# APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT PLAN CONSENT

# Proposed Residential Development at 266 Melbourne St, North Adelaide



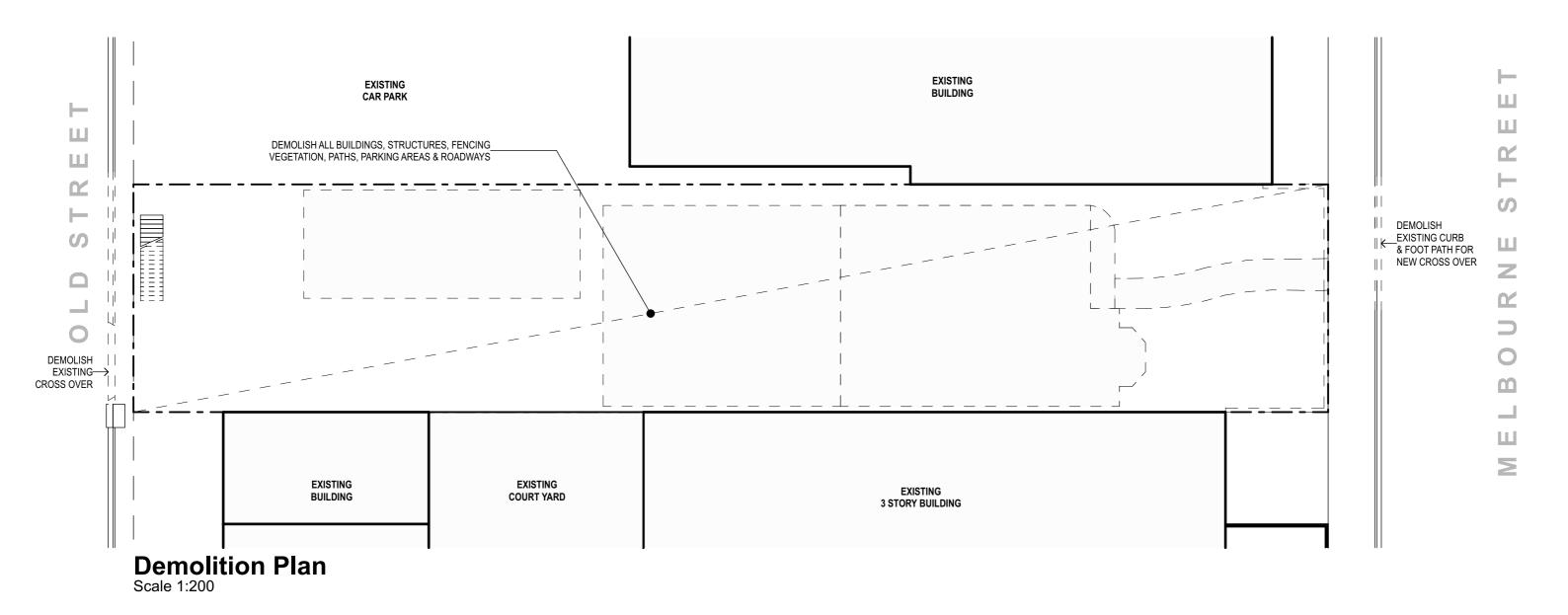
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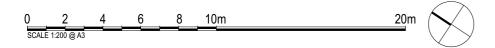


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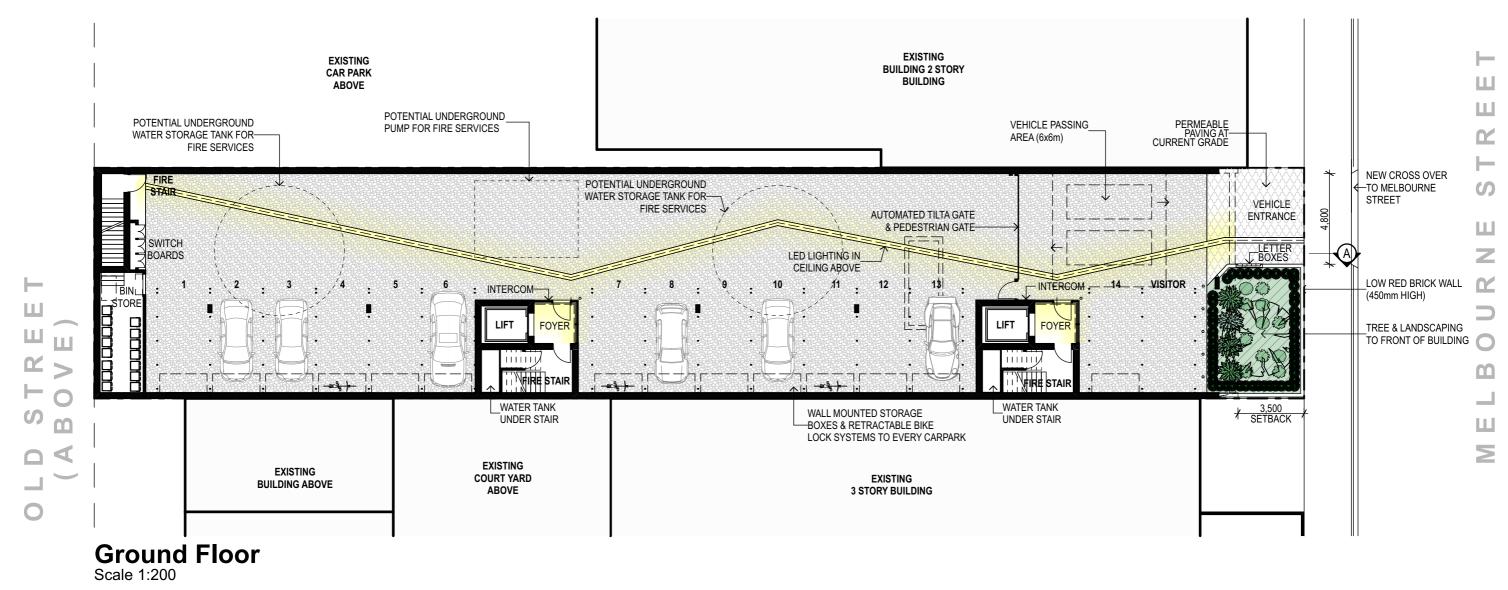
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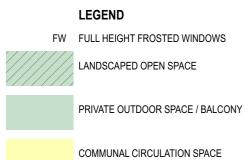






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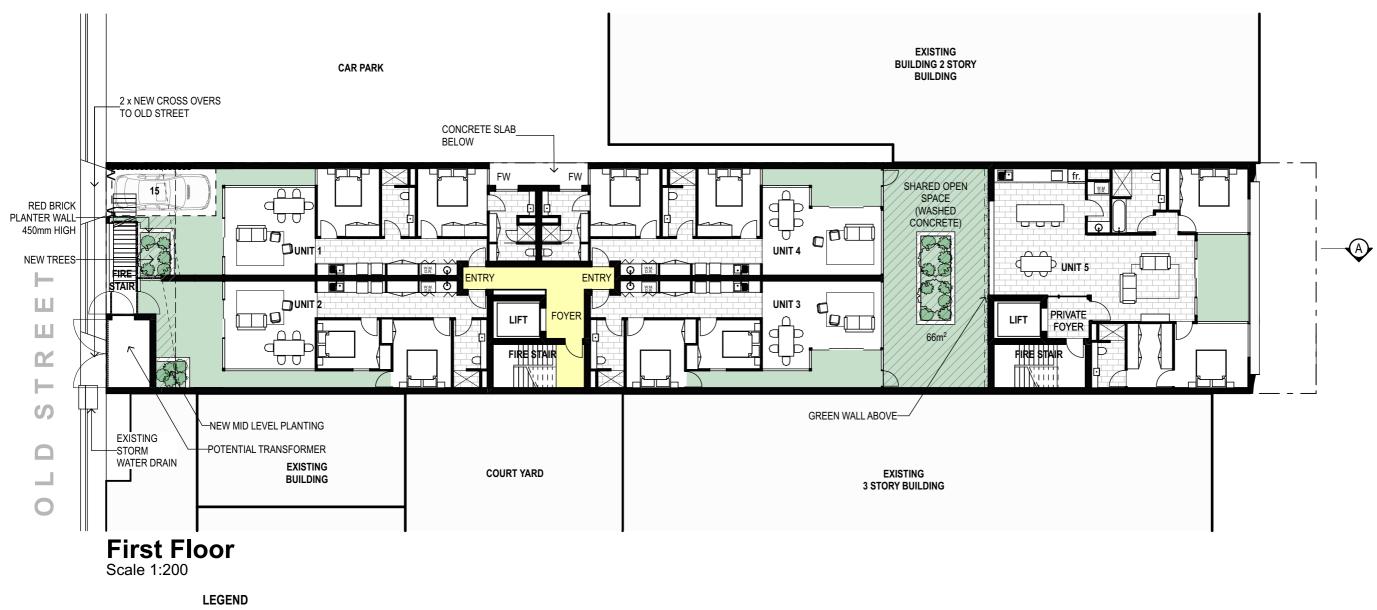


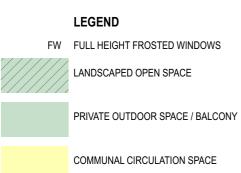


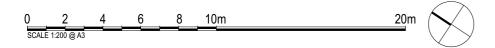


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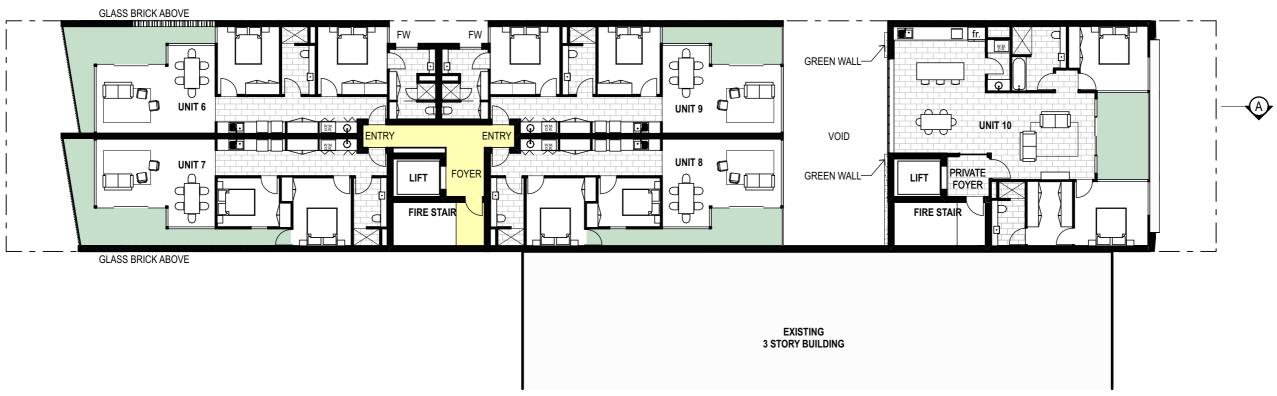




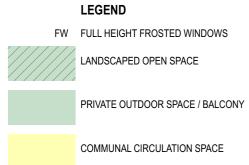




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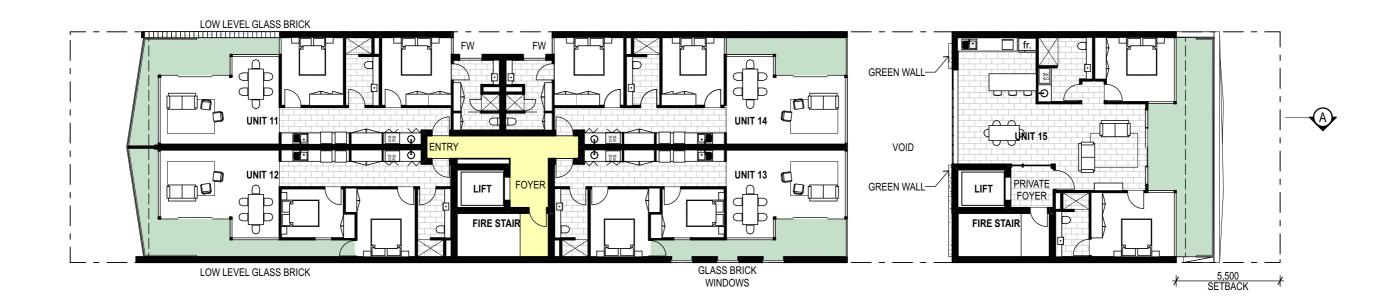
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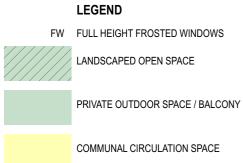
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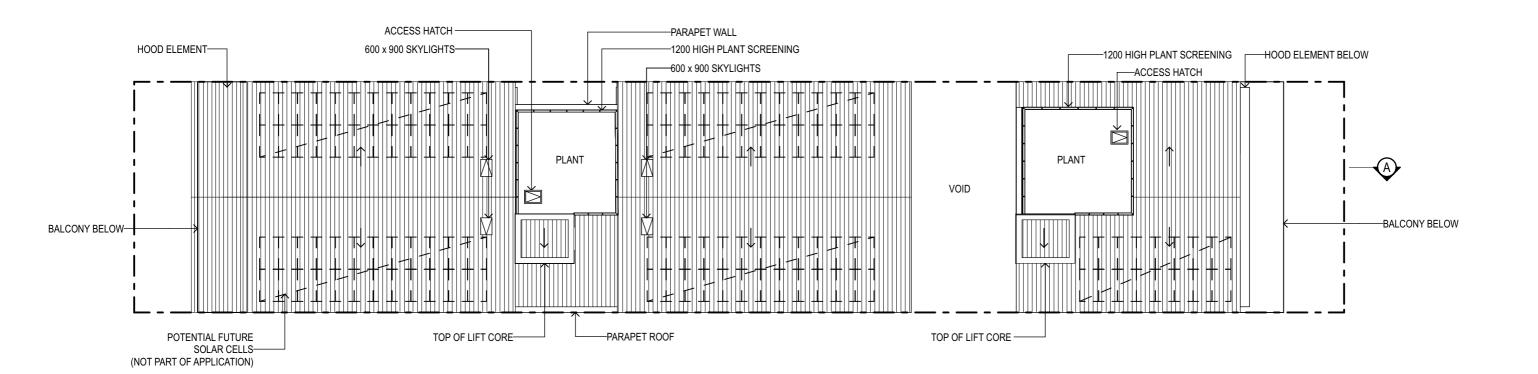
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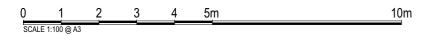
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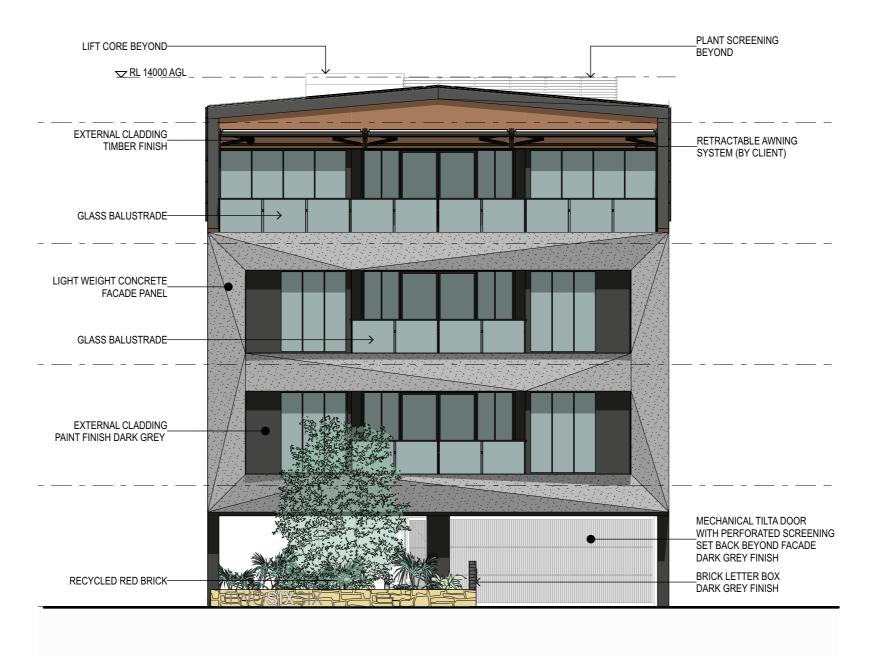
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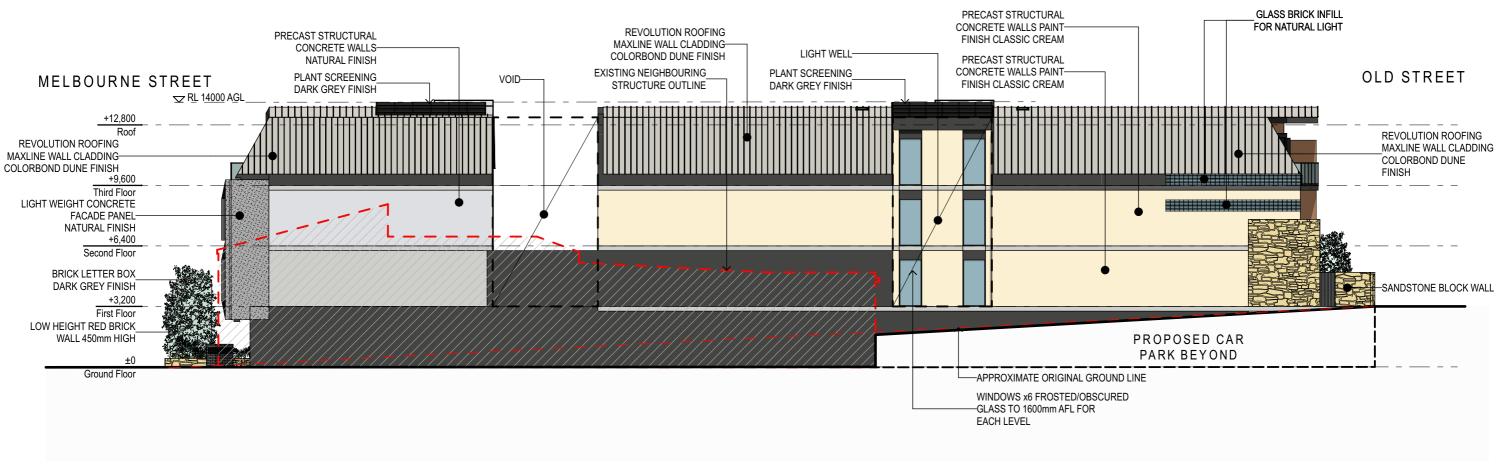
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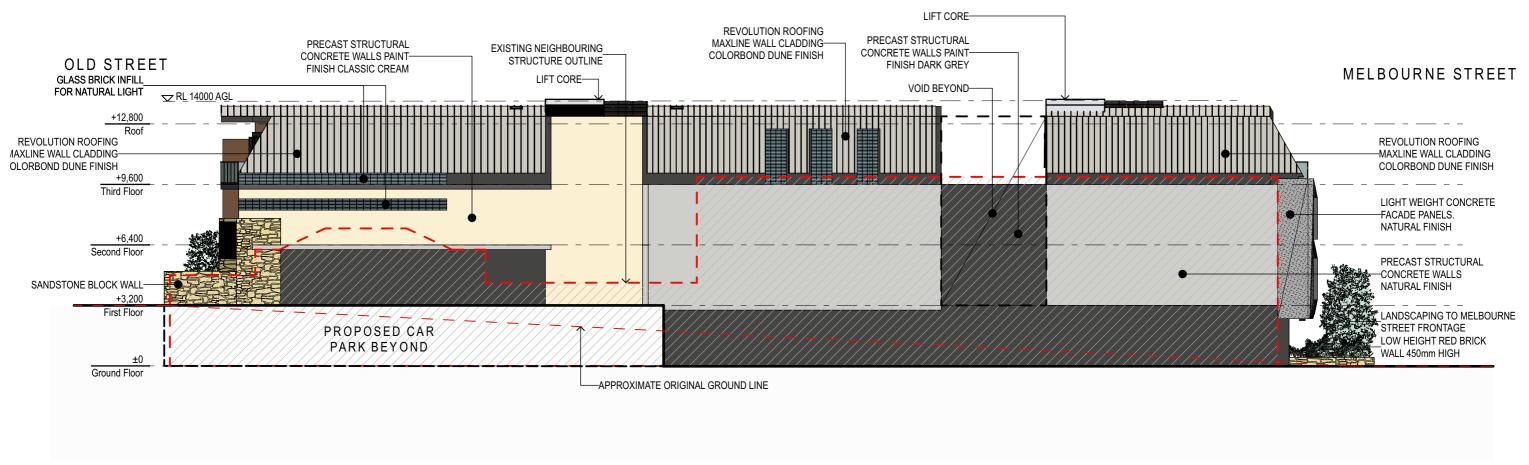
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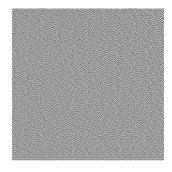
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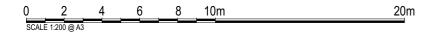
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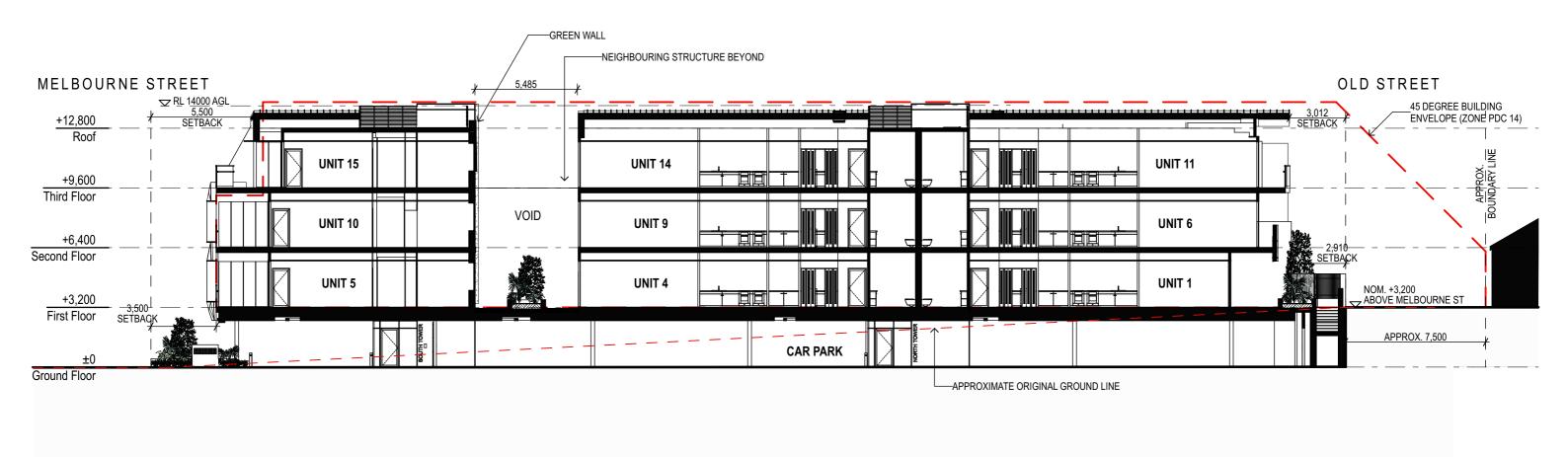


