear of these properties will need to be considered as the preferred option to address the restricted front access from the highway.

The creation of a ROW at the rear of those properties fronting the highway with no alternative access will mean that 'bookend' properties that currently have access from a secondary street will also be affected. These lots will be instrumental in enabling the creation and ultimately providing access to the ROW.

Other strategic mechanisms that could be employed to facilitate this include:

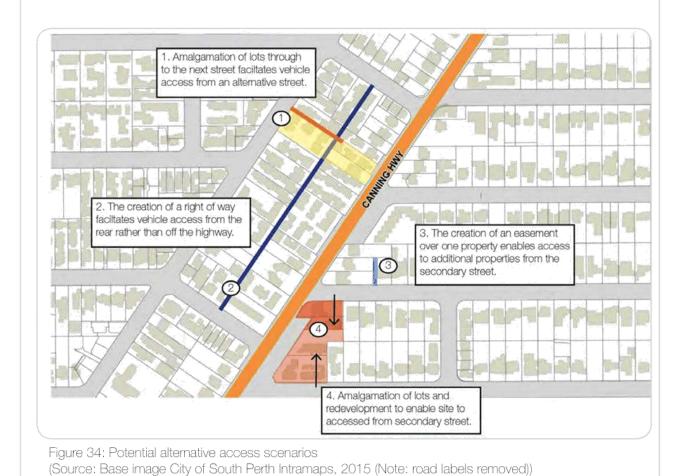
- Encouraging lot amalgamation to facilitate vehicle access from the secondary street.
- Encouraging lot amalgamation to facilitate vehicle access from an alternative street.
- Creating easements over the rear of properties to facilitate access from the secondary street.

These indicative scenarios are illustrated in Figure 34.

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It is recommended that a detailed access study be undertaken to determine the most appropriate solution for managing access along the highway. The study should provide a comprehensive review of land ownership arrangements, mechanisms for alternative access and the best options for implementation.

Alternative access arrangements can be implemented through a local planning policy or the application of a Special Control Area in the local planning scheme.



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#### 6.1.3 Public Transport

As Perth continues to grow both in population and area, there will be a continuing pressure on the regional road network, including Canning Highway. It should be acknowledged that changes in the #ShapeOurPlace study area will not be the sole source of increased traffic.

The most appropriate way to manage traffic through this area is to achieve a mode shift from private car use to other forms including active (walking and cycling) and public transport. There is a need for improved public transport throughout this area, which should be prioritised by the Public Transport Authority and the Department of Transport.

In the long term, it is intended that a dedicated bus lane be provided along Canning Highway. This will facilitate more efficient services through the area and could increase take up in users.

In the interim, some alternative options, that could be considered, include:

- Exploring options for queue jump lanes for buses at traffic lights (i.e. similar to the intersection of Walcott Street and Alexander Drive).
- Exploring options for peak hour bus lanes in the outer lane of the existing road network (i.e. similar to Beaufort Street).
- Increasing the number of services available along Canning Highway.

It is highly recommended that the City continue conversations with Main Roads WA, the Public Transport Authority and the Department of Transport to discuss ways to improve public transport efficiency and availability through this area. The results of the #ShapeOurPlace project may be used by the City to advocate for improved transport infrastructure.

#### 6.1.4 Highway Interface

The City's Local Commercial Strategy (2004) states that 'no additional areas are recommended for Highway Commercial zoning other than those already identified in TPS6.' As result, the commercial and mixed use development on the highway will be limited to those areas currently zoned 'Highway Commercial'. Commercial uses on the ground floor create an enhanced pedestrian environment as these forms of development typically have a harder street edge with active uses on the ground floor.

Canning Highway will be predominantly residential therefore consideration needs to be given to the interface with the highway. Given the significance of the road, there are amenity impacts for people living directly abutting the highway. As previously discussed there are some mechanisms that can be applied through the local planning framework to improve the ground floor interface. These include:

- Providing adequate front setbacks to reduce the proximity of ground floor residential dwellings to the highway; and
- Requiring landscaping in front of front fences.

Where residential land uses are proposed on the ground floor, there may be a tendency to raise floor levels which can be detrimental to the street by creating large expanses of blanks walls at pedestrian level. Alternatively the ground may be used for car parking, however again this can be detrimental to the pedestrian realm.

Other alternatives to ground floor parking or residential development could include home offices, communal gyms, communal property entrances/foyers, store areas and essential services. These will need to be designed in a manner that provides interaction with the streetscape.

The interface with the highway will need to be carefully managed to ensure the street does not

become dominated by high solid walls and ground floor car parks. When undertaking more detailed planning for each place it is recommended that the appropriate street setbacks are recommended for specific areas, ensuring that this responds to the lot depth and the impacts of the road widening. In addition, ground floor treatments such as fencing and entry ways should be further detailed.

Alternatively, the City may wish to consider the introduction of commercial uses on the ground floor for certain areas. To ensure this does not detract from other centres, low intensity commercial uses could be considered and the uses limited within the local planning scheme.



Example of solid walls to the street in West Perth

#### **6.1.5** Incentives for Development

The study recognises that in order for the desired outcome of this study to be achieved, there will need to be incentives put in place to attract landowners and developers to develop properties. A list of some potential incentives are outlined below, however as more detailed planning takes place, this list of incentives may be expanded or reduced depending on the local issues.

- Encouraging lot amalgamation by providing minimum lot sizes for heights greater than three storeys. Where the lot size is increased to a certain size, the development can be built to the maximum permissible height.
- Consideration of plot ratio/density bonuses where single bedroom or affordable dwellings are provided.
- Consideration of plot ratio/density bonuses where aged or dependent persons' dwellings are provided.
- Consideration of plot ratio bonus/density bonuses where the development cedes land to facilitate alternative access arrangements (e.g. A ROW or easement).
- Consideration of density bonuses where a development maintains the existing dwelling to ensure the character of the streetscape is maintained.

Note: It should be recognised that while bonuses will apply in some instances, certain requirements such as height, open space and minimum boundary setbacks should not be compromised or varied in the process.

## 6.2 #ShapeOurPlace Recommendations

The length of Canning Highway encompassed within this study is extensive and the area highly diverse. #ShapeOurPlace provides a high level overview of the opportunities and challenges that exist and outlines the community desires and aspirations for this area.

This section outlines the key recommendations of the study.

#### **b.2.1** Scheme Provisions

There are two key areas where changes could be made to the town planning scheme.

- 1. Residential up-codings
- 2. Scheme development provisions

#### Proposed up-codings

In order to facilitate an appropriate transition from the highway to the residential streets, rezoning will need to occur in some areas. The study area has been divided into streetscape types and based on these streetscapes a range of zonings are considered appropriate as detailed below to facilitate built form typologies in line with the findings of the study (Table 7).

The applicable zoning will be dependent on the

existing zoning in the locality and the streetscape character. Where the transition is proposed to remain close to the highway (for example in Kensington), it is recommended that the lower range of densities are applied to the streetscape. Where the transition is larger, the higher range of densities can be applied or a greater diversity of densities can be applied.

When considering the application of new densities, there should be no reduction in development potential for the property, therefore no down coding is recommended as part of this study.

#### Scheme text changes

As recognised in Part 5, there are a number of design controls which require further guidance in order to meet the expectations of the community. It is recommended that the reliance on achieving the desired built form outcomes for the study area should be largely managed through the policy framework, rather than scheme provisions. This ensures that as the area becomes developed over time, there is an ability to easily amend and adjust policy provisions to respond to areas where it may not be achieving the desired outcomes. Including specific scheme provisions in relation to the built form for this area would serve to constrain what development could be achieved on sites, as the level of discretion would be markedly less than that which would be afforded in a planning policy or precinct plan.

Table 7: Suggested densities for applicable streetscapes

| Streetscape | Recommended Zoning Ranges                                  | Built form that will be facilitated              |
|-------------|--|--|
| Highway     | Residential R60 and R80 (R40 adjacent to Campbell Street*) | Apartments, mixed use developments and terraces. |
| Urban       | Residential R40 - R60                                      | Apartments (low scale), terraces and townhouses. |
| Suburban    | Residential R30 - R40                                      | Single houses, manor houses and townhouses       |

<sup>\*</sup>As per Council resolution 27 November 2012 item 10.0.3(a)(i)(F)

Notwithstanding this, there are some built form elements that should be included within the town planning scheme. This will allow the key principles of the study are being met.

It is recommended that the scheme include the following provisions:

- · Density (town planning scheme maps);
- Building heights (using the same approach as currently utilised by the City);
- · Setbacks (front, side and rear); and
- Changes to access arrangements including ceding land for rights of way, enabling easements and requiring lot amalgamation.

A set of objectives that relate to the future planning of the area appropriate for inclusion in the Scheme, could also be considered.

#### 6.2.2 Local Planning Policy Framework

The local planning policy framework enables the City to provide an additional level of guidance for development, whilst still allowing a level of discretion. A set of comprehensive design guidelines should be prepared on a Place by Place basis and endorsed as a local planning policy. The design guidelines should encompass:

- · A vision for the Place;
- Objectives;
- Design controls; and
- Identify areas for Local Development Plans.

The specific design control elements will include:

- Streetscape and Typology types
- Building Design
- Sustainable design
- Open Space outdoor living area and communal open space
- Visual privacy

- Solar access
- Garages
- Landscaping
- Fencing

Where specific planning is required, a Local Development Plan can be developed.

The policy framework will assist to guide those discretionary provisions of the R-Codes (Design Principles). This will be managed by providing clear objectives about what the streetscapes should entail and the desired character for the area.

#### **6.2.3** Place Specific Recommendations

Given the diversity and unique character of the five places, there are some place specific recommendations as noted below.

It is recommended that further consultation be undertaken in the individual places as part of any further planning in the area.

#### Place 1

- Undertake detailed planning for local centre at Way Road/Gwenyfred Road.
- Prioritise areas for rezoning close to the Highway to manage the transition from R80 to R15.

#### Place 2

- Undertake detailed planning for the local centre at Douglas Avenue.
- Investigate road and lot alignment for Pennington Lane in light of the road widening impacts.

#### Place 3

- Undertake detailed planning for the local centre at South Terrace.
- Investigate the feasibility of developing land along Canning Highway between South Terrace and Hensman Street in light of access and site constraints.

#### Place 4

 Prioritise areas for rezoning close to the Highway to manage the transition from R80 to R15 in the Avenues.

#### Place 5

 Undertake detailed planning for the local centre at Thelma Street.

#### b.2.4 Additional Studies

It is recognised that there are a number of outstanding matters that will require additional studies or more detailed investigation to enable the City of South Perth to meet the community expectations for the area, and meet the strategic direction of the State Government in relation to corridor planning.

#ShapeOurPlace recommends the following additional studies be undertaken.

- Access Study: To investigate alternative access arrangements for properties that currently only have access via Canning Highway.
- Character Study: To undertake a character study of Kensington to provide a comprehensive review of the existing building stock and how future development should be undertaken if necessary. This may include amendments to the local planning scheme or policies. It is suggested that this study apply to areas outside the #ShapeOurPlace study area. #ShapeOurPlace has purposefully restricted the extent to which possible increases in densities will occur to provide a balance between Metropolitan planning direction and the community desire to retain the character of the suburbs.
- Detailed Design Guidelines: #ShapeOurPlace highlights the design controls that require additional consideration in order to meet the expectations of the community in relation to built form. Comprehensive design guidelines should be prepared on a place by place basis, with Local Development Plans for those

- properties requiring further controls. These areas have been highlighted in the place specific recommendations in section 6.2.3.
- Community Infrastructure Plan: This study is
  proposed to review the existing community
  infrastructure in the study area catchment and
  understand whether there are adequate facilities
  to service the envisaged increase in population.
  The study will ensure that the community has
  access to the necessary services and facilities.
- Review of existing planning policies to determine where there may be cross overs in development requirements.
- Consultation: In parts of the study area, namely places 4 and 5, there was a low response rate to the second round of consultation. To ensure that the community's views are adequately known, it is suggested that further consultation be undertaken in these areas particularly through the development of any detailed design guidelines. All places will require further consultation when developing detailed design guidelines and undertaking scheme amendments.

