### **Submission 35**

xxx is an aged care and disability support provider who has operated in Western Australia for more than 100 years. xxx is a not-for-profit carer of people with neurological disabilities, injury or illness and people who are ageing. xxx mission is 'Pursuing the dignity of independence'.

xxx is a rehabilitation and research centre and medium-term home for those with an acquire brain injury. We purchased three adjacent lots on Oats Street a few years ago to accommodate future residential growth and remain committed to serve the local and broader community from this location.

The existing markets have been an integral part of daily life for the clients living at xxx, offering rehabilitation opportunities to participate in community interactions. Based on this relationship, xxx offers its support to the proposed scheme amendment and request the City considers in future Planning and Development Applications, the existing unique residential environment we operate on site.

Future development of 176 (LOTS 20 AND 21) SWANSEA STREET EAST CORNER MILFORD STREET, EAST VICTORIA PARK (SWANSEA STREET MARKETS SITE) is seen as a positive infill project that will benefit the immediate community with appropriate consideration for onsite visitor, trade, and residential parking, acoustic treatments, setbacks, and probable overshadowing.

### **Submission 36**

In reply to your letter re the above- I am interested in the rezoning of the above land if the continuation of the Swansea Street market site is maintained/upgraded. The markets are an asset to this area. At present the block is an eyesore and could do with cleaning up.

Development in this area for retail/some residential etc can only be good for the area. However too many units after a time can encourage more crime which we don't want.

Has anyone thought of the increase in traffic if this proposal goes ahead. Swansea Street is a very busy noisy road. Where can traffic be diverted from Swansea Street.

### **Submission 37**

With respect regarding the above Amendment being promoted as a standard amendment does not take into account the huge infrastructure changes required, for instance storm water drains already under pressure, let alone the incoming sewerage impacts; the impact of massive traffic flows on Swansea Street East, which is considered a speedway, a dangerous stretch of road, ask the WA Police, also parking in the area with an onflow of trucks serving the 3 tower's; further, the social impacts will be great as I can attest being the Building Manager of xxx over the last 9 years does see regular intrusions of undesirables, breaking in, jumping security fences, robbing and smashing car windows on Swansea street, which will

vastly increase with that many units amongst us in the immediate area, the tower's will be a magnet; also the rehabilitation centre will feel the 3 tower's intrusion with greatly increased noise, rubbish, vehicle pollution, speeding, and parking encroachment! Dare I say it TVP does not have a good track record for instance find this from a local resident.."I have already done that. I don't understand how council approved it. This street is already saturated with too many residents and cars and they want too add 3 buildings, each 6 storey high! Just imagine the traffic and congestion. You are right about thieves too. Vic Park Shire and Council is hopeless. Bunch of people who aren't interested in anything but filling their pockets. No care about standards or quality, only focused on quantity to increase their rates and revenue. And if you ask them for a single street light? Sorry, we don't have any money!.." I rest my case, yes you have a target of 11,320 dwellings by 2031 but please think very long and hard about shoving up tower's to reach these goals which despite the application will actually greatly impact and impair environmental, social, economic and governance areas.

### **Submission 38**

### **Background**

It is proposed to rezone Lots 20 and 21 (176-178) Swansea Street, East Victoria Park from Industrial 1 to Commercial (R-AC3). The intent is to facilitate the development of the site for Mixed Use purposes.

A Concept Plan was prepared to support the proposal. The proposal foreshadows a commercial / retail tenancy of 2,300m² of floor space. This is an increase from the current 1,600m² of floor space occupied by the existing Market.

The Applicant suggests that the Scheme Amendment should be considered a 'standard amendment'. It is considered that should Council proceed with the Scheme Amendment it must be considered a 'complex amendment'.

The proposal is considered a 'complex amendment' in accordance with the Clause 34 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015.* This is because the Scheme Amendment is contained within the following categories:

- (a) an amendment that is not consistent with a local planning strategy for the scheme that has been endorsed by the Commission;
- (b) an amendment that is not addressed by any local planning strategy;
- (c) an amendment relating to development that is of a scale, or will have an impact, that is significant relative to development in the locality;

In respect to the above, we are not aware of an existing endorsed Local Planning Strategy and the proposal is not consistent with the draft LPS as the Scheme Amendment site is designated for Industrial purposes.