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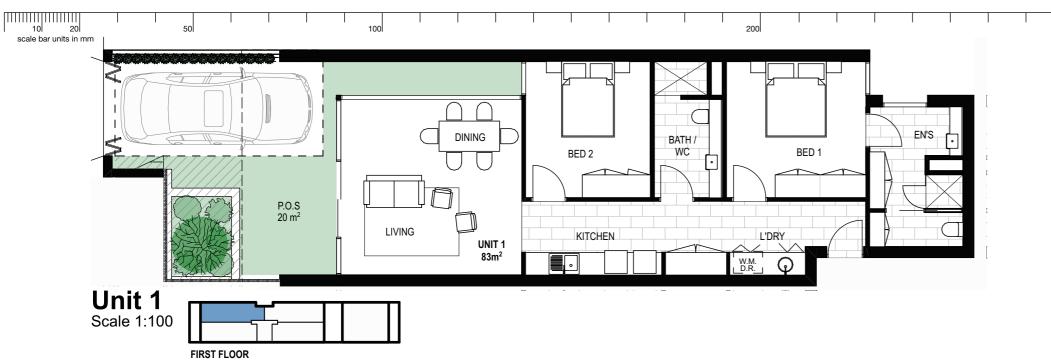


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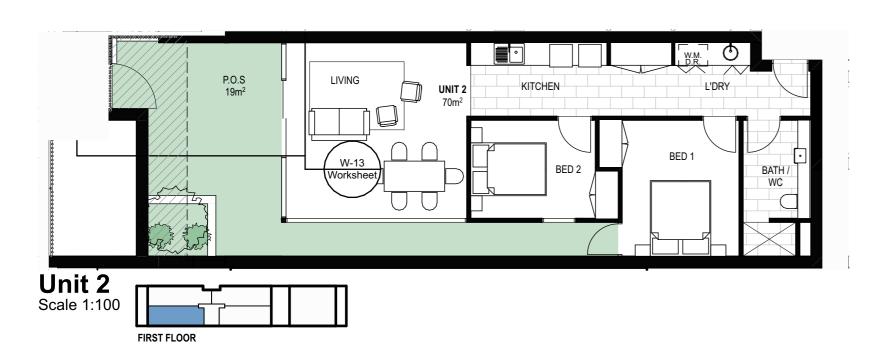
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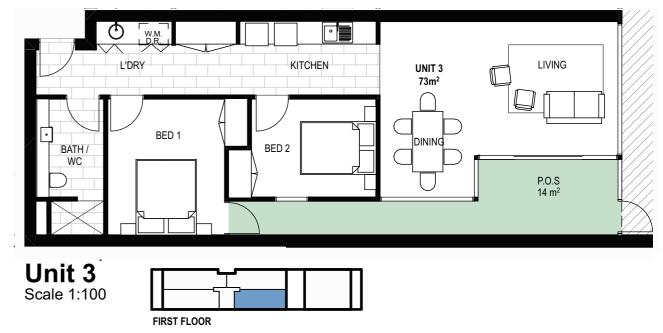


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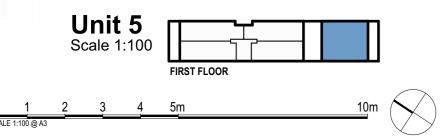
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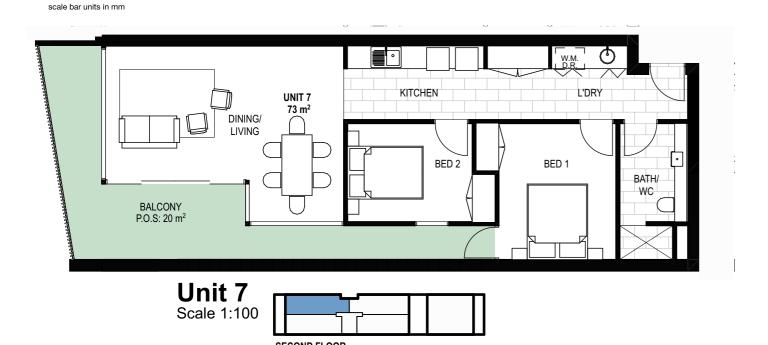
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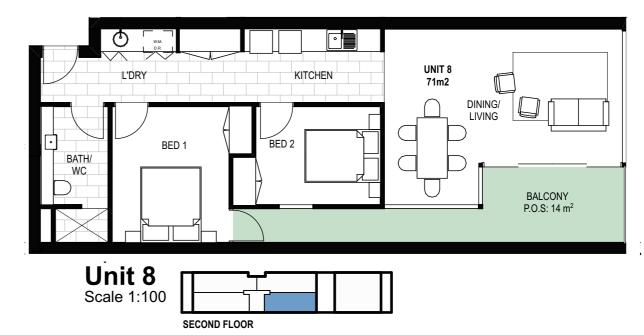


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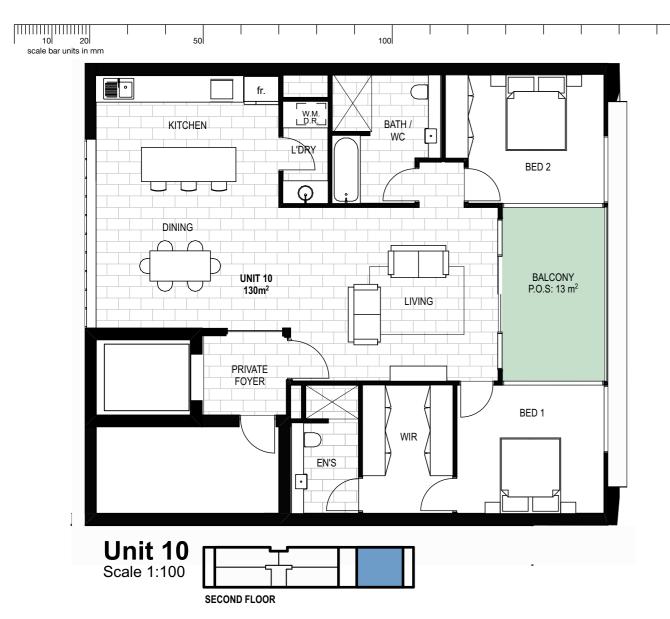
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KITCHEN L'DRY UNIT 12 BED 2 BATH/ BALCONY P.O.S: 20 m<sup>2</sup>

**Unit 12** Scale 1:100

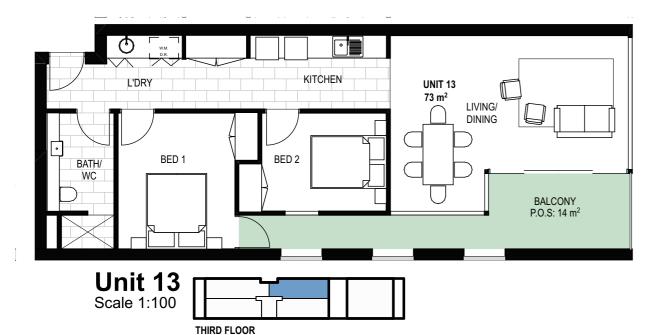
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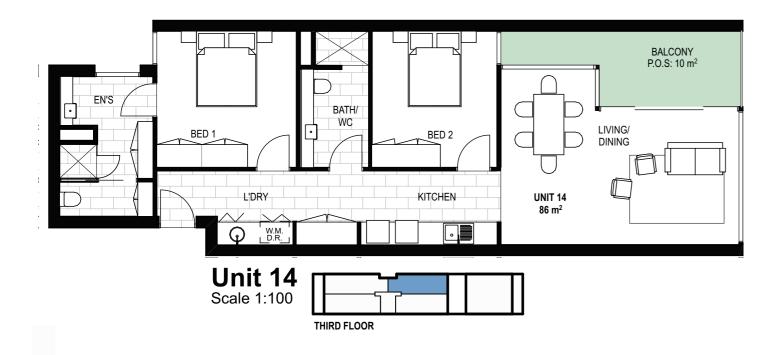
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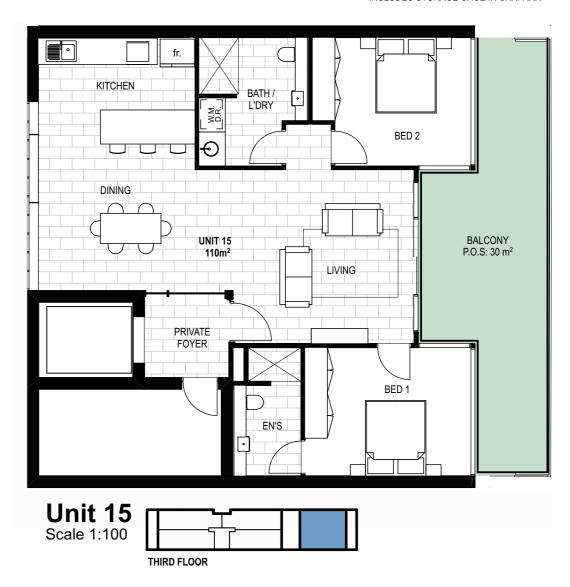




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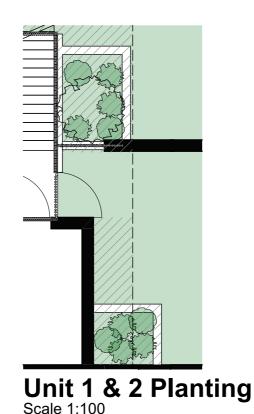
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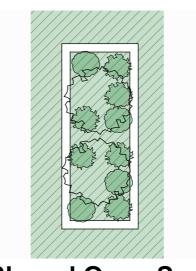
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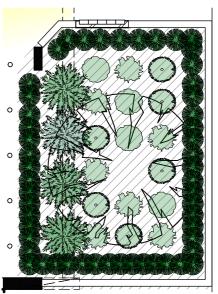
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**Shared Open Space Planting** 



**Melbourne Street Frontage Planting** 

# Golden Wattle 🧳

Acacia pycnantha

**Description**: A small to medium sized upright tree. It is reasonably fast growing, but can be short-lived 10 – 15 yrs. Large attractive glossy leaves especially in the earlier years of growth. Fast growth provides good coverage for a new garden. A non-invasive species suitable for small gardens, and allows for under planting of small shrubs and groundcover

Height & width: Height 5-8m x Width 2-3m

Preferred Position: Prefers an open sunny position, & suits most well drained soils.

Flowers: Attractive golden vellow flowers in late winter to early spring

small tree beneficial as part of a screen with more compac shrub species planted in between.

Habitat Value: Nectar provides food for birds. Naturally occur throughout a wide range of habitats throughout the Adelaide Hills & Plains





tree prefers swampy or boggy conditions. It is a fast growing small tree with long dull green leaves. May be short-lived 10 -15 yrs. Fast growth provides good coverage for a new garder A non-invasive species suitable for small gardens, and allows for under planting of small shrubs and groundcover species Height & width: Height 5-8m x Width 2-3m

referred Position: Prefers a semi shady - open sunny position & suits most boggy soils.

Flowers: Attractive pale vellow alobular flowers in spring to

once established and will tolerate extended dry periods conditions exist during the winte months. Fast growing small tree beneficial as part of a screen with more compact shrub spe olanted in between. Habitat Value: Flowers and seed

oods attract both birds and

sects. Naturally occurs along the riparian zone and wetter



Description: A small to mediun attractive fast growing shrub. Has an open branching appearance, with small round eaves along the branching

that is suitable for small aarde Height & width: Height 2m x

Preferred Position: Prefers an open sunny position, & suits n well drained soils.

Flowers: Attractive yellow flowers along the length of the tems in late winter to early spring. Flowers can cover the entire plant producing a spectacular display.

Maintenance: Low water use once established. Can be pruned after flowering to maintain a more compact form Suitable to be under-planted with smaller shrubs or ground cover such as Hardenbergia violacea.



# Twiggy Daisy Bush 🞉

**Description:** Hardy low maintenance medium sized open shrub with blue-grey to areen foliage. Reasonably fast growing, but can be short-lived Height & width: Height 1-2m x

Width 1-2m Preferred Position: Prefers an open full sun to semi shaded position, & suits most soil

conditions. Flowers: Small white daisy flowers appear from late autumn

Maintenance: Can be a low maintenance plant but does respond well to regular light pruning to maintain a appearance of naturally occurring plants. Habitat Value: Naturally occurred along the te



## Knobby Club-rush

Description: Hardy low maintenance clump forming

rush. Excellent for mass plantings in a landscape type project or for use around ponds or as a low border Height & width: Height 50- 100cm x Width 30-50cm

**Preferred Position:** Prefers an open full sun – semi position, but will grow fine in a well draining situation Flowers: Attractive round brown fruit at the end of tall spikes make this an attractive landscaping plant. Maintenance: Very low maintenance & low water use

Habitat Value: Naturally occurs along the and throughout semi boggy area of the



# Common Everlasting 💘

Chrysocephalum apiculatum Description: Very hardy fast growing ground cover. Has attractive grey to silver foliage. This non-invasive species suitable for small gardens and rockeri

in the shade.

Height & width: Height 20 - 40 cm x Width 0.5 - 1m Preferred Position: Prefers an open full-sun position, & requires well-drained soils. Will not tolerate boggy conditio or over watering, and will not grow as vigorously if planted

Flowers: Long lasting golden yellow flowers appear from late spring through to early autumn.

Maintenance: Very low water use hardy groundcover Can be clipped back after flowering or in early spring to encourage new growth and maintain a compact condition. Light pruning of dead flowers during summe months will encourage new flowers and a longer flowering



# Ruby Saltbush 💖 💥

Enchylaena tomentosa Description: Attractive blue

arev foliaged groundcover Very hardy, fast growing an suits a range of conditions. Excellent for planting under trees and shrubs and suits



Preferred Position: Prefers an open full sun or semi-shaded position, & suits most well drained soils

Flowers: Flowers are in insignificant, although an attractive display of yellow or red berries appear from late summer to autumn.

Can be planted in clumps or long strips for landscape

and northern Adelaide Plains Berries are a good fo

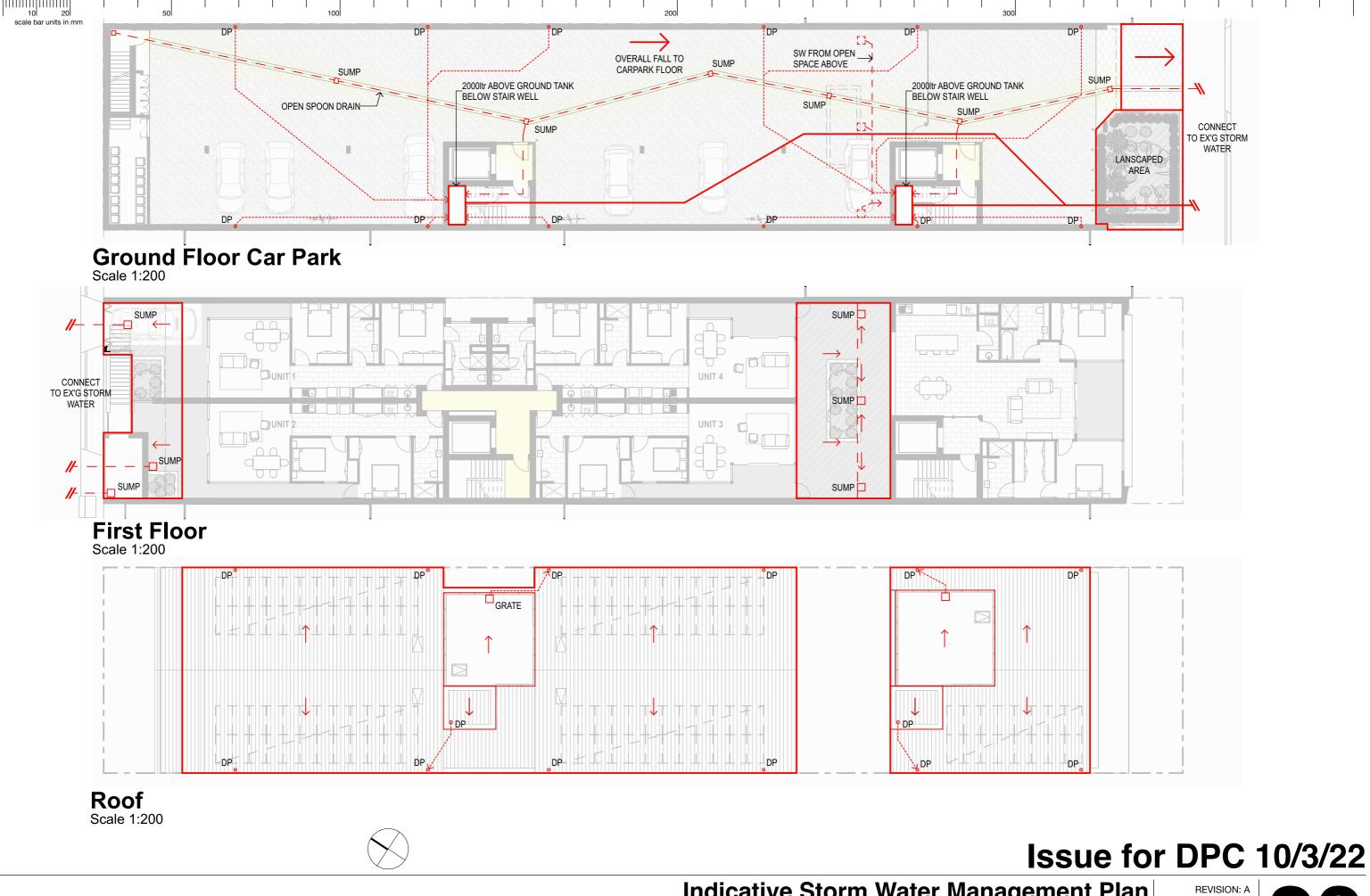














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266 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

This planning report has been prepared in relation to a proposal by The Sunshine Life Pty Ltd to demolish the existing medical consulting room building at 266 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide and to subsequently construct a four storey, residential flat building ('the proposed building').

The proposed building has been designed to accommodate fifteen, two-bedroom dwellings across the first, second and third floor levels. The ground floor level will comprise of landscaping, car parking, bicycle and bin storage areas.

In preparing this planning report, we have:

- inspected the site and its immediate surroundings;
- identified and subsequently reviewed what we consider to be the most pertinent provisions of the Adelaide (City) Development Plan ('the Development Plan') consolidated 30 April 2020;
- considered the waste management phone advice from the Adelaide City Council Cleansing Department;
- examined the Certificate of Title for the subject allotment at Appendix 1; and
- examined the amended set of architectural drawings dated 11/6/21 at Appendix 2.

This planning report contains, amongst other things, our description of the site, its immediate surroundings and the proposal, as well as our assessment of the proposal.



## 2. THE SITE

The site is on the northern side of Melbourne Street, between New Street to the north-east and Brougham Place to the south-west.

The site is wholly contained within the one rectangular shaped allotment containing a frontage of 12.19 metres to Melbourne Street, a frontage of 12.19 metres to Old Street, a uniform depth of 64 metres and an area of approximately 780 square metres.

The site is presently occupied by a single storey building which is set back some 11.18 metres from the Melbourne Street frontage and approximately 1.13 metres from the eastern side boundary and is used for medical consulting services by a company known as 'Cosmétique', a fertility specialist and medical practitioner.

The rear of the side contains a partially covered, formal car parking area with vehicle access provided via Old Street.

A grassed area with some shrubs is located forward of the existing building, however, the site is largely devoid of any substantial plantings that are visually prominent from the two streetscapes.

The existing building is not heritage listed.

As noted on the Certificate of Title, there are no registered easements or encumbrances that would constrain development on this parcel of land.

There is a regulated tree and significant tree located within the adjoining land to the east at 264 Melbourne Street. The two trees are identified as Tree 1 (regulated) and 2 (significant) in Figure 2.1 below.

