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SCHEDULE 1 TO THE VEGETATION PROTECTION OVERLAY

Shown on the planning scheme map as VPO1.

71 GREY STREET, ST KILDA – ENGLISH OAK

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Statement of nature and significance of vegetation to be protected

An individual tree, English Oak (*Quercus Robur*), at 71 Grey Street, St Kilda has been identified as significant. The tree was planted in approximately 1919 by the Presentation Sisters as a symbol of the congregation, which reflects the historical use of the land. The original property included what is now known as Newton Reserve (a public reserve) that adjoins the property to the southwest. The large and significant English Oak is located adjacent to the boundary of the property and Newton Reserve. Due to the location and its size, the tree can be seen from Newton Reserve and offers aesthetic and amenity value to the local area.

In addition, the English Oak is of horticultural value with the species being listed as a tree in cultivation in Victoria between 1855 and 1889. The English Oak at 71 Grey Street has been assessed as being an outstanding example of its species.

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Vegetation protection objectives to be achieved

- To provide for the long-term preservation and protection of the significant tree.
- To ensure that the tree is maintained as a dominant feature of the landscape when viewed from Newton Reserve.
- To prevent any adverse effects from development on the subject land and/or adjoining sites on the condition and health of the significant tree.
- To ensure the appropriate management of the tree during the course of the development of the subject land and/or adjoining sites (or anything else which may result in the health of the significant tree being compromised). An arborist report must demonstrate how the proposed works achieve compliance with the Australian Standards AS4970-2009, Protection of amenity trees on development sites. The report must demonstrate how the tree will be protected during the course of any development of the subject land and/or adjoining sites.

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Permit requirement

A permit is required to cut, trim, prune, lop, remove, destroy the tree identified as the significant tree.

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Application Requirements

A report by a qualified arborist is required. To cut, trim or prune the tree, the arborist report must demonstrate how the proposed works achieve compliance with the Australian Standards AS4373-2007 Pruning of amenity trees. The report should also:

- Provide recommendations for the management of the tree.
- Identify the reason/s for cutting, trimming or pruning of the tree.
- Identify the severity of the cutting, trimming or pruning.

To lop, remove or destroy the tree a comprehensive arborist report is required and should:

- State the reason/s for lopping, removing or destroying the tree.
- Provide any practical alternatives which do not require lopping, removing or destroying the tree.
- Provide photographic evidence and other references relating to the removal of the tree.

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Decision guidelines

Before deciding on an application to cut, trim, prune, lop, remove or destroy the significant tree, the responsible authority must consider:

- The impact of the proposal on the long-term preservation and protection of the significant tree.
- Whether any proposed lopping will adversely affect the significance, appearance, health or structure of the significant tree.
- The impact that removing the tree will have on the cultural heritage, aesthetic, landscape/horticultural value of the subject land or surrounding area, including Newton Reserve.