



Street Trees and Development Applications

As part of Council's reinvigorated commitment to our *Garden City - Quality Lifestyle* ethos, the City has signed up to the Vision 2020 initiative and has set an aspirational target of increasing tree canopy coverage to 20 per cent by the year 2025.

As part of that ethos, Council is committed to protecting and enhancing the natural environment and regards the City's 32,000 trees as an important community asset.

As a result, Council has significantly increased its tree planting budget and during the last planting season over 1,000 trees were put into the ground to enhance our streetscapes.

Trees in urban environments deliver many benefits. These include making our streets more attractive and welcoming as places to live, cleaner air, reducing the heat island effect, better water management and boosting the mental and physical wellbeing of residents.

Given these benefits, Council considers the loss of verge trees to be unacceptable. Accordingly, any proposed developments are to be designed to enable the retention of the street trees. In addition, new crossovers are to be set back two metres from the base of any street tree.

Development Applications that do not take account of the need to retain street trees will likely not be supported and the recommendation to Council will be to refuse such applications.

The City is committed to working with developers to ensure there is minimum delay to applications. If you are unsure about whether your development application would meet with Council's requirements, contact us to ensure a good outcome for your development, our community and our urban environment.



FURTHER INFORMATION

If removal of a street tree is being considered, the City strongly recommends that applicants contact Planning Services to discuss the proposal.

Should you require any further information, contact the City's Planning and Development Services team:

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