Figure 2.1 Tree Locations





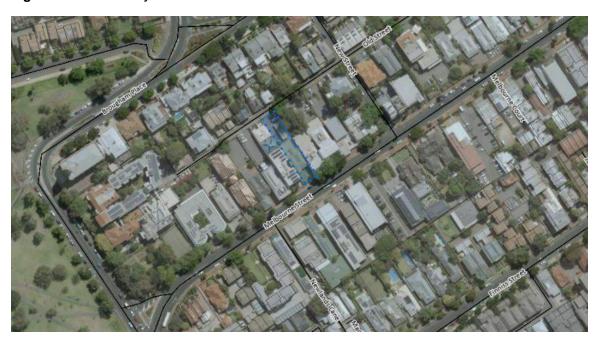
## 3. THE LOCALITY

Whilst inspecting the site and its immediate surroundings, we noticed, amongst other things, that:

- the site is located directly adjacent a three-storey residential flat building (Ronald McDonald House) to the south west;
- the north-western (rear) boundary of the site is physically separated by Old Street from an adjacent local heritage listed dwelling, located directly opposite at 98 Old Street and within the North Adelaide Historic (Conservation) Zone;
- the adjoining North Adelaide Historic (Conservation) Zone generally contains built form of one to two storeys in height, built to the Old Street boundary with materials and finishes comprising red brick, stone, 'cream' render and metal roof cladding;
- there are three-storey commercial buildings sited directly opposite to the south of the site and three-storey buildings for residential and commercial approximately 75 metres to the east;
- the site is directly adjacent commercial uses to the north-east;
- St Ann's College is located approximately 73 metres to the west of the site and is occupied by built form up to four storeys;
- cars are permitted to be parked parallel to the kerb on the northern side of Melbourne Street
  for up to, but not exceeding, two hours at a time between the hours of 9:00 am and 6:00 pm
  on weekdays, and between the hours of 9:00 am and 12:00 pm on Saturdays (outside of
  these times, no further parking restrictions apply); and
- there are four bus stops within 110 metres of the site, located along Melbourne Street. Two stops being to the east and two to the west of the site.

The site, in relation to its immediate surroundings, is captured within Figure 3.1 below.

Figure 3.1 The Locality





#### 4. THE PROPOSAL

The proponents seek development plan consent ('consent') from the City of Adelaide ('the Council') to demolish the existing buildings on the site, and to subsequently replace it with a four storey, residential flat building.

The proposal is depicted across the compendium of drawings at Appendix 1.

It is also summarised below.

#### 4.1 Demolition

To facilitate the proposal, the existing single storey building and covered car parking shelter will need to be demolished in its entirety.

Given that this building falls within the boundaries of the Corporation of the City of Adelaide, the proponents require and, therefore, seek consent from the Council as part of this development application to lawfully undertake this activity.

#### 4.2 Orientation

The proposed building will be orientated towards both street frontages to address Melbourne Street and Old Street.

#### 4.3 Siting

The ground floor level of the proposed building is setback 3.5 metres from the front boundary (Melbourne Street) to provide an open landscaped area bordered by a low masonry wall. The ground level is then to be built to abut the side boundaries and rear boundary to Old Street, with the rear portion to be cut in below the existing ground level adjoining Old Street.

The first, second and third floors of the building are proposed to be built to the side boundaries and are separated into two sections via a shared open space and void area.

The first-floor level comprises a front setback of 3.5 metres from the Melbourne Street frontage and 4.7 metres to the rear boundary, with two separate car parking spaces fronting Old Street.

The second-floor level comprises a 3.5 metre setback from the Melbourne Street frontage and a rear setback of 3.6 metres.

The third floor comprises a front setback of 5.5 metres to the main face (3.5m to the balcony) and 4.8 metres from the rear boundary (3.6 metres to the balcony).

#### 4.4 Internal Layout

#### 4.4.1 Ground Floor

The ground floor level within the proposed building will contain:

- 15 delineated car parking spaces exclusively for the prospective occupants of units 1 to 13 and two visitor car parking spaces;
- two lift shafts with foyer areas and three stairwells;
- wall mounted storage boxes located above car parking spaces 1 to 13;
- provision of 13 bicycle spaces via retractable bicycle lock systems underneath each wall mounted storage box; and
- a separate room for bin storage that is able to adequately accommodate bins for general waste, recycling and organics.



#### 4.4.2 First Floor

The first-floor level of the proposed building will contain:

- five, two-bedroom dwellings; and
- two partly covered car parking spaces with access provided via two new vehicle crossovers from Old Street.

The composition of each dwelling is set out in Table 4.1 below.

 Table 4.1 Dwelling Composition on the First Floor Level

Dwelling	Internal Floor Area	Private Open space	Parking
Unit 1	83 square metres	14 square metres	One space
Unit 2	70 square metres	14 square metres	One space
Unit 3	73 square metres	74 square metres (8 square metres private plus 66 square metres communal)	One space
Unit 4	86 square metres	74 square metres (8 square metres private plus 66 square metres communal)	One space
Unit 5	130 square metres	13 square metres	One space



#### 4.4.3 Second Floor

The second-floor level of the proposed building will contain five, two-bedroom dwellings.

The composition of each dwelling is set out in Table 4.2 below.

**Table 4.2** Dwelling Composition on the Second Floor Level

Dwelling	Internal Floor Area	Private Open space	Parking
Unit 6	86 square metres	8 square metres	One space
Unit 7	73 square metres	8 square metres	One space
Unit 8	73 square metres	8 square metres	One space
Unit 9	86 square metres	8 square metres	One space
Unit 10	130 square metres	13 square metres	One space

#### 4.4.4 Third Floor

The third floor level of the proposed building will contain five, two bedroom dwellings. The composition of each dwelling is set out in Table 4.3 below.

 Table 4.3 Dwelling Composition on the Third Floor Level

Dwelling	Internal Floor Area	Private Open space	Parking
Unit 11	86 square metres	8 square metres	One space
Unit 12	73 square metres	8 square metres	One space
Unit 13	73 square metres	8 square metres	One space
Unit 14	86 square metres	8 square metres	One space
Unit 15	110 square metres	30 square metres	One space



#### 4.5 Floor to Ceiling Heights

The proposed floor to ceiling heights are captured within Table 4.4 below.

Table 4.4 Floor to Ceiling Heights

Building Level	Floor to Ceiling Height
Ground Floor Level	2.4 metres
First Floor Level	2.9 metres
Second Floor Level	2.9 metres
Third Floor Level	2.9 metres

#### 4.6 Domestic Storage Space

Domestic storage space will be provided via overhead wall mounted storage boxes above car parking spaces 1 to 13 on the ground floor level. Each storage box will provide a capacity of 2.5 cubic metres.

Each unit will also provide adequate provision of domestic storage made available in the laundry rooms, walk in robes, bedroom cupboards and kitchen pantries.

#### 4.7 Building Height

The proposed building has been designed to present different building heights between Melbourne Street and Old Street in order to accommodate the slope of the site and provide an appropriate interface with the adjoining North Adelaide Historic (Conservation) Zone.

Facing Melbourne Street, the proposed building will be 13.7 metres in height when measured from the top of the uppermost point to the finished ground level directly below. It will consist of four storeys or 'building levels'.

Facing Old Street, the proposed building will be 10.7 metres tall when measured from the top of the uppermost point to the finished ground level directly below. Due to the ground floor being located below ground level, the design will present as three storeys to Old Street.

Inclusive of all plant equipment and screening, the proposed building comprises a maximum building height of 14 metres.

#### 4.8 External Materials

The proposal will present a contemporary palette of external materials which are commensurate with, and complementary to, those presently found throughout the locality.

The external materials include, but are not necessarily limited to, recycled red bricks, a mix of painted and profiled precast concrete panels in dark grey and classic cream finishes, metal roof cladding in a 'Revolution Roofing Maxline' profile with a dark grey finish, external cladding in timber finishes, perforated screening, glass balustrades, glass brick windows and plant equipment screening in a dark grey finish.



#### 4.9 Access

The ground floor level will be accessible by car via a new vehicle crossover from Melbourne Street on the eastern side of the primary street frontage. Pedestrian access will be provided via a separately defined pathway on the western side of the vehicle driveway.

Two new vehicle crossovers are proposed from Old Street with access to two single car parking spaces. The design also includes pedestrian access from Old Street to a stairwell that leads to the ground floor level and subsequent access to the carparking, lifts and fover areas.

An automated gate will be setback from the Melbourne Street facade into the building to allow for a twoway vehicle passing area and convenient access to the visitor parking areas.

#### 4.10 Bicycle Parking

The prospective residents will have access to thirteen bicycle parking spaces that will be made available underneath each of the wall mounted storage box on the ground floor and secured via retractable bicycle lock systems.

#### 4.11 Car Parking

The ground level within the proposed building will contain 15 car parking spaces, which will be delineated and set aside exclusively for the prospective occupants of 13 of the proposed units. The remaining two car parking spaces are reserved for visitors to be shared between the prospective tenants and the prospective residents' guests.

The first floor level of the proposed building will contain another two car parking spaces for units 1 and 2.

All 15 dwellings will, therefore, come equipped with one exclusive car parking space each.

#### 4.12 Stormwater

The indicative Stormwater Management Plan at Appendix 2 demonstrates that stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces is intended to be captured and directed to two, 2,000 litre above ground water tanks located below the stairwells on the ground floor of the building with overflow directed to the street.

The stormwater management is to be further refined during the detailed design phase.

#### **4.13** Waste

All waste generated by the prospective residents of the proposed building will be deposited, and temporarily stored, within the confines of the bin storage room on the ground floor level.

The bin storage room has been designed to comfortably accommodate bins for general waste, recycling and organics. The bins can then be wheeled out to Melbourne Street for private collection or via weekly collection as part of Council's refuse collection service for high density residential development.

#### 4.14 Landscaping

It is clear from the Indicative Planting Plan at Appendix 2 that approximately 113 square metres (14.5%) of the site is to be dedicated to landscaped open space.

Sufficiently sized planting areas have been provided to the Melbourne Street frontage, planter boxes within the communal open space area and the rear yards of Unit 1 and 2. These areas will accommodate a plant selection that includes:

a mix of seven different plant species;



- locally indigenous plant species that are suited to the local environment;
- require little to no maintenance or supplementary irrigation; and
- larger feature/shade trees of a mature height and spread adjacent the Melbourne and Old Street frontages which will provide an attractive interface to the public realm.

#### 4.15 Letter Box

A communal letter box will be installed on the eastern side of the main pedestrian entrance to the proposed building.

The communal letter box will be accessible, and highly visible, from Melbourne Street.



#### 5. Procedural Matters

#### **5.1** The Relevant Authority

The Council is the relevant authority, as the proposed development will cost less than \$10,000,000 to complete.

#### 5.2 The Relevant Development Plan

The relevant version of the Development Plan for procedural and assessment purposes was consolidated on 30 April 2020.

The site, under this version of the Development Plan, is in the Main Street (Melbourne West) Zone ('the Zone').

The site is also within an area to which the 'Melbourne Street West Concept Plan' applies.

The site is also within an area to which the 'Affordable Housing Overlay' applies.

#### 5.3 Form of Development

According to Principles of Development Control ('Principles') 29 and 30 of the Zone, the proposed development is neither complying nor non-complying. It must, therefore, be assessed and subsequently determined on its merits by the Council in its capacity as the relevant authority.

#### 5.4 Category of Development

According to the Principle 31(b)(ii) of the Zone, any development assigned as Category 1 under Clause (a), where the site of the development is adjacent to land in the North Adelaide Historic (Conservation) Zone and the development exceeds two storeys in building height, is assigned Category 2 for the purposes of public notification.

Residential flat buildings are assigned Category 1 in Principle 31(a) of the Zone. The site is located adjacent to land within the North Adelaide Historic (Conservation) Zone, with the zone boundary located along the centre of Old Street.

Therefore, the proposal must be deemed Category 2 for the purposes of public notification.



#### 6. Assessment

Our assessment of the proposal is set out below.

#### 6.1 Land Use

The proposal can accurately be defined in land use terms as a 'residential flat building', as, in accordance with the definition contained in Schedule 1 of the Regulations, the proposal comprises a single building in which there are two or more dwellings.

Principle 1 of the Mixed Use (Melbourne West) Zone expressly lists residential flat buildings as an envisaged land use within the Zone.

Principle 2 of the Zone further supports the replacement of existing non-residential land uses with residential development, stating as follows:

The Zone should accommodate offices, consulting rooms and low to medium density dwellings. An increase in the amount of residential development is desirable by means of conversion and redevelopment of non-residential premises to either residential or mixed residential and office uses and by infill residential development.

Therefore, as the proposal will entail the demolition of an existing non-residential premises (a consulting room) and replacing it with infill development in the form of a residential flat building, it is acceptable from a land use perspective within the Zone.

#### 6.2 Siting and Building Interface with the North Adelaide (Conservation) Zone

The Melbourne Street West Concept Plan and supporting Principles 7, 9, 12(b), 13 and 15 of the Zone provide detailed guidance in respect of the siting of development applicable to this site. Our interpretation has been summarised as follows:

- a minimum desired setback of 3.5 metres from the Melbourne Street frontage where not exceeding two storeys;
- parts of the building above two storeys should be set-back from Melbourne Street further than the prevailing 6 to 10 metre setbacks;
- sufficient setbacks from Old Street to respect the character of the adjacent North Adelaide Historic (Conservation) Zone; and
- setbacks and design treatments to provide an appropriate interface with the North Adelaide Historic (Conservation) Zone.

The proposed building achieves the minimum front setback from the Melbourne Street frontage for the first two storeys and is to be sited behind the adjacent office fronting Melbourne Street to the east. However, where the building exceeds two storeys, the setback from Melbourne Street is less than the envisaged minimum of 6 metres. Notwithstanding this, the prevailing setbacks of existing buildings within the locality range from 3.5 metres to 5.5 metres. Therefore, the proposed building setback will be consistent with the prevailing setbacks of existing buildings along Melbourne Street and in turn, compatible with the streetscape appearance.

Furthermore, it was identified during an inspection of the site, that the extent of existing vegetation at 262 and 264 Melbourne Street will effectively break up the views of the proposed building when viewed from the East along Melbourne and Old Street as evident in the attached site photos at Appendix 3.

The design will also be consistent with the prevailing side setbacks in the locality where built form is located on the side boundaries.



At the Old Street level, the proposal includes design elements such as red brick masonry, timber batten fencing and gates along the boundary. The open fencing style will enable views into the site to address the public realm as well as the landscaped open space areas to identify the proposed landscaped buffer as envisaged by the Zone. The masonry components are also considered to reflect the positioning of numerous masonry fences and built form that is constructed along the frontages on both the northern and southern sides of Old Street.

To manage built form adjoining the North Adelaide (Conservation) Zone, Principle 14 of the Zone seeks to minimise the building mass at the zone interface with the building envelope identified in Figure 6.1 below.

NEAREST RESIDENTIAL ALCOTMENT BOUNDARY IN ADJOINING ZONE

NATURAL GROUND LEVEL

BUILDING HEIGHT TO REINFORCE ORSING STREETSCAPE

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PRIMARY ROAD

Figure 6.1 Principle 14 Building Envelope Plan

This building envelope has been depicted on the western elevation of the proposed building as shown below:

OLD STREET

45 DEGREE BUILDING
ENVELOPE (ZONE PDC 14)

UNIT 11

UNIT 6

NOM. +3.200
ABOVE MELBOURNE ST

Figure 6.2 Proposal Overlayed with Building Envelope Plan



Figure 6.2 above, clearly demonstrates that the proposed building will be entirely located within the envisaged building envelope plan, satisfying Principle 14. Further to this, the design presents an orderly visual transition with the adjoining North Adelaide (Conservation) Zone as:

- the proposed building incorporates a mix of architectural design treatments for the high components such as above street level fenestration, profiled concrete panelling, glass balustrades and balconies to break up the visual expanse of built form;
- the building is setback from the Old Street frontage; and
- the masonry fencing abutting Old Street is of a lesser size and scale than the residential development to the north and the local heritage place at 98 Old Street.

In respect of the local heritage place, Principle 162 of the Heritage and Conservation – North Adelaide Module seeks to guide development to preserve the heritage value and setting of the heritage place.

It advises:

- 162 Development on land adjacent to land containing a Heritage Place should demonstrate design consideration of the relationship with the Heritage Place (without necessarily replicating its historic detailing) by establishing compatible:
  - (a) scale, bulk and setbacks;
  - (b) proportion and composition of design elements;
  - (c) form and visual interest (as determined by play of light and shade, treatments of openings and depths of reveals, roofline and silhouette, colour and texture of materials and details, landscaping and fencing);
  - (d) width of frontage and boundary set-back patterns; and
  - (e) vehicle access and carparking arrangements.

The proposed building exhibits thoughtful design consideration of the local heritage place through its small scale masonry and timber fencing at the Old Street frontage, a variety of materials to break up the visual bulk, being physically separated by Old Street and building setbacks that accord with the building envelope plan as discussed above.

The fencing immediately adjacent the Old Street frontage comprises red brick, a material found on the local heritage place. The use of this material is not considered to replicate its historic detailing, as the proposed building incorporates the red brick into an overall contemporary design. This along with the proposed building setback allows the heritage place to remain a focal point within Old Street and not have its heritage value or setting unreasonably diminished.

To this end, the proposed building is considered to be sited and designed in a manner that is respectful of the North Adelaide Historic (Conservation) Zone and the adjacent local heritage place.

#### 6.3 Building Height

Principle 11 of the Zone provides guidance in respect to the maximum building height.

It advises that:

11 Except on sites greater than 1500 square metres in area, which may include one or more allotment, development may be built to 14 metres in building height.

The proposed building height does not exceed 14 metres and thereby accords with this Principle.



#### 6.4 Landscaped Open Space

Objective 2 and the Desired Character of the Zone seeks that development should reinforce a consistent approach to landscaping with buildings set back from boundaries in a landscaped setting.

Principle 10 of the Zone provides further guidance in respect to the minimum provision of landscaped open space for development.

It advises that:

10 A minimum of 20 percent landscaped open space should be provided on the site of any development.

The design includes multiple landscaped open space areas at ground level that make up a total area of 113 square metres and 14.5 percent for the development site. This total has been made up of the area forward of the building, the shared open space area available to units 3 and 4, and the private open space areas for units 1 and 2.

Whilst the proposed landscaping falls short of the envisaged minimum, the proposed design is considered appropriate for the following reasons:

- the proposed landscaping exceeds the landscaped open space area currently provided on the site at 109 square metres (14 percent):
- the height and spread of the trees and plantings adjacent the Melbourne and Old Street frontages will form a notable visual element in the streetscape, as demonstrated by the Streetscape Elevations at Appendix 2, and contribute to the envisaged landscaped setting;
- the landscaping within the rear yard of units 1 and 2 comprises a plant selection that will visually contribute to the landscaped buffer as sought in PDC 9 of the Zone;
- the level of landscaped open space is consistent to that of newer commercial/residential development within the locality along Melbourne Street;
- a sufficient area for landscaping has been provided within the communal open space area that will be of benefit to the amenity of prospective residents of the building;
- the envisaged 20 per cent landscaped open space is unrealistic to achieve on a site which is
  envisaged for high density residential infill. This percentage is comparable to the level of private
  open space required for low scale residential development and does not fit within a high density
  context.

The proposed design strikes a reasonable balance between the landscaped open space and the desired high density infill development for this site whilst providing an appropriate interface with both streetscapes as sought by the Zone and a sufficient level of amenity for prospective residents. To this end, we consider that the extent of landscaped open space is suitable in this circumstance.

#### 6.5 External Appearance

Principle 8 and 16 of the Zone provide guidance with respect to the external appearance of the proposed building.

Together, they advise that:

Buildings should be of contemporary design that includes variations in façade treatments and building material, as well as the use of modulated roof forms and parapets that contribute to a varied and interesting pedestrian environment. Balconies overlooking the street are encouraged to provide a connection for occupiers to the street and assist passive surveillance. The use of brightly coloured, black, or highly reflective surfaces should be avoided.



16 Development should use building forms, colour and materials of a more domestic nature to provide a suitable transition to the adjoining North Adelaide Historic (Conservation) Zone.

The proposed building will contribute to a visually interesting streetscape appearance that will integrate harmoniously with surrounding development whilst also providing its own unique character, consistent with the intent of the Zone.

The composition of the proposed building provides a clearly defined building base with regard to the pedestrian scale through provision of visually permeable gates at street level and recycled red brickwork that is reflective of the scale and design of existing built form located on the adjoining development to the west at 270-272 Melbourne Street. The proposed balconies and glazing are orientated towards the street frontages which will allow for the middle and top levels of the building to be easily identified as well as providing passive surveillance.

The proposed recycled red brickwork, cream render, and metal cladding to the north elevation is reflective of the materials and finishes of existing residential development along Old Street and will therefore provide a suitable transition to adjoining residential development in the North Adelaide Historic (Conservation) Zone.

Whilst some of the proposed materials comprise a darker appearance, they are not considered to be reflective in nature, brightly coloured or 'black' as discouraged by Zone. Further, the variation of contrasting surfaces consisting of profiled concrete façade panels, wooden battens and a modulated roof form that extends out over the balconies of the third floor, will break up the visual bulk of the building as well as contributing to a contemporary and visually interesting design as sought by the Zone.

The proposed design will also allow for the preservation of the adjoining regulated and significant trees. The height of these trees as well as the extent of existing vegetation at 262 and 264 Melbourne Street will effectively break up the views of the proposed building when viewed from the East along Melbourne and Old Street as evident in the attached site photos at Appendix 3. Their preservation will also ensure that the landscaped setting and amenity as sought by the Zone is maintained.

Furthermore, the roof top plant equipment will also include screening to minimise its visual impact and in turn, accord with Principle 194 of the 'Sky and Roof Lines' Module.



#### 6.6 Internal Floor Areas

Principle 70 of the 'Medium to High Scale Residential' Module provides guidance with respect to the internal floor area of each dwelling within the proposed building.

It advises that:

Medium to high scale residential or serviced apartment development should provide a high quality living environment by ensuring the following minimum internal floor areas:

Number of Bedrooms	Minimum Internal Floor Area
One	50 square metres
Two	65 square metres
Three or more	80 square metres (plus an additional 15 square metres for every additional bedroom over 3 bedrooms)

Each dwelling within the proposed building contains two bedrooms with internal floor areas that range from 70 to 110 square metres. The proposed internal floor areas therefore comfortably exceed the minimum of 65 square metres.

#### **6.7** Domestic Storage Spaces

Principle 81 of the Medium to High Scale Residential Module provides guidance with respect to the provision of domestic storage space.

It advises that medium to high scale residential should provide adequate and accessible storage facilities for occupants, with a minimum of 10 cubic metres desired for two-bedroom dwellings.

Thirteen units will have access to overhead wall mounted storage boxes located above car parking spaces 1 to 13 on the ground floor level. Each storage box will provide a capacity of 2.5 cubic metres.

To make up the remainder, and for units 1 and 2, domestic storage areas will be provided throughout each unit with adequate provision made available in the laundry rooms, walk in robes, bedroom cupboards and pantries.

