



## What is a Local Planning Strategy and a Town Planning Scheme?

The Local Planning Strategy (LPS) is a document which is intended to provide a long term planning strategy to guide the future development of the Town of Victoria Park.

The Town Planning Scheme (TPS) is a legal document that is the basis for assessing and determining proposals for the use and development of land in the Town.

While Council has a current Town Planning Scheme, it is now 10 years old and there have been a number of relevant planning studies and policies undertaken by both the State Government and the Town. This warrants Council now preparing a consolidated long term strategy (LPS) and a more current legal document (TPS) for the assessment of development within the Town.

Logically, the LPS will be prepared and endorsed first, as it is the basis for the subsequent, more detailed TPS document.

## What is the process for the Local Planning Strategy?

A Draft LPS is currently being prepared by Council's Planning Services and has included consideration of:

- State and Regional planning provisions;
- The Town's Strategic Plan; and
- Specific studies and plans, which have been prepared at a regional or local level since the current Town of Victoria Park Town Planning Scheme No 1 was advertised for public comment in 1994.

Once the draft LPS has been finalised there will be a community consultation process during which all relevant documents will be publicly available. The community consultation is proposed to include notices in the local press, public information sessions and submission sheets for public comment.

Council will consider all submissions received prior to preparing and endorsing the final LPS.

## What are some of the key considerations in preparing the Local Planning Strategy?

Importantly, the LPS also requires the endorsement of the State Government planning agency, the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC). All relevant Government Agencies will be consulted during the community consultation process.

The WAPC released, "Network City: Community Planning Strategy for Perth and Peel", in September 2004 which provides parameters for any LPS within the whole of the Perth Metropolitan area.

In a response to Network City, Council outlined a general strategic planning position and a proposal for the implementation of the Network City objectives within the Town.



*Illustration from the Causeway Precinct Review Final Report showing the development form proposed viewed from the intersection of Shepperton and Teddington Roads.*

Council stated that it was prepared to establish a partnership with State Government to realise the objectives of Network City, subject to the acceptance by the State Government and the WAPC of a number of conditions, summarised as follows:

1. Acceptance of Council's General Strategic Planning Position, which will be formalised in detail in a Local Planning Strategy and form the basis of a comprehensive review of Council's Town Planning Scheme.

2. A negotiated agreement with the Council on the proposed population, housing and employment targets for the Town.
3. Adequate information, assistance and financial support being provided to Council in looking at specific studies and projects within the Town related to Network City.
4. Studies and projects related to Network City being directed to the key areas identified by Council being;
  - Albany Highway Precinct (particularly the Western/Causeway end)
  - Causeway Precinct
  - Burswood Precinct
  - Technology Precinct.
5. Recognition that beyond the Western/Causeway end of the Albany Highway Precinct, Albany Highway does have retail nodes (District Centres) between which there are opportunities for more intensive development, particularly for residential purposes for properties with frontage to Albany Highway.
6. Recognition that the Town of Victoria Park Residential Character Study – September 2003 argues for the sustainability of traditional character for the area generally between the Railway Line and Berwick Street. Further, that residential densities within the Study Area need to reflect the objective of sustaining the character of the area, which will likely bring about the need to reduce existing residential densities in some locations.

## Register your interest now

Should you wish to receive ongoing updates about the Local Planning Strategy and/ or be informed and involved in the community consultation process for this project, please register your interest now. You can do this by sending a letter or email referring to the “Town of Victoria Park Local Planning Strategy” and provide your name, address, telephone and/or email contact by:

Letter to: Senior Strategic Planner  
Town of Victoria Park  
Locked Bag No.437  
Victoria Park 6979.

Email to: [admin@vicpark.wa.gov.au](mailto:admin@vicpark.wa.gov.au)



*Photo of existing streetscape showing traditional residential character recognised in the Residential Character Study.*

## Message from Mayor Trevor Vaughan

The Local Planning Strategy and Town Planning Scheme Review are major projects for the Town and, in fact, the Scheme Review forms one of seven current Corporate Priorities identified for the Town.

A key component of both of these projects will be community consultation. Initially, where the Local Planning Strategy is concerned, community consultation is planned to commence in early 2009.

It is expected that this consultation process will be similar to that undertaken for the Causeway Precinct Review project during 2007.

This valuable process will provide ample opportunity for the community to access information, participate in information sessions and make public submissions.

If you would like to receive ongoing updates on the progress of the project and become actively involved during the community consultation process, I would urge you to register your interest now in this important project.

This information is available in an alternative format such as large print or audio cassette upon request by phoning 9311 8132.