Further to the above, and for reasons set out later in this advice, the proposal will have a significant impact on the land currently contained within the Industry 1 zone.

### **Current Zoning**

The subject site is currently zoned Urban under the Metropolitan Region Scheme (MRS) and Industrial 1 under Local Planning Scheme No.1 (LPS1). Furthermore, the proposal is contained within P9 Welshpool Precinct.

The Applicant advises in respect to the current Swansea Street Markets located on the site that:

It is an existing, approved retail land use consistent with current zoning under LPS1.

It is unclear from the Scheme Amendment document as to whether the Swansea Street Markets operates as a Market or Shop use. This is noting that a Market is an 'X' use, a use that it not permitted in the Industrial 1 zone. Whilst a Shop is an approvable use, an 'AA' use, this is considered to be an anomaly in the context of a contemporary town planning scheme for an industry zone.

### **Draft Activity Centres Strategy 2017**

Under the draft Activity Centres Strategy (draft ACS) the Scheme Amendment site is contained within the Oats Street Station Activation Area.

The recommended strategies for the Oats Street Station Activation Area are as follows:

- Include within the Local Planning Scheme, the land currently zoned Industrial within the Oats Street Station precinct south of the railway line, as Residential/Commercial.
- Commence negotiations with the Department of Planning regarding the future rezoning of land within the precinct between the boundary of the City of Canning and Cohn Street from General Industry to Urban under the MRS.
- Review the residential coding of land within the precinct with a view to introducing R30/60 with the higher code being subject to the achievement of design criteria and provision of ground floor mixed use.

The draft ACS further concluded that:

The modelled retail floorspace potential for 2031 is shown as approximately 2,100m<sup>2</sup> which represents a small neighbourhood centre". This remains the case.

We note in reaching its conclusions the draft ACS would not have considered the Woolworths Shopping Centre proposal at 355 to 357 Shepperton Road, East Victoria Park which is within 155 metres of the Scheme Amendment site. The Woolworths proposal included the following commercial and retail floor space:

- Supermarket 3,400m²
- BWS 200m<sup>2</sup>
- WoW Office 200m<sup>2</sup>
- Level 1 Commercial 1,860m<sup>2</sup>
- Speciality and Kiosk 1,150m<sup>2</sup>

Given the scale of the Woolworths development, and  $2{,}300\text{m}^2$  of floorspace proposed by the Scheme Amendment, it is queried whether there is an oversupply of retail / commercial floorspace.

The Woolworths development and the Scheme Amendment could produce two Supermarkets within 155m of each other. This is also in addition to the ALDI at 1009 Albany Highway which is approximately 280m from the Scheme Amendment Site.

## **Draft Local Planning Strategy**

The draft Local Planning Strategy (LPS) was considered by the Town at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 15 March 2022.

The draft LPS identifies the subject site as being contained within Neighbourhood 10 - Oats Street. In terms of the future use of the land, the draft LPS comments as follows:

The Town's draft Activity Centres Strategy notes the **potential for intensification** and the **possibility of rezoning the Industrial zone land (west of the Perth-Armadale railway) for mixed-use (residential and commercial land uses).** At present, the State government's METRONET level crossing project is investigating road and rail options, including the removal and provision of a new station and identification of land redevelopment opportunities around the station.

Bold underline is for emphasis.

The draft LPS further identifies four actions for the Oat Street Precinct. Two of the actions relevant to the proposal are provided below.

- OS.1 Designate the Oats Street Neighbourhood as a Precinct Planning Area. Investigate the long-term future of Industrial land (west of the railway) and opportunities for higher density mixed use development (residential and commercial). Prepare a precinct structure plan (or other suitable planning instrument) to guide future updates to the local planning framework.
- OS.3 Following preparation of a Precinct Structure Plan (or other suitable planning instrument), determine whether Oat Street Station should be classified as an activity centre in accordance with State Planning Policy 4.2. Activity Centres.
- OS.4 Transition the current Town Planning Scheme No.1 zones and densities to the new Local Planning Scheme No.2 until further updates are recommended via Action OS.1.