#### **6.3** Next Steps

#ShapeOurPlace covers a large, highly diverse area of the City of South Perth. The existing development ranges from high density highway development, to single dwelling original homes. Due to the extent of the area included in the study, high level recommendations have been prepared however in order for these to be investigated further the following 'next steps' are recommended.

#### Council Endorsement

The City of South Perth Council will consider the study in its entirety and endorse the study. Endorsement of the study does not necessarily mean that all the recommendations of the study need to be implemented, however it will give the Council a framework to work from to progress future projects.

Once the Council has endorsed the document, the City will have the opportunity to progress with individual components of the larger study. This may include:

- Scheme amendments to recode areas to align with the recommendations of #ShapeOurPlace.
   The City and Council may choose to undertake scheme amendments in smaller areas where there are existing transition issues or where areas are ready for redevelopment.
- The recommendations of #ShapeOurPlace will result in the need to amend some of the existing local planning policy framework including the City's fencing policy (P350.7) and Streetscape Compatibility - Arlington and Kensington (P351.5) to align with #ShapeOurPlace.
- The recommendations of #ShapeOurPlace includes the development of new design guidelines. These could be developed on a place by place basis.

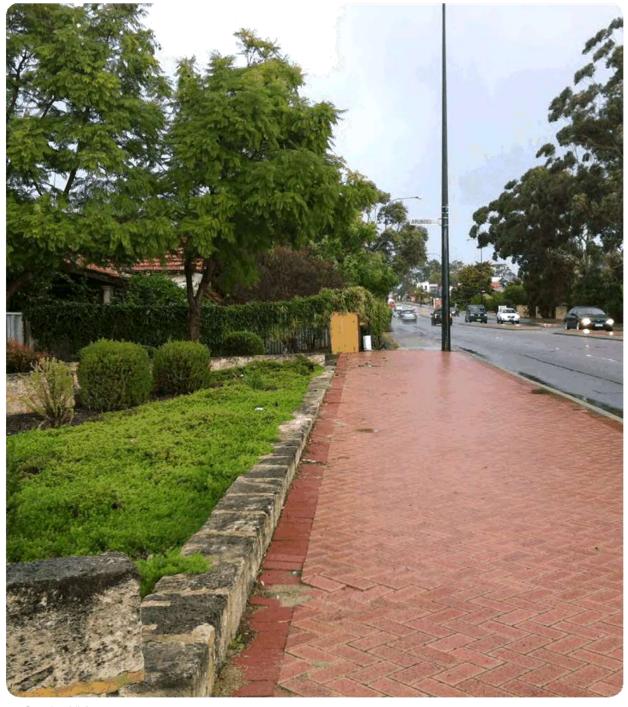
#### Community Consultation

The endorsement is the first step in a longer term project for the area, therefore there are many other opportunities for consultation with the community in the future.

All scheme and policy amendments include a period of consultation. This will provide the community with the opportunity to provide further comments on any proposed changes. The proposals will be area specific and include a greater level of detail than what can be provided in #ShapeOurPlace.

In addition, those areas where there were low response rates in the consultation phase, should be further consulted with.

# Appendix A - Phase 2 Consultation Pack



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## What is #ShapeOurPlace?

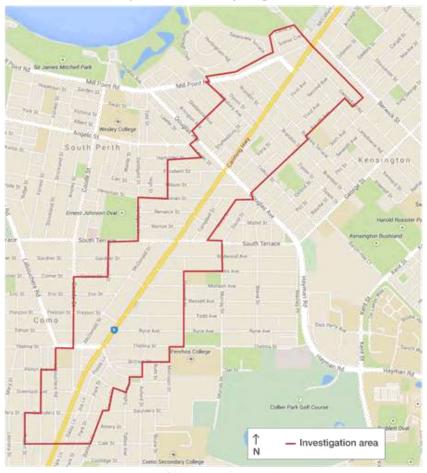
The City of South Perth is reviewing existing and future built form (how buildings look) along Canning Highway and the adjacent low density suburbs. The review will help the City to better manage the future development of the highway and how it relates to the surrounding development. The project also looks at the impact of the future road widening for Canning Highway by the State Government.

### What is involved in the review?

The review is about understanding the existing character and appearance of the buildings within the study area and discovering what sort of development the community would like to see in the future. Generally, the properties along Canning Highway can be developed to greater intensities (more height and more dwellings) and therefore it is important to manage the transition from the highway into the residential streets behind.

## Where is the project study area?

The area outlined in red on the map is the study area. However not all of the study area will be affected by the final project outcomes.



# What are the project outcomes?

The review will recommend changes to the City's Town Planning Scheme No. 6 to:

- Encourage high quality development that meets community expectations;
- Protect existing amenity;
- Create a harmonious built form transition from the highway to the lower density residential areas.







## What has happened so far?

The first phase of stakeholder and community consultation involved a Facebook conversation, community workshop and email submissions that ran between March and April 2015.

The aim of this consultation was to understand what types of buildings the community like and don't like, and where they wish to see certain types of development within the study area.

## What people liked:

- · Large setbacks (the distance between the building and the street).
- Lots of vegetation, landscaping and greenery.
- New and modern building styles and existing heritage houses.
- · Large balconies and eaves.
- · Varied facades, different materials and sustainable design of the building.

# What people didn't like:

- · Garages that dominated the street frontage.
- Developments that were too bulky for the street or too large for the block.
- A lack of car parking.
- A lack of privacy in buildings.
- Buildings over six storeys high.

### Where people wanted to see change:

- Greater heights along Canning Highway, particularly at key intersections.
- Character areas, particularly in Kensington.
- •Areas of single houses and grouped dwellings (duplex, terrace housing, town houses) behind Canning Highway.
- •A green buffer along Canning highway.

A heritage protection area to preserve character homes within the City, in particular Kensington, would be required to be addressed in a separate study.









These are some of the preferred building types identified by community members in March and April 2015:



























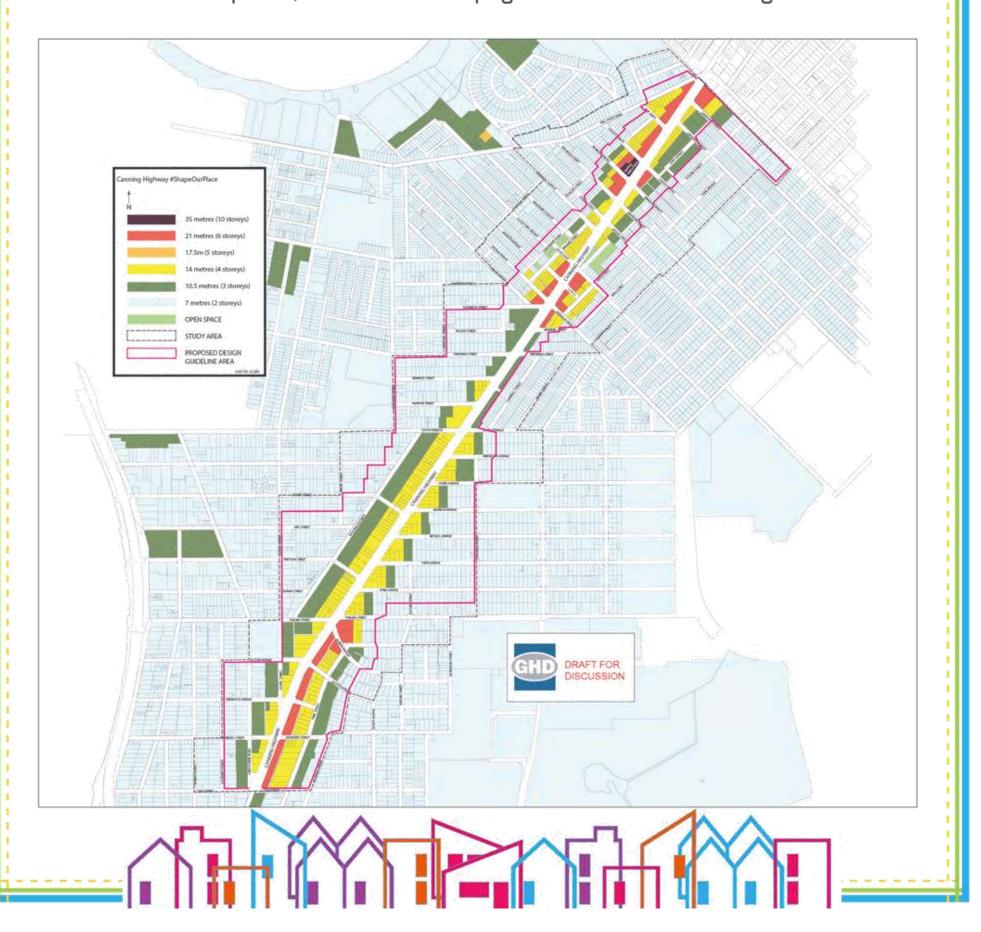


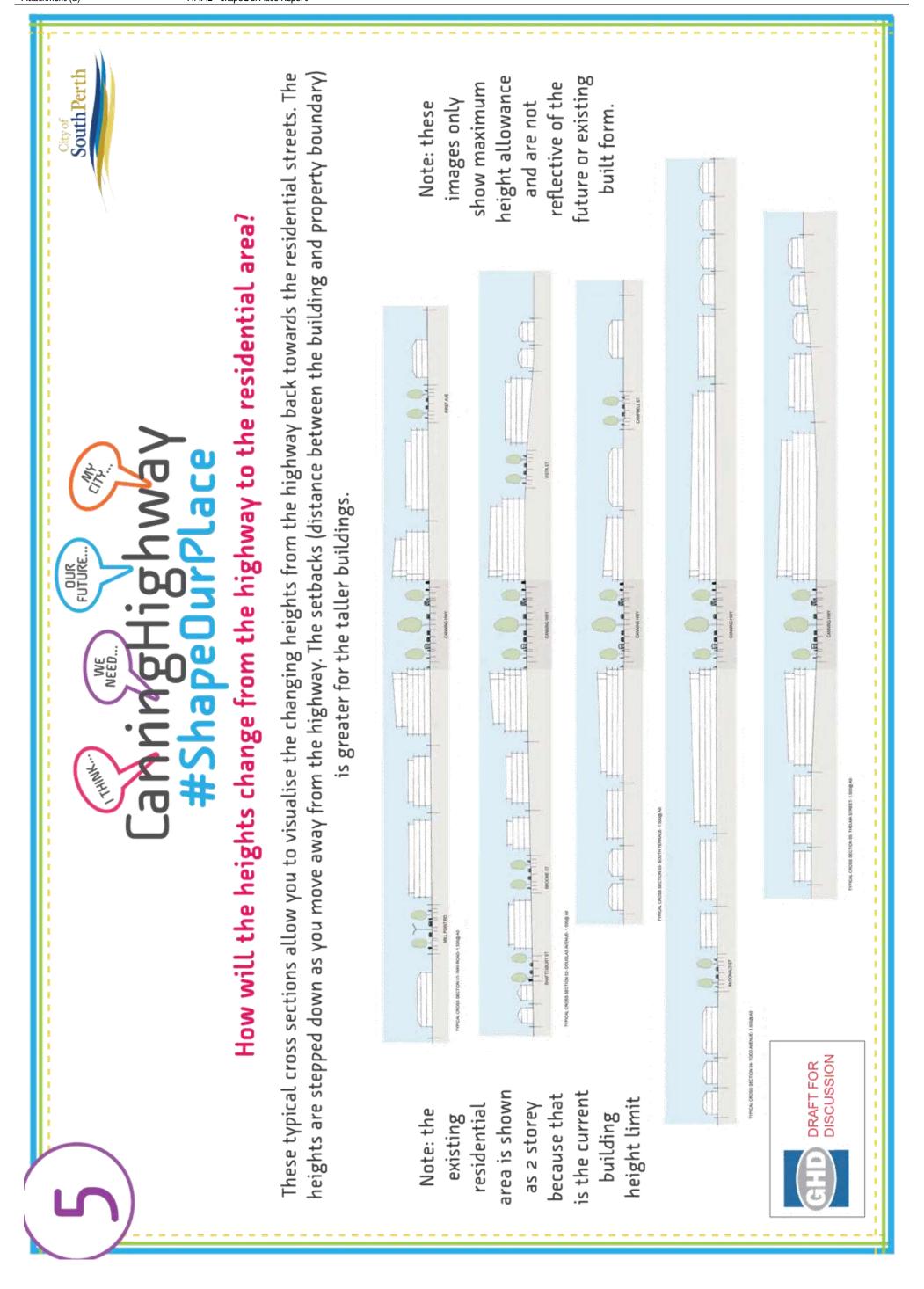




A key element of how a building looks is how tall it is. The draft maximum height plan below has been prepared based on the feedback from the community and key Government stakeholders. Please note that two storey development is already permitted as of right throughout the City of South Perth.

