**Town of Cottesloe Local Planning Scheme No.3** Proposed Amendment No. 12 No. 7 & 11 (Lots 50 & 35) Station Street, Cottesloe

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## MINISTER FOR PLANNING PROPOSAL TO AMEND A TOWN PLANNING SCHEME

1.	Local Authority	Town of Cottesloe
2.	Description of Local Planning Scheme	Local Planning Scheme No. 3
3.	Type of Scheme	Local Planning Scheme
4.	Serial Number of Amendment	Amendment No. 12

#### 5. Proposal

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- 2. Pursuant to regulation 35(2) of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015,* determine that the Scheme Amendment is a complex amendment for the following reasons:
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Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_

# Scheme Amendment Report No. 7 & 11 (Lots 50 <u>& 35</u>) Station Street, Cottesloe



# 1. Introduction

This report has been prepared by **element** on behalf of the landowner (Station Street Partners Pty Ltd) of No. 7 & 11 (Lots 50 & 35) Station Street, Cottesloe (subject site), in support of a request to amend the Town of Cottesloe (Town) Local Planning Scheme No. 3 (LPS3) to introduce site-specific provisions in Schedule 12 - Special Provisions (and a new Schedule 16) to form a building envelope over the subject site and subsequently amend the existing provisions for the site in Table 2 – Development Provisions. The provisions relate to an increase in permissible building height, changes to setbacks and plot ratio controls and other land use and built form matters. This report provides background information, site and proposed Scheme Amendment details, an overview of the planning framework and rationale for progressing the Scheme Amendment.

# 1.1 Background and Context

Two commercial/retail buildings and at-grade car parking currently occupy the subject site, which have been developed as part of the Cottesloe Town Centre since the 1970's. The eastern site (Lot 35) was developed first as an 'L' shaped retail building with the eastern wing completing the 'U' shape added on in the 1990's. The western portion of the site was developed as a 'U' shaped retail building during the latter part of the 1970's. Both buildings have minimal built frontage to Station Street, with at-grade open car parking taking up majority of the frontage.

#### Refer to Figures 1 to 4 – Aerial Images of Station Street

The subject site represents two substantial landholdings in common ownership within a prominent position of the Cottesloe Town Centre in Station Street. The landholdings have a substantial frontage to Station Street, a significant opportunity for improving the street interface as part of any redevelopment. They also have two frontages to De Nardi Lane which provide separation from the surrounding sites and access opportunities. The site is located on the south of Station Street that mitigates any overshadowing of the Station Street public realm, which is important given its intent to be improved as part of the Town of Cottesloe Station Street Place Making Strategy.

These landholdings present an opportunity to facilitate the first substantial redevelopment in the Cottesloe Town Centre within the last two decades, which this Scheme Amendment request is set to enable. The current planning controls adopted in 2014 (as per the Town of Cottesloe Town Centre Design Guidelines) limit the redevelopment potential of the site in its current and future context, considering its prime location in an activity centre adjacent a railway station and its spatial opportunity to accommodate strategic density, dwelling targets and active land uses within its Town Centre setting.

# 1.2 Pre-Lodgement Process

## 1.2.1 Process undertaken since April 2019

In April 2019 **element** submitted a request for a scheme amendment to LPS3 on behalf of the landowner of 7 and 11 (Lots 50 and 35) Station Street, Cottesloe. The purpose of the amendment was to allow for an increase in building height of up to 10 storeys (35 metres) and to facilitate changes to relevant built form controls. At its Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 June 2019, Council considered the proposed amendment to *"be sound and relevant"*, however the decision to initiate the proposed scheme amendment was deferred by Council for 6 months to allow progress to be made on a local area plan for the Cottesloe Town Centre Precinct.

At its November 2019 Meeting, Council initiated the Cott Village Project – Draft Precinct Plan (Precinct Plan) for public advertising, and it wasn't until February 2021 that the results of this advertising were then considered by Council. Then through discussions at its Ordinary Council Meeting in February 2021, Council confirmed the proposed scheme amendment had been held in abeyance for 19 months pending the release of State Planning Policy 7.2 Precinct Design (SPP7.2) and the finalisation of the Precinct Plan.