As an aside, it is noted that the proposed units are well in excess of the minimum internal floor areas where further domestic storage opportunities are available for prospective residents to suit their needs.



#### 6.8 Private Open Spaces

Principle 59 of the Medium to High Scale Residential Module provides guidance with respect to the provision of private open space, seeking the provision of private open space for dwellings located above ground level as follows:

Number of Bedrooms	Minimum Private Open Space Area
One	8 square metres
Two	11 square metres
Three or more	15 square metres

Eight of the fifteen proposed dwellings have private open space areas of 8 square metres, slightly less than the desired minimum of 11 square metres. Units 3 and 4 will have access to a communal open space area of 66 square metres and in turn, comfortably exceed the minimum specified above.

The shortfall of 3 square metres is relatively minor and should be considered in the context of the amenity and outlook towards the CBD, the internal communal open space and north that each area of private open space will provide for prospective residents.

Principle 60 of the 'Medium to High Scale Residential' Module provides guidance with respect to the location of private open space.

#### It advises that:

Medium to high scale residential (other than student accommodation) or serviced apartment development should ensure direct access from living areas to private open space areas, which may take the form of balconies, terraces, decks or other elevated outdoor areas provided the amenity and visual privacy of adjacent properties is protected.

The private open space areas will all be accessible from open plan kitchens, dining and living rooms to which they relate. Each dwelling's private open space area is also designed in a manner to not create any visual privacy issues to disrupt the amenity of adjoining properties.

Additionally, Principle 61 of the 'Medium to High Scale Residential' Module provides guidance with respect to the dimension of private open space.

#### It advises that:

Other than for student accommodation, private open space should have a minimum dimension of 2.0 metres and should be well proportioned to be functional and promote indoor/outdoor living.

All balconies and private open space areas for each dwelling will have a minimum dimension of not less than 2.0 metres.

Therefore, as the private open spaces areas are directly accessible, are of a functional size with a minimum dimension of 2 metres and do not create any visual privacy or amenity issues, the shortfall in area is not considered fatal when weighed up against the relevant Principles.

#### 6.9 Natural Light and Ventilation

Principles 52, 53, 54 and 56 of the Medium to High Scale Residential Module provide guidance with respect to the provision of natural light and ventilation.

They advise that:



- 52 Ceiling heights that promote the use of taller windows, highlight windows, fan lights and light shelves should be utilised to facilitate access to natural light, improve daylight distribution and enhance air circulation, particularly in dwellings with limited light access and deep interiors.
- All new medium to high scale residential or serviced apartment development should have direct ventilation and natural light.
- 54 The maximum distance of a habitable room such as a living, dining, bedroom or kitchen from a window providing natural light and ventilation to that room is 8.0 metres.
- Medium to high scale residential or serviced apartment development should be designed to ensure living areas, private open space or communal open space, where such communal open space provides the primary area of private open space, are the main recipients of sunlight.

The proposed building design maximises access to natural light and ventilation for all dwellings by comprising ceiling heights that exceed the minimum of 2.7 metres for residential habitable rooms and the incorporation of a void and brick windows that will allow natural sunlight and ventilation to the communal open space area, private open space areas and living rooms of the dwellings.

The void (light well) will provide natural sunlight to the communal open space area and the open plan kitchen and living areas for 9 of the 15 units. The proposed light well provides a minimum horizontal dimension of 5.5 metres, which exceeds the minimum of 3 metres as specified in Principle 74(b).

The eastern elevation also includes an indented 'light well' that will provide sufficient natural light into the bedrooms and ensuites of units 1, 4, 6, 9, 11 and 14.

Further to the above, majority of the bedrooms and all open plan kitchen, dining and living rooms will also be located within 8.0 metres of a window that provides natural light. The core living areas (the balconies and the open plan kitchen, dining and living rooms) have also been designed and positioned to be the main recipients of natural light.

#### 6.10 External Outlook

The Principle 73 of the Medium to High Scale Residential Module provides guidance with respect to the external outlook from each dwelling within the proposed building.

It advises that:

All medium to high scale residential or serviced apartment development should be designed to ensure the living rooms have a satisfactory external outlook. Living rooms that do not have an outlook or the only source of outlook is through high level windows or a skylight are not considered to provide an appropriate level of amenity for the occupiers.

All of the open plan kitchen, dining and living rooms associated with those dwellings on the southern side of the building will have an outlook to Melbourne Street courtesy of the glazed windows and sliding doors which provide access to the abutting balconies.

All of the open plan kitchen, dining and living rooms associated with those dwellings on the northern side of the building will have an outlook towards Old Street courtesy of the glazed sliding doors which provide access to the abutting balconies.

The internal dwellings (shown as units 3, 4, 8, 9, 13 and 14) provide an appropriate level of amenity as all of the open plan kitchen, dining and living rooms have an outlook towards the communal open space and void (light well). This area of communal open space and void is not the kind of high level windows or skylights to individual dwellings that are discouraged by Principle 73, with the communal open space and void area able to provide sufficient natural light and outlook to an internal landscaped open space by exceeding the minimum horizontal distance.



#### 6.11 Regulated/Significant Trees

There is one regulated and one significant tree located within the adjoining property at 264 Melbourne Street, as identified in Figure 2.1 of this report. Photos of the trees are at Appendix 3.

The two trees in question appear to be Jacarandas, a non-native species that contain multiple trunks with circumferences measured at 1 metre above ground level as follows:

- Tree 1
  - » Trunk 1: 1.075m
  - » Trunk 2: 0.95m
  - » Trunk 3: 0.855m

Total circumference = 2.88m

Average circumference = 960mm

- Tree 2
  - » Trunk 1: 0.765m
  - » Trunk 2: 2.60m

Total circumference = 3.365m

Average circumference = 1.68m

Given the above measurements, the two trees consist of a regulated tree (Tree 1) and a significant tree (Tree 2) according to the prescribed criterion in Regulation 6A(1)(a) and (2) of the *Development Regulations 2008*.

The proposed development is not considered to result in any adverse impacts to either tree for the following reasons:

- the proposed building will be located outside of the tree canopies of both trees; and
- the development will not substantially alter their already constrained living circumstances, with both trees presently surrounded by impervious surfaces and located immediately adjacent to existing structures

Therefore, the proposal does not offend the relevant Principles of the Regulated and Significant Trees Modules in the Development Plan.

#### 6.12 Noise

Principles 98 and 99 in the Environmental Module seeks to guide the impacts of noise for residential apartments.

They advise:

- 98 Attached dwellings/serviced apartments should be designed to minimise the transmission of sound between dwellings/serviced apartments and should particularly protect bedrooms from possible noise intrusion.
- 99 The number of dwellings/serviced apartments within a development sharing a common entry should be minimised to limit noise generation in internal access ways.

The prospective residents should not be adversely impacted by way of noise because:

• all of the dwellings are located above the ground floor;



- all of the bedrooms will be stacked above one another;
- all of the bedrooms will not share a wall with a living room of another dwelling; and
- common entries/access ways will not service more than 10 dwellings on each floor; and

#### 6.13 Overlooking

Principles 66 and 67 of the Medium to High Scale Residential Module provide guidance with respect to overlooking.

They advise that:

- Medium to high scale residential or serviced apartment development should be designed and sited to minimise the potential overlooking of habitable rooms such as bedrooms and living areas of adjacent development.
- A habitable room window, balcony, roof garden, terrace or deck should be set back from boundaries with adjacent sites at least three metres to provide an adequate level of amenity and privacy and to not restrict the reasonable development of adjacent sites.

The proposed building is designed to have the dwelling balconies orientated towards the two street frontages where they will be setback further than 3 metres from adjacent residential sites to the north and will rather provide passive surveillance of the streetscapes as sought by the Development Plan. The windows on the side boundary walls are also obscured via glass brick or obscured glazing to 1.6 metres above the finished floor level to not provide any direct views from a living or frequently habitable room of each proposed dwelling to avoid any adverse overlooking impacts.

To protect internal privacy, the windows of units 5, 10 and 15 that abut the communal open space/light well are to comprise of glass brick which will obscure views whilst still ensure sufficient access to natural light to the kitchen and dining areas.

#### 6.14 Overshadowing

Principle 121 of the Environmental Module provides guidance with respect to overshadowing.

It advises that:

121 Development should not significantly reduce daylight to private open space, communal open space, where such communal open space provides the primary private open space, and habitable rooms in adjacent City Living Zone, Adelaide Historic (Conservation) Zone and North Adelaide Historic (Conservation) Zone.

Residential development is primarily located to the north of the site within the North Adelaide Historic (Conservation) Zone, resulting in no adverse overshadowing impacts from the proposal to existing dwellings within this Zone to the north of Old Street. The orientation of the allotment will also not significantly reduce access to sunlight for the adjoining development to the west (Ronald McDonald House), which will still be able to receive a sufficient level of sunlight from the afternoon onwards. The development to the east is commercial in nature and will therefore not be adversely impacted by any overshadowing.

#### 6.15 Access and Car Parking

Principles 24, 25 and 26 of the Zone provide guidance with respect to access and car parking.

They advise that:

Access to sites should preferably be via the minor streets or lanes within or abutting the Zone provided there is no unreasonable impact on residential amenity.



- 25 Access from Melbourne Street should minimise disruption to the pattern of built form and landscaping.
- Parking should be located behind buildings away from the landscaped Melbourne Street frontages and be designed to minimise its impacts on residential amenity.

Proposed dwellings 1 and 2 provide vehicle access to the single car parking spaces via two new crossovers from Old Street as sought by Principle 24. Two spaces are not considered to create unreasonable interface conflicts so as to disrupt residential amenity through the generation of traffic. It should be noted that Old Street contains a number of garages built to the Old Street frontage, which the proposal will not be inconsistent with.

The proposed access point to dwelling 2 (shown as car parking space number 15) will require the alteration to an existing stormwater drain and will be undertaken at the proponents cost to achieve sufficient clearance.

It should be noted that the above Principles do not preclude access from Melbourne Street despite Principle 24 expressing the desire for access to be via the minor streets or lanes. When reviewing the above Principles in their entirety, the proposed access points are considered appropriate for the following reasons:

- the residential amenity of the adjoining development within the North Adelaide Historic (Conservation) Zone will be preserved;
- the difference in ground levels will prevent access from Old Street without a loss of car parking spaces;
- the access location will ensure the design is commensurate with the pattern of built form and landscaping of the neighbouring development to the west; and
- the proposed design provides sufficient room for vehicles to enter and exit the site onto Melbourne Street in a forward direction.

Furthermore, the proposed development provides a total of 17 car parks (15 resident and 2 visitor spaces) which accords with the car parking rate as prescribed in Table Adel/7 that seeks for 1 space per dwelling up to 200 square metres in building floor area.

The car parking areas are also designed to be secured and screened from view to not result in adverse visual amenity impacts to the Melbourne and Old Street frontages whilst ensuring that the two visitor parking spaces are easily identifiable from the Melbourne Street access.

#### 6.16 Bicycle Parking

Principle 234 of the Transport and Access Module provides guidance with respect to the provision of parking for bicycles.

It advises that:

An adequate supply of on-site secure bicycle parking should be provided to meet the demand generated by the development within the site area of the development. Bicycle parking should be provided in accordance with the requirements set out in Table Adel/6.

Table Adel/6 seeks the provision of one bicycle parking space for every dwelling/apartment with a total floor area less than 150 square metres and one visitor bicycle parking space for every 10 dwellings. This equates to a theoretical demand of 17 bicycle spaces.

Whilst the proposed design indicates 13 bicycle parking spaces, we are of the opinion that the shortfall of bicycle parking at the ground floor level is not fatal to the proposal, as the proposed dwellings all exceed the minimum internal floor area as specified in the Development Plan for two bedroom



dwellings. This affords prospective residents the opportunity to conveniently store their bicycles within their dwellings rather than at the ground floor level.

#### **6.17** Waste

Principle 103, Clause (b) of the Waste Management Module provides guidance with respect to the management of waste.

It advises that:

- Development greater than 2,000 square metres of total floor area should manage waste by:
  - (a) containing a dedicated area for the collection and sorting of construction waste and recyclable building materials;
  - (b) on-site storage and management of waste;
  - (c) disposal of non-recyclable waste; and
  - (d) incorporating waste water and stormwater re-use including the treatment and reuse of grey water.

The waste storage capacity required to facilitate the proposed dwellings has been calculated in accordance with Zero waste SA's South Australian Better Practice Guide – Waste Management in Residential or Mixed Use Developments. Council's Cleansing Department has also confirmed that Council offers collection for all three refuse streams for high density residential on a weekly basis with a pull in or kerbside collection service provided for larger bins. Therefore, following this guide, the proposed development is to provide storage capacities of 900 litres for general waste, 750 litres for recycling and 300 litres for organics.

All waste generated by the prospective residents of the proposed building will be deposited, and temporarily stored, within the confines of the bin storage area on the ground floor level. This storage area comprises an area of 14.5 square metres which is of sufficient size to accommodate the storage capacities identified above. It will also be completely concealed from the public domain by virtue of being located wholly below ground level.

The waste storage location and management will also be similar to that of existing commercial and residential development along Melbourne Street and in particular to that of the neighbouring Ronald McDonald House.

#### 6.18 Energy Efficiency

Principle 109 of the Environmental Module provide guidance with respect to the energy efficiency of the proposed building.

They advise that:

109 Orientation and pitch of the roof should facilitate the efficient use of solar collectors and photovoltaic cells.

As evident by the Roof Plan at Appendix 2, the roof atop the proposed building has sufficient area available that could allow for the installation of solar panels in the future which would be capable of capturing an ample amount of sunlight.



#### 6.19 Letter Boxes

Principle 80, Clause (a) of the Medium to High Scale Residential Module provides guidance with respect to the location of communal letter boxes.

It advises that:

- 80 Site facilities should be readily accessible to each dwelling/serviced apartment, complement the development and relevant desired character and should include:
  - (a) a common mail box structure located close to the main pedestrian entrance.

A communal letter box will be installed adjacent the main pedestrian and vehicle entrance to the proposed building and integrated into the front landscaped design. The communal letter box will be readily accessible and highly visible from Melbourne Street thereby satisfying the above Principle.

#### 6.20 Stormwater

Principle 127 of the 'Environmental' Module provides guidance with respect to the management of stormwater.

It advises that:

127 Development affecting existing stormwater management systems should be designed and located to improve the quality of stormwater, minimise pollutant transfer to receiving waters, and protect downstream receiving waters from high levels of flow.

The carrying capacity of the Council's existing drainage network will not be overloaded by the proposed development for two reasons.

First, the extent of impervious surfaces within the confines of the site will not be increased. In fact, the proposal will increase the total area of landscaped open space by approximately 5 percent than the existing circumstances.

Second, the proposed development will be designed during the detailed design phase to ensure that the post development discharge flows do not exceed the pre development discharge flows.

In addition to this, runoff from the roof of the proposed building will be discharged to Melbourne and Old Street in a clean state, as sought by Principle 127 of the 'Environmental' Module.



#### 7. CONCLUSION

We have concluded from our assessment of the proposal that it is worthy of consent.

In support of our conclusion, we wish to highlight once again that:

- infill residential development in the form of residential flat buildings is envisaged within the Zone, especially when replacing non-residential development;
- the siting of the proposed building is compatible with the prevailing setbacks from Melbourne Street and the building envelope plan specified in Principle 14 of the Zone;
- the setbacks, scale, design and bulk of the proposed building is respectful to the character of the adjacent North Adelaide Historic (Conservation) Zone by providing a clear visual transition between the envisaged high density residential development and the lower intensity residential development;
- the proposed building exhibits thoughtful design consideration of the adjacent local heritage
  place through a variety of materials to break up the visual bulk, being physically separated by
  Old Street, not replicating historic detailing and comprising setbacks which accord with the
  building envelope plan specified in Principle 14 of the Zone;
- the building composition and variation of contrasting surfaces consisting of profiled concrete façade panels, glazing, balconies, wooden battens and a modulated roof form, will contribute to a contemporary and visually attractive design, as sought by the Zone provisions;
- the areas of landscaped open space within the site and to the Melbourne Street and Old Street frontages is commensurate with existing development within the locality and will provide an attractive interface with the public realm;
- despite being constrained by the allotment orientation and existing on-boundary development
  of adjoining sites, sufficient natural light and ventilation is provided to the proposed dwellings
  by ceiling heights that are in excess of the minimum for residential habitable rooms, the
  incorporation of a void (light well) with communal open space and windows along the side
  boundaries;
- no adjacent residential development will have habitable room windows or private open spaces overlooked or overshadowed to an unreasonable degree;
- the balconies are orientated towards each street frontage to provide increased passive surveillance of Melbourne Street and Old Street;
- the proposed building provides a sufficiently sized bin storage area to accommodate the
  requisite type and number of bins to service all dwellings. It will also be completely concealed
  from the public domain by virtue of being wholly contained below ground level;
- each dwelling will contain a satisfactory external outlook to either Old Street, Melbourne Street or the communal open space/void area;
- the proposed vehicle access points will not result in adverse residential amenity impacts and will provide for sufficient vehicle movements into and out of the site;
- the amount of on-site car parking proposed satisfies the rate prescribed in Table/7;
- the development in unlikely to compromise the health of the regulated or significant trees on the adjoining property to the east, will be located outside of their tree canopies and therefore retain the existing landscape amenity;
- the prospective residents of the proposed building should not be adversely affected by way of noise:
- each dwelling provides internal floor areas in excess of the minimum Development Plan guidelines, which will sufficient domestic storage space and offset the shortfall of bicycle parking spaces at ground level; and



 a communal letter box will be provided that is readily accessible and highly visible from Melbourne Street.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding the proposed development, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Christopher Webber Senior Consultant

# Proposed Residential Development at 266 Melbourne St, North Adelaide

Design Statement DA213966

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The Site is a long, narrow allotment on the northern side of Melbourne Street. It extends through to Old Street and, as such, has two street frontages. There is a change in level from Old Street (the high point) to Melbourne Street (the low side) of approximately 3200mm. The sections of the allotment facing Old Street and Melbourne Street do not have significant cross falls.

The section of Melbourne Street on which the site is located does not have a consistent presentation. There is variance in setbacks, forms, heights, land use (a mix of private residential, 'college' housing, offices, and consulting rooms), and materials and finishes.

The section of Old Street on which the site is located also does not have a consistent presentation. There is also variance in setbacks, forms, heights, and materials and finishes used. The properties on the southern side of Melbourne generally address Melbourne Street (as does this site) and generally have rear access for carparking and/or services facing Old Street. The properties on the northern side of the road are however largely residential. They vary in their attitude in that most address Brougham Place (further to the North), with a few having their primary access directly from Old Street. There is a Historic Conservation Zone to the North of the Site (across the other side of Old St), a Local Heritage place, within that zone, directly opposite the site. The LHP addresses Old Street. There are no other heritage places that are within the immediate Locality of the Site and that could potentially be affected by development on it.

The site currently contains a single building (a Villa with a rear extension), that is being used as consulting rooms, and a carport. Landscaping to the site is minimal. There are no significant or regulated trees. The Application proposes the removal of all of the structures and features on the site.

The Application further proposes the construction of a new residential apartment complex, comprising building entrance and carpark; Southern Tower; and Northern Tower. There are 15 Apartments proposed within the two Towers. Each Apartment has a car park and there are two further dedicated visitors' carparks. There is also bike parking provided on the site.

Vehicular access to the site is predominantly from Melbourne Street. The two ground floor apartments facing Old Street have car parking spaces available from Old Street. Pedestrian access is typically from Melbourne Street to one of the two entrance pods within the carpark (each pods being associated with a tower). The carpark is a shared use zone and will be well lit and landscaped to



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provide a high quality, safe and legible environmental. Pedestrian tenants can also enter through an access stair from Old Street. Visitor and residents visiting the ground floor apartments facing Old Street can enter straight from that footpath.

The three larger apartments facing Melbourne Street are intended to be 'held' by the Applicant and each have two bedrooms and two bathrooms. They have large decks overlooking Melbourne Street. Although they borrow light from that side, they do not address the northern courtyard.

The remaining apartments are in intended for a young professional or student use and are smaller in size. They are however well provisioned in terms of area, storage, and outdoor spaces.

From a design point of view there are three main areas that have been considered: the Melbourne Street presentation; the Old Street presentation; and the internal courtyard between the towers. Below are some of the considerations applied to these areas.

The presentation at Melbourne Street has considered:

- Setback of main facade has considered both the Development Plan provisions and the pattern established by the existing adjoining built form
- The upper level of the building has been setback and articulated form the intermediate levels to reduce the visual impact of its height.
- Driveway alignment has been established to create a rhythm with the adjoining property to the west
- Landscaping presentation at the street has been added to provide greater amenity to the public realm.

The presentation to Old Street has attempted address the adjoining zone and local heritage place through a combination of horizontal articulation (accentuating the lower floor) and use of materials (primarily stone and cream render). It has also attempted to present the upper floor as a 'roof like' structure, particularly from side on, through the choice of materials used for the walls.

The internal courtyard is aimed at providing access to light to the apartments on the southern side of the Northern Tower. The design of the wall of the southern tower facing has been articulated and large 'green wall' added. This is aimed at enhancing the experience for the apartments looking into the space as well as improving the thermal performance of the area itself. The green wall faces northern and will have good access to light. We are confident that it will perform well over a long period of time.

While we hope that the above, linked to the Drawings prepared by this Office, and the Planning Statement prepared by Future Urban, will provide sufficient detail to undertake a planning assessment we would be happy to provide further written or verbal support as required.





# Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Development Impact Report

Site: 266 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide

Date: Wednesday, 2 February 2022

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# **Executive Summary**

Arborman Tree Solutions has assessed all the trees on the property and neighbouring property to the northeast of 266 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide. The assessment has identified the potential impacts to the trees from the proposed development and supporting infrastructure and recommended mitigation strategies where appropriate.

The assessment considered four individual trees and one group of trees, Trees 1, 2 and 4 are identified as *Jacaranda mimosifolia* (Jacaranda), Tree 5 is a *Celtis australis* (European Nettle Tree) and Tree Group 3 is a mix *Casuarina* and *Acacia* (She-oak and Wattle). The trees are considered to be in Good to Fair overall condition and have extended useful life expectancies.