The plan also proposes a Design Guideline area (outlined in pink on the map). Properties within the design guideline area would have to abide by the guidelines when undertaking future development, in addition to staying within the maximum height limit.











# What does it mean if my property is in the 'Design Guideline Area'?

The Design Guidelines will provide provisions for matters that impact the appearance of the building. For example heights, setbacks and landscaping.

The aim of the guidelines will be to ensure that the development on the highway and adjacent residential streets is managed to maintain the amenity of the locality.

# Why is the 'Design Guideline Area' different from the original 'Study Area'?

The study area was established at the beginning of the project. It represented an area approximately within 100 metres of Canning Highway. Following the consultation with the community and discussion with key stakeholders, it was apparent that many areas within the study area should remain the same (i.e. the planning provisions that currently apply will continue to apply). The design guidelines will not apply where there is no change proposed to the existing planning framework.

The design guidelines will apply where:

- •Change is proposed to the existing height and/or
- •There is no change to the height, but the building type may change (e.g. a single house may become a townhouse).

### What about the character areas?

It was recognised during the consultation that there are a number of areas, particularly in Kensington, where there is a desire from the community to protect the character of the area. A heritage protection area to preserve character homes within the City would need to be addressed in a separate study.









Dwellings that might be supported in the design guidelines area include:



Up to 6 storeγ areas - along Canning Highwaγ



Up to 4 storey areas - Along Canning Highway and behind the properties along



Up to 3 storey areas - Along Canning Highway and behind the properties along Canning Highway



Up to 3 storey areas - Along Canning Highway and behind the properties along Canning Highway



Up to 2 storey areas - in the transition area and residential streets.



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## Things the City can't change:

There are some things that we cannot change as part of this study.

- 1. Down Coding Properties We cannot down code properties to be a lower density. There are implications for the City and State Government relating to compensation under the planning legislation which are associated with properties being down coded.
- 2. The Canning Highway road reservation This has been set by the State Government. Widening Canning Highway is a long term project that will aim to improve traffic and movement along the highway.









## Where to from here?

Now we need to know what you think! Provide your comments on the draft plans before 5pm, Friday 21 August 2015 to help inform the preparation of the Design Guidelines and Project Report recommendations. The questions below may provide some guidance for your submission and will help us to best understand your comments.

- •Which area are your comments about?
- •Are the heights proposed appropriate for the area? Are they too high or not high enough?
- •What do you think of the transition from heights along Canning Highway back into the residential area? Is the transition gradual enough?
  - Should the transition be larger, or smaller? Or is the transition spot on?
    Is the 'Design Guideline Area' appropriate?

## Have your say online:

Visit the City's website www.southperth.wa.gov.au for more information.

Fill in the Feedback Form via the City's Out For Comment section on the website or email your comments to enquiries@southperth.wa.gov.au.

Follow the Canning Highway study online @CityofSouthPerth #ShapeOurPlace

## Have your say in writing:

Write to us at:
City of South Perth
#ShapeOurPlace
Cnr Sandgate St and South Tce
South Perth WA 6151

## Have your say in person:

Attend the Community Workshop to tell us what you think about the plans.

When: 1—3pm, Saturday 1 August 2015

Where: South Perth Community Hall, Cnr Sandgate St and South Tce, South Perth RSVP: By Friday 31 July 2015 to 9474 0777 or email enquiries@southperth.wa.gov.au. Copies of the #ShapeOurPlace plans will be available at the Civic Centre and South Perth and Manning libraries.



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CANNING HIGHWAY #SHAPEOURPLACE - COMMUNITY FEEDBACK ON STUDY REPORT

Item 10.3.3

#### Council decision item 10.0.3, Ordinary Council Meeting 27 November 2012

Council considered a report on the community engagement for the Draft Local Housing Strategy, held between October 2011 and February 2012, as well as recommendations on each of the 16 Draft Local Housing Strategy Actions, which were informed by submissions received during and after the community engagement period. Council adopted the recommendations as the next phase of the draft Local Housing Strategy project.

The Canning Highway #ShapeOurPlace study (the study) did not revisit previous decisions made by Council in preparing the Local Housing Strategy in 2012. This was communicated to the community throughout the community consultation, including the first public information that was mailed to all residents and landowners in the study area in February 2015.

The following resolutions are addressed by the Canning Highway #ShapeOurPlace study:

#### **COUNCIL DECISION ITEM 10.0.3**

The Mayor Put the Amended Motion

That:

- (a) Council adopts the following recommendations as the next phase of the draft Local Housing Strategy project:
  - (i) Progress detailed investigations into Action 4.1A with stronger emphasis on localised areas. Further detailed investigations are to include (but not be limited to):
    - (A) Discontinue investigations into increasing density within the Canning Highway density flank for all properties fronting Campbell Street, Kensington;

The study report does not recommend any changes to Town Planning Scheme No. 6 for properties fronting Campbell Street.

The study area included properties fronting Campbell Street and residents received all mail outs and were encouraged to be involved in the community consultation. However it was consistently communicated throughout the study period that those properties fronting Campbell Street would not be recommended for increased density, due to the above Council resolution.

Campbell Street residents were active participants in the community consultation and a range of views were raised, including some residents supportive of increased density. However, many of the received submissions voiced preferences for single houses to remain in Campbell Street and requested that the City should undertake a character assessment of Kensington. The idea for a green buffer to be introduced between Campbell Street and Canning Highway was also raised.

(B) Specific densities in individual locations with respect to lot dimensions, size and orientation in specific areas;

The study began with a comprehensive site analysis (see part 2 of the study report, page 24), which describes subdivision and street layout characteristics, open space, landscapes, movement and the

interfaces between different built form and land use types. The findings of the site analysis were used to inform discussions with the community and the consultant's recommendations.

(C) Boundaries for density coding changes, including consideration on the use of streets as buffers between different densities, and the graduation of densities within the density flank area;

One of the objectives of the study was to facilitate an harmonious transition of density and built form from Canning Highway to the lower density suburban areas. The study focussed on 'built form' elements such as building height, setbacks, landscaping and design rather than R-Code densities. The approach is illustrated using streetscape types and housing typologies to group built forms with similar and compatible characteristics.

The recommendations seek to graduate built form density and provide buffers between different densities as appropriate. In addition the study report recommends that *properties that may be upcoded through scheme amendments prompted by this study, that are adjacent to unchanging properties, should be subject to additional controls that require setbacks, open space, and other relevant design considerations to mimic the lower density code along that property boundary (page 94).* 

(D) Outcomes of the Canning Highway Road Reservation Review and the future direction of the City in dealing with this Review;

The Canning Highway Road Reservation Review (Department of Transport 2012) was provided to the consultant at the inception of the study. Discussions were held with Main Roads WA and the Department of Transport during the stakeholder engagement phase of the study.

The study report makes the following comments regarding the Canning Highway road reservation (page 23):

Canning Highway is denoted as a 'Primary Regional Road' in the MRS. The road reservation denoted on the MRS makes provision for future road widening.

The road reservation has the potential to include:

- Two lanes of traffic in each direction;
- A transit/bicycle lane in each direction;
- Wider verges for pedestrians, shared use and utilities/services; and
- A median strip.

The timeframe for the widening is not known, however the future urban form needs to be cognisant of the future road widening. Spatially, the impact of the road widening affects the south east side of Canning Highway more than the North West side of the highway. The impact on affected lots will be reduced lot sizes and resultant development potential.

In addition, direct access from local roads onto the highway will be reduced over time. This may impact local traffic movements in the area.

It is recommended that the City continue to liaise with Main Roads WA regarding the likely timing of widening of Canning Highway and that an access study be undertaken to investigate alternative access arrangements for properties that currently only have access via Canning Highway (see page 93).

(E) Outcomes of the Activity Centres Strategy, existing and future non-residential uses, and their interface with residential development;

The study does not recommend any changes to land use zoning because it is considered that there is sufficient land already zoned Highway Commercial in the study area. The report notes that the scale of commercial development on the highway is currently of a relatively low scale, therefore the impact of bulk and scale is minimal. However current zonings could facilitate far greater development, potentially in the form of mixed use developments (page 43).

The report notes a number of locations where Highway Commercial/R80 areas directly abut Residential/R15 areas. This is an abrupt transition and these locations may be subject to further studies and/or planning scheme changes, as per the study recommendations (see page 95).

(F) Provision of an R40 density coding to properties fronting Canning Highway on the eastern side of the Highway between Hensman Street and the residential zone properties up to South Terrace;

The study recommends an R40 density coding for the subject properties. See Table 7, page 101 of the study report.

(G) Investigation of residential densities surrounding the Canning Highway/South Terrace intersection, and the interface between residential densities and existing non-residential land uses.

The study makes a number of recommendations regarding residential densities and interface surrounding the Canning Highway/South Terrace intersection. See report section 6.2, page 101. However further detailed planning is still required for the local centre at South Terrace (see page 102).

(ii) Discontinue investigations into comparatively higher densities at key intersections along Canning Highway and Manning Road (Action 4.1B).

Key intersections along Canning Highway were considered in the context of the broader study area. The proposed streetscape plan (page 76) and height plan (page 77) illustrate the recommended maximum built form intensity at the above-mentioned key intersections.

(viii) Progress investigations into the Eastern Activity Centre, in conjunction with the Activity Centres Strategy (Action 5.1). Particular attention is to be paid to:

(A) The boundaries of the mixed use and residential components of the Eastern
Activity Centre, including the removal of First Avenue, Second Avenue and Hovea
Terrace from the Eastern Activity Centre;

The Eastern Activity Centre has not been explicitly recognised in recent State Government strategic planning documents such as the draft *Perth and Peel @3.5 Million* strategy and was therefore considered in the context of the broader study area, rather than as a separate activity centre. A maximum building height increase from two storeys to three storeys is recommended for most of the R80 zoned properties on Hovia Terrace and First Avenue. This is to graduate the transition from the highway streetscape type to the suburban streetscape type.