Refer to Figure 5 – Pre-lodgement Process Timeline



Figure 1. Aerial of Station Street, 1965

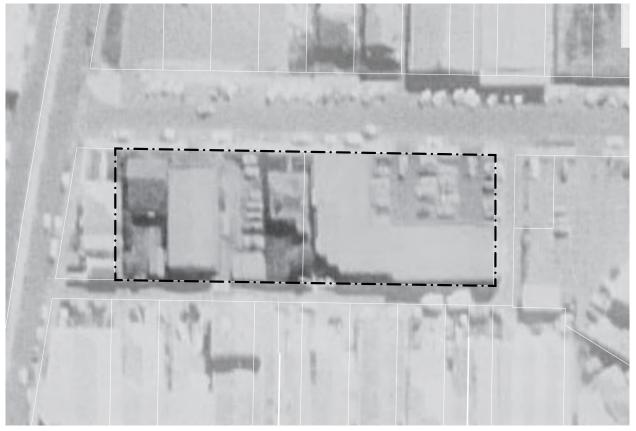


Figure 2. Aerial of Station Street, 1974



Figure 3. Aerial of Station Street, 1985



Figure 4. Aerial of Station Street, 1995

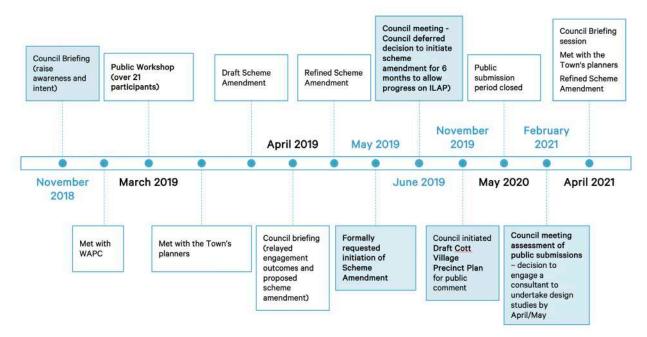


Figure 5. Pre-lodgement Process Timeline

Since the initial scheme amendment proposal in April 2019, **element** has continued to liaise with the Town and revise the Scheme Amendment accordingly. The following summarises the engagement process that has been undertaken by the Town and **element** since April 2019 in regard to the Scheme Amendment and future built form of the Town Centre Precinct.

#### **Town Engagement**

In preparation of the draft Precinct Plan, the Town conducted a variety of community engagement processes in October 2019 to understand the community's expectations and preferences for the future of the town centre. The engagement methods included two survey questionnaires, one focusing on resident and users of the area and another focusing on local businesses. The Town also held two community forum workshops on October 26 and October 29, 2019.

A detailed explanation of the main community engagement findings and how the Scheme Amendment addresses these community concerns and expectations is contained in section 4.9 of this report.

#### **Councillor Briefings**

Since the initial Scheme Amendment request in April 2019, **element** has provided two briefings to Council. The first briefing occurred in December 2019 to inform Council of the change of ownership that had occurred on the site, and the willingness and intent of the new owner to continue the scheme amendment process.

The second briefing occurred in April 2021 to inform new Council members of the Scheme Amendment proposal, the process which had been undertaken to date, the intent of redevelopment on the site going forward as well as address any questions or concerns from Councillors before updating the request.

#### 1.2.2 Process undertaken pre-April 2019

Prior to the lodgement of the initial Scheme Amendment request in April 2019, **element** undertook a collaborative engagement process with the broader community and the Town of Cottesloe Councillors, which is summarised below.

#### **Community Workshop**

A public workshop was hosted at the Grove Library on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm inviting the community to attend and participate in a conversation about the revitalisation of the subject site. The workshop was advertised through posters in Station Street tenancies (on the subject site), approximately 200 flyers delivered in the Town Centre and surrounds and an advertisement in The Post newspaper.

The workshop took participants through the following general discussion:

- Context of the Cottesloe Town Centre, now and into the future.
- Planning context at a State and Local level, discussion density and (station) precinct planning.

- Where change could be accommodated in the Town Centre, and how the site fits into this possibility.
- High-level principles and assumptions currently guiding the redevelopment.
- Thinking through examples/precedents, what could work on the site and what is important in its redevelopment.
- Discussing building height, bulk and setback scenarios from 5 through to 12 storeys including any overshadowing implications.

The workshop was attended by over 21 participants including some current Councillors and past mayors. Two activities during the workshop provided the key opportunity for participants to provide feedback that could be used to inform this Scheme Amendment, as well as any future development applications or design. In summary, the key takeaways relevant to this Scheme Amendment from these activities were:

- Curved and 'soft' building edges favoured with upper storeys set back.
- Laneway and pedestrian connections were important and were seen as opportunities for vibrant interesting spaces.
- The favoured building height to suit the character of the area was somewhere between the 5 and 8 storey scenarios, with 12 only supported by a few participants where it was going to be of a high build quality with interesting design outcomes.
- Participants generally accepted the 8-storey scenario given its more interesting form and upper setbacks.
- There was a general view to increase the ground level street setbacks across all scenarios to accommodate street trees, soften the frontage and allow for areas of activation.