Bold above is for emphasis.

In respect to the above, it is noted that the draft LPS requires further investigation of the long-term future of industrial land west of the railway (which includes the Scheme Amendment site). Moreover, that precinct structure planning is required to guide future planning and the current Town Planning Scheme No.1 zones should remain until further investigations are completed. The Scheme Amendment proposal seeks to pre-empt these outcomes.

## Central Sub-Regional Planning Framework

The Central Sub-Regional Planning Framework (the Framework) applies to the Scheme Amendment site. In terms of industrial land the Framework advises as follows:

As residential and commercial development has expanded and intensified and market forces and changes to products and production processes have arisen, these industrial areas have come under increasing pressure. It is important that the existing industrial areas within the Central sub-region continue to operate effectively and allow for adaptive land use as informed by the market without the threat of encroachment or replacement by sensitive land uses such as residential or retail.

In the Central sub-region, the conflict between competing uses, such as residential and commercial, is placing pressure on the stock of industrial land that, without intervention, may be dramatically reduced.

Bold is for emphasis.

The Scheme Amendment does not contemplate the loss of industrial land that would result from

the Scheme Amendment. The loss of industrial land requires consideration in the context of the draft LPS recommendation that the long-term future of industrial land (west of the railway) be investigated. Further, industrial land within the Central Sub-Region is a significant generator of employment. Rezoning the land for residential purposes would reduce the opportunity for local employment.

## **Draft State Planning Policy 4.2 Activity Centres**

Recognising that SPP4.2 has recently undergone a detailed review with a draft version of the policy, this submission considers the provisions of draft SPP4.2. Draft SPP4.2 was considered at the meeting of the WAPC on 23 March 2022. It is noted that the Scheme Amendment proposal does not consider draft SPP4.2.

The provisions of draft SPP4.2 seek to ensure planning and development adequately considers the distribution, function, and broad land use considerations for activity centres.

Clause 7.8 of draft SPP4.2 may require the preparation of a Needs Assessment for both a local planning scheme amendment and Precinct Structure Plan. A Needs Assessment provides an information base to support decision making by including an assessment of project land use needs of the community. It would be considered that a Needs Assessment would be required as part of future consideration of the long-term future of the industrial area west of the railway as foreshadowed in the draft LPS i.e. as part of a Precinct Plan or broader rezoning proposal.

Further to the above, action OS.3 for the Oats Street Precinct of the draft LPS outlines it is yet to be determine whether Oats Street Station should be classified as an activity centre in accordance with State Planning Policy 4.2. Activity Centres.

Having regard to the above, it is considered appropriate at this juncture to consider the proposal as out of centre development under the draft SPP4.2.

A key policy outcome of draft SPP4.2 includes discouraging out of centre development that undermines the hierarchy of activity centres. It further stipulates that out of centre development should minimise negative impacts to activity centres, be supported by public transport and minimise the need for individual private vehicle trips. One of the policy outcomes under draft SPP4.2 is as follows:

The primacy of activity centres is reinforced, and out-of-centre development that undermines the hierarchy of activity centres is discouraged.

A retail development exceeding 500m², which the Scheme Amendment proposes, requires the preparation of an Impact Assessment. An Impact Assessment is required to demonstrate the proposal will:

- not unreasonably impact upon existing, committed and planned public and private investment
- not unreasonably impact the activity centre hierarchy or their existing or planned activity centre functions and
- deliver net community benefits and not reduce the level of service to the community.

Where out of centre development is considered necessary in accordance with draft SPP4.2:

... it should be located to support the success of activity centres, minimise negative impacts to activity centres, be supported by public transport and minimise the need for individual private vehicle trips.

It is noted that an Impact Test was not prepared to support the Scheme Amendment. Given the above, an Impact Test should be required noting the increase in commercial / retail floor space to that which already exists on site.