(B) The type and extent of residential development throughout the Eastern Activity Centre;

The study does not recommend any changes to land use zoning. There is potential for a range of dwelling types to be developed within the Eastern Activity Centre area, including mixed use development in the Highway Commercial zoned areas.

(C) The interface between areas of new development and existing development;

There is potential for relatively significant redevelopment in parts of the Eastern Activity Centre area. To manage the interface between new and existing development, and different densities, the report recommendations seek to graduate built form density and provide buffers between different densities as appropriate. The report also provides recommendations regarding side and rear setbacks (page 89) and 'edge' areas (page 94) to manage the interface between adjoining properties.

(D) Mechanisms to encourage coordinated development throughout the Eastern Activity Centre;

The study provides potential incentives for development that could apply throughout the study area (section 6.1.5, page 100), including mechanisms to encourage lot amalgamation and plot ratio/density bonuses for developments offering a community benefit.

Further detailed planning is recommended to be undertaken for a local centre at Way Rd/Gwenyfred Rd (page 102).

(E) The outcomes of the Canning Highway Road Reservation Review, and the future direction of the City in dealing with this Review;

See (a)(i)(D), above.

(F) The outcomes of the Activity Centres Strategy, existing and future non-residential uses, and their interface with residential development.

See (a)(i)(E), above.

(xi) Discontinue investigations into increasing density over selected blocks along Gwenyfred Road, Kensington (Action 5.4).

The final study report does not recommend any changes to Town Planning Scheme No. 6 for properties bounded by Gwenyfred Road, Second Avenue, the municipal boundary and George Street.

(b) proposal-based consultation be undertaken for the next iteration of the Draft Local Housing Strategy Actions, in conjunction with the Activity Centres Strategy;

The study included two rounds of community consultation aimed at collecting input from as many local residents as possible. Further consultation is recommended as part of the implementation of the study recommendations (see page 104).

From: Ryan Barnett

Sent: Tuesday, 16 February 2016 4:31 PM

To: Mark Carolane
Cc: Frik Jankowitz

Subject: Canning Highway #ShapeOurPlace - 4 Gwenyfred Road, South Perth

Attachments: Figure 32 Proposed Building Heights.pdf; Figure 31 Proposed streetscape plan.pdf;

Figure 33 Local centres.pdf; Table 6 Proposed minimum lots sizes to achieve

building heights.pdf

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#### Dear Mark,

As discussed, we represent the owner, Saraband Investments Pty Ltd, of the property situated at 4 Gwenyfred Road, South Perth, which forms part of the Canning Highway #ShapeOurPlace study area.

We commend City of South Perth in taking this direction and undertaking The Canning Highway #ShapeOurPlace study and hereby provide our high level support for the Office Recommendations in the Agenda Briefing – 16 February 2016 – Agenda.

In particular we support following Officer Recommendations;

- the report (Canning Highway Residential Density and Built Form Study) to be used as a basis for future planning in the study area; and
- Place 1 (Kensington and South Perth) being the first priority for further planning work.

We request the following to be noted for future consultation and discussions;

- We support the height permitted for development of 4 Gwenyfred Road as shown in the Proposed Height Plan (attached Figure 32);
  - o The proposed height plan for the property, Figure 32 of the report, is 21 metres (6 storeys);
- We <u>do not</u> support the height permitted for development of 4 Gwenyfred Road as shown in the Proposed Streetscape Plan (attached – Figure 31);
  - o As per Table 6 (attached Table 6) it would appear that Urban Streetscape Type only allows for up to 4 storeys.

We are not sure whether this was intentional or a mere oversight however our support for the 21 metres (6 storey) permitted height is based on the following;

- 21 metres (6 storeys) was the proposed height in the previous public consultation phase;
- The property is located within the proposed Way Road/Gwenyfred Road Local Centre (attached Figure 33) node which as stated in the report;
  - "is a key gateway into the City of South Perth and has the opportunity to provide iconic building
    as an entry statement into the City, as well as a link with the secondary centre of Victoria Park";
- The property has an area of approximately 2,292sqm, which is well above the proposed minimum lot sizes to achieve a building height of 6 metres per Highway streetscape (1,800sqm as per Table 6);
- The property is not strata titled, therefore less barriers to development and greater likelihood of seeing the fulfilment of the vision and objectives of #ShapeOurPlace development in Place 1;

We look forward to notification of any further discussion/consultation for The Canning Highway #ShapeOurPlace study and are hopeful that our recommended changes to the draft report will be implemented.

In the meantime, should you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

#### Ryan Barnett

Project Manager



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From: Peter Mylonas

Sent: Monday, 22 February 2016 10:12 PM

To: Mayor Susanne Doherty

Cc: Cr Ken Manolas; Cr Fiona Reid; Cr Travis Burrows; Cr Glenn Cridland; Cr Jessica

Black; Cr Sharron Hawkins-Zeeb; Cr Colin Cala; Mark Carolane

Subject: SHAPE OUR PLACE

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#### Dear Councillors

I am the owner of 24 Banksia Terrace in South Perth, diagonally opposite the Metro Hotel site. This small section of Canning Highway between Berwick St and Douglas Avenue is significantly different from any other area in the zone because of the impact of the height of the Metro Hotel.

On 21 August 2015 I responded to feedback requests by the Council regarding the proposed changes to the Canning Highway Shape Our Place Draft. The comments I made in my submission (see attachments) were made in reference to the heights recommended in the proposals by Council.

I have since read the current proposals and have noted that the heights of the properties in this very small area, which is adversely affected by the height of the Metro Hotel, have been significantly reduced. The original draft to have a height limit of 14m on my property should be reconsidered in the light of the impact of the hotel.

I have not been given significant time to respond to the new height proposals and request that the Council defers making a decision on the current proposal until ratepayers adversely affected by the change in proposals have had time to respond.

Please consider my request deferment of the decision at your Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 23 February 2016.

Please also consider my previous comments made to the Council on 21 August 2015. (see attachments).

Thanks for your consideration.

Feta Peter Mylonas

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#### Canning Highway #ShapeOurPlace Feedback Form

| Name: Feta Peter Mylonas  |
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| Phone:  |
| Email:  |
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| I am owner of 24 Banksia Tce South Perth providing my comments in relation to the Canning Hwy Shape our Place Draft   |
| The area I am commenting on is circled on the attached plan.  |
| My property is marked 1.  |
| I agree with the 14m height limit detailed for my lot and the specified height limits for my immediately adjacent neighbours either side of my property. I feel the transition is perfect on my side of the road. |
| I feel that the 21m height of property 2 marked on the plan is excessive and should be limited to 14m so that there is consistency in the height of properties on either side of the road.                        |
| My neighboring property marked 3 is proposed to have a 10.5m limit and I support this.  |
| I strongly object to property 3 being allowed to have a height limit above the proposed 10.5 metres.  |
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| However -   |
| In the event that the city decides that either –  |
| a) the 21m proposed height should remain on property 2, or  |
| b) a proposed height in excess of 10.5m should be proposed for property 3,  |
| then I feel it would be appropriate for my property 1 to be proposed height 21m.  |
|   |
| My arguments to support this alternative outcome are -  |

My property 1 is diagonally opposite the 35m Metro Hotel site which is undergoing further construction.

My property 1 is directly opposite other sites which have been proposed to have a 21m height of 6 stories (red zoning).

The topography between properties 1 & 4 is such that property 1 has a natural ground level much lower than that of the properties marked 4 and therefore a 21m development on property 1 would be a similar height datum to a 14 metre development in area 4.

From: Malcolm Poole

Sent: Tuesday, 1 March 2016 12:15 PM

To: enquiries

**Subject:** Fwd: Canning Highway 'Shape Our Place' Precinct Study

Attachments: 1 Bessell Avenue.docx

Dear sir/madam

Please find a copy of an email I sent to my Ward Councillors in support of the above-named study.

Malcolm Poole

Begin forwarded message:

From: Malcolm Poole

Date: 1 March 2016 12:09:59 PM AWST

To: <a href="mailto:crreid@southperth.wa.gov.au">crburrows@southperth.wa.gov.au</a>, <a href="mailto:crreid@southperth.wa.gov.au">crburrows@southperth.wa.gov.au</a>, <a href="mailto:crreid@southperth.wa.gov.au">crburrows@southperth.wa.gov.au</a>, <a href="mailto:crreid@southperth.wa.gov.au">crburrows@southperth.wa.gov.au</a>, <a href="mailto:southperth.wa.gov.au">Subject: Canning Highway 'Shape Our Place' Precinct Study</a>

#### Dear Councillors

I live at 1 Bessell Avenue, Como, in the Moresby Ward, and obviously have a keen interest in the result of the above-named study.

I note the Council's decision to defer ratification of the consultant's report until next month, in order for further community consultation to take place.

I have attached a letter I sent to Council a few years back in which I argued for increased density in my locality. I also addressed Council 2 years ago on the same matter.

I believe the consultant's report provides an exciting opportunity for higher density inner-city living in keeping with the State Government's policy of urban in-fill. As you will note in my previous letter, I am a long-term resident of the area and while 'The Avenues' - Birdwood, Hobbs, Monash, Bessell, Todd and Ryrie - are 'nice places to raise a family', they lack the vibrancy and cosmopolitan nature of many other inner-city locations such as Leederville, West Perth, Subiaco, Vic Park.

Adoption of the consultant's recommendations would transform much of the area into a more modern and energetic community. It would also allow residents such as me to sell their unwanted quarter acre block (a legacy of 1950s planning!) and downsize into a smart apartment in the same locality.

I would urge you to not delay making a decision on this issue beyond the next Council meeting. While I am fully aware of the need to consider all stakeholders' views, having worked for Landcorp as Manager of Residential Property Development, the area is long overdue for a new scheme to bring the suburb into the 21st century. There have been enough delays in the past in taking a decision about this matter.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet either or both of you to discuss this issue further.

My phone number is and I would love to hear from you.

Yours faithfully Malcolm Poole 18 January 13

City of South Perth

Civic Centre

Cnr Sandgate St & South Terrace

South Perth 6151

Attention Mr Cliff Frewing

#### DRAFT LOCAL HOUSING STRATEGY

I write with reference to the proposed density coding changes shown in the Draft Housing Strategy and trust that my input is not too late for consideration.

I am a long-term resident of Como, having lived in Hobbs Avenue from 1958 until 1974, then as an owner-occupier of 1 Bessell Avenue since 2000. Accordingly I feel I have some appreciation of the issues involved in the locality.

Specifically, I refer to the proposal for the area from Canning Highway up to Murray Street, bordered by South Terrace and Ryrie Avenue. The Draft Housing Strategy designates that this area have no change to its current zoning, which is R15, effectively single residential status only.

This would appear to be counter to the often stated policy of state and local governments to increase inner-city zoning densities in order to help reduce urban sprawl, encourage more sustainable living and generally reduce the demand for the extension of services such as sewerage, roads, power and so on.

When the present Town Planning Scheme was being proposed, the then state Minister for Planning, Alanna McTiernan, referred the initial draft scheme back to the City of South Perth, suggesting that the area between Canning Highway and Murray Street referred to above should be R20, making duplex development possible. A local action group against the proposal was formed to resist this recommendation, while I tried to gather support for Ms McTiernan's proposal. I subsequently spoke at a specially convened meeting at the Civic Centre, in favour of the Minister's recommendation.

Unfortunately, in my view, the City of South Perth caved in to the emotional arguments of the 'anti-R20' lobby, who claimed that the crime rate would increase, traffic rates would double and many trees would be lost if any redevelopment were to occur. In one of my previous vocational roles as Manager of Residential Land Development for Landcorp in the early 1990s, I was only too familiar with such protests whenever we proposed any of our residential subdivisions.