This feedback has been taken into consideration when drafting the proposed Scheme Amendment parameters.

#### **Councillor Briefings**

Prior to the lodgement of the initial Scheme Amendment request in April 2019, **element** provided two briefings to Council. The first briefing occurred in November 2018 to raise awareness of the project and intent to revitalise the site. Councillors were taken through the proposed approach, including the Community Workshop, with some additional considerations raised and taken on board.

The second briefing occurred in April 2019 to relay to Council the outcomes of the Community Workshop and the initial Scheme Amendment proposal (including building heights, setbacks and other parameters) prior to any formal lodgement.

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# 2. Site Details

## 2.1 Description of Land subject of this Amendment

The land the subject of this application includes Lot 50 (No. 7) and Lot 35 (No. 11) Station Street, Cottesloe. The following table outlines the particulars of the Certificates of Title.

Lot	Plan Vol/Folio A		Lot Plan		Area	Landowner
50 (No. 7)	D050807	1444/760	1,606m²	Station Street Partners Pty Ltd		
35 (No. 11)	D045750	2976/621	1,626m²	Station Street Partners Pty Ltd		

Refer to Figure 6 – Location Plan

Refer to Figure 7 – Aerial Plan

Refer to Figure 8 – Site Plan

## 2.2 Location and Context

The subject site is located in the heart of the Cottesloe Town Centre, nestled between Stirling Highway and the Fremantle Line railway corridor. It is located on the south side of Station Street, affording it good northern aspect and access to sunlight during the winter months. To the south and east side of the site runs De Nardi Lane, a gazetted laneway primarily allowing service vehicle access and rubbish collection to properties on the South side of Station Street and northern side of Napoleon Street.

Napoleon Street is largely in-tact from its original main-street type building stock built to the street edge, being the centre of pedestrian and retail activity in the Town Centre. Station Street historically through its building stock and development over time has had a more eroded streetscape and wider road reserve that catered for a fair portion of the Town Centre's car parking. Today, with plenty of street parking, parking on private lots and two public car parks in Station Street, many visitors to the Town Centre park in Station Street and walk through to Napoleon Street through the existing mid-block pedestrian connections, two of which run through the subject site from Station Street to De Nardi Lane.

The Cottesloe Train Station is located immediately west of the subject site, providing a key link to both Fremantle and Perth. Although pedestrian access to the station is currently convoluted from the Town Centre, it is part of the Station Street Place Making Strategy to improve access.

The site is uniquely located within the Perth Metropolitan context being within the Cottesloe Town Centre, and in close proximity to areas of high amenity including access to education, medical and day-to-day services, retail, cafes, restaurants, and open spaces as well as areas of natural amenity including both the river and ocean (beachfront).