Draft SPP4.2 Implementation Guidelines outlines requirements for Supermarkets at Clause 4.7.

Key considerations are as follows:

The planning and location of supermarkets should support the established and planned activity centre hierarchy.

Supermarkets are major generators of travel and can be important anchors for many activity centres, particularly at the local, neighbourhood and district level of the hierarchy.

It is noted that given the floorspace proposed, 2,300m<sup>2</sup>, and no limitation of further floorspace being provided that there is significant propensity for the establishment of a Supermarket.

The provision of an additional supermarket provides an anchor for the establishment of a new retail centre which is not contemplated by the planning framework as future precinct planning and foreshadowed by the draft LPS is yet to be completed.

### **Land Use Conflict**

The proposal arises significant opportunity for land use conflict by introducing a residential land use in an existing Industrial zone.

Under the Environmental Protection Authority's Separation Distances between Industrial and Sensitive Land Uses Guidance Note No.3 (EPA Guidance) separation distances are required between industrial and sensitive land uses ie. residential. Some examples of separation distances for uses that could be located in the Industrial 1 zone are as follows:

- Automotive spray painting 200m.
- Dry cleaners 100m.
- Food and beverage production 100m to 300m.
- Scrap metal recycling works 300 to 500m.

Whilst the Applicant argues that the subject site is on the periphery of the Industrial 1 zone, it is evident from the separation distances provided under the EPA Guidance the rezoning of the land has significant opportunity to fetter the current and ongoing use of industrial land for industrial purposes.

The image below provides two radii of 100m and 500m relative to the above-mentioned separation distances. This demonstrates that depending on the industrial use proposed separation under the EPA Guidance may not be achievable. That is, the current Industry 1 zone would be unduly constrained.



The Applicant in its submission considers potential for conflict between industrial and sensitive land uses in accordance with draft State Planning Policy 4.1 – Industrial Interface (draft SPP4.1) and concludes that the proposal is consistent with the objective of the policy.

The objectives of draft SPP4.1 are as follows:

- (a) protect existing and proposed industry, and infrastructure facilities from encroachment by incompatible land uses that would adversely affect efficient operations;
- (b) **avoid land use conflict** between existing and proposed industry / infrastructure facilities and sensitive land uses; and
- (c) promote compatible land uses in areas impacted by existing and proposed industry and infrastructure facilities.

The Scheme Amendment proposal could not be reasonably construed as protecting existing industry from encroachment of incompatible land uses or avoiding conflict between industry and sensitive land uses as it introduces a high density residential development into an existing industry zone.

The residential land use has significant potential to fetter existing industry uses and rezoning the site to allow for residential development cannot be construed as avoiding land use conflict. Whilst there are residential uses adjoining the Industrial 1 zone the density applied to this area is R40, whereas the density proposed via the Scheme Amendment is RAC3 which is significantly higher and introduces 165 apartments into the Industry 1 zone.

In terms of the matters raised above, further investigation of the long-term use of the land in a wholistic manner, with consideration of appropriate management of industrial interface issues is considered the most appropriate and orderly planning process. In the absence of a broader consideration of the future of surrounding land the Scheme Amendment is consider a piecemeal approach to orderly planning and a spot rezoning.

Concomitant with the above, whilst the Applicant considers the implications of State Planning Policy 5.4 Road and Rail Noise (SPP5.4) the assessment of the implications of noise from existing industrial development along with potential noise impacts from road and rail requires further consideration in a cumulative manner rather than deferring assessment to the Development Approval stage. A detailed review of the potential noise implications for the subject site is required to determine if the land is indeed suitable for residential development.