I remain firmly of the view that the area I refer to should be rezoned to R20, to allow the development of new houses behind existing dwellings or for the demolition of old 1950s houses and the erection of 2 modern dwellings. You would be well aware that the lots in this area are generally 1012m2, which to my mind is excessive for the needs of most people. The development of 2 dwellings would still provide land areas of 500m2, which would seem to fit in with current policy pronouncements about increasing inner-city densities, without significantly changing the nature of the area.

For your information, I did a quick survey of my street, Bessell Avenue, between Canning Highway and Murray Street. The following properties have already been developed/subdivided, obviously under the previous zonings – numbers 4, 18, 31, 32, 33, 34, 37, 39, 40, 49, 50, 57, 58, 59, 60. As many existing single dwellings have been substantially upgraded, the remaining potential subdividable lots seem to be numbers 1 (my property), 3, 6, 16, 19, 21, 23, 27, 28, 29, 35, 44, 48, 55, 56. Should all of these lots be developed if the zoning changed, there would be an increase in 15 dwellings, hardly a number which would lead to 'increased crime rates, doubling of traffic volumes, or the lost of significant flora or fauna'.

I assume that the other streets in the area I refer to, namely Birdwood Avenue, Hobbs Avenue, Monash Avenue, Todd Avenue and Ryrie Avenue would have similar figures. I also point to the significant improvement in the quality of housing, street scaping, and general ambience of the area from Murray Street down to Blamey Street where R20 has been allowed for many years. I can speak from personal experience as I lived at 74 Hobbs Ave from 1958 to 1974 – the increased density has meant the demolition of many old homes and the construction of many up-market properties. I believe this would also be the case if the area I refer to between Canning Highway and Murray Street is rezoned to R20.

Briefly on another matter I see is up for consideration by the City of South Perth – the foreshore at Sir James Mitchell Park. If my views can be considered on this matter it would be much appreciated. I believe this area has vast potential but is presently a sterile expanse of lawn, without the vitality of the south bank in either Brisbane or Melbourne and I would love to see the City encourage more cafes, boardwalks, create artificial beaches for families and so on.

Finally, would you kindly advise the probable time frame for the implementation of the new Town Planning Scheme. This is vital to me as I am now 63 years of age and have been thinking of downsizing from my quarter acre block, but if my property were to be rezoned to a higher density as I have suggested, I would stay on and develop my block. I am aware that my property is proposed to have the zoning changed from R15 to medium density, but if this were not to occur in the foreseeable future, I may choose to move on.

Your further advice in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully

Mal Poole

From: TONY AND WENDY WILKINSON
Sent: Monday, 7 March 2016 11:30 AM

To: enquiries

Subject: proposal Shape our Place: Place 3 corner Douglas/Elizabeth/Lawler 6 storey

#### **Dear Council**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the report. I appreciate the extension.

I have already provided comments on street parking and flow of traffic and safety of children in the area on your proposals at the time of community consultation. I have now read your report - twice and noted your comments on community consultation. Thank you because most of my initial issues were included.

My issues remain on the proposal for a six storey building on the corner of Douglas/Elizabeth and Lawler.

#### Traffic flow, parking and child safety

- Council has noted in its report the congestion already at the Douglas Avenue/Canning Road traffic
  lights. The proposed 6 storey building would either need parking access from Douglas or Elizabeth. Douglas
  access is right on the corner so I am assuming this would be a low option. This leaves access at Elizabeth
  Street. Council has already blocked off Elizabeth Street car access to Canning Highway.
- six storeys of residents means lots of vehicles requiring access/exit. If it was to be from Elizabeth Street then this would increase considerably the number of vehicles flowing through Elizabeth, Lawler and Milson Streets. Access from Lawler into Angelo and then Angelo into Douglas is already difficult in the morning at certain times because of parents dropping off children to school and the general increased flow along Douglas. Whatever the route traffic takes from the proposed six storey residential building means increased traffic for our streets. In turn this means increased risks to the children in our area who do ride their bikes in the street and often pursue balls that escape while they play in their driveways. Milson Street used to have a few houses with teenagers but we are seeing more people with young children buying into the area.
- six storeys also means a lot of vehicles requiring parking. We already have overflow from the townhouses
  at the top of Elizabeth Street and from the single carparking townhouses at the dogleg of Milson. If
  inadequate parking is allocated in the proposed six storey building then that is additional overflow parking
  into our streets again.

Fourthly - something I did not raise in the consultation - is the subletting of units for weekends or on a weekly basis or for short terms. Usually this is not an issue at all but we had a couple up from Mandurah for a long weekend with one vehicle parked in front of our house and their other vehicle in the block of units. They were obviously on drugs because there were burning of tyres, screaming matches and driving up onto verges at high speed after arguments. Everyone stayed inside because we were intimidated by this young couple. Fortunately they disappeared so we all realised they were in the unit that obviously does the sub-letting. With more units there will be more sub-letting for long weekends and short periods. More people who really don't care about the neighbourhood. It's just a few that create issues. It is mainly a peaceful little area where people wave and talk to each other.

#### Short-term letting - commerical arrangement?

Finally, something I have not raised before. I have noticed that there has been short term letting of at least one of the townhouses closeby on a weekend or weekly basis. I believe this goes into commercial rather than residential arrangements. If South Perth Council are providing the means of increased density housing then this is an issue that needs to be addressed. Are the proposed buildings along Canning Highway solely for residential or commercial

sub-letting? What measures has the Council looked at for this type of short term sub-letting of residential properties. I have read many reports of the undesired effects of this arrangement within residential complexes.

Thank you for considering my comments - again

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From: Your Say South Perth Monday, 7 March 2016 12:39 PM

Sent: enquiries

To: svhuynh provided feedback on Canning Highway #ShapeOurPlace

Subject:

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Please enter any feedback or comments you have on the Final Report for the Canning Highway # Shape Our Place

City of South Perth Town Planning – Canning Highway, Shape Our Place Dear Town Planning Officer, Canning Highway, Shape Our Place, 375 Mill Point Rd South Perth Request for increased 6 Storey Height Limit and RCode R80 Commercial zoning for 375 Mill Point Road South Perth Keep/proceed with the Eastern Activity Centre and to adopt the same building guidelines as the Canning Bridge Activity Centre Structure Plan for residential/commercial I refer to the City of South Perth, Shape Our Place community consultation which includes the property situated at 375 Mill Point Road South Perth. This property is situated within the Eastern Activity Centre. It is surrounded by Way Road and Canning Highway. This house is in a busy car traffic area surrounded by predominately commercial properties which include Coles

Shell Petrol Station, Kmart Tyres and Car Service, Hungry Jacks, KFC, a dentist, a gymnasium and accounting firms. There are also a vast number of other commercial businesses and offices in the vicinity which include the old Bunnings commercial area and premises along Canning Highway. There are also numerous Drake hotels in the immediate vicinity. The area is highly commercial. I have discussed the increased zoning to r80 commercial/residential and to have height limits of 6 storeys with my neighbor Pauline at 377 Mill Point, neighbor at 379 Mill Point, neighbour at 381 Mill Point and 371 Mill Point. All these neighbours have indicated that they fully support increase height limits up to 6 storeys, the move to commercial r80 zoning and to keep the eastern activity centre so that it could be similar to the commercial/residential guidelines of the Canning Highway Structure Plan. They have indicated that they will email the City of South Perth to show their support for these changes. As the new owners of 375 Mill Point Road South Perth we support increased density in the area and would like to request rezoning of the property and the Eastern Activity Centre to RCode R80 Residential/Commercial. Alternatively or in addition, it would be ideal if the Eastern Activity Centre would be granted the exact same guidelines and rules for development as the endorsed Canning Bridge Activity Centre Structure Plan. In particular to promote redevelopment of the Eastern Activity Centre, the nil side and rear setbacks depicted in the Canning Bridge Structure Plan would encourage development. The Mixed Use up to 15 Storeys (M15) or 10 Storeys (M10) would be ideal to encourage further development in accordance with the Canning Bridge Structure Plan guidelines and minimum land area requirements. For individual owners of properties in the Eastern Activity Centre this would realistically indicate that only a maximum 6 Storey building height could be achieved. This would still be sufficient and economically viable to develop the property into a mixed use 6 storey residential/commercial (small ground floor retail or cafe) and apartment building. In my view developments would be predominantly residential with only the ground floor being commercial for an office or small cafe. The future of the Eastern Activity Centre could become more vibrant and encompass more new apartments, some small retail, office and food businesses on ground floors similar to the revitalisation seen in the award winning East Perth, Claremont Quarter and Subiaco districts. For future residents and businesses in this activity centre the potential is exceptional. The area is surrounded by bus stops for ease of access to transportation links and close to parks and the river for recreation and leisure activities. Buildings would meet community expectations and provide a harmonious built form transition from the highway commercial residential types to lower density residential areas. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for forward positive changes to be made to the Eastern Activity Centre and would also assist the City of South Perth in achieving the requirements of Directions 2031 and Beyond. Please advise the progress of our request in due course. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us. Yours sincerely and regards, Steve Vinh Huynh and Yolanda Ure

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Your Say South Perth Monday, 7 March 2016 12:52 PM From: enquiries Sent: yolanda provided feedback on Canning Highway #ShapeOurPlace To: Subject: yolanda provided feedback on Canning Highway #ShapeOurPlace with the responses below. First Name Yolanda Surname Ure **Email Address** Phone Postal Address Suburb KENSINGTON. WA Postcode 6151 Subscribe to receive email communications from the City of South Perth Yes

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I would like to see R80 Zoning for my property at 8 Vista Street Kensington and also Urban guidelines. My property once the highway is widened will be about 20m from the highway. An increase to the 4 storey height limit will also be ideal given that my immediate neighbours are predominately commercial properties. Also a similar building guidelines to the Canning Bridge Precinct for the M15/M10 Commercial Residential is requested due to all the reasons detailed above. This is a once in a generation chance to have some positive forward thinking change in the area and would align the City of South Perth in achieving the Directions 2031 and Beyond policy. The suburb could become more vibrant similar to the likes of

Claremont Quarter, Subiaco and the revitalised East Perth precinct. Please consider and allow r80 zoning/similar guidelines to the Canning Bridge Precinct. Sincerely and regards, Yolanda Ure

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From: Peter E

Sent: Monday, 7 March 2016 6:07 PM

To: enquiries

Subject: Consultant's final report on the Canning Highway #ShapeOurPlace

#### To Mark Carolane,

I would like to give feedback on the "Consultant's final report on the Canning Highway #ShapeOurPlace" and rather than delay decisions, I would like the following consultants recommendations for Kensington be implemented immediately as an interim measure;

#### "5.3.6 Setbacks - side and rear

Side and rear setbacks play an important role managing the sense of bulk of a building viewed from the street, and are important to providing an interface to adjoining properties. #ShapeOurPlace proposes that setbacks consider the nature of the streetscape. Upper floors should also be required to be setback from lower floors.

Where a highway property abuts an open streetscape, the rear setbacks may need to be increased further to ensure that an appropriate transition is provided within the site.

#### **Suggested Development Controls**

Setbacks play an important role in achieving the desired streetscape outcomes and assist to manage open space requirements. It is suggested that side and rear setbacks not be discretionary.

The deemed-to-comply setback provisions in the R-Codes are considered appropriate to achieve the outcomes desired by #ShapeOurPlace.

## 5.3.7 Open space, outdoor living area and communal open space

A key factor that influences the bulk and scale of a development is the amount of open space that surrounds a building and exists between buildings. Regardless of the building typology in the area, open space should be adequate and not varied to a scale that shifts the character of a place from suburban to urban, or to a level reflective of a higher density. It is not considered acceptable to compromise the level of open space in order to achieve a larger development or one with more dwellings.