Refer to Figure 9 – Broader Context Plan

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Figure 6. Location Plan

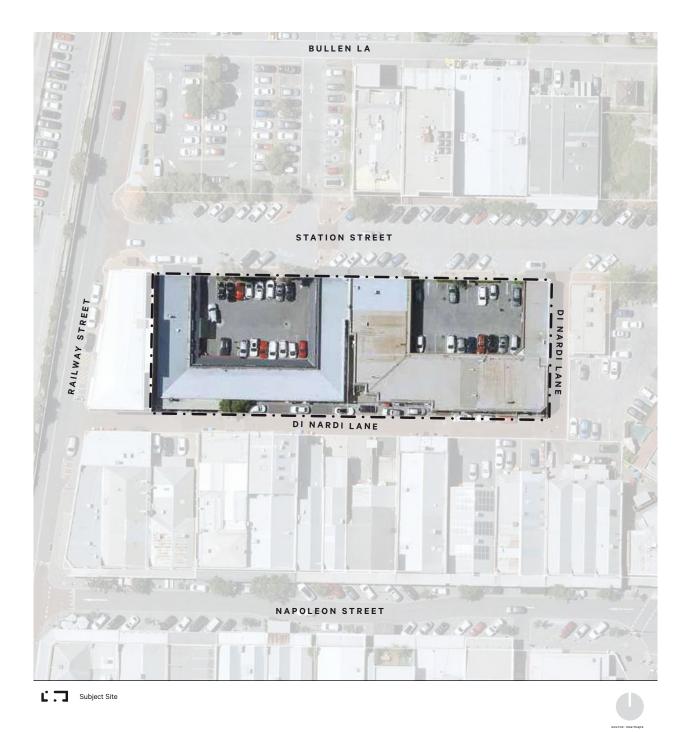
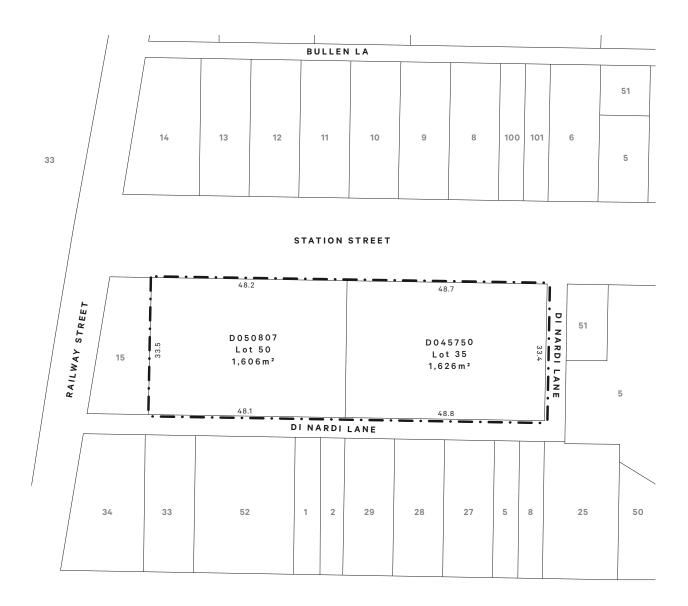


Figure 7. Aerial Plan



#### NAPOLEON STREET

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Figure 8. Site Plan



Figure 9. Broader Context Plan

# 2.3 Site Considerations

#### 2.3.1 Aboriginal Heritage

A desktop search of the State Government's Aboriginal Heritage Inquiry System reveals that the subject site contains no known registered sites.

### 2.3.2 Other Heritage Considerations

A desktop search of the State Government's InHerit database indicates there are no significant Registered European Heritage Sites on the subject site that affect the proposed Scheme Amendment.

Contextually, a nearby site on the corner of Station Street and Stirling Highway is occupied by the Albion Hotel which is on the Town of Cottesloe's Statutory Heritage List and Municipal Inventory. The Statement of Significance attributed to that place by the Town is:

The hotel has social and historic significance as the place, dating possibly from the 1830s, where travellers stopped on their journey by road between the port of Fremantle and the city of Perth. The current building has significant landmark value on the Stirling Highway. Importance for association with John Briggs in the 1870s who had the original hotel, Robert Napoleon Bullen who developed the grounds in the 1880s and his wife Alice who ran it from 1888.

One of its reasons for inclusion on the Heritage List is noted as: 'The place contributes to the character and amenity of the street, locality and overall district'. Since its original construction in 1912, it has remained an iconic structure in the Cottesloe Town Centre, although the rear portion of the site is currently underutilised as at-grade bitumen car parking.

The subject site's proximity to the Albion Hotel has been considered as part of this Scheme Amendment to the extent of its potential impact on the amenity of the site. The subject site is located to the west of the Albion Hotel, parted by De Nardi Lane and No. 19 Station Street for a portion of the boundary, reducing any potential impact on the Hotel's landmark value by way of separation. This is further reduced given the Albion Hotel fronts Stirling Highway, with the rear portion of the site comprising car parking, storage and secondary entries interfacing with the subject site. The subject site being located to the west of the subject site also reduces implications of overshadowing on the Albion Hotel.

# 3. Proposed Scheme Amendment

## 3.1 Overview of Amendment

Pursuant to Section 75 of the *Planning and Development Act 2005*, the proposed Scheme Amendment No.12 seeks to amend LPS 3 by:

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 d) Introducing a new Schedule 16 titled 'Building Control Diagrams for No. 7 & 11 (Lots 50 & 35) Station Street' [Schedule 12] that includes the following building diagrams.

e) Amend the Scheme Maps to include the 'R-ACO' coding over the subject site.

Refer to Figure 10 – Building Control Diagrams for No. 7 & 11 (Lots 50 & 35) Station Street

Refer to Figure 11 – Proposed Scheme Amendment – R-Coding

#### Schedule 16 - Building Control Diagrams for No. 7 & 11 (Lots 50 & 35) Station Street

The diagrams below define the maximum building envelope. Building height shall be determined as follows:

- Ground floor (1 storey) minimum floor to ceiling height of 4.5 metres.
- Podium (3 storeys) maximum building height of 11.5 metres
- Building height (8 storey portion) maximum building height of 26.5 metres with an additional 2 metres for rooftop articulation and structures (28.5 metres).
- Building height (10 storey portion) maximum building height of 32.5 metres with an additional 2 metres for rooftop articulation and structures (34.5 metres).