The assessment has identified Tree 1 as a Significant Tree as defined in the *Development Act 1993*. The remaining trees are either exempt from regulation or unregulated. When assessed against the relevant Objectives and Principles of Development Control this tree is not considered to provide 'important' aesthetic and/or environmental benefit and as such its protection as a Significant Tree is not warranted.

The Arboricultural Impact Assessment has identified that Trees 1, 2 and 5 are unlikely to be negatively impacted by the proposed works. There is no encroachment, or the encroachment is less than 10% of the TPZ area for Trees 2 and 5, and the development has incorporated tree friendly methodologies to protect Tree 1. It is therefore unlikely that the proposed works will impact on the viability of these three trees.

Tree 4 is located within the subject land, has a Low retention Rating and is unregulated, this tree requires removal to accommodate the proposed development, given the condition of the tree and its limited benefit, removal is considered to be reasonable.

The trees in Tree Group 3 will be adversely affected by the development as the proposal shows major excavation inside of its SRZs and removal is required to accommodate the proposed development. However, this is a third party asset and outside of the proposed development boundary and permission must be acquired from the landowner before any tree damaging activity is sought.



#### **Brief**

Arborman Tree Solutions was engaged by Christopher Webber, Future Urban for TwoSixSix Pty Ltd to undertake an Arboricultural Impact Assessment and provide a Development Impact Report for two significant trees at the property adjacent to 266 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide. The purpose of the Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Development Impact Report is to identify potential impacts the proposed development will have on the trees and provide mitigation strategies to minimise the impact where appropriate.

The proposed development includes the demolition of the existing dwelling and the construction of a multi-level dwelling complex including an under croft car park. This assessment will determine the potential impacts the proposal may have on the trees within and adjacent to the site and to recommend impact mitigation strategies in accordance with Australian Standard AS4970-2009 *Protection of trees on development sites* (AS4970-2009) for trees to be retained.

In accordance with section 2.2 of the AS4970-2009 the following information is provided:

- Assessment of the general condition and structure of the subject trees
- ldentification of the legislative status of trees on site as defined in the Development Act 1993.
- Identify and define the Tree Protection Zone and Structural Root Zone for each tree.
- Identify potential impacts the development may have on tree health and/or stability.
- Recommend impact mitigation strategies in accordance with AS4970-2009 for trees to be retained.
- Provide information in relation to the management of trees.

#### **Documents and Information Provided**

The following information was provided for the preparation of this assessment

- Email instruction on Scope of Works
- Design Drawings



# **Site Location**

Figure 1: Site location – 266 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide





# Methodology

The proposed design was reviewed in association with the information in the Design Drawings and CAD files as supplied by Christopher Webber, Future Urban for TwoSixSix Pty Ltd.

The potential impact of the proposed works on tree condition is considered in accordance with the guidelines in AS4970-2009 *Protection of trees on development sites* (AS4970-2009). When determining potential impacts of an encroachment into a Tree Protection Zone (TPZ), the following should be considered as outlined in AS4970-2009 section 3.3.4 *TPZ encroachment considerations*::-

- a) Location of roots and root development.
- b) The potential loss of root mass from the encroachment.
- c) Tree species and tolerance to root disturbance.
- d) Age, vigour and size of the tree.
- e) Lean and stability of the tree.
- Soil characteristics and volume, topography, and drainage.
- g) The presence of existing or past structures or obstacles affecting root growth.
- h) Design factors.

The impacts on a tree can be varied and are not necessarily consistent with or directly corelated to a particular level of encroachment, to assist in providing consistency the levels of impact have been classified into the following categories: -

- No Impact no encroachment into the TPZ has been identified.
- Low <10% the identified encroachment is less than 10% of the TPZ area and not expected to impact tree viability.
- Low >10% the identified encroachment is greater than 10% of the TPZ area however there are factors that indicate the proposed development will not negatively impact tree viability.
- High >10% the identified encroachment is greater than 10% of the TPZ area and factors are present that indicate the proposed development will negatively impact tree viability. The impact is likely to lead to the long-term decline of the tree however it is unlikely to impact on its short-term stability.
- Conflicted the identified encroachment is greater than 10% of the TPZ area and in most cases will also impact the SRZ and/or the trunk. There are factors present that indicate the proposed development will negatively impact tree viability to the point where its removal is required as part of the development.

Trees with calculated encroachments greater than 10% and with an Impact identified as 'Low' have features or considerations identified in clauses in AS4970-2009 3.3.4 *TPZ encroachment considerations* which indicate these trees will be sustainable.

Trees with calculated encroachments greater than 10% and with an Impact identified as 'High' do not have any features or considerations identified in clauses in AS4970-2009 3.3.4 and therefore alternative design solutions, additional root investigations and/or tree sensitive construction measures are required if the tree is to be retained. Where alternative protection methodologies are not available tree removal may be required to accommodate the development.

Trees with an Impact identified as 'Conflicted' are impacted over the majority of their root zone and/or over the SRZ or on the trunk, additional root investigations or tree sensitive construction measures are not available and the only option is alternative designs or tree removal.

Regulatory Status, Tree Protection Zones and Development Impacts are shown in Appendix B.



## **Assessment**

Arborman Tree Solutions was engaged by Christopher Webber, Future Urban for TwoSixSix Pty Ltd to undertake an Arboricultural Impact Assessment and provide a Development Impact Report for the trees that have been classed as Regulated and Significant. In addition, all the trees likely to be conflicted by the development. in the rear and front of the neighbouring property to the north-eastern side of 266 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide. The purpose of the Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Development Impact Report is to identify potential impacts the proposed development will have on the trees and provide mitigation strategies to minimise impact where appropriate. The proposal involves the demolition of the existing dwelling and the construction of multi-level dwellings including under croft car park. This assessment provides recommendations in accordance with Australian Standard AS4970-2009 *Protection of trees on development sites* (AS4970-2009).

#### **Tree Assessment**

The assessment considered four individual trees and one group of trees, Trees 1, 2 and 4 are identified as *Jacaranda mimosifolia* (Jacaranda), Tree 5 is a *Celtis australis* (European Nettle Tree) and Tree Group 3 is a mix *Casuarina* and *Acacia* (She-oak and Wattle). The trees are considered to be in Good to Fair overall condition and have extended useful life expectancies.

Tree 1 is located in the front garden of the adjacent property, 264 Melbourne Street, which is a maintained vegetated area including additional trees, understory and ground cover plantings. The tree has an overall condition which is fair due to it being co-dominant with notable decay and hollowing at the main union.

Tree 2 is at the rear of 264 Melbourne Street and is growing in an area which predominately is a sealed surface it is also near the electricity transformer box. It currently has an overall condition of fair due to the impact of historical pruning on the trees long-term structure.

Tree 3 is a group of trees, including *Casuarina* and *Acacia* spp., which have been planted in the central island of the carparking area on the boundary between 264 Melbourne Street and the subject land. The trees in this group are currently in overall good condition.

Tree 4 is a young tree growing next to the existing building and which is considered to be in fair overall condition due the dieback in the upper crown.

Tree 5 is growing in the planting strip on the eastern side of 264 Melbourne Street and is considered to be in fair overall condition due to the presence of stable included bark in the primary trunk division.

Findings on individual tree health and condition are presented in Appendix B - Tree Assessment Findings.

#### **Retention Assessment**

Trees that provide important environmental and/or aesthetic contribution to the area, are in good condition scored a High or Moderate Retention Rating and conservation of these trees is encouraged. Trees identified as not suitable for retention or attained a low Tree Retention Rating, displayed one or a number of the following attributes:

- a) provide limited environmental/aesthetic benefit,
- b) short lived species,
- c) represent a material risk to persons or property,
- d) identified as causing or threatening to cause substantial damage to a structure of value,
- e) limited Useful Life Expectancy.
- f) young and easily replaced.

Three trees, Trees 1, 2 and 5, display features that indicate they are suitable for retention as they achieved a Moderate Retention Rating. It is my opinion, as a Significant Tree with a Moderate Retention Rating, Tree 1 do not display attributes described within the *Development Act 1993*, that would warrant its retention as an 'important' tree. However, they are worthy of consideration for retention if they can be adequately protected in an otherwise reasonable and expected development.



Table	1	Retention	Rating
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Retention Rating	Number of Trees	Tree Numbers
Moderate	3	1, 2 and 5
Low	2	3 and 4

The remaining trees achieved a Low Retention Rating indicating that development constraint, alternative designs or tree-friendly construction methodologies are not warranted. As such, tree removal could be considered to achieve the proposed a future development.

#### **Legislative Assessment**

The assessment has identified Tree 1 as a Significant Trees as defined in the *Development Act 1993*. The remaining trees are either exempt from regulation or unregulated. As a Significant Tree this tree is required to be assessed against the relevant Objectives and Principles of Development Control as listed in the Adelaide (City) Development Plan. When assessed against the relevant Objectives and Principles of Development Control this tree is not considered to provide 'important' aesthetic and/or environmental benefit and as such their protection as Significant Trees is not warranted.

Table 2 - Legislative Status

Legislative Status	Number of Trees	Tree Numbers
Significant	1	1
Unregulated	2	3-4
Exempt	1	2 and 5

#### **Encroachment and Impact Assessment**

Within AS4970-2009 relevant information is provided to assist with determining the impact on trees when developing in close proximity to them. Any tree that requires protection should be retained whilst remaining viable during and post development. Further guidance on how to suitably manage any proposed or encountered encroachments is identified in AS4970-2009. When assessing potential impacts, a Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) and Structural Root Zone (SRZ) are the principle means of protecting a tree and are provided in accordance with AS4970-2009 section 1.4.5 and 3.2. This standard has been applied to ensure trees identified for retention remain viable and the redevelopment is achievable.

There is no encroachment into the TPZ of Tree 5 and the encroachment for Tree 2 is less than 10% of the TPZ area and does not impact the tree's SRZ, this type of encroachment is recognised as 'Minor' under AS4970-2009 (See Appendix C - Mapping). This level of encroachment results in No or Low Impact and additional root investigations are not required, warranted and have not been recommended in this instance.

The encroachment for trees 1, 3 and 4 has been calculated to be greater than 10% of the total TPZ area and is therefore classified as a 'Major Encroachment' as defined in AS4970-2009. AS4970-2009 also identifies relevant factors that should be considered when determining the 'impact' of encroachments such as this; these considerations are listed under section 3.3.4 *TPZ encroachment considerations*. When considering these factors, the proposed encroachment will result in tree damaging activity that will result in the decline, death or failure of the Trees 3 and 4. The retention of this trees is in Conflict with the proposed development. However when considering the encroachment into the TPZ of Tree 1 the impact is considered to be Low.

The following discusses the relevant factors of AS4970-2009 section 3.3.4 *TPZ encroachment considerations* for Tree 1: -

• 3.3.4 (d), 'Age, vigour and size of the tree'.

The tree is mature and displays good health and viability, indicating it can tolerate the proposed level of encroachment without noticeable impacts. Healthy and vigorous trees can manage various levels of pruning, demolition of existing structures, changes in soil grade and moisture, soil compaction and other root zone encroachments and are better able to adapt to the new site conditions once the development phase has been completed.



- 3.3.4 (g), The presence of existing or past structures or obstacles affecting root growth. The tree is growing in an apparently irrigated garden bed and there is a masonry wall and footing between the tree and the subject land. It is likely that roots will have proliferated in the preferable growing environment of the garden bed, and it is unlikely that substantial roots will have colonised the area beyond the boundary wall.
  - 3.3.4 (h), *Design factors*.

    Although it is unlikely that important roots will be encountered during the redevelopment phase, low impact methodologies and materials have been recommended to ensure the subject trees are not impacted in any way by the proposal. The proposal has incorporated permeable pavement at the existing grade, i.e.: no excavation, to minimise any impact on the

Table 3 Development Impact

Impact	Number of Trees	Tree Numbers
Conflicted	2	3 (group) and 4
Low	2	1 and 2
No Impact	1	5



#### Conclusion

The Arboricultural Impact Assessment has identified that Trees 1, 2 and 5 are unlikely to be negatively impacted by the proposed works. There is no encroachment, or the encroachment is less than 10% of the TPZ area for Trees 2 and 5, and the development has incorporated tree friendly methodologies to protect Tree 1. It is therefore unlikely that the proposed works will impact on the viability of these three trees.

Tree 4 is located within the subject land, has a Low retention Rating and is unregulated, this tree requires removal to accommodate the proposed development, given the condition of the tree and its limited benefit, removal is considered to be reasonable.

The trees in Tree Group 3 will be adversely affected by the development as the proposal shows major excavation inside of its SRZs and removal is required to accommodate the proposed development. However, this is a third party asset and outside of the proposed development boundary and permission must be acquired from the landowner before any tree damaging activity is sought.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this report. Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact me and I will be happy to be of assistance.

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#### **Definitions**

Circumference: trunk circumference measured at one metre above ground level. This measurement is used to

determine the status of the tree in relation to the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016

(Development Act 1993).

Diameter at Breast Height: trunk diameter measured at 1.4 metres above ground level used to determine the Tree Protection Zone

as described in Australian Standard AS4970-2009 Protection of trees on development sites.

**Diameter at Root Buttress:** trunk diameter measured just above the root buttress as described in Australian Standard AS4970-

2009 Protection of trees on development sites and is used to determine the Structural Root Zone.

Infrastructure Act 2016 (Development Act 1993), such as removal, killing, lopping, ringbarking or topping or any other substantial damage such as mechanical or chemical damage, filling or cutting of

soil within the TPZ. Can also include forms of pruning above and below the ground.

Tree Protection Zone: area of root zone that should be protected to prevent substantial damage to the tree's health.

Structural Root Zone: calculated area within the tree's root zone that is considered essential to maintain tree stability.

Project Arborist a person with the responsibility for carrying out a tree assessment, report preparation, consultation with

designers, specifying tree protection measures, monitoring and certification. The Project Arborist must be competent in arboriculture, having acquired through training, minimum Australian Qualification Framework (AQTF) Level 5, Diploma of Horticulture (Arboriculture) and/or equivalent experience, the

knowledge and skills enabling that person to perform the tasks required by this standard.

**Encroachment:** the area of a Tree Protection Zone that is within the proposed development area.

Impact: the effect on tree health, structure and/or viability as a result of required works associated with the

proposed development within the TPZ or the vicinity of the tree(s).

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Appendix A - Tree Assessment Methodology



# **Tree Assessment Form (TAF©)**

Record	Description
Tree	In botanical science, a tree is a perennial plant which consists of one or multiple trunks which supports branches and leaves. Trees are generally taller than 5 metres and will live for more than ten seasons, with some species living for hundreds or thousands of seasons.
Genus and Species	Botanical taxonomy of trees uses the binominal system of a genus and species, often there are subspecies and subgenus as well as cultivars. When identifying tree species, identification techniques such as assessing the tree's form, flower, stem, fruit and location are used. Identifying the right species is critical in assessing the tree's legalisation and environmental benefit. All efforts are made to correctly identify each tree to species level, where possible.  Genus is the broader group to which the tree belongs e.g. <i>Eucalyptus, Fraxinus</i> and <i>Melaleuca</i> . Species identifies the specific tree within the genus e.g. <i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> , <i>Fraxinus griffithi</i> or <i>Melaleuca styphelioides</i> . Trees will also be assigned the most commonly used Common Name. Common Names are not generally used for identification due to their nonspecific use, i.e. <i>Melia azedarach</i> is commonly known as White Cedar in South Australia but is also called Chinaberry Tree, Pride of India, Beadtree, Cape Lilac, Syringa Berrytree, Persian Lilac, and Indian Lilac; equally similar common names can refer to trees from completely different Genus e.g. Swamp Oak, Tasmanian Oak and English Oak are from the <i>Casuarina</i> , <i>Eucalyptus</i> and <i>Quercus</i> genus's respectively.
Height	Tree height is estimated by the arborist at the time of assessment. Tree height is observed and recorded in the following ranges; <5m, 5-10m, 10-15m and >20m.
Spread	Tree crown spread is estimated by the arborist at the time of assessment and recorded in the following ranges <5m, 5-10m, 10-15m, 15-20m, >20m.
Health	Tree health is assessed using the Arborman Tree Solutions - Tree Health Assessment Method that is based on international best practice.
Structure	Tree structure is assessed using Arborman Tree Solutions - Tree Structure Assessment Method that is based on international best practice.
Tree Risk Assessment	Tree Risk is assessed using Tree Risk Assessment methodology. The person conducting the assessment has been trained in the International Society of Arboriculture Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ), Quantified Tree Risk Assessment (QTRA) and/or VALID Tree Risk Assessment (VALID). Refer to the Methodology within the report for additional information.
Legislative Status	Legislation status is identified through the interpretation of the <i>Development Act 1993</i> , the <i>Natural Resource Management Act 2004</i> , the <i>Native Vegetation Act 1991</i> and/or any other legislation that may apply.
Mitigation	Measures to reduce tree risk, improve tree condition, remove structural flaws, manage other conditions as appropriate may be recommended in the form of pruning and is listed in the Tree Assessment Findings (Appendix B). Tree pruning is recommended in accordance with AS4373-2007 <i>Pruning amenity trees</i> where practicable. Where measures to mitigate risk is not possible and the risk is unacceptable, then tree removal or further investigation is recommended.



### **Useful Life Expectancy (ULE)**

ULE Rating	Definition
Surpassed	The tree has surpassed its Useful Life Expectancy. Trees that achieve a surpassed ULE may do so due to poor health, structure or form. Additionally, trees that are poorly located such as under high voltage powerlines or too close to structures may also achieve a surpassed ULE. Trees that achieve this status will be recommended for removal as there are no reasonable options to retain them.
<10 years	The tree displays either or both Poor Health and/or Structure and is considered to have a short Useful Life Expectancy of less than ten years. Some short-lived species such as <i>Acacia sp.</i> may naturally achieve a short ULE.
>10 years	The tree displays Fair Health or Structure and Good Health or Structure and is considered to have a Useful Life Expectancy of ten years or more. Trees identified as having a ULE of >10, will require mitigation such as pruning, stem injections or soil amelioration to increase their ULE.
>20 years	The tree displays Good Health and Structure and is considered to have an extended Useful Life Expectancy of more than twenty years.

### **Maturity (Age)**

Age Class	Definition
Senescent	The tree has surpassed its optimum growing period and is declining and/or reducing in size. May be considered as a veteran in relation to its ongoing management. Tree will have generally reached greater than 80% of its expected life expectancy.
Mature	A mature tree is one that has reached its expected overall size, although the tree's trunk is still expected to continue growing. Tree maturity is also assessed based on species; as some trees are much longer lived than others. Tree will have generally reached 20-80% of its expected life expectancy.
Semi Mature	A tree which has established but has not yet reached maturity. Normally tree establishment practices such as watering will have ceased. Tree will generally not have reached 20% of its expected life expectancy.
Juvenile	A newly planted tree or one which is not yet established in the landscape. Tree establishment practices such as regular watering will still be in place. Tree will generally be a newly planted specimen up to five years old; this may be species dependant.

### Tree Health Assessment (THA©)

Category	Description
Good	Tree displays normal vigour, uniform leaf colour, no or minor dieback (<5%), crown density (>90%). When a tree is deciduous, healthy axillary buds and typical internode length is used to determine its health. A tree with good health would show no sign of disease and no or minor pest infestation was identified. The tree has little to no pest and/or disease infestation.
Fair	Tree displays reduced vigour abnormal leaf colour, a moderate level of dieback (<15%), crown density (>70%) and in deciduous trees, reduced axillary buds and internode length. Minor pest and/or disease infestation potentially impacting on tree health. Trees with fair health have the potential to recover with reasonable remedial treatments.
Poor	Tree displays an advanced state of decline with low or no vigour, chlorotic or dull leaf colour, with high crown dieback (>15%), low crown density (<70%) and/or in deciduous trees, few or small axillary buds and shortened internode length. Pest and or disease infestation is evident and/or widespread. Trees with poor health are highly unlikely to recover with any remedial treatments; these trees have declined beyond the point of reversal.
Dead	The tree has died and has no opportunity for recovery.



### **Tree Structural Assessment (TSA©)**

Category	Description
Good	Little to no branch failure observed within the crown, well-formed unions, no included bark, good branch and trunk taper present, root buttressing and root plate are typical. Trees that are identified as having good health display expected condition for their age, species and location.
Fair	The tree may display one or more of the following a history of minor branch failure, included bark unions may be present however, are stable at this time, acceptable branch and trunk taper present, root buttressing and root plate are typical. Trees with fair structure will generally require reasonable remediation methods to ensure the tree's structure remains viable.
Poor	History of significant branch failure observed in the crown, poorly formed unions, unstable included bark unions present, branch and/or trunk taper is abnormal, root buttressing and/or root plate are atypical.
Failed	The structure of the tree has or is in the process of collapsing.

### **Tree Form Assessment (TFA©)**

Category	Description
Good	Form is typical of the species and has not been altered by structures, the environment or other trees.
Fair	The form has minor impacts from structures, the environment or adjacent trees which has altered its shape. There may be slight phototropic response noted or moderate pruning which has altered the tree's form.
Poor	The tree's form has been substantially impacted by structures, the environment, pruning or other trees. Phototropic response is evident and unlikely to be corrected.
Atypical	Tree form is highly irregular due to structures or other trees impacting its ability to correctly mature. Extreme phototropic response is evident; or the tree has had a substantially failure resulting in its poor condition, or extensive pruning has altered the tree's form irreversibly.

### **Priority**

Category	Description
Low	Identified works within this priority should be carried out within 12 months.
Medium	Identified works within this priority should be carried out within 6 months.
High	Identified works within this priority should be carried out within 3 months.
Urgent	Identified works within this priority should be carried out immediately. Works within this priority rating will be brought to attention of the responsible person at the time of assessment.



### **Tree Retention Rating (TRR)**

The Tree Retention Rating is based on a number of factors that are identified as part of the standard tree assessment criteria including Condition, Size, Environmental, Amenity and Special Values. These factors are combined in a number of matrices to provide a Preliminary Tree Retention Rating and a Tree Retention Rating Modifier which combine to provide a Tree Retention Rating that is measurable, consistent and repeatable.