In addition to open space, private and communal open spaces should be adequate and of a useable

size. Any planning policy, design guidelines and/ or scheme provisions will therefore need to make appropriate recommendations for these spaces.

#### **Suggested Development Controls**

Being cognisant of the underlying density coding and respective minimum open space requirements outlined in Tables 1 and 4 of the R Codes, it is suggested that the City of South Perth consider using the following minimum open space design objectives

#### Suburban

Suburban streetscapes are dominated by open space to provide for landscaping, access, living areas and an open character."

#### 5.3.14 'Edge' areas

Properties that may be up-coded through scheme amendments prompted by this study, that are adjacent to unchanging properties, should be subject to additional controls that require setbacks, open space, and other relevant design considerations to mimic the lower density code along that property boundary. Such controls provide reassurance to neighbours that the increased density will not subject them to a different built form impact that could not otherwise be built at the existing density.

## Prioritise areas for rezoning close to the Highway to manage the transition from R80 to R15.

#ShapeOurPlace proposes three different streetscape types to facilitate this transition from Canning Highway to the residential suburban streets.

- Highway streetscapes: for high density (R80 and greater), high-medium density (R60-50) and mixed use products.
- Urban streetscapes: for high-medium (R60-50) and medium density (R40) products.
- Suburban streetscapes: for medium (R40) lowmedium (R30) and low density (R20 and lower) products.

The present DAP approval system has shown that any discretionary power to vary setbacks and open space requirements is grossly abused and any impact on neighbors and community is completely dismissed. Until such time neighbors are given the right to appeal the merit of a discretionary decision, there should be no opportunity for this power to be abused.

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From: Vicki

Sent: Thursday, 10 March 2016 7:16 PM

To: Mark Carolane

Cc: Cr Fiona Reid; Cr Travis Burrows

Subject: Canning Highway - Shape our place.

Attachments: South Perth Council Submission in relation to Canning Highway.docx; 118 Canning

Hwy kensington.pdf; Pennington Lane Plan 001.jpg

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Attention: Mr Mark Carolane, Senior Strategic Projects Planner

**For information:** Moresby Councillors Fiona Reid and Travis Burrows

#### Mr Carolane

I refer to your email of 10 March2016. Please see attached documents which were originally submitted to the "Canning Highway Shape our Place Project".

Briefly the following are the points I seek to have considered:

- Retaining the land located along Pennington Lane which has been deemed open space. This land
  can be merged and used to develop small houses with a small footprint. Currently it is
  R80. Retention would provide revenue versus a loss to the Council.
- Further they would maintain a buffer between the David Vincent Park and Canning Highway which
  as you would be aware is designed for young children.
- When Canning Highway is widened it will impact where it joins Collins Street, thus inhibiting
  /hindering access to Pennington Lane. As a result consideration may need to be given to moving
  Pennington Lane so vehicles can exit onto Vista Street.
- Further I have concerns about raising the height of the properties along Canning Highway above four storeys.

The above mentioned points are clarified in the attached submission.

#### Regards

Victoria Stevenson

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# South Perth Council Submission in relation to Canning Highway #Shape Our Place.

The comments relate to the land adjacent to David Vincent Park and principally to Pennington Lane Kensington. Under the current draft discussion the area some of the land had been designated as "open space". Further I have concerns about the proposed height of buildings along Canning Highway.

#### The following suggestions are put forward for consideration:

- Removal of the proposition classifying the land between Pennington Lane and Canning Highway as "open space".
- This land which is currently single dwellings could be retained as single dwellings and or; amalgamated for smaller multi storey dwellings. An example of this would be the amalgamation of 118 and 120 Canning Highway or with existing sections of Pennington Lane (which is discussed next).
- Move the existing Pennington Lane way to the location it was originally proposed to be which was on the other side of the current tree line. The land currently used as lane way could be amalgamated with the adjoining blocks which would make them a more practical solution (addition of approximately 5 – 10 metres).
- The dwellings on the properties adjacent to Canning Highway are not raised higher than four storeys (14 metres).

#### **DISCUSSION:**

Retention of the properties which are proposed as open space, are already rated R80 and the adjacent blocks are proposed to be a height of four storeys (14 metres). This would allow for future development of these blocks.

Smaller residential blocks would conform to the State Governments interest of "urban infill" whereby single dwellings are retained whilst fully utilizing existing land.

It may be noted that smaller residential blocks are very popular and are already being utilized in Mt Lawley (180 square metres), Victoria Park and East Perth, apart from the proposal of 80 square meter blocks in Ellen Brook.

Retaining this land will provide revenue to the South Perth Council. This proposed "open space" currently impacts on six (6) houses which cover eight (8) plots of land.

Another option would be moving Pennington Lane back to its original location (on the other side of the tree line) some extra blocks would then become available for building. This would be an asset and provide a substantial increase in revenue for the Council.

During the past few years the South Perth City Council has looked for ways to ensure parks like the David Vincent have more economical water usage. As a result wood chip have been used on the boundaries as well as reorganising the sprinkler system. Increasing the open space area will be a liability for the Council as it will cost more money with extra watering and maintenance.

The proposed open space will expose the David Vincent Park to Canning Highway. This is a family park used by young children and will become a safety/security issue. Retaining dwellings on the land will provide a buffer to the highway ensuring a safer area. It would also make certain the children's park retains some privacy from passing traffic.

It should also be noted that retaining buildings along Canning Highway will also provide protection against noise and pollution for the adjoining suburbs. The area proposed as "open space" is the only area along Canning Highway which is not being utilized for buildings.

I have some concerns with the proposed increase in height of the buildings along Canning Highway. Currently there is substantial traffic moving on Canning Highway as well as through the surrounding suburbs. This is partially due to the management of access to Canning Highway.

Presently vehicles can make right turns onto and off the highway. This causes traffic delays and subsequently accidents. The main traffic light controlled intersections on Canning in this area are Berwick Street, Douglas Avenue, South Terrace, Thelma Street and Henley Street. These access routes are already under substantial pressure. Subsequently many drivers attempt to bypass them and take "rat runs" through the adjoining suburbs which can become a danger to local residents.

Increasing the density of the properties adjacent to Canning Highway and local streets will not remedy this problem but will compound it. This will need to be addressed.

I suggest that the proposal of six (6) storeys (between Douglas and Collins Street) is too high and should be limited to four (4) storeys. It will impact on the privacy of current residents and the local character of Kensington.

I believe parking will also become a substantial problem with the increased density of multi storey buildings.

#### SUMMARY:

Removal the proposal to classify the land between Pennington Lane and Canning Highway as "open space". Retention of these properties will provide revenue on a minimum of six properties with the possibility of more, to the South Perth Council.

This is the only land along Canning Highway which will not be developed, but its proximity to the highway allows children easy access to a main road. If it is retained it will provide a safety/security buffer between the Park and Canning Highway. Maintenance of the proposed open space will increase expenditure (water / maintenance) for the Council without any benefit.

Moving Pennington Lane to its original proposed location would provide extra revenue to the Council.

Merging some of the properties mentioned above in Pennington Lane with the extra land available from the existing Pennington Lane and / or existing properties along the lane way (Example 118 – 120 Canning Highway) will provide extra revenue to the Council.

Smaller residential blocks are becoming far more popular with "city workers" and "empty nesters" as they allow some outdoor life style whilst not requiring excessive maintenance.

Careful consideration will need to be provided if the density (six storeys) of multi storey properties are allowed in Kensington as it will cause traffic / parking problems

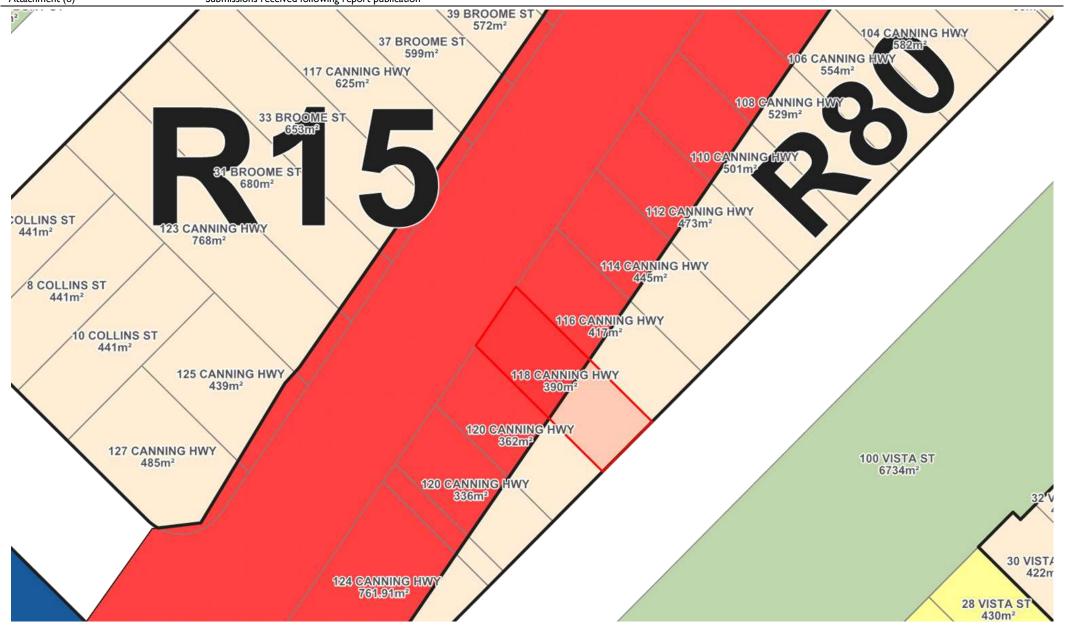
#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Retain the properties along Canning Highway which currently have been suggested as "open space".

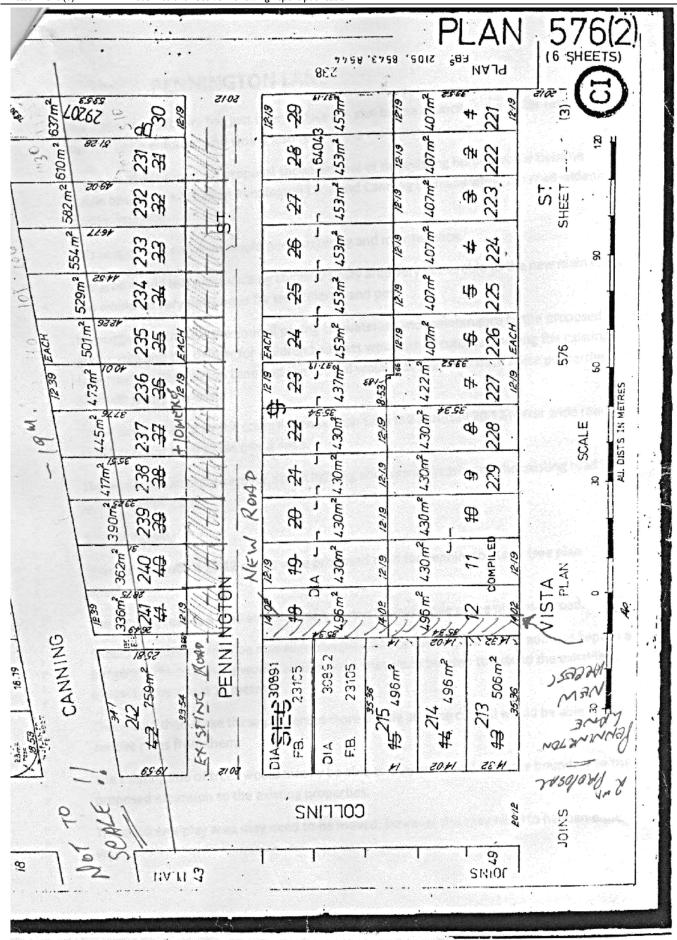
Move Pennington Lane way to its original position.