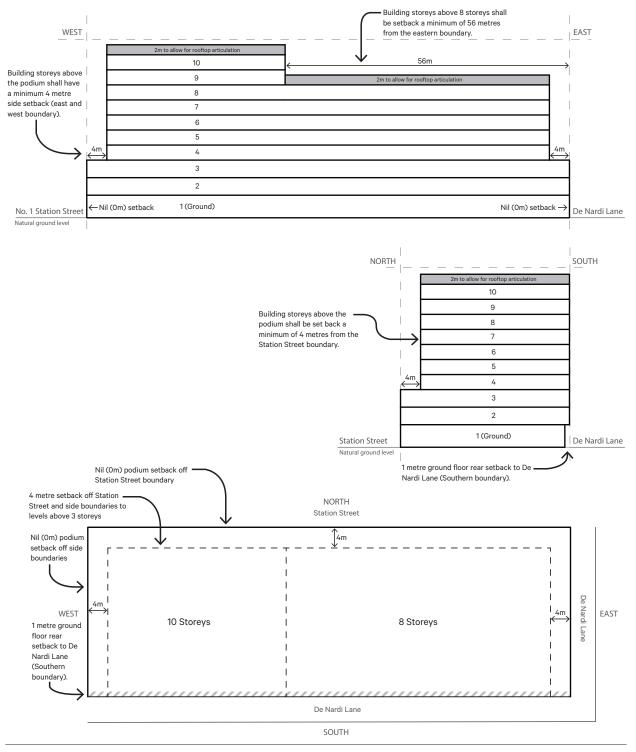


Figure 10. Building Control Diagrams for No. 7 & 11 (Lots 50 & 35) Station Street

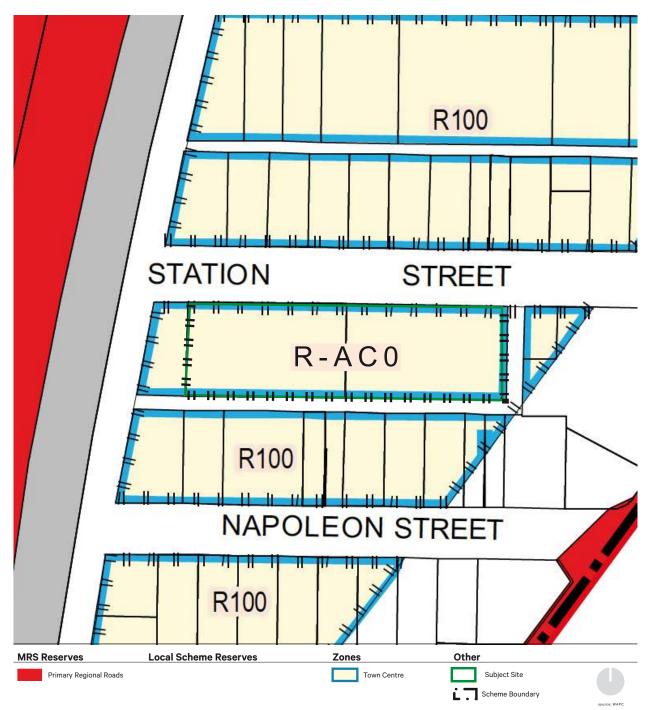


Figure 11. Proposed Scheme Amendment – R-Coding

## 3.1.1 Amendment Classification (Complex)

Pursuant to regulation 35(2) of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015*, the Scheme Amendment is considered to be classified as a 'complex amendment' for the following reasons:

- a) Whilst the Scheme Amendment is consistent with the Town of Cottesloe Local Planning Strategy, the Strategy was finalised in 2008, and the Town is in the early stages of preparing a new Local Planning Strategy (and subsequent Scheme). Progressing the Scheme Amendment in the absence of a comprehensive review of the Strategy and Scheme is considered acceptable given the site's strategic location, opportunity for redevelopment as well as the general alignment of the proposal with the Town's draft Cott Village Precinct Plan.
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## 3.2 Rationale Behind Proposed Scheme Amendment