### **Summary and Conclusion**

Having regard to the above, the Scheme Amendment is objected to on the following grounds:

- The proposed rezoning is a spot rezoning.
- The draft LPS foreshadows the investigation of the long-term future of land west of the railway line through a Precinct Structure Plan or suitable planning mechanism. The Scheme Amendment seeks to subvert the planning process foreshadowed in the draft LPS and thus should not be supported. Any rezoning of the industrial land west of the railway line should be considered in a wholistic manner and planned appropriately through a Precinct Structure Plan or the like.
- Scheme Amendment would unduly fetter ongoing use and development of the Industry 1 zone contrary to SPP4.1 and the EPA Guidance. This is contrary to orderly and proper planning especially having regard to the introduction of a significant residential population.
- The Scheme Amendment proposes an expansion of commercial / retail floor space to 2,300m² without any limitation. Commercial / retail floorspace should be considered via future planning processes outlined within the draft LPS.

- For the reasons set out within this advice, the proposal should be considered at this
  juncture as an Out of Centre development and an Impact Assessment be prepared. In
  the absence of an Impact Assessment floorspace should be limited to the current
  1,600m² on site.
- Whilst the proposal contemplates a Mixed Use outcome a Commercial zoning is proposed. It is unclear as to why the Commercial / Residential zone is not sought given the proposed land use outcome.
- Having regard to the matters raised above, the proposal is contrary to orderly and proper planning.

#### **Submission 39**

We have reviewed the proposed amendment including the Applicant's report and are concerned that the proposal is inconsistent with the existing and contemplated local and regional planning framework. The proposed amendment has the potential to jeopardise the planning and development of the Oats Street activity centre, as well as disrupting the established activity centre hierarchy.

It is respectfully requested that the Town recommend Council do not progress this amendment proposal and proceed with the orderly and proper planning of the activity centre precinct as planned.

# **Proposed Scheme Amendment - Our Review**

It is understood the proposed amendment can be summarised as follows:

- The scheme amendment proposes to rezone a 9,474m<sup>2</sup> site from 'Industrial 1' to 'Commercial' with a density code of R-AC3. No further restrictions (built form, land use or floorspace) are proposed to be included in the scheme amendment.
- A high-level concept plan is provided with the scheme amendment, however, has no statutory weight following determination of the amendment.
  - The concept plan shows three six-storey mixed use buildings, containing predominantly residential apartments with ground level commercial uses in the form a supermarket.
  - The concept plan shows the supermarket tenancy expanding from the existing 1,600m<sup>2</sup> to 2,300m<sup>2</sup> of retail floorspace.

# **Matters for Consideration and Requested Actions**

Follow an assessment of the proposed amendment against the applicable and seriously entertained planning framework, the proposed amendment should not be progressed for the reasons outlined below.

# **Due Planning Process and Precinct Planning**

The subject site is identified as being within an 'activity centre' by Perth and Peel @ 3.5 million. Notwithstanding this activity centre extends over the full industrial area which the subject site is a part of and an extensive area surrounding the Oats Street Train Station. Perth and Peel @ 3.5 million is a regional level planning document, intended to guide the preparation of precinct level planning documents for a thirty year period. This document identifies that the activity centre surrounding Oats Street Train Station needs to go through a detailed planning process and does not necessarily designate the subject site as 'commercial'. Based on the above it is inappropriate to justify a spot rezoning on an area yet to go through the required precinct planning process due to a designation in a regional level, 30+ year land use document.

The proposed amendment is entirely inconsistent with the land use designation under the draft Local Planning Strategy (draft LPS), considered to be a seriously entertained and therefore relevant assessment document. The subject site is identified as 'Industrial' pursuant to the draft LPS (Figure 2 of the draft LPS) and is located outside the area around Oats Street Station, identified for future precinct planning. It is noted that the applicant report does not address this.

The subject site is located within Neighbourhood 10 – Oats Street Station of the draft LPS, an area which presents an opportunity for intensification. It notes the potential for the rezoning of the industrial land for mixed use residential and commercial development, however, notes that this requires additional investigation. Following investigation of whether this rezoning would be appropriate, the draft LPS specifies that a Precinct Structure Plan (PSP) or other suitable planning instrument be prepared to guide the future development of the area. The proposed amendment disregards these two important processes and may prejudice the future planning and development of this activity centre. Specifically:

- If, via the detailed planning process, it is determined that some of the industrial land within Neighbourhood 10 is more appropriately retained as industrial land, the proposed amendment may create land use conflict.
- If a neighbourhood centre is modelled to be the appropriate size of activity centre within Neighbourhood 10, the proposed development may fulfill that retail demand, in a location which is not proximal to the train station and may not be the optimal planning outcome for the community. This would jeopardise the planning and development of the Oats Street activity centre.

