

# URBAN PLANNING SPECIAL COMMITTEE



## MINUTES

(Open to the public)

**Monday 3 February 2020**

Council Chamber, 8 Inglesby Road, Camberwell.

**Commencement** 6.34pm

**Attendance** Councillor Garry Thompson (Chairperson)  
Councillor Cynthia Watson (Mayor)  
Councillor Jane Addis  
Councillor Phillip Healey  
Councillor Lisa Hollingsworth  
Councillor Steve Hurd  
Councillor Jim Parke  
Councillor Felicity Sinfield  
Councillor Jack Wegman

**Apologies** Councillor Coral Ross (Leave of Absence)

<b><u>Officers</u></b>	Phillip Storer	Chief Executive Officer
	Shiran Wickramasinghe	Director City Planning
	Daniel Freer	Director Environment and Infrastructure
	Shiranthi Widan	Acting Manager Strategic Planning
	David Thompson	Manager Governance
	Robert Costello	Senior Project Planner
	Eren Cakmakkaya	Media and Advocacy Specialist
	Helen Pavlidis	Governance Projects Officer

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## 1. Adoption and confirmation of the minutes

### MOTION

**Moved Councillor Parke**

**Seconded Councillor Watson**

**That the minutes of the Urban Planning Special Committee meeting held on 16 December 2019 be adopted and confirmed.**

### CARRIED

## 2. Declaration of conflict of interest of any councillor or council officer

Nil.

## 3. Presentation of officer reports

### 3.1 Amendment C308boro - Hawthorn East Heritage Gap Study - Exhibition outcomes and request for Panel

The purpose of this report is to inform the Urban Planning Special Committee (UPSC) of the exhibition outcomes of Amendment C308boro and recommend the amendment be referred to an independent Planning Panel to consider all submissions.

The amendment seeks to implement the recommendations of the Hawthorn East Heritage Gap Study (the Study) by applying the Heritage Overlay to 19 individual heritage places, eight heritage precincts and one extension to an existing heritage precinct (HO151) on a permanent basis. These places and precincts are considered to be of local cultural heritage significance to the City of Boroondara.

The amendment was exhibited from 26 April to 3 June 2019. A total of 53 submissions were received, including 4 supporting, 8 partially supporting, 39 objecting and 2 which did not state a position.

Generally, the issues raised by submitters include the impact of heritage controls on property values and future development opportunities, burden of planning permit requirements, conflict with zoning of land, disagreement with the heritage significance of individual properties and precincts and accuracy of the Study.

The submissions have been considered by officers and Council's heritage consultant. A summary of all submissions received, the officers' response and recommended changes are provided at **Attachment 1**. The revised Study (January 2020) is provided at **Attachment 2**.

In accordance with section 23 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, Council as the planning authority must consider whether to change the amendment in response to submissions, refer the amendment to an independent Planning Panel or abandon the amendment in full or part. It is recommended the amendment be referred to an independent Planning Panel to consider all unresolved submissions.

*11 speakers opposed to the officers' recommendation addressed the meeting.  
4 speakers in support of the officers' recommendation addressed the meeting.*

## **MOTION**

**Moved Councillor Wegman**

**Seconded Councillor Hurd**

**That the Urban Planning Special Committee resolve to:**

- 1. Receive and note the submissions to Amendment C308boro (Attachment 1) to the Boroondara Planning Scheme and the Hawthorn East Heritage Gap Study in accordance with section 22 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.**
- 2. Endorse the officers' response to submissions and recommended changes to Amendment C308boro and the Hawthorn East Heritage Gap Study as shown at Attachments 1 and 2.**
- 3. Request that the Minister for Planning appoint a Planning Panel under section 153 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* to consider unresolved submissions to Amendment C308boro.**
- 4. Refer the amendment and all submissions to a Planning Panel in accordance with section 23(1) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.**
- 5. Authorise the Director City Planning to undertake administrative changes to Amendment C308boro that do not change the intent of the amendment prior to a Panel Hearing.**

## **Procedural motion - Adjournment**

**Moved Councillor Healey**

**Seconded Councillor Watson**

**That the Urban Planning Special Committee meeting be adjourned.**

**CARRIED**

*The Urban Planning Special Committee meeting adjourned at 7.55pm.*

**Procedural motion - Resumption****MOTION****Moved Councillor Healey****Seconded Councillor Sinfield****That the Urban Planning Special Committee Meeting be resumed.****CARRIED**

*The Urban Planning Special Committee meeting resumed at 7.57pm with all councillors present except Councillor Ross.*

**CARRIED****4. General business**

**The Mayor, Councillor Watson** informed the meeting the Planning Minister had removed Amendment C299 from the Planning Scheme on 16 January 2020. Amendment C299 was introduced in June 2018 and applied to properties under interim heritage overlays initially in Camberwell and Canterbury, but was extended to include Hawthorn, Hawthorn East, Kew and Kew East in 2019.

The Mayor, Councillor Watson stated on behalf of Council she was pleased the Planning Minister had listened to both Council and the community's concerns by removing Amendment C299 but Council was yet to receive written notification from the Minister regarding his decision.

**5. Urgent business**

Nil

**6. Confidential business**

Nil

**The meeting concluded at 8.08pm****Confirmed****Chairperson** \_\_\_\_\_**Date** \_\_\_\_\_