#### 3.2.1 Accommodating density and dwelling targets in strategic locations

- The Scheme Amendment is consistent with the State Government's approach to precinct planning by locating increased density in appropriate, strategic locations of high amenity with high accessibility to public transport.
- The Scheme Amendment can facilitate the redevelopment of the site to accommodate some of the Town's dwelling density target (of 970 additional dwellings by 2050) in an area of high amenity; including access to education, medical and day-to-day services, retail, cafes, restaurants, and open spaces as well as areas of natural amenity including both the river and ocean (beachfront)
- Facilitating the development of multiple dwellings/apartments will help to diversify the housing choice within the Town of Cottesloe, as well as provide for the opportunity to live within the Town Centre.
- Preliminary engagement with the community indicated support for increased building height, most supporting approximately 5-8 storeys and some supporting 8-12 storeys where it is set back from the street and is of quality design. The proposed building envelope at 8 and 10 storeys, with levels above 8 storeys setback from the eastern boundary 56 metres, ensures upper storeys are set back from the street and no additional overshadowing impact to the public realm of Napoleon Street (*refer to Figure 14 Overshadowing Diagrams*). Matters of vehicle crossovers, pedestrian access and design quality will be managed through a future Local Development Plan (LDP) for the subject site and the application of SPP7.3 Volume 2. Taking into account the above points and in consideration with the strategic location and infill opportunity for the site, a building height of 8 and 10 storeys is considered acceptable to form part of this Scheme Amendment.
- The Scheme Amendment is consistent with the vision and intent of the draft Precinct Plan for the Cottesloe Town Centre, which seeks to encourage strategic investment within the Town Centre. Future development on the subject site has the potential to increase patronage within the Town Centre and act as a catalyst for future investment and redevelopment. A detailed explanation of how the Scheme Amendment addresses the provisions of the Precinct Plan are contained in section 4.9 of this report.

## 3.2.2 Consolidated redevelopment opportunity

- The subject site presents a unique opportunity to coordinate redevelopment of two landholdings in consistent ownership, well-located within the Cottesloe Town Centre.
- There is significant opportunity to improve the Station Street streetscape, as it is currently irregular with a mix of building types, ages and styles as well as many breaks in a building edge to accommodate substantial car parking.
- Being located on the south side of Station Street affords the site significant opportunity to capture on the northfacing aspect for residential development.
- The Scheme Amendment is able to accommodate built form on the subject site without adding to the current overshadowing in Napoleon Street (from existing Napoleon Street buildings) (refer to Figure 14 Overshadowing Diagrams).
- Redevelopment of the subject site could encourage increases in investment in the town centre.

## 3.2.3 Enhancement of Station Street and the Cottesloe Town Centre

- The current street interface of the subject site with Station Street is poor, with active shopfronts set back from the street and car parking the predominant use and driver of the public realm response.
- The Scheme Amendment would facilitate redevelopment of the site with an active street front with allowances for alfresco spaces and any car parking screened from Station Street.
- The Scheme Amendment supports residential development within the town centre, which would increase the number of residents in the town centre, facilitate more activity and help to support local business.

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# 4. Planning Assessment: Discussion and Justification

# 4.1 Perth and Peel @ 3.5 Million

Perth and Peel @ 3.5 Million (PP@3.5) is the guiding document for the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC)'s high level strategic planning for the Perth and Peel Regions. It builds on Directions 2031 and Beyond as well as the State Planning Strategy 2050, responding to challenges with a long-term growth strategy for land use and infrastructure.

PP@3.5 is a suite of documents that have been developed to spatially accommodate a substantially increasing population over several sub-regions. It aims to achieve a more consolidated urban form to meet long-term housing needs and strengthen key activity centres and employment nodes as the Perth and Peel population grows to 3.5 million. The subject site is located in the Central Sub-Region and then is located within a 'Activity Centre' which identifies the potential to accommodate increased mix-use development.

It is noted that sites within Activity Centre nodes should be investigated for their potential for increased residential density, in order to assist the WAPC in achieving the density targets outlined in State Planning Policy 4.2 (SPP4.2). In relation to the Town of Cottesloe, PP@3.5 estimates an additional 970 dwellings will be required throughout the local government area by the year 2050. The proposed Scheme Amendment will help to facilitate the delivery of some of these dwellings, ideally located in the Cottesloe Town Centre with access to existing amenity, activity and transport.

## 4.1.1 Station Precincts

Although the subject site is identified as being within an Activity Centre, its proximity to Cottesloe Train Station gives the locality potential to become a future 'Station Precinct' or *Transit Oriented Development* (TOD). Section 4.3 of PP@3.5 identifies Station Precincts as areas around train stations with the potential to accommodate increased development whilst leveraging their access to the railway network. This includes a mix of housing, office, retail and/or other amenities integrated into a walkable catchment. The location of the subject site within 50 metres (250 metres on-ground walking) of the railway station makes it a key site for strategic redevelopment within a station precinct.