In regard to the future Oats Street activity centre the draft LSP states: "determine a suitable classification following precinct structure planning". As an activity centre on the subject site is not specifically contemplated in the existing or proposed planning framework, the formalisation of an activity centre in this location must be considered as a new activity centre in the context of the draft LSP. This is addressed further below in relation to State Planning Policy 4.2 – Activity Centres for Perth and Peel (SPP4.2). On this basis, the creation of a new neighbourhood activity centre (as proposed in this scheme amendment) prior to precinct structure planning is not the correct planning process.

The draft LPS provides an extensive list of the strategic matters which need to be considered, worked through and addressed in the future planning of this activity centre and the surrounding area. The proposed amendment will proceed without this vital step in the planning process, potentially jeopardising the future development and operation of the activity centre. These relevant matters outlined in the draft LPS that should be planned and addressed by more detailed precinct planning are summarised as follows:

- Potential relocation of Oats Street Train Station as a part of the METRONET Level Crossing Removal project.
- Appropriate boundaries for the neighbourhood activity centre.
- The merits of retaining industrial land and uses.
- The <u>potential</u> to transition <u>all or part</u> of the industrial zone to mixed commercial and residential land uses.
- The need for a buffer between the residential land uses and the existing industrial land uses.

### Land Use Conflict and Encroachment on Industrial Land

The proposed amendment will encroach on the industrial precinct without certainty that the remainder of the precinct will change to a mixed use zone in the future. The 'spot rezoning' nature of the proposed amendment sets a dangerous precedent for the piecemeal removal of important industrial land from this precinct over the coming years, prior to the finalisation of the planning framework. The encroachment on industrial land has the potential to create land use conflict in the future by bringing high intensity, sensitive land uses (residential dwellings) and high traffic generating uses (expanded retail) into an industrial zone. The Applicant states this is not an issue as the surrounding land will not always be industrial, however, this is not certain. This is inconsistent with the objectives of Draft State Planning Policy 4.1 – Industrial Interface (draft SPP4.1).

Industrial land within inner city locations is required for the operation of the Perth Metropolitan Region. The subject site forms part of a valuable industrial precinct and strategic employment area for the Victoria Park community. Removal of industrial land justified by the demolition of an aging building and replacement with a new development is not valid planning justification or orderly and proper planning. The draft LPS notes the importance of the subject site within the industrial area as an employment area.

## **Activity Centre Planning**

A draft Activity Centre Strategy (draft ACS) was prepared by the Town in 2017. This strategy built upon the earlier Activity Centre Strategy prepared in 2013 following the designation of a future Oats Street district centre under SPP4.2. The 2013 report found that the model results "show that while being designated as a district centre it will be based on uses other than retailing, predominantly mixed commercial and residential uses. The modelled retail floorspace potential for 2031 is shown as approximately 2,100m² which represents a small neighbourhood centre". The 2017 report concluded that this is still relevant.

The 2017 draft ACS designates a 'Oats Street Station Activation Area' as opposed to a specific activity centre. This is consistent with the actual activity centre and future retail/commercial node not having been identified as a part of the 2017 draft ACS. Since the draft ACS was prepared, a Woolworths Supermarket has been proposed at the intersection of Shepperton Road, Albany Highway and Welshpool Road, approximately 200 metres from the subject site. The needs analysis for the Oats Street activity centre should be revised in light of this proposal to ensure the activity centre hierarchy is maintained and is sustainable.

The draft ACS does not provide conclusive implementation strategies, needs analysis or spatial specification for the Oats Street activity centre. On this basis, additional needs analysis, retail modelling and precinct planning is required prior to the creation of a retail activity node on the outskirts of the activity centre. The proposed amendment has the potential to fulfil the entire future retail need in the area, in a location which may not be optimal.

