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OPERATION OF THE LOCAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK

This section sets out the Municipal Strategic Statement and the Local Planning Policies that apply to the area covered by this scheme.

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Operation of the Municipal Strategic Statement

The Municipal Strategic Statement (MSS) is a concise statement of the key strategic planning, land use and development objectives for the municipality and the strategies and actions for achieving the objectives. It furthers the objectives of planning in Victoria to the extent that the State Planning Policy Framework is applicable to the municipality and local issues. It provides the strategic basis for the application of the zones, overlays and particular provisions in the planning scheme and decision making by the responsible authority.

The MSS provides an opportunity for an integrated approach to planning across all areas of council and should clearly express links to the corporate plan. The MSS is dynamic and enables community involvement in its ongoing review. The MSS will be built upon as responsible authorities develop and refine their strategic directions in response to the changing needs of the community.

When preparing amendments to this scheme and before making decisions about permit applications, planning and responsible authorities must take the MSS into account.

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Operation of the Local Planning Policies

Local Planning Policies are tools used to implement the objectives and strategies of the Municipal Strategic Statement.

A Local Planning Policy (LPP) is a policy statement of intent or expectation. It states what the responsible authority will do in specified circumstances or the responsible authority's expectation of what should happen. The LPP gives the responsible authority an opportunity to state its view of a planning issue and its intentions for an area. An LPP provides guidance to decision making on a day to day basis. It can help the community to understand how the responsible authority will consider a proposal. The consistent application of policy over time should achieve a desired outcome.

When preparing amendments to this scheme and before making decisions about permit applications, planning and responsible authorities must take the LPPs into account.