

# URBAN PLANNING DELEGATED COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

(Open to the public)

**Monday 20 March 2023**

Council Chamber, 8 Inglesby Road, Camberwell.

**Commencement** 8.14pm

**Attendance**

Councillor Nick Stavrou (Chairperson)  
Councillor Felicity Sinfield (Mayor)  
Councillor Jim Parke  
Councillor Wes Gault  
Councillor Lisa Hollingsworth  
Councillor Di Gillies  
Councillor Jane Addis  
Councillor Cynthia Watson (9.28pm)  
Councillor Susan Biggar  
Councillor Garry Thompson  
Councillor Nick Stavrou

**Apologies** Councillor Victor Franco

<b><u>Officers</u></b>	Phillip Storer	Chief Executive Officer
	Scott Walker	Director Urban Living
	Daniel Freer	Director Places and Spaces
	Kate McCaughey	Director Community Support
	Mans Bassi	Director Customer and Transformation
	Bryan Wee	Manager Governance and Legal
	Nick Lund	Manager Liveable Communities
	David Cowan	Manager Planning and Placemaking
	Jim Hondrakis	Manager Traffic and Transport
	Lucinda Bakhach	Local Economies Lead
	Elizabeth Manou	Senior Governance and Integrity Officer

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**Procedural motion - Adjournment****Moved Councillor Sinfield****Seconded Councillor Thompson****That the Urban Planning Delegated Committee meeting be adjourned.****CARRIED***The Urban Planning Delegated Committee meeting adjourned at 8.14pm.***Procedural motion - Resumption****Moved Councillor Parke****Seconded Councillor Sinfield****That Urban Planning Delegated Committee meeting be resumed.****CARRIED***The Urban Planning Delegated Committee resumed at 9.28pm with all councillors present except Councillor Franco and Councillor Gault.**Councillor Gault entered the chamber at 9.29pm and resumed his seat.***1. Adoption and confirmation of the minutes****MOTION****Moved Councillor Hollingsworth****Seconded Councillor Biggar****That the minutes of the Urban Planning Delegated Committee meeting held on 6 March 2023 be adopted and confirmed.****CARRIED****2. Declaration of conflict of interest of any councillor or council officer****Nil**

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### 3. Presentation of officer reports

#### 3.1 Glenferrie Place Plan - updated draft for consultation

##### Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement for the updated Draft Glenferrie Place Plan (**Attachment 1**) and the Supplementary Report on the Park Street Parking Facility (**Attachment 2**) to proceed to community consultation.

The Place Plan will guide Council's Placemaking activities in the precinct, which are designed to improve the public realm, support a diverse local economy, enhance arts and cultural activity, and promote a greener, more sustainable precinct.

The Supplementary Report summarises the key information and rationale behind the proposed Park Street Parking Facility options outlined in the plan and seeks community feedback. A separate Traffic and Parking Impact Assessment is also included at **Attachment 3** which considers the impact if the Serpells Lane Carpark is sold by Council.

An initial Financial Strategy containing confidential information is included as **Attachment 4** to assist Councillors with options available for implementation and delivery of the Place Plan in to the future.

##### Background

The Place Vision for Glenferrie received 87% support from the community. Delivering a people-focused streetscape was a key component of the Plan.

*"Glenferrie will be a vibrant and accessible place where everyone feels welcome. The streets and public spaces will offer more greenery and opportunities for people to meet, shop, learn and hold events. The local economy and community will flourish, with people and businesses representing the area's rich diversity."*

Draft Glenferrie Place Plan engagement was completed in late 2021 with strongly positive feedback (over 80%) from both traders and the broader community.

