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TREE CONSERVATION POLICY

This policy applies to all land.

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Policy basis

While the majority of the municipality has been cleared for agriculture and urban development, significant areas of remnant indigenous tree canopy still remain.

Subsequent plantings of indigenous, native and introduced species have tended to follow planting trends, with the older areas often dominated by introduced species and the new areas, those which have been established since the 1960s, dominated by native species.

The Municipal Strategic Statement recognises the importance of maintaining and enhancing the Garden City Character of Monash, making it a continuing significant factor.

It is important to ensure that the remaining remnant trees and trees that have been planted and have now matured are retained, where possible, when development proceeds, and that new canopy trees with spreading crowns be planted as part of all new developments.

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Objectives

- To maintain, enhance and extend the Garden City Character throughout Monash by ensuring that new development and redevelopment is consistent with and contributes to the Garden City Character as set out in the Municipal Strategic Statement.
- To promote the retention of mature trees and encourage the planting of new canopy trees with spreading crowns throughout Monash.

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Policy

It is policy that:

- Existing semi-mature and mature canopy trees be retained wherever possible to ensure maintenance of the tree canopy.
- Existing street trees be retained and protected.
- Semi-mature canopy trees with spreading crowns be planted as part of any new development, in open space areas, along boundaries adjacent to neighbouring open space and in front setback areas to reinforce the Garden City Character of the area.

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Decision guidelines

It is policy that before deciding on an application, the responsible authority will consider, as appropriate:

- Whether any existing semi-mature or mature canopy tree that contributes to the Garden City and neighbourhood character will be removed by the development.
- Whether any tree with a trunk circumference greater than 500mm (160mm diameter), at 1200mm above the ground, or higher than 10 metres will be removed by the development.
- Whether the proposed landscape treatment in the front setback area and other open space areas contributes to the Garden City Character of the neighbourhood.
- Whether the proposed landscape treatment includes new canopy trees with spreading crowns, sympathetic to the existing landscape character.
- Whether the development and landscaping will have any adverse impact on the control of pest plants and pest animals.
- The human rights of any persons affected by the application or the proposed development.

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