### **Preliminary Tree Retention Rating**

The Preliminary Tree Retention Rating is conducted assessing Tree Health and Structure to give an overall Condition Rating and Height and Spread to give an overall Size Rating. The following matrices identify how these are derived.

Condition Matrix					
Ctructure	Health				
Structure	Good	Fair	Poor	Dead	
Good	C1	C2	C3	C4	
Fair	C2	C2	C3	C4	
Poor	C3	C3	C4	C4	
Failed	C4	C4	C4	C4	

	Size Matrix							
Corood	Served Height							
Spread	>20							
>20	S1	S1	S1	S2	S3			
15-20	S1	S1	S2	S3	S3			
10-15	S1	<b>S1</b> S2 S2 S3 S4						
5-10	S2 S3 S3 S4 S5							
<5	S3	S3	S4	S5	S5			

The results from the Condition and Size Matrices are then placed in the Preliminary Tree Retention Rating Matrix.

Preliminary Tree Retention Rating					
Size		Cond	ition		
Size	C1	C2	C3	C4	
S1	High	Moderate	Low	Low	
S2	Moderate	Moderate	Low	Low	
<b>S</b> 3	Moderate	Moderate	Low	Low	
S4	Moderate	Moderate	Low	Low	
<b>S</b> 5	Low	Low	Low	Low	

The Preliminary Tree Retention Rating gives a base rating for all trees regardless of other environmental and/or amenity factors and any Special Value considerations. The Preliminary Tree Retention Rating can only be modified if these factors are considered to be of high or low enough importance to warrant increasing or, in a few cases, lowering the original rating.



### **Tree Retention Rating Modifier**

The Preliminary Tree Retention Rating is then qualified against the recognised Environmental and Amenity benefits that trees present to the community thereby providing a quantitative measure to determine the overall Tree Retention Rating. Data is collected in relation to Environmental and Amenity attributes which are compared through a set of matrices to produce a Tree Retention Rating Modifier.

Environmental Matrix						
Origin	Habitat					
Origin	Active	Inactive	Potential	No Habitat		
Indigenous	E1 E1 E2 E3					
Native	E1	E2	E3	E3		
Exotic	E2 E3 E3 E4					
Weed	E3	E3	E4	E4		

Amenity Matrix							
Character	Aesthetics						
Character	High	Moderate	Low	None			
Important	P1	P1	P2	P3			
Moderate	P1	P1 P2 P3 P3					
Low	P2 P3 P3 P4						
None	P3	P3	P4	P4			

Tree Retention Rating Modifier					
A manifus		Enviro	nment		
Amenity	E1	E2	E3	E4	
P1	High	High	Moderate	Moderate	
P2	High	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	
P3	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	
P4	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Low	

### **Tree Retention Rating**

The results of the Preliminary Tree Retention Rating and the Tree Retention Rating Modifier matrices are combined in a final matrix to give the actual Tree Retention Rating.

Tree Retention Rating Matrix				
Tree Retention Rating	Preliminary Tree Retention Rating			
Modifier	High	Moderate	Low	
High	Important	High	Moderate	
Moderate	High	Moderate	Low	
Low	Moderate	Low	Low	



### **Special Value Trees**

There are potentially trees that have Special Value for reasons outside of normal Arboricultural assessment protocols and therefore would not have been considered in the assessment to this point; to allow for this a Special Value characteristic that can override the Tree Retention Rating can be selected. Special Value characteristics that could override the Tree Retention Rating would include factors such as the following:

### Cultural Values

Memorial Trees, Avenue of Honour Trees, Aboriginal Heritage Trees, Trees planted by Dignitaries and various other potential categories.

### Environmental Values

Rare or Endangered species, Remnant Vegetation, Important Habitat for rare or endangered wildlife, substantial habitat value in an important biodiversity area and various other potential categories.

Where a tree achieves one or more Special Value characteristics the Tree Retention Rating will automatically be overridden and assigned the value of Important.

### **Tree Retention Rating Definitions**

### **Important**

These trees are considered to be important and will in almost all instances be required to be retained within any future development/redevelopment. It is highly unlikely that trees that achieve this rating would be approved for removal or any other tree damaging activity. Protection of these trees should as a minimum be consistent with Australian Standard AS4970-2009 *Protection of trees on development sites* however given the level of importance additional considerations may be required.

### High

These trees are considered to be important and will in most instances be required to be retained within any future development/redevelopment. It is unlikely that trees that achieve this rating would be approved for removal or any other tree damaging activity. Protection of these trees should be consistent with Australian Standard AS4970-2009 *Protection of trees on development sites*.

### **Moderate**

These trees are considered to be suitable for retention however they achieve less positive attributes than the trees rated as Important or High and as such their removal or other tree damaging activity is more likely to be considered to be acceptable in an otherwise reasonable and expected development. The design process should where possible look to retain trees with a Moderate Retention Rating. Protection of these trees, where they are identified to be retained, should be consistent with Australian Standard AS4970-2009 *Protection of trees on development sites*.

### Low

These trees are not considered to be suitable for retention in any future development/redevelopment; trees in this category do not warrant special works or design modifications to allow for their retention. Trees in this category are likely to be approved for removal and/or other tree damaging activity in an otherwise reasonable and expected development. Protection of these trees, where they are identified to be retained, should be consistent with Australian Standard AS4970-2009 *Protection of trees on development sites*.



### **Development Impact Assessment**

Potential development impacts were determined in accordance with Australian Standard 4970-2009 Protection of trees on development sites. The identification of the impact of development considers a number of factors including the following:

- a. The extent of encroachment into a tree's Tree Protection Zone by the proposed development as a percentage of the area.
- b. Results of any non-destructive exploratory investigations that may have occurred to determine root activity.
- c. Any required pruning that may be needed to accommodate the proposed development.
- d. Tree species and tolerance to root disturbance.
- e. Age, vigour and size of the tree.
- f. Lean and stability of the tree.
- g. Soil characteristics and volume, topography and drainage.
- h. The presence of existing or past structures or obstacles potentially affecting root growth.
- i. Design factors incorporated into the proposed development to minimise impact.

The impacts on a tree can be varied and are not necessarily consistent with or directly corelated to a particular level of encroachment, to assist in providing consistency the levels of impact have been classified into the following categories: -

- No Impact no encroachment into the TPZ has been identified.
- Low <10% the identified encroachment is less than 10% of the TPZ area and not expected to impact tree viability.
- Low >10% the identified encroachment is greater than 10% of the TPZ area however there are factors that indicate the proposed development will not negatively impact tree viability.
- High >10% the identified encroachment is greater than 10% of the TPZ area and factors are present that indicate the proposed development will negatively impact tree viability. The impact is likely to lead to the long-term decline of the tree however it is unlikely to impact on its short-term stability.
- Conflicted the identified encroachment is greater than 10% of the TPZ area and in most cases will also impact the SRZ and/or the trunk. There are factors present that indicate the proposed development will negatively impact tree viability to the point where its removal is required as part of the development.

Trees with calculated encroachments greater than 10% and with an Impact identified as 'Low' have features or considerations identified in clauses in AS4970-2009 3.3.4 *TPZ encroachment considerations* which indicate these trees should be sustainable.

Trees with calculated encroachments greater than 10% and with an Impact identified as 'High' do not have any features or considerations identified in clauses in AS4970-2009 3.3.4 and therefore alternative design solutions, additional root investigations and/or tree sensitive construction measures are required if the tree is to be retained. Where alternative protection methodologies are not available tree removal may be required to accommodate the development.

Trees with an Impact identified as 'Conflicted' are impacted over the majority of their root zone and/or over the SRZ or on the trunk, additional root investigations or tree sensitive construction measures are not available and the only option is alternative designs or tree removal.



Appendix B - Tree Assessment Findings

### Jacaranda mimosifolia

### Tree No:

### 1

### Jacaranda

Health:

Inspected: 15 September 2021

**Height:** 10-15 metres

**Spread:** 5-10 metres

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**Structure:** Fair

Form: Fair

Trunk Circumference: >3 metres

**Useful Life Expectancy:** >10 years

**Tree Protection Zone:** 6.28 metres

Structural Root Zone: 3.24 metres

### **Observations**

This tree has an overall condition which is fair, due to its decay at the base of tree. This tree is co-dominant from ground level and has a visible decay hollow in the main union at ground level.



Legislative Status Significant

This tree has a trunk circumference greater than three metres and is not subject to any exemption from regulation and therefore it is identified as a Significant Tree as defined in the Development Act 1993.

Good

Retention Rating Moderate

This tree has a Moderate Retention Rating and could be considered for retention if it can be protected. It is likely that tree damaging activity, including removal, will only be approved if it is shown that alternative design solutions are not available.

Development Impact Low

The identified encroachment is greater than 10% of the Tree Protection Zone area however the proposed development incorporates features that minimise the impact on the tree.

Action Protect Root Zone

Protect the root zone of this tree in accordance with the recommendations and principles of AS4970-2009.



### Jacaranda

Health:

Inspected: 15 September 2021

**Height:** 10-15 metres

Spread: 10-15 metres

Structure: Fair

Form: Fair

Trunk Circumference: >3 metres

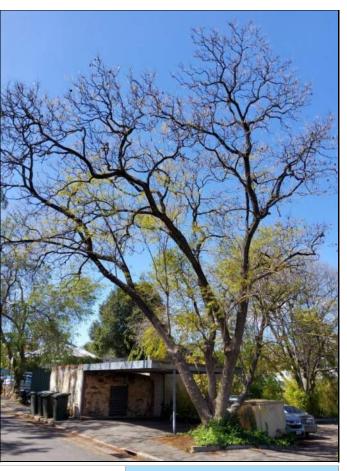
Useful Life Expectancy: >10 years

**Tree Protection Zone:** 7.47 metres

Structural Root Zone: 3.27 metres

### **Observations**

The tree has a condition which is fair as a result from having a modified form. This is a result of historical pruning. The main stem is within one metre of an inground electricity transformer box.



Legislative Status Exempt

This tree is within 10 metres of a dwelling, on the opposite side of Old Street and is therefore exempt from control under the Development Act 1993.

Good

Retention Rating Moderate

This tree has a Moderate Retention Rating and could be considered for retention if it can be protected. It is likely that tree damaging activity, including removal, will only be approved if it is shown that alternative design solutions are not available.

Development Impact Low

The identified encroachment is less than 10% of the TPZ area and not expected to impact tree viability.

Action Maintain TPZ

This tree is owned by a third party and can be retained, therefore apply protection in accordance with AS4970-2009 Protection of trees on development sites.



Casuarina sp.

### Casuarina

**Inspected:** 15 September 2021

Height: 15-20 metres

**Spread:** 5-10 metres

Health: Good

Structure: Good

Form: Good

Trunk Circumference: <2 metres

**Useful Life Expectancy:** >20 years

**Tree Protection Zone:** 3.84 metres

Structural Root Zone: 2.34 metres

### **Observations**

The health and structure of the trees in this group indicate they are in good overall condition and has adapted to their local environment. This is a group of trees of mixed species including Acacia and Casuarina.



Tree No:

Legislative Status Unregulated

This trees in this group do not achieve a regulated trunk circumference and therefore are not regulated by the Development Act 1993.

Retention Rating Low

This group of trees has a Low Retention Rating and should not form a material constraint to the redevelopment of this site. Tree damaging activity, including removal, is likely to be approved as part of an otherwise reasonable development.

Development Impact Conflicted

The identified encroachment impacts the Structural Root Zone. The new below ground carpark is within the SRZ and its installation is likely to cause these trees to become unstable.

Action Removal Required

This group of trees is owned by a third party, however tree removal is required to support the proposed development.



### Jacaranda mimosifolia

### Tree No:

### 4

### Jacaranda

**Inspected:** 15 September 2021

Height: <5 metres

**Spread:** <5 metres

Health: Fair

Structure: Good

Form: Fair

Trunk Circumference: <2 metres

**Useful Life Expectancy:** >10 years

**Tree Protection Zone:** 2.00 metres

Structural Root Zone: 1.50 metres

### **Observations**

This tree is considered to be in fair overall condition as evidenced by the moderate level of dieback in the upper crown.



Legislative Status Unregulated

This tree does not achieve a regulated trunk circumference and therefore is not regulated by the Development Act 1993.

Retention Rating Low

This tree has a Low Retention Rating and should not form a material constraint to the redevelopment of this site. Tree damaging activity, including removal, is likely to be approved as part of an otherwise reasonable development.

Development Impact Conflicted

The identified encroachment is greater than 10% of the TPZ area and will also impact the SRZ and the trunk. The removal of this tree is required as part of the development.

Action Removal Required

Tree removal is required to support the proposed development.



Celtis australis Tree No:

Good

### European Nettle Tree

Inspected: 15 September 2021

15-20 metres Height:

15-20 metres Spread:

Structure:

Fair

Fair Form:

**Trunk Circumference:** >2 metres

**Useful Life Expectancy:** >10 years

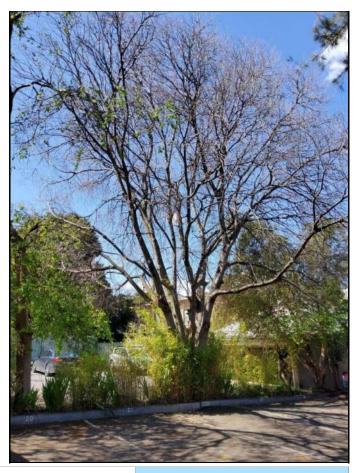
**Tree Protection Zone:** 8.91 metres

Structural Root Zone: 3.31 metres

### **Observations**

Health:

This tree is considered to be in fair overall condition due to the presence of stable included bark in the primary trunk division. This tree is a multi-trunked specimen and has bamboo planting covering the base and lower section of the main stem.



**Legislative Status** Exempt

This tree species is listed as exempt from control under Regulation 6A (5)(b) of the Development Regulations 2008.

**Retention Rating** Moderate

This tree has a Moderate Retention Rating and could be considered for retention if it can be protected. It is likely that tree damaging activity, including removal, will only be approved if it is shown that alternative design solutions are not available.

**Development Impact** No Impact

No encroachment into the Tree Protection Zone area has been identified.

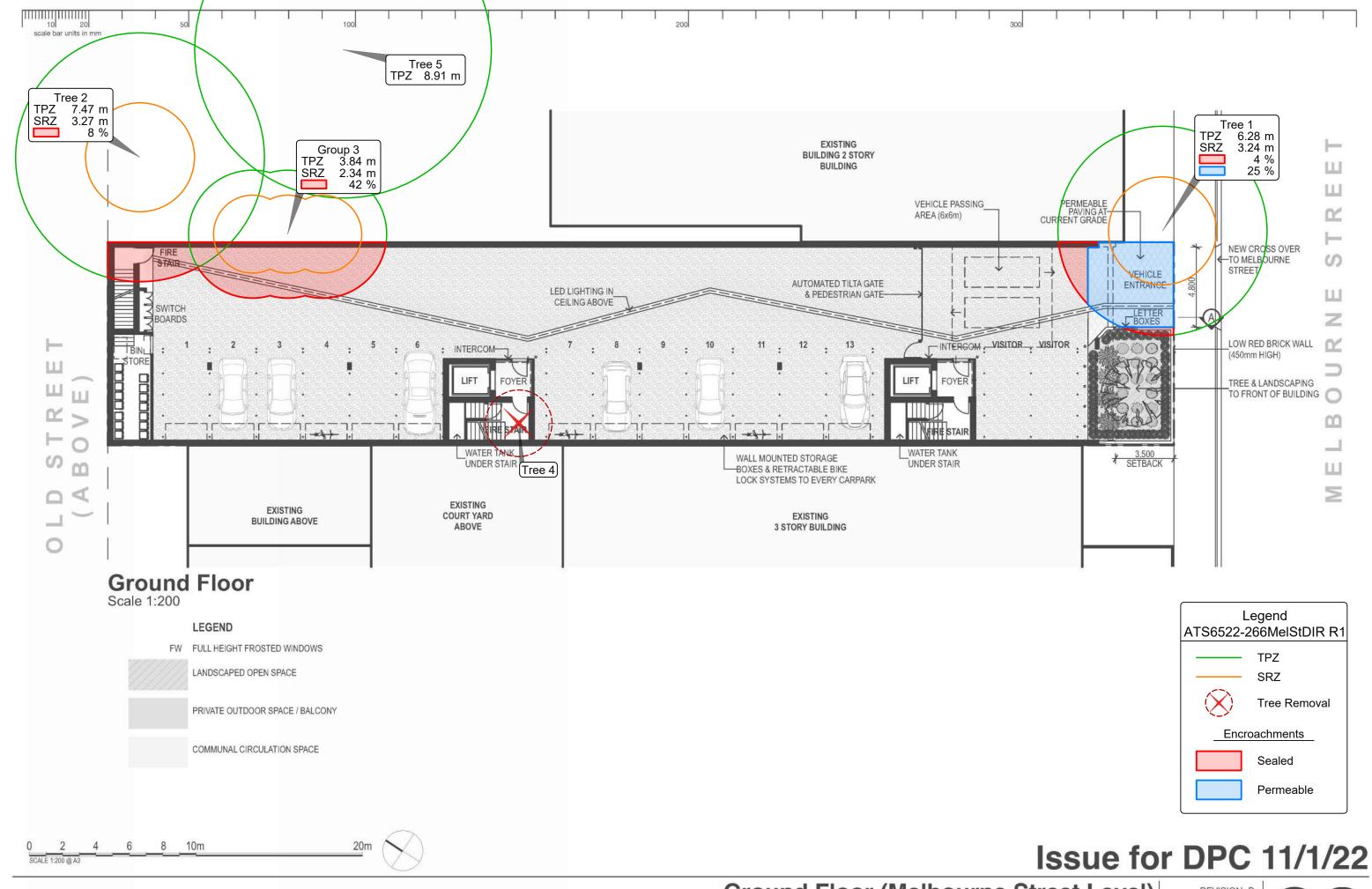
Action Maintain TPZ

This tree is owned by a third party and can be retained, therefore apply AS4970-2009 Protection of trees on development sites.





Appendix C - Mapping





Ground Floor (Melbourne Street Level)

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Appendix D - Tree Assessment Summary



## Tree Assessment Summary

Tree No.	Botanic Name	Legislative Status	Retention Rating	Development Impact	TPZ Radius	Observations	Action
1	Jacaranda mimosifolia	Significant	Moderate	Low	6.28 metres	This tree has an overall condition which is fair, due to its decay at the base of tree. This tree is co-dominant from ground level and has a visible decay hollow in the main union at ground level.	Protect Root Zone
2	Jacaranda mimosifolia	Exempt	Moderate	Low	7.47 metres	The tree has a condition which is fair as a result from having a modified form. This is a result of historical pruning. The main stem is within one metre of an inground electricity transformer box.	Maintain TPZ
3	Casuarina sp.	Unregulated	Low	Conflicted	3.84 metres	The health and structure of the trees in this group indicate they are in good overall condition and has adapted to their local environment. This is a group of trees of mixed species including Acacia and Casuarina.	Removal Required
4	Jacaranda mimosifolia	Unregulated	Low	Conflicted	2.00 metres	This tree is considered to be in fair overall condition as evidenced by the moderate level of dieback in the upper crown.	Removal Required
5	Celtis australis	Exempt	Moderate	No Impact	8.91 metres	This tree is considered to be in fair overall condition due to the presence of stable included bark in the primary trunk division. This tree is a multi-trunked specimen and has bamboo planting covering the base and lower section of the main stem.	Maintain TPZ



Appendix E - Tree Protection Zone Guidelines

### **Tree Protection Zone General Specifications and Guidelines**

The Tree Protection Zone(s) is identified on the site plan. The TPZ is an area where construction activities are regulated for the purposes of protecting tree viability. The TPZ should be established so that it clearly identifies and precludes development/construction activities including personnel.

If development activities are required within the TPZ then these activities must be reviewed and approved by the Project Arborist. Prior to approval, the Project Arborist must be certain that the tree(s) will remain viable as a result of this activity.

### Work Activities Excluded from the Tree Protection Zone:

- a) Machine excavation including trenching;
- b) Excavation for silt fencing;
- c) Cultivation;
- d) Storage;
- e) Preparation of chemicals, including preparation of cement products;
- f) Parking of vehicles and plant;
- g) Refuelling;
- h) Dumping of waste;
- i) Wash down and cleaning of equipment;
- j) Placement of fill;
- k) Lighting of fires;
- Soil level changes;
- m) Temporary or permanent installation of utilities and signs, and
- n) Physical damage to the tree.

### **Protective Fencing**

Protective fencing must be installed around the identified Tree Protection Zone (See Figure1). The fencing should by chain wire panels and compliant with AS4687 - 2007 *Temporary fencing and hoardings*. Shade cloth or similar material should be attached around the fence to reduce dust, other particulates and liquids entering the protected area.

Temporary fencing on 28kg bases are recommended for use as this eliminates any excavation requirements to install fencing. Excavation increase the likelihood of root damage therefore should be avoided where possible throughout the project.

Existing perimeter fencing and other structures may be utilised as part of the protective fencing.

Any permanent fencing should be post and rail with the set out determined in consultation with the Project Arborist.

Where the erection of the fence is not practical the Project Arborist is to approve alternative measures.

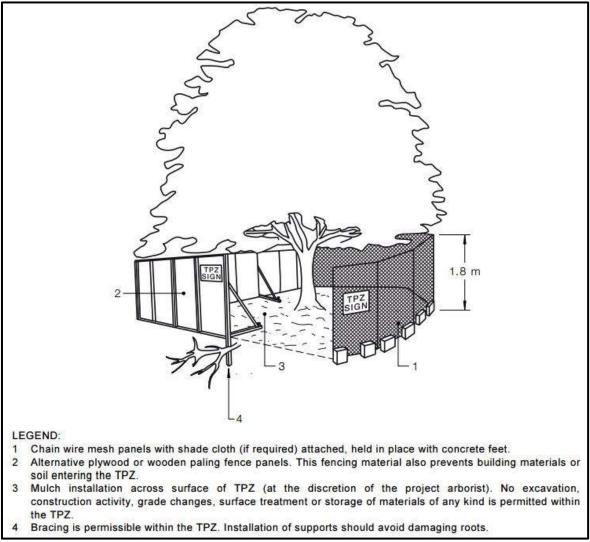


Figure 1 Showing example of protection fencing measures suitable.