However, engagement outcomes from the Commuter Parking project (undertaken between December 2021 and February 2022) indicated the following:

- Concerns from local residents, particularly on Liddiard Street
- Confusion amongst traders about project implications for Glenferrie Road

Since the late 2021 Draft Glenferrie Place Plan engagement, the following aspects have changed:

- The withdrawal of Federal Government funding for the Commuter Parking Project has impacted on key projects in the Place Plan.
- Parking surveys show Serpells Lane car park is primarily used by Swinburne staff & students
- Progress with Tuck Stand and Ferguson Stand projects

##### Key Issues

The Glenferrie Place Plan provides a long-term vision that will guide public and private investment in this major activity centre over the coming decades.

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It features a range of projects and initiatives that will help revitalise the precinct into an appealing destination attracting visitors from across Melbourne.

Upgrading the public realm on Glenferrie Road will require some land that is currently occupied by car parking.

The Place Plan proposes relocation of some on-street parking from Glenferrie Road to free up space for improved pedestrian environment, street greening, and a greatly enhanced retail experience throughout the precinct.

The Commuter Parking Project was a key component of the previous Draft Plan, as it provided additional funding for the delivery of consolidated public car parking on the site located between Park Street and Liddiard Street. The funding for this project was subsequently withdrawn, so alternative parking solutions needed to be investigated.

Improving precinct accessibility and consolidating public car parking, remains a core strategy for this updated Draft Glenferrie Place Plan.

Given the above considerations, the following key amendments have been made to the Draft Glenferrie Place Plan:

- Reduce car parking removal from Glenferrie Road (from 100 spaces to 80) & clarify staging opportunities.
- Present three (3) options for a Park Street Parking Facility that provides the community and traders with opportunities to feedback & inform the parking outcomes.
- Improve information on parking arrangements through updates to the Place Plan and a Supplementary Report on the Park Street Parking Facility to clarify the following:
  - Show the direct relationship between the Streetscape Upgrade and the Park Street Parking Facility.
  - Potential for a staged approach to both the street upgrades and associated parking relocations.
  - No new commuter parking is proposed in the precinct
  - Parking changes will not result in a net increase in traffic to the precinct
- Update the Sport & Recreation Precinct to reflect the latest progress with Tuck & Ferguson Stand projects

Aside from these targeted changes, the Draft Glenferrie Place Plan remains largely consistent with the previous 2021 version that received over 80% support from both traders and the community.

#### Next Steps

Proposed next steps are as follows:

1. The updated Draft Glenferrie Place Plan and Supplementary Report on the Park Street Parking Facility will be taken to community engagement for a period of 6 weeks from 21 March to 2 May 2023
2. Officers will analyse engagement feedback, update the Glenferrie Place Plan accordingly, then present back to Council at a date to be confirmed in mid 2023 for final adoption.

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Confidentiality

Confidential information is also contained in **Attachment 4**, as circulated in the confidential section of the agenda attachments. The information in this attachment is deemed to be confidential in accordance with Section 66(2)(a) and the definition of 'confidential information' in Section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020.

The information relates to land use planning information, being information that if prematurely released is likely to encourage speculation in land values.

If discussion of the confidential information in the attachments to this report is required for Council to make a decision, Council may resolve to discuss the matter in a confidential session or to defer the matter to the confidential section of the agenda.

*Two speakers opposed to the officers' recommendation addressed the meeting.*

**MOTION**

**Moved Councillor Gault**

**Seconded Councillor Biggar**

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

- 1. Endorse the updated Draft Glenferrie Place Plan (2023) and Supplementary Report on the Park Street Parking Facility for the purpose of community consultation.**
- 2. Commence community consultation for a period of 6 weeks, from 21 March to 2 May 2023 to include facilitated meetings between residents and traders.**
- 3. Prepare a report for the Urban Planning Delegated Committee summarising the feedback from the consultation and presenting a final Glenferrie Place Plan for consideration.**

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

Nil

**5. Urgent business**

Nil

**6. Confidential business**

Nil

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**The meeting concluded at 10.08pm.**

**Confirmed**

NICK STAVROU

**Chairperson**



**Date**

3/4/23

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