Height restrictions on properties adjacent to Canning Highway are not higher than four (4) storeys.

# CANNING HIGHWAY #SHAPEOURPLACE - COMMUNITY FEEDBACK ON STUDY REPORT Submissions received following report publication



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# **Comments to Canning Highway Residential Density and Built Form Study**

Steve Russell

| General    | The report does not specifically address the reduced vegetation (in particular trees) that    |  |  |  |  |
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|            | increased density brings. This is detrimental to the community in terms of:                   |  |  |  |  |
|            | a) Loss of native fauna,  |  |  |  |  |
|            | b) Loss of Beauty   |  |  |  |  |
|            | c) Creation local heat spots.   |  |  |  |  |
|            | In particular there are some significant native trees that are within the study area that     |  |  |  |  |
|            | need to be protected (if not already) if higher density developments are to occur.            |  |  |  |  |
|            | Proposing to offset these trees should not be justified as the reality is that it never is an |  |  |  |  |
|            | equal offset.   |  |  |  |  |
| General    | The report does not address specifically or even notes that increased density also results    |  |  |  |  |
|            | in increased demand on local schools and if these schools can cater for such. This is         |  |  |  |  |
|            | evident in the Western Suburbs where an increase in density now suddenly requires a           |  |  |  |  |
|            | new school or re-opening of City Beach high. CoSP does not want to be in the same             |  |  |  |  |
|            | position.   |  |  |  |  |
| 1.2        | Please clarify the meaning "sustainable growth".  |  |  |  |  |
| Place 4 pg | CoSP has previously surveyed residents wrt the rezoning of the Avenues from R15 to R20.       |  |  |  |  |
| 56         | The results were to leave the zoning as R15. It would seem that the R20 feedback              |  |  |  |  |
|            | comment included within the report is from a minority group and therefore the CoSP            |  |  |  |  |
|            | survey results need to be included within report for fairness.                                |  |  |  |  |
| 5.3.10     | For Highway and Urban developments, there needs to be determined a prescriptive               |  |  |  |  |
|            | number of parking lots per lodging + % spare, and thereafter agreed with the local            |  |  |  |  |
|            | community. This is to prevent permanent parking on adjacent residential roads which is        |  |  |  |  |
|            | always problematic when higher density developments occur. Arguments to reduce on-            |  |  |  |  |
|            | site parking allowances due to residence having access to public transport are not            |  |  |  |  |
|            | justified.  |  |  |  |  |
| Table 7    | Do not agree that the Avenues Place 4, highlighted as suburban should be up-zoned from        |  |  |  |  |
|            | R15 to R30-R40 for the following reasons:   |  |  |  |  |
|            |   |  |  |  |  |
|            | a) R15 favours increased vegetation which counters the detrimental effects of the             |  |  |  |  |
|            | proposed Urban and Highway increased densities. See comment above. Also note                  |  |  |  |  |
|            | that large trees which are present on R15 blocks, also help in the transition from            |  |  |  |  |
|            | Highway to suburban densities.  |  |  |  |  |
|            | b) The CoSP is fast becoming a multiple dwelling suburb. Wouldn't it be beneficial to         |  |  |  |  |
|            | retain pockets of R15 properties to retain some sense of history and variety.                 |  |  |  |  |
|            | c) Will result in increased traffic around Collier Primary School which is already            |  |  |  |  |
|            | congested.  |  |  |  |  |
| Table 7    | Please clarify the difference between Urban apartments (low scale) and Highway                |  |  |  |  |
|            | apartments. If there is no difference in the two in terms of regulation then I would          |  |  |  |  |
|            | suggest that apartments for urban development be removed.                                     |  |  |  |  |
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#### CANNING HIGHWAY PROPOSED WIDENING.

Further to my recent submission on the proposed demolition and replacing the existing housing with a park between Canning Highway and Pennington Lane.

After meeting with several local residents it was pointed out to me there will be a huge increase in traffic flow and required parking when the proposed multi storey unit developments are done.

Already the traffic access along Canning Highway is very heavy during "Peak Hour" times, I live on Canning Highway. We do not have vehicle access to the Highway.

They also had concern over the height of the 4 and 6 storey units adjoining their homes.

The proposal has a gradient height from 6 storeys down to 4 then 3 and 2. The proposal in Vista Street for 4 storeys at the rear of the existing homes in King Street seems far too high and would restrict the sun light to the existing family homes. A 2 storey maximum should be maintained to avoid this and the overlooking issues.

They are also concerned with increase of vehicle parking and traffic in the streets and verges.

When Canning Highway is widened the plan is to stop vehicles from turning right from the minor roads onto the Highway.

With the proposed new development high rise units this will put further pressure on the existing traffic light controlled access roads.

This would force the vehicles using the minor roads to move to the existing traffic light controlled access and increase the numbers without the "new" vehicles from the proposed unit high rise.

Berwick Street is almost maxed out now, Douglas Ave is also under stress, Thelma Street is likewise and Henley Street has already been attended to with Centre Island to stop right hand turns into Edgecombe Street.

My suggestion would be either Main Roads or the South Perth City place a "temporary" centre barrier, now along the Highway to STOP vehicles from turning right from the highway and from the minor streets.

This will make the existing vehicles using the minor roads to use the existing controlled outlets that will be required when the widening is done.

They should monitor this for some time and count the vehicles moving to the access with controlled traffic lights. These numbers will be greatly increased when the multi 4 and 6 storey units are constructed.

This would give some idea of the numbers wanting to access Canning Highway when the road widening is done and before the proposed unit development is started.

The developers would need to consider this when they submitted their plans. They would also need to provide rear parking to their development and also rear access as there will be "NO" access onto the highway for residents leaving or arriving.

There needs to be a great deal of planning to stop the access being almost unbearable to motorist, pedestrians and cyclists.

The positive side this should stop a lot of minor collisions along the Highway as the vehicles will need to make their turning at a controlled traffic light intersection, this will be much safer and move the traffic on the Highway along more smoothly.

**Dudley Bradshaw** 

## PENNINGTON LANE

The David Vincent Park has just been reduced in size by the council as the water restrictions needed to be enforced and would also reduce the maintenance cost.

The current development proposal shows several of the existing homes would become public open space between Pennington Lane and Canning Highway when the road widening was to proceed.

This proposed green area would need watering and maintenance.

The area would leave the existing children's play area very vulnerable to the new main road; this would be very dangerous for the children and pets.

My suggestion to save the council paying for watering and maintenance to the proposed green area and the danger for children and pets would be to consider moving the existing lane road for Pennington Lane and the council would receive rates from these properties that will justify any cost.

I have been advised by the council, Pennington Lane is a gazetted 20.12 meter wide road that has never been made into a road.

There are no complete kerbing, street lighting and formal crossovers; the existing road is only 5 metres wide.

#### MY PROPOSAL;

There is currently a 20.12 metre wide proposed road for Pennington Lane (see plan attached)

The existing road is 5 metres wide and is on the highway side of the proposed road.

Should the existing road be moved to the park side of the proposed road and was kept to a 5 metre wide road there would be 15 metres that could be used to extend the existing properties by about 10 metres.

This would then make these properties more usable and the council would be able to receive rates from them.

The existing line of trees would mostly be able to stay and could form the boundary to the proposed extension to the existing properties.

The children's play area may need to be moved; however this may need to happen either way.

With the proposed road widening each existing site will lose on average 236m2.

Should my proposal be accepted they would gain on average around 124m2 each, this will mean they are able to build on their land.

Some of these sites could be amalgamated buy future developers to create multi storey units on Canning Highway.

I feel the existing R80 Zoning remains.

This would also reduce the danger of Pennington Lane access being close to Canning Highway.

#### SECOND PROPOSAL;

Pennington Lane access could be moved to come off Vista Street, as the houses adjoining Collins Street have no grassed area behind them.

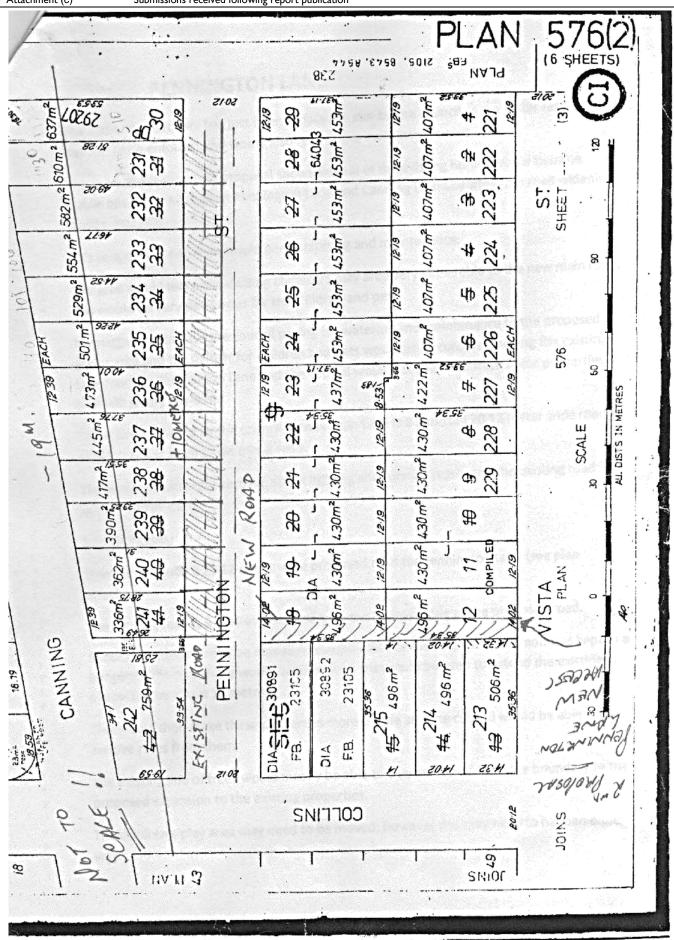
This area is not watered or need of any maintenance, some trees may need to be moved.

By doing this there would be land for more homes or units off Collins Street that would return more rates to the council. This would offset the cost for the roads and changes.

The access to The David Vincent Park and

Pennington lane would be much safer.

Dudley Bradshaw.



Donna Antrobus > Monday, 14 March 2016

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enquiries

From:

Sent:

To:

## **Mark Carolane**

| Subject:                                       | Shape Our Place Feedback - Antrobus  |      |
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| Hi,  |  |      |
| Please find below our                          | feedback for the Shape Our Place Project   |      |
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| Feedback from Brend                            | an and Donna   |      |
| Antrobus Contact Pho                           | ne:  |      |
| Email:   |  |      |
| Our feedback and con                           | ments relate to Place 1 – Kensington Side  |      |
| We support the Suburt                          | an Streetscape recommendation along First Avenue.  |      |
|  | mendation to conduct a character study of the Kensington Area – there is an existing that should be preserved. Any new development should connect with this communication. | _    |
| Support proposed char                          | ges that do lead to an improved pedestrian environment.  |      |
| Strong concern that the access for highway pro | ere is not enough space to accommodate medium density development and alternate operties.  | tive |
|  | ere is not enough space to allow for widening of Canning Highway, Four storey king, Pedestrian access and the touches that make a place great like landscaping.            |      |
|  | proposed height plan along Canning Highway in front of First Avenue. Access sizes - buildings too large for the lot sizes.   |      |
| Strongly object to 3 sto                       | oreys with no minimum lot size on highway side of First Avenue   |      |
| Concerned that density                         | changes will lead to a large increase of on street parking.  |      |
| Thank you for the opp                          | ortunity to provide feedback.  |      |
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### Review and Comments regarding the #shapeourplace study final report

Dear Mr Carolane,

Thank you for confirming that a heritage study of Kensington will be conducted before <u>any</u> changes in housing density / building height are accepted in the study area.