### Other Protection Measures

### General

When a TPZ exclusion area cannot be established due to practical reasons or the area needs to be entered to undertake construction activities then additional tree protection measures may need to be adopted. Protection measures should be compliant with AS4970-2009 and approved by the Project Arborist

### Installation of Scaffolding within Tree Protection Area.

Where scaffolding is required within the TPZ branch removal should be minimised. Any branch removal required should be approved by the Project Arborist and performed by a certified Arborist and performed in accordance with AS4373-2007. Approval to prune branches must be documented and maintained.

Ground below scaffold should be protected by boarding (e.g. scaffold board or plywood sheeting) as shown in Figure below. The boarding should be left in place until scaffolding is removed.

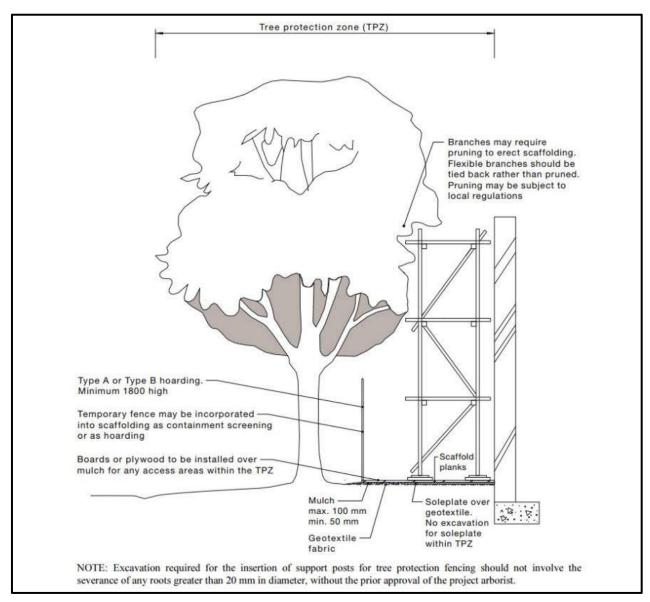


Figure 2 – Showing scaffold constructed within TPZ.

### **Ground Protection**

Where access is required within the TPZ ground protection measures are required. Ground protection is to be designed to prevent both damage to the roots and soil compaction.

Ground protection methods include the placement of a permeable membrane beneath a layer of non-compactable material such as mulch or a no fines gravel which is in turn covered with rumble boards or steel plates.

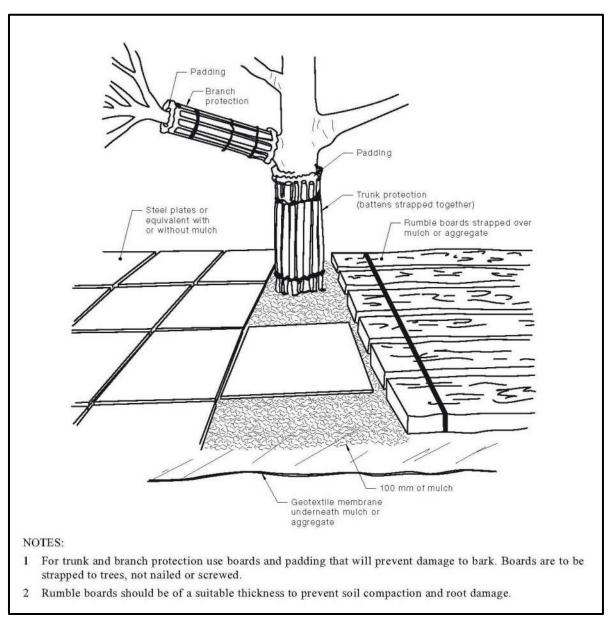


Figure 3 – Ground protection methods.

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### Paving Construction within a Tree Protection Zone

Paving within any Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) must be carried out above natural ground level unless it can be shown with non-destructive excavation (AirSpade® or similar) that no or insignificant root growth occupies the proposed construction area.

Due to the adverse effect filling over a Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) can have on tree health; alternative mediums other than soil must be used. Available alternative mediums include structural soils or the use of a cellular confinement system such as *Ecocell*®.

### **Ecocell®**

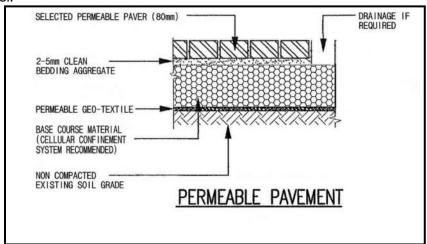
Ecocell® systems are a cellular confinement system that can be filled with large particle sized gravels as a sub-base for paving systems to reduce compaction to the existing grade.

### Site preparation

- Clearly outline to all contracting staff entering the site the purpose of the TPZ's and the contractors' responsibilities. No fence is to be moved and no person or machinery is to access the TPZ's without consent from the City of Unley and/or the Project Arborist.
- Fence off the unaffected area of the TPZ with a temporary fence leaving a 1.5 metre gap between the work area and the fence; this will prevent machinery access to the remaining root zone.

### Installation of Ecocell® and EcoTrihex Paving®

- Install a non-woven geotextile fabric for drainage and separation from sub base with a minimum of 600mm overlap on all fabric seams as required.
- Add Ecocell®, fill compartments with gravel and compact to desired compaction rate.
- ➤ If excessive groundwater is expected incorporate an appropriate drainage system within the bedding sand level.
- Add paving sand to required depth and compact to paving manufacturer's specifications.
- Lay EcoTrihex Paving® as per manufactures specifications and fill gaps between pavers with no fines gravel.
- Remove all debris, vegetation cover and unacceptable in-situ soils. No excavation or soil level change of the sub base is allowable for the installation of the paving.
- Where the finished soil level is uneven, gullies shall be filled with 20 millimetre coarse gravel to achieve the desired level.



This construction method if implemented correctly can significantly reduce and potentially eliminated the risk of tree decline and/or structural failure and effectively increase the size of the Tree Protection Zone to include the area of the paving.

### **Certificates of Control**

Stage in development	Tree management process			
Stage in development	Matters for consideration	Actions and certification		
Development submission	Identify trees for retention through comprehensive arboricultural impact assessment of proposed construction. Determine tree protection measures Landscape design	Provide arboricultural impact assessment including tree protection plan (drawing) and specification		
Development approval	Development controls Conditions of consent	Review consent conditions relating to trees		
Pre-construction (Section	ns 4 and 5)			
Initial site preparation	State based OHS requirements for tree work	Compliance with conditions of consent		
	Approved retention/removal	Tree removal/tree retention/transplanting		
	Refer to AS 4373 for the	Tree pruning		
	requirements on the pruning of amenity trees	Certification of tree removal and pruning		
	Specifications for tree protection	Establish/delineate TPZ		
	measures	Install protective measures		
		Certification of tree protection measures		
Construction (Sections 4	and 5)			
Site establishment	Temporary infrastructure Demolition, bulk earthworks, hydrology	Locate temporary infrastructure to minimize impact on retained trees  Maintain protective measures  Certification of tree protection measures		
Construction work	Liaison with site manager, compliance Deviation from approved plan	Maintain or amend protective measures Supervision and monitoring		
Implement hard and soft landscape works	Installation of irrigation services Control of compaction work Installation of pavement and retaining walls	Remove selected protective measures as necessary Remedial tree works Supervision and monitoring		
Practical completion	Tree vigour and structure	Remove all remaining tree protection measures  Certification of tree protection		
Post construction (Section	n 5)			
Defects liability/ maintenance period	Tree vigour and structure	Maintenance and monitoring Final remedial tree works Final certification of tree condition		

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# Tree Protection Zone



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**APPENDIX 3. SITE PHOTOS** 



Figure 7.1 Photo of site from Melbourne Street



Figure 7.2 Photo from Melbourne Street looking west

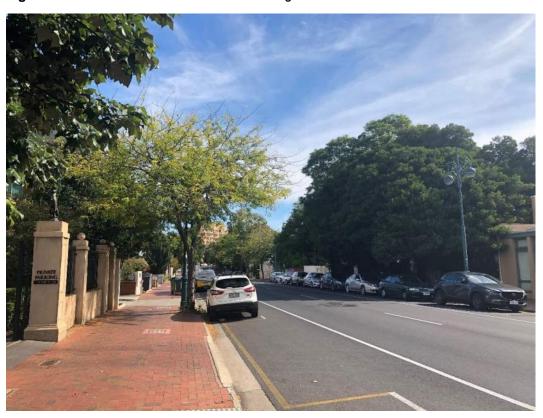




Figure 7.3 Photo of Old Street looking east



Figure 7.4 Photo of regulated tree (Tree 1)

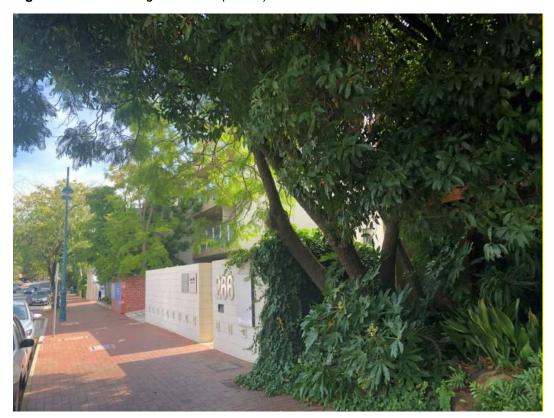




Figure 7.5 Photo of significant tree (Tree 2)





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THE SUNSHINE LIFE PTY. LTD. (ACN: 606 216 193) OF 1 JOALAH ROAD DUFFYS FOREST NSW 2084

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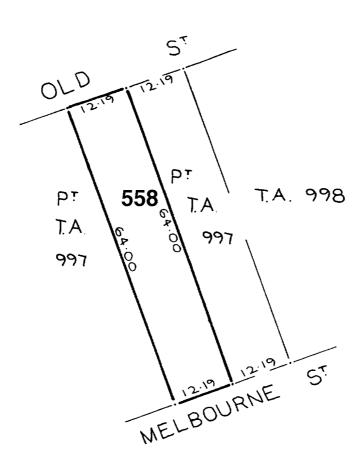
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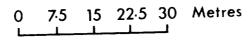
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# REPRESENTATION ON APPLICATION – PERFORMANCE ASSESSED DEVELOPMENT

Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016

Applicant:	The Sunshine Life Pty Ltd		
Development Number:	DA/174/2021		
Nature of Development:	Demolishing existing building and constructing four level residential flat building containing 15 apartments with ground level car parking		
Zone/Sub-zone/Overlay:	Mixed Use (Melbourne We	est) Zone	
Subject Land:	266 Melbourne Street, No	rth Adelaide SA 5006	
Contact Officer:	Edouard Pool		
Phone Number:			
Close Date:	19/08/2021		
My name*: Cate Cheetham		My phone number:	
My postal address*: 98 Old	Street, North Adelaide	My email:	
* Indicates mandatory informatio	on		
* Indicates mandatory information  My position is:			

[attach additional pages as needed]



Note: In order for this submission to be valid, it must:

- be in writing; and
- include the name and address of the person (or persons) who are making the representation; and
- set out the particular reasons why planning consent should be granted or refused; and
- comment only on the performance-based elements of the proposal, which does not include the:
  - N/A

l:	<ul><li>✓ wish to be heard in support of my submission*</li><li>✓ do not wish to be heard in support of my submission</li></ul>
Ву:	<ul> <li>         □ appearing personally     </li> <li>         □ being represented by the following person: George Manos     </li> </ul>
*You may be o	contacted if you indicate that you wish to be heard by the relevant authority in support of your submission
Signature:	George Manog Date: 17/08/2021

Return Address: N/A

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Complete online submission: planninganddesigncode.plan.sa.gov.au/haveyoursay/



Our ref: GM/221244

17 August 2021

Chief Executive Officer City of Adelaide Town Hall King William Street ADELAIDE SA 5000

Dear Chief Executive

### DA/174/2021 - Development at 266 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide

I act for Ms Cate Cheetham who resides at 98 Old Street, North Adelaide. My client's land is directly opposite the subject land which has a frontage to Old Street and Melbourne Street.

My client has instructed me to lodge a <u>representation opposing</u> the development proposed.

### **Existing locality conditions**

The subject land is currently developed with a single storey building which is not built to all side boundaries with an open car park area at the rear, facing onto Old Street. There are some trees in that area as well. Adjacent the subject land on Old Street, there are single storey developments, together with some trees. It is noted that on the property immediately to the east of the subject land there is a significant tree. There is also a regulated tree on the land adjacent the land facing Melbourne Street.

As to the Melbourne Street frontage, there is a three storey building to the "west" and a single storey building to the "east".

The proposal is to demolish the existing building and undertake the construction of a four level building, presenting as a four storey building to Melbourne Street and a three level building to Old Street. There will be excavation for the car park to a depth of about 3m+. However, the car park will not be expressly visible from Old Street although there appears to be some ventilation provided.

Fifteen (15) apartments are proposed in effectively two buildings, the building facing Melbourne Street is for *larger apartments* and the building facing Old Street contains a higher number of apartments. The apartments facing Melbourne Street whilst having more generous internal areas nonetheless still have a small amount of private open space. Indeed, on the question of private open space, it is noted that ten of the apartments have only 8m² of open space, two have 13m², two have 14m² and one is said to have 30m² although it is apparent that most of that area is only 2m wide.

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Given the development is going to be 'boundary to boundary', and there will be a substantial amount of cut – at least 3m in depth, it appears that there is a real risk that tree damaging activity will be undertaken which means that the consent of the adjacent land owners is required because, in effect, their sites are also part of the development. If the position is otherwise, the Council must have the applicant confirm that information.

Whilst there is a range of building heights in the locality, the prevailing height in Old Street is single storey. This is in direct contrast to the form and height of development proposed. It is overly large – see for example the plans prepared by DASH marked 09, 20, 21 and 22.

Further the form of the development and its close proximity to Old Street itself is clearly at odds with how Old St has been developed setback wise and the single storey nature of development including my client's heritage building.

### **Zoning and Height**

The land is in the Mixed Use (Melbourne West) Zone although my client's land is in the North Adelaide Historic (Conservation) Zone.

Further, my client's property is listed as a local heritage place – see Table 2 of the Development Plan which expressly lists the house frontage and side wall returns visible from the street. As a matter of law, it is relevant to assess the development not only against the Zone provisions but also the Zone on adjacent land. Further, and most importantly one must have regard to Melbourne West Concept Plan Fig. MU(MW)/1. That figure specifically shows the need for graduation of building height in response to the residential context at the interface with the North Adelaide (Historic) Conservation Zone.

As set out above, having regard to the conditions in the locality, it is clear that the intent of that figure – which is set out at page 23 of the Zone provisions is not achieved. That is reinforced by the text of the Development Plan and that part of the Zone character for the Zone which reads:

However, development will be desired to carefully manage the interface with sensitive uses in the North Adelaide (Historic) Conservation Zone particularly with regard to massing; proportions; overshadowing; traffic and noise related impacts.

Additionally PDCs 4 -7 address this issue including specifically PDC 5

Development should be in accordance with Concept Plan Figure MU(MW)/1.

As identified above, the images prepared by the architects show there is no correlation in terms of massing proportions as is required by the Development Plan particular at the interface. The height, bulk and scale is expressly at odds with the conditions in the locality and the Zone provisions referred to above. The proposal can therefore be refused on that ground alone.

### An overdevelopment

It is clear that when one has regard to the whole of the development, the site is being over developed. That submission is reinforced by the following matters:

1. As mentioned above, the bulk and scale of the building from all focal points.

- 2. The side to side boundary of the development.
- 3. The very small front and rear setbacks noting that the setback at the rear is effectively nil because of the brick walls and other treatments facing Old St.
- 4. The limited and it is submitted effectively largely unusable private open space provided to ten of the apartments.
- 5. The lack of any usable *communal open space*, noting that whilst there is a space some 4m wide between the "front and back buildings", that area is boarded by 12 14m high buildings with little opportunity for direct solar access.
- 6. The outlook from the units in the back building which face south.
- 7. As touched on above, the overall height of the development particularly having regard to the neighbouring properties.
- 8. The overall height of the development as it faces Old Street given the existing built form in Old Street including the built form of the representor's Local Heritage Place. In that regard not only do the Zone provisions seek to maintain the setting of heritage places in the immediately adjacent North Adelaide (Historic) Conservation Zone but in the General Part of the Council's Development Plan<sup>1</sup>.
- 9. Based on drawing 15 the Melbourne St height is 14m and working backwards from the information on that drawing the height is 10.8m at Old Street.

In essence, the approach taken is effectively to rely on PDC 2 under the *Overlay 1 Affordable Housing* which deals with affordable housing in terms of reducing the quantitative provisions to their absolute minimum. It is helpful to remind oneself that the courts have often stated, development that achieves the minimum standards does not always represent good development. That is clearly the case in this instance. Further and in any event the development will not be for *affordable housing*.

### Zone Expectation Not Achieved/Zone Conflict

Further, having regard to the above discussion, it is clear that the proposal conflicts with Zone PDC 6 under the heading "Form and Character" which reads:

Development should ensure a high quality living environment is achieved for residential development within the Zone <u>and</u> the adjacent North Adelaide (Historic) Conservation Zone. (emphasis added)

Further, the proposal offends PDC 7 which seeks development to maintain the prevailing low to medium scale built form and be consistent with the pattern of building setback from front and side boundaries. That has been discussed above and clearly the proposal offends that provision.

No buffer area is provided along Old Street as is sought by PDC 9 for the Zone.

Reference is also made of PDC 13 which reads:-

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See provisions generally under the heading *Heritage and Conservation – North Adelaide* at 57ff and *Development on Land Adjacent to a Heritage Place* at 59ff

Set-backs from Old Street should be sufficient to respect the character of the adjacent North Adelaide Historic (Conservation) Zone.

For all of the above reasons, it is clear that the proposal is an over development of the subject land. Similar land holdings have only been developed with no more than eight dwellings – see for example the apartments at 282 Melbourne Street. There is also Ronald McDonald House that contains 10 'living units' but the circumstances of that use are somewhat different providing short term accommodation for families whose children are hospitalized. The built form of that development is still much smaller than the proposal with single storey facing Old St.

### Other concerns

It is clear that in today's society, there is a very high level of car parking demand. Each apartment has two bedrooms but only one car park has been allocated to each apartment. It is respectfully submitted that that is an insufficient number to cater for the fifteen apartments. There are very limited parking opportunities in the public realm ie, in Melbourne Street and, in particular, on Old Street. Whilst bicycle parks have been provided, again it is clear that whilst there is some reliance on bicycles, there is a far greater reliance on motor vehicles.

There are no real opportunities for loading/unloading of goods presented on site. For example, how would furniture and the like be delivered or increasingly deliveries from supermarkets. The height of the basement area will not allow for such delivery trucks to access that area.

There can be no reliance on the development of St Ann's College which is in an institution setting and has its own unique circumstances i.e. the new development is within the St Ann's grounds itself. That development also does not front Old Street as is the case here.

Whilst there is some communal planting area, that area will be bounded by high rise buildings and it is likely to not be "user friendly" because it will be in shade with very high boundary walls. It will not create a *pleasant area* for any users which is less than desirable given the 8m<sup>2</sup> of private open space provided for ten of the fifteen apartments and which have small dimensions in any event.

There is, in effect, a complete lack of planting to Old Street noting that Old Street because of its dimensions relies on trees being planted on private land. This concern is further exacerbated because of the potential impact that that excavation necessary for the car park will have on the significant tree immediately adjacent the land in its north eastern corner and the regulated tree in the south-eastern corner (fronting Melbourne Street).

Further, it is noted that there is some opportunity for overlooking into the representor's property from at least the upper two levels of the development as it faces Old Street. Whilst the Development Plan acknowledges balconies providing some degree of overlooking so as to provide a connection to the street and also assist in passive surveillance, that must be tempered against overlooking into private properties. In this instance, unrestricted overlooking will be available.

### PDC14 Building Envelope Plan

It is noted that the consultants for the applicant have referred to the building envelope plan in their report (pg 12). The approach taken is erroneous in that it measures the 45 degree to the building itself on my client's land when the building envelope plan set out in the Development Plan clearly refers to the nearest residential <u>allotment</u> <u>boundary</u>. This simply reinforces the bulk and scale of the development and that it is in fact an overdevelopment of the site with inappropriate setbacks.

The Council should reject the approach put forward by the consultants. In short, fifteen apartments are proposed on 780m<sup>2</sup> of land with no side boundary setbacks, minimal setbacks to the two *fronting* streets giving rise to a building that is out of character and disrespects the conditions of the locality in terms of its height (together with its bulk and scale). This is directly borne out of non-compliance with PDC 14.

# Summary

The proposed development is for a four-storey development (fronting Melbourne Street) and a three storey development (fronting Old Street). It is an overdevelopment of the site noting that there is very high site coverage resulting in limited functionality of communal open space areas with very small private open space areas particularly for ten of the fifteen apartments proposed.

The design and, in particular, the height of the building does not sufficiently take into account the conditions in the locality and, equally importantly, fails to take into account or respect the character of the adjacent North Adelaide Historic (Conservation) Zone as is the express desire of the Development Plan.

A number of quantitative provisions are borderline, all because of the desire to establish so many apartments on a modest parcel of land.

There are a number of individual aspects of concern in relation to the proposed development as detailed herein. Further, there is concern about the impact the proposed development will have on the significant tree on adjacent land at Old Street and the regulated tree on Melbourne Street.

It is clear that the proposal does not comply with the relevant provisions of the Development Plan and therefore must be refused consent.

### The representor wishes to be heard

The representor wishes to be heard in person or by agent when this matter is considered by the Planning authority.