SPP4.2 identifies Oats Street as a 'District Centre', however, the Town's strategic planning framework recommends it be considered a neighbourhood centre. This uncertainty requires a more detailed needs assessment, undertaken as a part of and based on a detailed precinct planning process. Without knowing the composition of the activity centre and surrounding, the need for retail and commercial uses within the activity centre cannot be determined.

The Applicant has not assessed the proposed amendment against draft SPP4.2 which is understood to be imminent. This is required prior to any further progression of the proposed amendment.

Due to the uncapped nature of the future activity centre use, development made possible by the proposed amendment may be considered Major Development pursuant to draft SPP4.2. As the Oats Street activity centre is relatively undefined and unplanned, the proposed amendment should be considered as 'out of centre development'. Draft SPP4.2 requires the following assessments which have not been addressed or included as supporting documentation in the proposed amendment:

- A needs assessment as it may facilitate Major Development on the subject site.
- A needs assessment for the precinct structure plan.
- An impact assessment at the discretion of the Town / WAPC.

### **Amendment Classification**

The draft LPS has been advertised and sent to the WAPC for assessment and is therefore considered to be a seriously entertained planning document. On this basis in conjunction with the non-compliance identified above, the amendment must be considered a 'Complex' amendment pursuant to the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Scheme) Regulations 2015* (the Regulations). The Applicant's assessment on this matter is incorrect.

### **Amendment Content**

Should the Town and Council elect to progress the proposed amendment, a retail floorspace cap and additional built form controls should be included in the amendment and subsequently within LPS1. The retail floorspace cap should be accompanied by a needs and impact assessment, due to the existing retail development on the subject site not being considered by the local or state planning framework.

The Applicant has provided a concept plan which the majority of their planning justification relies on to address the significant planning and due process non-compliance. This plan is entirely conceptual and holds no statutory planning weight. The landowner (potentially a different landowner in the future) may develop an entirely different proposal on the subject site if the proposed amendment is adopted.

## **Applicant Justification**

The Applicant has provided the following points of justification. We have identified issues with these points, please see below:-

- 1. It provides greater certainty around the timeframes for redevelopment which will allow for the retention of the Swansea Street Markets at the current location.
  - The requirement to develop the subject site with a non-compliant development proposal and land use does not override the objective to plan the precinct in an orderly and proper way, with consideration to land use conflict and the activity centre hierarchy.
- 2. The proposal is consistent with the objectives of the draft Local Planning Strategy.
  - The proposal may be consistent with the objectives, however it is entirely inconsistent with the land use allocation in the draft LPS. This has not been addressed by the Applicant.
  - The draft LPS objectives do not encourage spot rezonings. The draft LPS contains
    the objective to "ensure an appropriate transition in built form and scale between
    future higher density development and surrounding lower scale development". As the
    subject site is identified as 'Industrial' pursuant to the draft LPS, there is no certainty
    that the proposed amendment will provide for an appropriate transition of built
    form and land use in the future.
- 3. The amendment will not create conflict with surrounding land uses.

- This cannot be certain without understanding what the future planning and development of the area will entail. Several external matters will impact the outcomes of the future planning of this precinct. A spot rezoning such as this proposed amendment does not allow for the comprehensive planning and technical review required to ensure no land use conflict will occur.
- In the current and proposed planning framework, there is no certainty that the industrial land containing and surrounding the subject site will be rezoned in the future.
- 4. The amendment will not prejudice the future precinct planning of the Oats Street Station precinct.
  - As above. Precinct wide planning and external factors need to be considered and will contribute to determining whether the proposed amendment is appropriate or not. At this preliminary stage it is not possible to say if the proposed amendment will prejudice the future planning of the precinct or not. This is primarily in relation to:
    - The activity centre hierarchy and location of retail land uses.
    - Land use conflict associated with residential land uses and high traffic generating land uses such as a larger shop, within an industrial area.

The significant State Government investment in the Metronet Level Crossing Removal Project provides an opportunity for this unplanned and undeveloped activity centre. The proposed amendment has the potential to compromise the success of this activity centre by not allowing for the required planning process.