Campbell Street, Monk Street, Hensman St and David Street form a rare area of heritage homes which must be protected. I am aware that the report does not recommend changing housing density or height limits in Campbell Street, but the surrounding streets are also of significant heritage value and what happens to those streets directly affects the heritage value of Campbell Street.

We object to the recommendation of a three storey height limit and to increased density to R40 along Canning highway between South Terrace and Hensman Street. This is for the following reasons:

 Campbell Street has a unique orientation. Campbell Street runs parallel to Canning Highway, not perpendicular as all the other streets in the study area.

Therefore, the current recommendation for three storey building and an increased building density does not provide for a 'harmonious transition' (one of the study's main aims) between higher and lower densities and height limits. The change in height and density will be abrupt. This contradicts the main aims of the study and was rejected emphatically by Campbell Street and the majority of Kensington residents in the two consultation periods.

- A 3 storey block of building between Campbell Street and Canning Highway will significantly reduce resident's amenity:
  - Natural light will be blocked
  - · Solar access will be restricted
  - Natural breezes from the river will be blocked
  - Tree canopy will be vastly reduced.
  - Visual privacy

This contradicts another two aims of the report which are to preserve local amenity and create sustainable living.

- There are no plans to increase public transport in the area at least for the next 20 years. The recommendations of the report will significantly increase numbers of people in the area without ANY change to the current level of public transport. This is unacceptable and will result in massive increases in congestion. ANY development must be directly ties to a funded commitment for widening of the highway to provide for a bus lance but even better a tram. Tying development to the associated much needed infrastructure would avoid another disaster like the South Perth train precinct where rampant development was allowed without being tied directly to infrastructure improvements.
- There is no provision for the creation of public space. The report states that there is a park / reserve within 400m of homes in the study area. There is no park / reserve

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within 400m of Campbell Street (source google maps). More people need more open space. It is needed for a healthy population (the population is getting fatter, resulting in increased lifestyle diseases and health costs) and also for a healthy environment. Climate change is real and happening at a frightening rate.

- There are no concrete plans for increasing tree canopy. All of the landscaping requirements are 'desirable' but not enforced by the building codes. Where is the provision for Campbell Street Residents for replacement of trees taken out in the development of Canning Highway parallel to our street? The tree canopy is significant and provides amenity to our street in the form of shade and closeness to nature in a city environment. All residents pay their rates and should have equal right to a green and cool living environment. Campbell Street residents should not be denied a green and sustainable environment because they happen to live close to Canning Highway. Preserving and increasing tree canopy is a major strategy in tacking climate change and creating a sustainable City. A major aim of the study 'to create a sustainable City' is not met because of this failing.
- Access to Canning Highway is proposed to be reduced. For Campbell Street residents this would mean all access for any re-development would be though our narrow and quiet street. There is insufficient land available after any highway widening to be able to build and create a lane for access. Any consideration of taking land from Campbell Street residents to create access is totally unacceptable. The street has significant heritage values and any loss of buildings in our street to provide access would be a travesty. Residents in Campbell Street and Kensington overall consistently rejected increased traffic in our suburban streets. Campbell Street is a family area, children play in the streets. Increasing access to the highway by destroying our home environment with increased traffic is an unacceptable and unsafe proposition.
- Increased noise and light pollution forcing all traffic through Campbell Street will
  increase noise from refuse trucks, delivery vehicles and many more private cars.
  Residents do not want this and have clearly said so in the two previous feedback
  sessions.

We urge Council to consider leaving the section of Canning Highway parallel to Campbell Street as residential R15. It is a residential area. In addition, the reports fails to achieve its aims if the current recommendations for South Terrace to Hensman Street are followed. The impact of altered height and density on Campbell Street will be immense and significantly affect the heritage nature of the area as well as destroying amenity for Campbell St residents.

Why not sell any remaining land after highway widening to residents of Campbell Street with odd-number properties. Residents could then extend their homes and create more

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| garden and some of the trees in the gardens of could be preserved. | r the houses to be demolished by widening |
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| Thank you for considering our comments.                            |   |
| Yours Sincerely  |   |
| Beverly Jepson   | Dr Murray Princehorn                      |

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#### **Mark Carolane**

From: Harris, Brian Tuesday, 15 March 2016 11:28 AM

Sent: enquiries

To:

Cc: FW: Canning Highway #ShapeOurPlace - Feedback

Subject:

#### To whom if may concern

First let me say that the process the Council has taken over the last month has been very disappointing. This has left an impression that Council is very supportive of the document and what it proposes. Again the Council has shown it is not interested in the concerns of the residences and what's best for the community and preserving the uniqueness of our area.

In saying that, I also offer some additional comments apposing proposed heights and subsequent Zonings, especially where it impacts the Avenues area:

- The 100meter border along the eastern side of Canning H'way given that a number of residents have spent a considerable amount of money to develop homes and gardens, we are now confronted with the possibility of a 4 storey being opposite to us (beginning of Todd Ave) and associated traffic (due to no direct access to Canning H'way). A vast number of these blocks will not be subdivided for a considerable number of years due to the investment made by the owners. I am also unclear on why the report states that rezoning within the Avenues is favoured, yet less than 6 months ago (prior to this report) it was significantly opposed and this was accepted and voted on by the Council. How did the report come to this conclusion?
- The proposal to have Four storey buildings along Canning Hway, with no direct access to the
  H'way raises the issues of new side roads and the impact to existing residences with increased
  traffic and parking. We saw no reference to these new roads and parking solutions within the
  avenues area, as people will still park on verges if restrictions within building are limited.
- Environmental impacts on rezoning the area and the loss of significant vegetation, whilst the
  report mentions green areas such as small parks and street frontage. We would suggest with
  the increased building comes increase heat hot spots.
- Whilst I'm in favour of future planning, we are very concerned about how it is being forced by the
  current Government, yet there is a complete lack of associated infrastructure plans to coincide
  with future modelling. I'm talking about, police, electricity, water, gas, public transport and road
  upgrades.
  - Kensington Police station (as most of the state) cannot cope with the current crime rates
     how will this be resolved with an increase in population, yet no proposals to increase
     WA Police force?
  - There are no plans in the Main Roads forward estimates for upgrades to Canning Highway, yet it seems that we still should have an urban infill in an area that cannot handle the current traffic and public transport issues. Already council have started installing limiters in controlling speed and "Rat" runners within the quieter areas of Como i.e. McDonald St, Todd Ave.
  - There are no plans for light rail along Canning Highway (except for maybe a Tunnel !!) –
     so how is the increased population going to commute.
  - Canning Bridge train station is a mess, with access to it and the frustration in getting on already full trains. In fact I can ride to work on my cycle to Osborne Park quicker than

public transport – either bus or train. The council is also still waiting on the South Perth station as promised a number of years back – yet council has to prove tot he government there is a need!

Future Water supplies within the metropolitan area is a major concern especially with the
expected "planned" growth – already we have less water than needed and restrictions
are or should have been in place.

South Perth already has a couple of designated areas in the South Perth Peninsular and Canning Bridge developments targeted for higher density. Maybe Council should focus on the Rail links of Canning Bridge and South Perth as they will encompass a great deal of issues in the planning, development and implementation of these areas. We need to learn from mistakes made, such as:

- Develop a bus system that serves these stations i.e. mini CAT service).
- That council should also consider river travel focussing on these two areas enabling people increase flexibility with river transport.

I am happy to discuss the above with any representative.

| regards<br>Brian Harris  |
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#### Comments on Canning Highway #ShapeOurPlace

Roger Atkinson

On page 40, Canning-Highway-ShapeOurPlace-report.pdf states that "Many properties [on Canning Highway] have been poorly maintained over many years, which also reduces the amenity of the environment." That accords well with the main perspective behind my reading of the Report, because it leads into the question, "Why is that so?" Hence my perspective: what does the Report do to encourage urban renewal and improved amenity and functionality along the Highway, and progress it towards becoming one of Perth's most iconic and innovative transport corridors?

Regrettably, very little. In my view the Report concentrates excessively upon "the look", namely, streetscapes, built form, R coding and height limits, with inadequate attention to "functionality", namely facilitation of public and private transport, creation of local places of employment and services provision, and balanced mixes of affordable housing, up-market housing, and mixed use developments. The Report concentrates too much upon preserving existing streetscape characters, consequently it neglects opportunities to evolve towards streetscapes that are more in accord with our circumstances of transport corridor and inner metropolitan location. The Report gives undue weight to the views expressed by local residents during a community consultation process that amounted to only a small sample of the City's population, and does not contain cautions about sampling bias.

The Report gives no information on what the CoSP is doing, if anything, to prepare for urban renewal by purchasing Highway properties that become available, instead of waiting for the State Government to act. Information on what CoSP owns already, and what it is prepared to spend on acquisitions, should be made available to ratepayers. Is it possible that CoSP could create a substantial surplus of funds, in the medium to longer term, by buying, amalgamating and reselling (with "up-codings" and height bonuses on offer, to help attract investment and faster renewal)? The surplus could fund the retention of green buffer strips, especially the strip parallel to Campbell Street, Kensington.

However, on the positive side, the Report does offer insights into a feasible strategy for CoSP to achieve some progress. Figure 2 (p.15) shows five "Places" and Figure 33 (p.79) shows four "Local centres". Although the Report says very little about tactics, the two Figures suggest that we adopt a "one at a time" tactic, in accord with the very well-known tactic of dividing a big problem down into smaller, more manageable 'chunks'. Proceed with urban renewal in one "Place" or one "Local centre" for several years, before tackling a second, and then a third. Whilst that may seem to be a slow process, it could be more productive than the current paralysis in urban renewal for our part of Canning Highway. CoSP need to "do something" to catch up with the City of Melville (e.g. Canning Bridge precinct renewal) and the Town of Victoria Park (e.g. Canning Highway, east side renewal).

Therefore I suggest that the CoSP "note" the report as providing valuable guidance, whilst indicating no specific commitments to the implementation of Recommendations, and foreshadowing an intention to concentrate upon a sequence of urban renewal projects, one "place" or one "local centre" at a time. The alternative seems to me to be a continuation of the current state of near-paralysis.

The Report contains very many matters deserving much commentary from residents and ratepayers. To take just two matters that I deem very important:

- 1. Page 50. I disagree strongly with the Report's dismissal of the concept of a green buffer parallel to Campbell Street. The area is eminently "useable" as a visual relief from the Highway environment, it would not be the usual public open space with playground equipment, lighting, reticulation, etc. It would not require "considerable maintenance", as it could be based on small to medium native trees, and several mowings per year to control annual weeds will suffice. For "how to" advice, ask the City of Melville (e.g. Wireless Hill Park frontage to the Highway), or Kings Park and Botanic Garden (e.g. Park frontage to Thomas Street), or numerous other authorities in metropolitan Perth.
- 2. "Visual privacy" versus "visually permeable". A degree of importance seems to be accorded to visual privacy (pp.58-60), but this is contradicted elsewhere, for example by the statement that "Large blank walls should be actively discouraged" (p.92), the specification of "visually permeable" fencing (p.93), and a claim (p.93) that solid fences to 1.8 m are not needed for noise reduction purposes because "double glazing should be considered for these properties." When contradictions of this kind

occur, the best response will be "do nothing", do not attempt excessive micro-management of properties. Let residents and prospective new residents choose for themselves.