# 4.2 Metropolitan Region Scheme

Pursuant to the Metropolitan Region Scheme (MRS) the subject site is zoned 'Urban'. The purposes and function of the 'Urban' zone is to provide for areas in which a range of activities are undertaken, including residential, commercial, recreational and light industry. The commercial and residential land uses proposed on the subject site are consistent with the purpose and intent of the 'Urban' zone under the MRS.

Refer to Figure 13 – Metropolitan Region Scheme

# 4.3 State Planning Policy 4.2: Activity Centres

State Planning Policy 4.2 (SPP4.2) Activity centres for Perth and Peel, is a strategic policy document which specifies broad planning requirements for the planning and development of new Activity Centres and the redevelopment and renewal of existing centres in Perth and Peel. Activity Centres are regarded as community focal points often characterised by commercial, retail and entertainment uses, as well as medium to high density residential. The policy also reflects the WAPC's intent to encourage and consolidate residential and commercial development in these Activity Centres. SPP4.2 identifies a hierarchy of centres based on the future importance of each centre in the Perth and Peel region. In this document the Cottesloe Town Centre is recognised as a 'District Centre' which serves as a focal point for the community, servicing the daily and weekly needs of local residents.

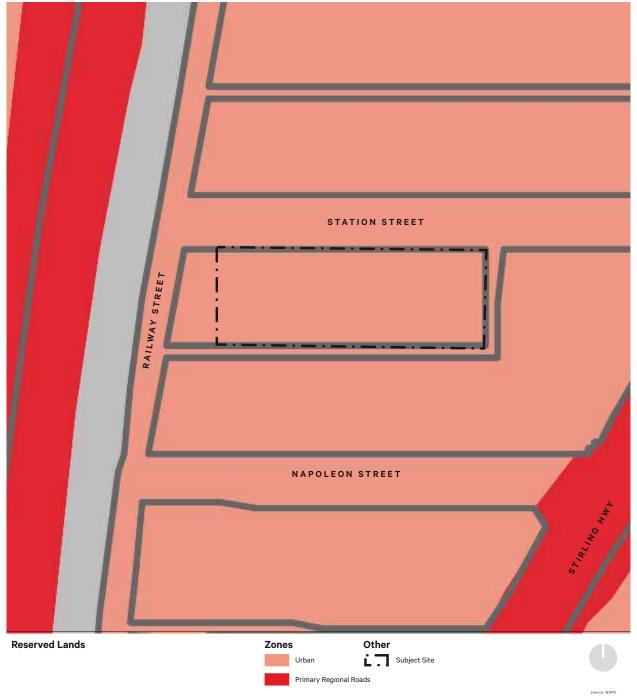


Figure 12. Metropolitan Region Scheme

In regard to urban form, SPP 4.2 identifies considerations for District and higher-order centres, with relevant points listed below:

- A well-formed structure typically consists of small, walkable blocks that improve accessibility within a centre.
- Buildings needs to address streets and public spaces to promote vitality and encourage natural surveillance.
- Activity centres should contain a mix of uses along street frontages and arrange key retail and other attractors to maximise pedestrian flows along streets.
- New activity centre development or redevelopment should include 'sleeving' of large-scale retail and car parks, more externally-oriented or 'active' building frontages and fewer blank walls.

The Scheme Amendment adheres to these considerations in its proposed changes to the urban form by providing street front development and potential for activation (including room for alfresco dining or similar in minor setbacks), allowing residential development above ground floor level to provide surveillance of the street, support walkability in the Town Centre and the screening of any car parking from the Station Street frontage.

In August 2020 the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage advertised a draft of SPP 4.2 through to February 2021. The draft policy aims to ensure planning and development adequately considers the distribution, function and broad land use options for activity centres to meet local community needs, and provide social, economic and environmental benefits to all Western Australians. Within the draft, Cottesloe Town Centre is still recognised as a 'District Centre'.

# 4.4 State Planning Policy No. 3 – Urban Growth and Settlement

State Planning Policy No. 3 – Urban Growth and Settlement (SPP3) sets out the principles and considerations which apply to planning for urban growth and settlement in Western Australia; specifically, to guide more consolidated development in appropriate locations where consistent with neighbourhood character and where the necessary services are available or can be provided. The proposed Scheme Amendment aligns with the objectives of the policy, specifically:

- To build on existing communities with established local and regional economies, concentrate investment in the improvement of services and infrastructure and enhance the quality of life in those communities.
- To promote the development of a sustainable and liveable neighbourhood form which reduces energy, water and travel demand whilst ensuring safe and convenient access to employment and services by all modes, provides choice and affordability of housing and creates an identifiable sense of place for each community.