## **Summary**

Following a review of the proposed scheme amendment, we respectfully request the Town recommend that Council do not progress the amendment. This is based a range of inconsistencies with the existing and proposed local planning framework and the future issues the proposed amendment has the potential to cause.

The proposed amendment is a spot rezoning to create a residential and commercial neighbourhood centre, in a location where it is not provided for within the existing or proposed strategic planning framework. The proposal has the potential to create land use conflict, disrupt the activity centre hierarchy and jeopardise the planning and development of the Oats Street activity centre.

The main issues identified with the proposed amendment are summarised as follows:

- It is not orderly and proper planning and should be postponed until precinct planning for the area has been completed. The justification from the Applicant surrounding the need to remove an aging building and deliver the product to market prior to the due planning processes being undertaken is not appropriate or valid.
- The proposal is inconsistent with the seriously entertained draft LPS. The proposed amendment does not simply allow for a shop development which is already capable of approval on the site. It proposes to establish a neighbourhood centre in an unplanned location, with a significant residential, mixed use component.
- The proposal has not been assessed against draft SPP4.2 (understood to be imminent). Pursuant to draft SPP4.2 a needs assessment and potentially an impact test should be prepared for the precinct prior to any further planning of the activity centre occurring.
- The planning framework is still inconsistent on whether a district or neighbourhood centre is appropriate for Oats Street and the associated position of that centre. The proposed amendment has the potential to prejudice the future planning and delivery of this activity centre.
- The proposed shop-retail floorspace should be capped at the existing levels on site, subject to a Retail Needs Assessment / Impact Test.
- The proposed amendment is most appropriately classified as a 'Complex Amendment' pursuant to the Regulations.
- The proposed spot rezoning will remove valuable industrial land and may create a land use conflict with the surrounding industrial land. Dense residential uses in this location are not appropriate until the future of the surrounding industrial area has been determined and appropriate buffers can be established.
- The Applicant has not appropriately addressed all aspects of the planning framework with notable omissions include the draft LPS map, draft SPP4.2 and a retail or needs assessment.

### **Submission 40**

I wish to raise a concern about this request for 176 Swansea St to become a commercial property. I am all for development but it's the height of the building that concerns me. With my father's property directly across the road, He is concerned about shadowing in the peak of winter as a 6 story building will reduce the northern direct sunlight greatly. Especially if it's built close to the street boundaries.

His property has a large amount of established fruit trees and I was in touch with Town of VP planning last month about turning his property into a community garden. I am waiting to hear back. Our wish is to maintain it as a green block and not develop villas. If his block is shadowed for the majority of the year, it will impact these plans of a community garden greatly.

I also would like to see computer generated shadowing images of exactly how a 6 story building will impact his block.

### **Submission 41**

I write to voice my concern over the proposed change of zoning and subsequent proposed development at 176-178 Swansea Street East.

I have owned and operated xxx at xxx since 2013. We are Perth's largest xxx and I encourage you to visit our website to fully understand the scope of our business

We operate from 6pm - 11pm nightly for rehearsals and during daytime hours for recording. Rehearsal consists of up to 14 separate bands all in separate soundproofed rooms, practicing for their upcoming events or recordings. Recording consists of 1 or 2 bands in 2 separate studio rooms recording during the day (recording noise level does not compare to rehearsals)

My main concern is that changing the zoning at 176-178 Swansea St to R-AC3 will severely affect the Industrial zoning across the street on Milford St.

At present there are residential apartments on Swansea Street 60 metres from my particular building. This is the LIME apartment complex. We have not had any noise issues resulting from this close locality in the 9 years we have been operating. However the proposed Swansea market apartments will fall just 25 metres from the longest span of my premises.

There are also other Industrial and commercial businesses bordering the 176-178 lot including several industrial type gyms (boxing, karate, crossfit) and car mechanics to name a few.

Other businesses have large trucks delivering regularly due to the high volume of manufacturing businesses on Milford and surrounding streets.