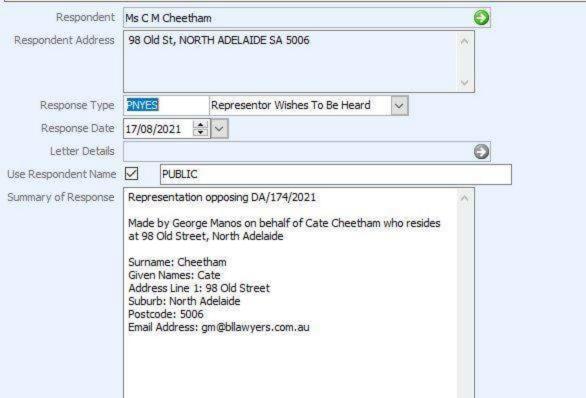
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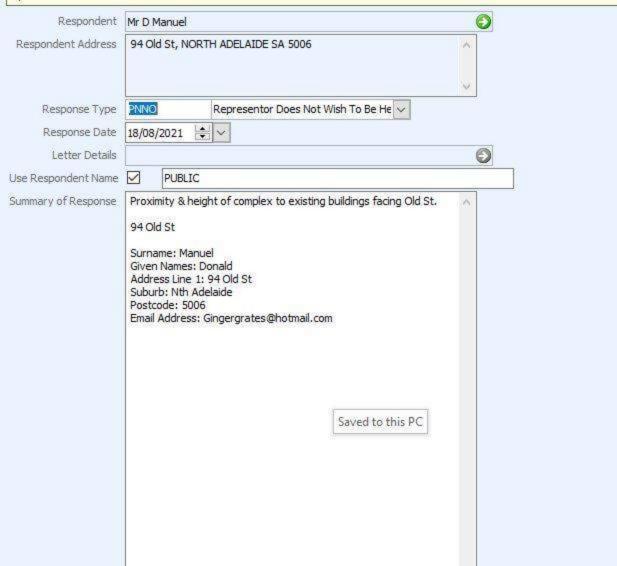
Yours faithfully

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Dear Edouard,

# **RE: DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 174/2021**

We act for The Sunshine Life Pty Ltd ('the Applicant') in relation to the above mentioned development application at 266 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide ('the site').

The purpose of this letter is to summarise and respond to:

- the City of Adelaide's outstanding concerns raised by emails dated 22/07/2021 and 22/10/2021;
   and
- the two representations that were submitted within the prescribed public consultation period.

Our consolidated response is set out below.

### THE CITY OF ADELAIDE

The following concerns were raised by the City of Adelaide ('Council'):

- the architectural expression of the Old Street and Melbourne Street facades in respect of visual interest and compatibility with surrounding built form;
- the separation distance between the central apartments and the rear of the apartments facing Melbourne Street;
- the upper-level setback distance from Melbourne Street; and
- protection of views of the City from properties along Stanley Street and Brougham Place.

### **Architectural Expression**

The concerns relating to the Old Street and Melbourne Street facades have been taken on board by the Applicant. In response, a revised set of architectural drawings is enclosed that proposes an increased level of visual interest and compatibility with its surrounds.

The amendments have primarily focused on the building's presentation to Old Street and include:

- removal of the concrete façade panel on the second building level to expose the depth of the second floor level balcony to add interest and soften its visual bulk;
- timber balustrading incorporated to the second floor level to provide a consistent appearance with the fencing at ground level;



- incorporation of sandstone block walling in replace of recycled red brick at ground level;
- angular 'cut outs' on the upper floor level of the west and eastern elevations adjacent Old
   Street to expose the upper level balcony and reduce the extent of 'Maxline' cladding; and
- incorporation of glass brick infill on the east and west elevations adjacent Old Street to increase natural light to apartments 6, 7, 11 and 12 and visually break up the bulk of built form.

To further assist Council, Dash Architects have prepared a design statement that details how the policy and existing built form context has informed the building's presentation to Melbourne Street and Old Street.

In relation to the Melbourne Street presentation, Dash Architects has advised that:

- the setback of the main facade considered both the Development Plan provisions and the pattern established by the existing adjoining built form;
- the upper level of the building has been setback and articulated from the intermediate levels below to reduce the visual impact of its height;
- the driveway alignment has been established to create a consistent streetscape rhythm with the adjoining property to the west; and
- landscaping presentation to the street has been added to provide greater amenity to the public realm.

With regard to the Old Street architectural expression, Dash Architects advised:

"The presentation to Old Street has attempted address the adjoining zone and local heritage place through a combination of horizontal articulation (accentuating the lower floor) and use of materials (primarily stone and cream render). It has also attempted to present the upper floor as a 'roof like' structure, particularly from side on, through the choice of materials used for the walls."

It is important to note that the Desired Character of the Mixed Use (Melbourne West) Zone ('the Zone') envisages the following development outcomes in relation to the 'architectural expression' of built form:

"Development should reinforce the role and image of the Zone as an attractive mixed use area of low to medium scale, <u>innovatively designed buildings</u> set within landscaped grounds. Development should reinforce the historic siting pattern of buildings set back from boundaries in a landscaped setting."

(our emphasis)

This is further reinforced through Objective 2 of the Zone which reads:

**Objective 2:** A visually interesting streetscape characterised by <u>contemporary</u> <u>architecture</u> and landscaped setting <u>complementing historic built form</u>.

(our emphasis)

It is clear from the proposed amendments and the statement prepared by Dash Architects that the proposed design will offer a contemporary and visually interesting presentation to the site's respective streetscapes as desired by the Zone and one that positively complements its surrounds, including the historic built form within the adjoining North Adelaide Historic (Conservation) Zone.



# **Internal Courtyard Width**

In relation to the concerns relating to the separation distance for the internal courtyard, we note this area has the function of a 'light well' for the internal facing apartments where regard must be given to Council Wide PDC 74 which states:

#### PDC 74:

Light wells may be used as a source of daylight, ventilation, outlook and sunlight for medium to high scale residential or serviced apartment development provided that:

- (a) living rooms do not have lightwells as their only source of outlook;
- (b) <u>lightwells up to 18 metres in height have a minimum horizontal</u> <u>dimension of 3 metres</u> or 6 metres if overlooked by bedrooms; and
- (c) lightwells higher than 18 metres in height have a minimum horizontal dimension of 6 metres or 9 metres if overlooked by bedrooms.

The internal courtyard contains a maximum height of approximately 11 metres and is not to be overlooked by any bedrooms. Therefore, as shown by our underlining above, a minimum horizontal dimension of 3 metres applies.

The proposed courtyard comfortably exceeds this minimum dimension by comprising a length of 12 metres and a width of approximately 5.5 metres.

Given the excess in area, the internal courtyard is not considered to fall within the types of light wells discouraged by PDC 74(a) above given that it can provide a satisfactory outlook to the internal facing apartments as desired by Council Wide PDC 73 of the Development Plan which notes that:

"outlook is a <u>short range prospect</u> and is distinct from a view which is more extensive and long range to particular objects or geographic features".

(our emphasis)

In addition to this, the amended design includes the provision of a green wall for the entire north facing elevation, save for the location of windows, to enhance the experience and amenity for the apartments that interact with this space.

### **Views**

It is acknowledged that views are relevant to the assessment of this application given the notation within the Zone's Concept Plan Fig MU(MW)/1 which states "Adjoining Policy Area 10 in relation to views may be relevant".

This notation refers to Stanley West Policy Area 10 which directly adjoins the subject site to the north and spans from Jerningham Street to the east to Brougham Place to the west. This area is shown in Figure 1 below.



Figure 1 Location of Subject Site and Policy Area 10 (combined Maps Adel/39 and Adel/40)



The Desired Character statement of Stanley West Policy Area 10 provides guidance with respect to views. It advises that:

"Views of the City from Stanley Street and Brougham Place properties should be protected. Buildings on Stanley Street, Kingston Terrace and Brougham Place may be constructed to take advantage of the landfall to provide semi-basement floors and views from upper levels southwards over the City, provided overlooking is adequately addressed through appropriate design.

(our emphasis)

In applying the above, regard should be given to the Environment, Resources and Development Court's full bench judgement of *St Ann's college Inc. v the Corporation of the City of Adelaide (2019) SAERDC 20.* 

This judgement related to St Anns College, located some 83 metres to the west of the subject site, and is particularly instructive with regard to the interpretation of 'protecting city views' as expressed in the Desired Character of Policy Area 10 where the ERD Court stated that:

"In our view, the term 'protect', as it is used in PA 10, has the same general meaning as 'minimise', or 'guard against the loss of', or 'avoid unreasonable detriment to'."

"Understood in this way, we consider that the protection of views does not equate to the preservation of existing views, nor does it suggest that, in the context of PA 10, only slight or very minor changes to existing views are contemplated. Given the planning scheme as it applies, as a whole, to St Ann's, it is apparent that some diminution of views must be expected."

In consideration of the above, whilst it is acknowledged that the proposed development may be visible from the rear of some of the properties along Stanley Street and Brougham Place when looking



southwards over the City, we are of the opinion that the available City views will be suitably protected for several reasons.

Firstly, the properties along Stanley Street and Brougham Place (to the north) are located at a higher elevation than the subject site, enabling a view range over the City from the south-east to south west.

Secondly, the nature of views obtainable will change over time due to the construction of new and taller buildings within the City. Such as the existing 'Adelaidean' and the 'Realm' buildings which were of particular interest in the evidence given in the St Anns College judgment.

Lastly, the Development Plan intends for increased development opportunities of up to four building levels and 14 metres in height where it must be reasonably anticipated that some views of the City will be impacted or obscured. It would be unusual to expect that a four storey building would not impact upon its surrounds in some way.



### **REPRESENTATIONS**

Two representations were received during the public notification period, both of which were opposed to the proposed development.

The representors are located directly north of the subject site, within the adjoining North Adelaide Historic (Conservation) Zone located at 98 and 94 Old Street respectively.

The following key themes were distilled from the submitted representations:

- Building Height and Setbacks;
- · Occupant Amenity;
- Overlooking;
- Car Parking;
- Tree Damaging Activity; and
- Overdevelopment.

When considering the concerns raised in the representations, it is instructive to:

- consider the relevant planning policies that apply to the site as the basis for determining the suitability of proposed development;
- have regard to the unique circumstances of the site, noting that it is located at the interface with the North Adelaide Historic (Conservation) Zone to the north of the site;
- acknowledge that the Mixed Used (Melbourne West) Zone seeks development of a greater scale and intensity than the low scale residential development sought in the adjoining Zone.
   New development is sought to manage its impact at the interface and complement, without necessarily mimicking, the existing historic built form;
- keep in mind, as a general rule, that no development will be perfect, and a development does
  not need to be so in order to warrant planning consent. The task for the relevant planning
  authority, in this instance the Council Assessment Panel, is to assess whether the outcome is
  acceptable having regard to the relevant planning policies. In this regard, we say that it is; and
- keep in mind that those residing at the interface of two zones must surely expect some degree
  of impact and change if land in the relevant Zone is to be developed to its reasonable potential
  in accordance with the relevant development policies. The proposal involves a development
  that is envisaged within the Zone and represents an appropriate planning outcome for the site.

# **Building Height**

The overall building height and proximity to existing buildings at the interface with the North Adelaide Historic (Conservation) Zone was raised within both representations.

In particular, it was asserted by one of the representors that the proposed height does not meet Concept Plan Fig MU(MW)/1) which seeks that "graduation of building height responds to residential context".

In our opinion, the wording in Concept Plan Fig MU(MW)/1) does not suggest that the building height needs to imitate the height of surrounding buildings within the adjoining Zone. Rather, it seeks to manage the scale differences between contrasting zones.

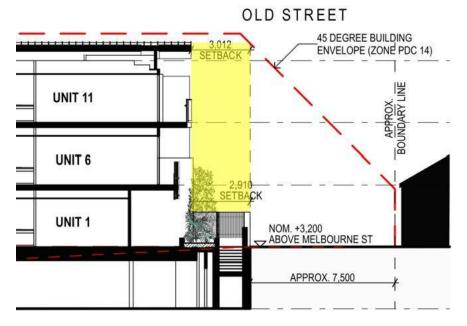


Such also needs to be weighed up with the fact that:

- the Zone envisages medium density development of up to 14 metres in height; and
- PDC 15 of the Zone contemplates buildings above two storeys at the Old Street interface provided the upper levels are set back from the street frontage and incorporate design treatments to reduce visual presence.

Further, the relevant criteria for assessing building height at the interface with the North Adelaide Historic (Conservation) Zone is primarily guided by the building envelope prescribed in PDC 14 of the Zone where its purpose is to minimise the impacts of building mass upon the adjacent zone.

The proposed building height has been designed to ensure that it is located entirely within the building envelope as shown below.



What is evident in this diagram (highlighted in yellow) is that the building is setback a greater distance that the envelope allows, meaning the interface has been appropriately managed.

Contrary to the submission made by one of the representations, the above building envelope has been applied correctly. For clarity, PDC 14 states that the building envelope is to be taken from the nearest boundary of an allotment within the North Adelaide Historic (Conservation) Zone as stated below.

PDC 14 (a) to minimise building mass at the interface, buildings should be constructed within a building envelope provided by a 45 degree plane, measured from a height of 3 metres above natural ground level at the allotment boundary of an allotment within the North Adelaide Historic (Conservation) Zone (except where this boundary is the southern boundary), ...

(our emphasis)

In addition to the above, a development of a height and scale greater than the existing development within the adjoining Zone is to be reasonably expected. This is acknowledged in Council Wide PDC 168 which seeks for development to maintain a <u>clear distinction</u> between the envisaged intense urban development of Mixed Use Zones and the historic character of the North Adelaide Historic (Conservation) Zones.



We also disagree that the proposed building height will impact the setting of the adjoining local heritage place. In our opinion, the proposed building exhibits thoughtful design consideration of the adjacent local heritage place by meeting the intent of PDC 162 of the Heritage and Conservation module through;

- incorporating complementary materials such as stone and timber to break up the visual bulk;
- using horizontal articulation to accentuate the lower floor to complement the single storey scale:
- being physically separated by Old Street and setting back the taller components into the site where the heritage place can remain a focal point within Old Street; and
- not replicating historic detailing.

Given the above, we are of the opinion that the overall height and scale of the proposed building is appropriate and sufficiently accords with the height expectations of the Mixed Use (Melbourne West) Zone.

### **Setbacks**

In addition to height, it has been asserted that the proposed setbacks are inconsistent with the prevailing pattern of development along Old Street as desired by the Zone.

PDC 15 of the Zone provides particular guidance with respect to the siting of built form adjacent the interface with North Adelaide Historic (Conservation) Zone which states:

- PDC 15 Where a site has frontage to a road that forms a zone boundary with the North Adelaide Historic (Conservation) Zone, any part of the building exceeding two storeys should:
  - (a) be setback from the street frontage
  - (b) incorporate design treatments to reduce the visual presence of the higher components and to achieve an orderly visual transition between the different zones.

The proposed development clearly meets PDC 15 above given that:

- the upper level is setback some 3 metres to the balcony and 4.5 metres to the façade from the Old Street boundary; and
- the upper level has incorporated design treatments to provide a 'roof like' appearance, particularly from side on, by using the same material used for the walls as expressed in the design statement by Dash Architects.

Regard should also be given to the existing pattern of building setbacks within the locality as expressed in PDCs 7 and 13 that state:

- PDC 7 Development should maintain the prevailing low to medium scale of built form and be consistent with, and avoid the further erosion of, the historic pattern of buildings set-back from front and side boundaries in a landscaped setting.
- **PDC 13** Set-backs from Old Street should be sufficient to respect the character of the adjacent North Adelaide Historic (Conservation) Zone.

The existing pattern of development along Old Street is comprised of one to two storey development that is located on or close to their allotment boundaries. We also note that boundary to boundary



development is common and is evident by the immediately adjoining development to the west of the subject site (Ronald McDonald House) which contains masonry fencing that extends to the Old Street boundary.

The proposed apartments will be set back further than the existing single and two storey buildings that are located on the Old Street frontage within the adjoining North Adelaide Historic (Conservation). The proposed stone fencing will also align with the adjacent Ronald McDonald House.

Whilst there are (few) examples of landscaping located between existing buildings and Old Street as evident in Figure 2 above, the proposal includes the provision two trees, capable of growing up to 8 metres in height. This landscaping will provide an important contribution to the streetscape and assist in softening any visual bulk the building may have meeting the intent for the envisaged landscaped setting in PDC 7 and the 'buffer area' in PDC 9 of the Zone.

To this end, we are of the opinion that the proposed development has been sited and designed to appropriately respect and complement the existing pattern of development within the streetscape as desired by the Mixed Use (Melbourne West) Zone. The proposed siting (and height) will also offer a suitable visual transition between the two Zones.

# **Occupant Amenity**

It was raised that the proposal does not provide sufficient occupant amenity in respect to the private open space areas, communal open space or outlook for the internal facing apartments.

In response to Council's concerns, the design was amended to increase the width of the internal court yard area and a green wall added to improve the outlook for the internal facing apartments and access to natural sunlight as stated earlier in this response.

The design changes have also resulted in amendments to the private open space areas of each apartment where only 3 apartments now fall below the minimum area of 11 square metres by only 1 square metre. Sliding doors have also been provided between the internal living areas and balconies where the two spaces can be used in an integrated fashion to contribute to a high quality residential living environment.

It is noted that some of the private open space areas contain a dimension of less than 2 metres. We do not consider this insurmountable in this instance given that:

- each balcony can be directly accessed from internal living areas;
- each balcony will come equipped with an adequately sized area that can accommodate a table and chairs that promotes indoor/outdoor living as sought in Council Wide PDC 61; and
- each apartment is equipped with more than the recommended internal floor area for two bedroom apartments.



# **Overlooking**

It was asserted that the proposal will result in overlooking into the representors property on at 98 Old Street.

Council Wide PDC 67 provides guidance with respect to overlooking. It advises that:

**PDC 67** 

A habitable room window, balcony, roof garden, terrace or deck should be set-back from boundaries with adjacent sites <u>at least three metres</u> to provide an adequate level of amenity and privacy and to not restrict the reasonable development of adjacent sites.

The proposed apartments facing Old Street are all setback greater than 3 metres from the boundaries of adjacent residential sites, in particular to that of 98 Old Street, as they are separated by a public road satisfying PDC 67 above.

To implement privacy screening or obscured glazing on the upper levels of the apartments along Old Street would be at odds with the Development Plan, as it calls for passive surveillance of the streetscape and for residents to have a satisfactory short-range outlook.

# **Car Parking and Access**

It has been asserted that an insufficient car parking supply is provided to cater for the proposed development.

We disagree with this assertion given that the proposed development will come equipped with more than the recommended number of onsite car parking spaces specified in TABLE Adel/7 of the Development Plan.

A total of 17 spaces (15 resident plus two visitor) are provided onsite, resulting in a surplus of two car parking spaces above the rate of 1 space per dwelling up to 200 square metres in building floor area for medium to high scale residential development.

To this end, the proposed development provides an adequate car parking supply to meet the anticipated demand satisfying Council Wide PDC 253 of the Transport and Access module.

It was also raised that the proposed development does not provide the opportunity for the loading/unloading of goods on the site.

The proposed development provides visitor car parking spaces on site that can be used for small deliveries and loading/unloading. Larger vehicles requiring the need to enter the site are likely to be very infrequent for residential development and are able to utilise the available on-street parking located directly adjacent on Melbourne Street.

## **Tree Damaging Activity**

It was raised that the proposal presents a risk of causing tree damaging activity due to the 'boundary to boundary' development and extent of excavation proposed.

In response, please find enclosed an Arboricultural Impact Assessment report by Arborman Tree Solutions that has assessed all trees on the subject land and the immediately adjoining property to the east at 264 Melbourne Street.



The arborist report identified that the adjoining property contains a significant tree adjacent Melbourne Street (identified in the report as Tree 1).

Tree 1 is located within close proximity to the subject land where it was recommended that tree sensitive construction methods are adopted for the driveway area within its tree protection zone ('TPZ') in order for it to be viably preserved.

It was also noted that it is unlikely that important roots of Tree 1 will be encountered within the subject land during construction where the arborist stated that "roots will have proliferated in the preferable growing environment of the garden bed, and it is unlikely that substantial roots will have colonised the area beyond the boundary wall."

The Applicant intends to ensure this significant tree is preserved and has therefore incorporated the recommendations made by the Arborist which includes a permeable driveway constructed at existing grade, with no excavation in the TPZ and using a low impact construction methodology that prevents/minimises compaction of Tree 1's root zone.

The existing tree adjacent Old Street (identified as Tree 2) was identified as a Jacaranda and located within 10 metres of an existing dwelling on the opposite side of Old Street. Given the species type and proximity to the nearby dwelling, this tree does not constitute a regulated tree pursuant to Regulation 6A, clause 5(a) of the Development Regulations 2008.

Therefore, due to the tree sensitive measures proposed for the driveway to preserve Tree 1, the proposal is not considered to result in *'tree damaging activity'* nor conflict with the relevant Principles of the Significant Trees module in the Development Plan.

# Overdevelopment

It has been raised by one of the representators that the proposal will result in an overdevelopment of the site.

We strongly refute this assertion given that the proposal satisfies a vast majority of the Development Plan provisions, including:

- the proposed development will come equipped with more than the recommended number of onsite car parking spaces;
- each apartment comfortably exceeds the minimum internal floor area for two bedroom dwellings;
- the height of the development does not exceed the maximum building height intended for the Zone;
- the building is setback sufficiently from its street frontages and well within the prescribed building envelope in PDC 14;
- the proposed boundary to boundary design is consistent with existing setbacks of buildings throughout the locality;
- the Zone does not limit the extent of site coverage; and
- the proposed density does not constrain other occupant amenity matters such as storage, bicycle parking, internal courtyard width etc.



# Summary

We remain firmly of the view, despite the concerns that have been raised by the representors, that the proposal is deserving of planning consent.

We wish to confirm our attendance at the Council Assessment Panel meeting to respond to any third party submissions.

If, in the interim, you have any queries or concerns whilst finalising your assessment of the application, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

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Enc: Design Statement by Dash Architects

Amended Architectural Drawings by Dash Architects Arboricultural Impact Assessment by Arborman