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The Whittlesea Planning Scheme is reviewed by the Planning and Major Project Directorate of Council in line with statutory requirements every four years, unless otherwise determined by the Minister for Planning.

The review not only monitors and reflects changes in the strategic direction of Council but also ensures that the provisions and local policies within the scheme are appropriate to enable suitable decisions to be made on planning applications. The review involves the following key components:

Review of Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Decisions

All decisions by the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) are examined. Where insufficient policy justification is highlighted by VCAT, the Local Planning Policy Framework may need to be modified or an additional local policy introduced.

Built Outcomes Survey

Council's Strategic Planning & Design Department endeavours to carry out a built outcomes survey on a regular basis. The survey includes an assessment of key planning decisions once the specific development is complete or under construction. The types of proposals which are assessed include new subdivisions, multi-unit developments, industrial developments and commercial precincts. The survey includes a tour of identified sites by internal planning staff, representatives from other relevant Council directorates (such as Community Services and Infrastructure & Technology) and external professionals such as planning consultants. The primary objective of the survey is to:

- Identify what improvements could have been made to the proposal;
- Suggest alterations to policies based on the types of development which are occurring;
- Outline alterations to Councils Strategic Direction;
- Review the effectiveness of the Planning Scheme in supporting decision making.

The results of the built outcomes survey are utilised in the four year review of the new scheme.