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The four pillars of the Council Plan – Environment, Community, Liveability and Prosperity – articulate the vision and current priorities for the City of Stonnington, and those relevant to land use and development planning are reflected and delivered by the MSS.

Stonnington's *Council Plan* describes the following vision for the City:

"Stonnington will be a place of community, individuality and business where an environment is created that fosters the hopes, well-being and aspirations of all people."

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Stonnington seeks to achieve its vision through a sustainable balance of environmental, economic and social outcomes for the City based on five strategic themes as follows:

Economic development

- The City has a well-distributed network of vibrant activity centres providing a diversity of living, working, shopping and socialising opportunities at the heart of their respective neighbourhoods.
- There is a range and high standard of professional services and creative industries and increased opportunities are available for local service and office employment.
- The City's high quality and diverse tourist and cultural activities and experiences are celebrated, accessible and inclusive to all.
- Entertainment and hospitality uses are recognised for their contribution to the vitality and viability of the City; however they do not dominate or adversely affect activity centres and the surrounding residential areas.
- The City retains the full spectrum of service industries integrated within selected mixed use precincts and designated industrial areas, with appropriate amenity and environmental controls.

Housing

- The City has increased housing capacity that is affordable, accessible and includes diverse housing types to meet the changing needs of current and future residents.
- Higher density development is directed to locations with the highest accessibility to public transport and services; being sites in and beside activity centres, beside main roads with trams and Smart buses and beside railway stations.
- Medium density development is accepted in the remaining residential hinterland, consistent with retaining the low rise character and high levels of amenity of the City's residential precincts.
- Housing is designed to achieve high standards of amenity and sustainability and in a form that promotes cohesive communities.

Built Environment and heritage

- The City has high quality built form that reflects an appreciation of its context and the underlying character and topography of the City.
- Key landmarks, view and vistas (Royal Botanic Gardens, Shrine of Remembrance and the Yarra River frontage, escarpment and skyline) are protected from intrusive development.
- All places of at least local heritage significance to the City are identified and protected.
- The landscaped character of the City is retained, repaired and enhanced and canopy trees are a prevailing part of the City's environment.

- New built form is well-designed and respects the valued, traditional built form character elements of its host precinct.
- New development in activity centres contributes to the vibrancy, activity and passive surveillance of streets and public spaces, while respecting the heritage values, human scale and the unique character of different centres.
- The public realm is expanded and enhanced and adjoining development and landscaping contributes positively to its character and function.
- The City is a walkable environment with enhanced connectivity within activity centres and between centres and adjacent residential neighbourhoods.
- Environmentally sustainable development principles are embraced in all new developments.
- Universal access, safety and social inclusion are incorporated as lead principles in the design of all developments.
- Stonnington is a place for all with greater accessibility, especially for older people and people with a disability, fostered through good design and maintenance of all access ways.

Environment and open space

- The City's valued open space is protected and enhanced through no net loss in public open space and increases in areas of identified shortage; it is safe and accessible for public use and meets the diverse and changing needs of the community.
- The City has an enhanced biodiversity and a system of linked riparian environment areas that support native flora and fauna.
- Environmental risks (including flooding, contamination, air pollution and noise) are identified and managed to ameliorate their impact.

Infrastructure

- An adequate level and standard of infrastructure (utility, transport and community) is provided to support the community's needs and new development.
- The City's prosperity is fostered by well integrated transport and land use, including improved pathway connectivity to local activity centres and public transport nodes, so as to reduce car trips to local shops and services.
- Through traffic is significantly reduced within the City and re-routed around the City, with resulting reductions in congestion, air pollution and noise.
- The City's main roads with trams are progressively converted to 'main streets' where pedestrians, bicycles and public transport have priority and private motor vehicles are limited to local (Stonnington) traffic.
- The need for sustainable personal transport modes (for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users) is given priority over the needs of motorists.
- The City's suburbs and precincts are world class walking areas, where it is safe and convenient to walk to destinations, and where people are actively encouraged and enabled to walk.
- The City has a range of high quality professional and community services (including health and educational) adapting to serve changing local, regional and metropolitan needs while respecting their residential neighbours.
- There are strong community and cultural hubs, strategically located for maximum accessibility to those most in need.

21.03-3 Strategic Framework Plan

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The Strategic Framework Plan shows some overarching framework elements related to the five strategic themes of the MSS. It identifies locations where specific outcomes are encouraged,

including redevelopment and mixed use opportunities. Areas of natural significance and environmental constraints on use and development are also identified.

The major strategic components identified on the plan are as follows:

Economic development

- An activity centres hierarchy.
- Mixed use areas where higher density housing and a variety of commercial activities are encouraged.
- Industrial areas for larger scale industries and service uses.

Built Environment

- Special urban design and built form areas related to the Royal Botanic Gardens, the Shrine of Remembrance in the City of Melbourne, and the significant landscape of the Yarra River environs.

Environment

- Areas of natural significance and environmental constraints, for example along the Yarra River and Gardiners Creek.
- Recognised biodiversity areas.

Housing

- Preferred locations for higher density housing, being land:
 - in and beside activity centres and in mixed use areas; and
 - abutting the Principal Public Transport Network (ie. tram and priority bus routes and railway stations).

Infrastructure

- A regional transport network including a hierarchy of roads, tram and bus routes, railway lines and railway stations.
- Community hubs.

City of Stonnington STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK PLAN

