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Infrastructure Planning, Design and Construction

The design, management and delivery of infrastructure are key issues for Council. The efficient delivery of infrastructure is a fundamental element in providing affordable and diverse housing, generating economic growth and ultimately in managing the municipality in a sustainable manner.

Standardised infrastructure design guidelines provide the opportunity to improve the efficient assessment and development of infrastructure. The Infrastructure Design Manual prepared by the Local Government Infrastructure Design Association (IDM) has been adopted by Council to assist in this assessment.

The IDM includes guidelines for the design and construction of infrastructure within the municipality, including (among other things) roads, drainage, stormwater, car parking, landscaping, access, earthworks, public lighting and intersection infrastructure.

The IDM compliments the objectives and standards of Clause 56 for residential subdivision applications. The IDM will also be used to assess subdivision and development applications in all other zones and in the development and assessment of precinct structure plans and development plans.

Objectives and Strategies

Objective 1 To provide clear and consistent guidelines for the planning, design and construction of infrastructure.

Strategy 1.1 Encourage new subdivision and development that has regard to the objectives and requirements of the IDM or an approved precinct structure plan.

Strategy 1.2 Encourage a consistent approach to the design and construction of infrastructure across the municipality.

Strategy 1.3 Encourage an integrated approach to the planning and engineering assessment of new subdivision and development.

Scheme Implementation

Apply the Infrastructure Design Manual in Horsham.

Reference Documents

Infrastructure Design Manual (as revised), Local Government Infrastructure Design Association.

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Telecommunications

Access to telecommunications is important to better connect services and attract business within the region. The National Broadband Network project provides an opportunity to improve the connectivity of the region for business and service provision.

Objectives and Strategies

Objective 1 To ensure land use and infrastructure planning for the region takes advantage of enhanced telecommunications, particularly in larger centres which have the best connections.

Strategy 1.1 Support the improved supply of telecommunications infrastructure to service the municipality.

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Health Facilities

A medical services precinct has developed around the Horsham Base Hospital and this clustering of activities will continue to substantiate the role of the centre as the regional health provider. The expected increase in the aged population of the region is likely to result in the further establishment of both public and private health services.

Objectives and Strategies

Objective 1 Allow for the provision of high quality health facilities that met the needs of the local and regional community.

Strategy 1.1 Encourage hospital and associated medical facilities to establish in the vicinity of the existing Horsham Base Hospital.

Strategy 1.2 Encourage medical and allied health services to cluster around the Baillie Street area.

Scheme Implementation

Apply the Public Use Zone to land required for the Horsham Base Hospital.

Reference documents

Horsham Health and Wellbeing Plan, Horsham Rural City Council, 2013

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Community and Cultural Facilities

Provision of community and cultural infrastructure is important to support community connections and the health, wellbeing and vitality of our communities and to enhance the municipality as a place to live. Within Horsham, community facilities should be located in places that are easily accessible to members of the community.

Council and its partners recognise how important early years investment is in terms of maximising children's health, social and emotional wellbeing, as well as their intellectual development. By investing in early years and addressing disadvantage, it is possible to break the cycle of disadvantage and end generations of disengagement for families and whole communities.

Development of three early years centres in Horsham is proposed over the next 10 to 15 years. The first of these centres is to be located in Horsham North, the second in Horsham West and the third in Horsham South. The centres will provide a broad range of early years services, which may include long day child care, occasional care, kindergarten, Maternal and Child Health services, playgroup and other health and wellbeing related services such as early childhood intervention services, parenting classes, etc.

Objectives and Strategies

Objective 1 Support community connections throughout the municipality by the provision of community facilities.

Strategy 1.1 Support the retention, refurbishment and upgrade of the network of rural halls.

Strategy 1.2 Enhance facilities for young people at the Nexus Youth Space in Horsham.

Strategy 1.3 Support the upgrade of community and recreation facilities within the Haven Precinct and Laharum Precinct.

Strategy 1.4 Support the retention and refurbishment of Jubilee Hall for community purposes.

Objective 2 To facilitate the establishment of early years centres throughout Horsham.

Strategy 2.1 Facilitate the development of early years centres in Kalkee Road, Horsham North, Horsham West and Horsham South.

Strategy 2.2 Facilitate the co-location of services through the design of early years centres.

Scheme Implementation

Apply the Public Use Zone to all council facilities.

Further Strategic Work

Develop and implement a plan for the redevelopment of the Horsham City Oval precinct.

Working with State Government to ensure that school sites are provided in suitable locations in the residential growth areas.

Undertake Horsham Early Years Social Infrastructure and Services Planning projects and implement their recommendations.

Reference Documents

Horsham Early Years Plan, Horsham Rural City Council, 2014

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Developer Contributions

Infrastructure is not simply roads, pipes and cables, but also includes social and community infrastructure such as schools, health and welfare facilities, sporting facilities and learning opportunities. The type, quality and capacity of infrastructure influences how well an area performs economically, socially and environmentally.

Infrastructure needs to be provided to service Horsham's growth and development in a timely manner. The costs associated with this infrastructure provision needs to be considered when identifying areas for development. Development contributions plans can manage contributions towards infrastructure delivery.

Objectives and Strategies

Objective 1 To establish a system of developer contributions for Horsham.

Strategy 1.1 Facilitate agreements with developers for contributions towards the cost of infrastructure.

Strategy 1.2 Support the creation of a standard developer contributions system.

Further Strategic Work

Prepare Development Contributions Plans to levy contributions for the provision of works, services and facilities.