It also primarily aligns with the following policy measure elements:

- 5.1 Creating sustainable communities
  - Supporting higher residential densities in the most accessible locations, such as, in and around town and neighbourhood centres, high frequency public transport nodes and interchanges, major tertiary institutions and hospitals, and adjacent to high amenity areas such as foreshores and parks.
- 5.3 Managing urban growth in Metropolitan Perth
  - Giving priority to infill development in established urban areas, particularly through urban regeneration and intensification of development of under-utilised urban land, whilst respecting neighbourhood character.
  - Locating higher residential densities in locations accessible to transport and services such as in and around the CBD, regional and district centres, activity corridors and higher education campuses, and in selected areas of high amenity on the coast and river foreshore.
- 5.4 Planning for liveable neighbourhoods
  - Active street frontages with buildings facing streets to improve personal safety through increased surveillance and activity.
  - New development which supports the efficiency of public transport systems where available, and provides safe, direct access to the system for residents.
  - A variety of lot sizes and housing types to cater for the diverse housing needs of the community at a density that can ultimately support the provision of local services.

# 4.5 State Planning Policy No. 7.2 – Precinct Design Guidelines

State Planning Policy No. 7 – Design of the Built Environment (Design WA) is a State Government initiative aimed at ensuring good design is at the centre of all development in Western Australia. Design WA is a recently adopted suite of documents that came into effect on 24 May 2019 and is to be given due regard by decision making authorities during the consideration of strategic and statutory planning proposals, subdivisions and development applications. Forming part of that suite of documents, State Planning Policy No. 7.2 (SPP7.2) specifically deals with the planning and design of precincts and the preparation, assessment and review of precinct plans for approval.

To enable the development of high-quality precincts which contribute to the overall social, economic and environmental wellbeing of communities, SPP7.3 adopts a performance-based approach to planning assessment and contains specific requirements for the preparation of Local Development Plans in in-fill and activity centre locations.

A Local Development Plan prepared in accordance with Schedule 2, Part 6 of the Deemed Provisions shall be prepared for the subject site prior to redevelopment. A future Local Development Plan on the subject site will need to respond to components and design elements advocated within SPP7.2.

In regard to precinct type, SPP7.2 outlines the unique role, design focus and critical issues to consider when planning for different precinct types. When considering the Cottesloe Town Centre's proximity to the Cottesloe Train Station, the Cottesloe Town Centre precinct, in which the subject site is located within, can be categorised as a 'Station Precinct' which serves to accommodate transit-oriented development (TOD) surrounding stations and other transport interchanges.

Under section 2.1 of SPP7.3, the planning and design focus for Station Precincts includes:

- Guiding zoning and subdivision to achieve desired residential density, land use mix and an intensity of activity to support public transport use; and
- Designing the movement network, streetscape and public realm to ensure safe and inviting linkages by all modes between the surrounding precinct and public transport infrastructure.

The Scheme Amendment is consistent with the planning and design focus for Station Precincts by supporting residential development within the town centre and encouraging a diversity of land uses on the ground floor with an active street front and allowances for alfresco spaces. These design considerations will contribute to the future activation of Station Street and increase the use of nearby public transport infrastructure.

# 4.6 Town of Cottesloe Local Planning Strategy (2008)

The Town's current Local Planning Strategy (Strategy) was prepared in 2008, setting out the long-term planning directions for the local government area, and provided the basis for LPS3. In accordance with the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 (the Regulations), the Town commenced a review of the current Strategy in March 2018 to begin the process of preparing a new Local Planning Strategy. In November 2019, Council resolved to adopt the draft Local Planning Strategy Discussion Paper for the purposes of advertising. Advertising of the discussion paper concluded in May 2020, and in December 2020 Council resolved to commence the preparation of the Draft Local Planning Strategy in early 2021. Presently, there has been no publicly released timeframe for the preparation of the Towns new Draft Local Planning Strategy. In the absence of a recent Local Planning Strategy, we have evaluated the Scheme Amendment against the current (2008) Strategy and the Town of Cottesloe Local Planning Strategy Review Discussion Paper.

## 4.6.1 Local Planning Strategy (2008)

The proposed Scheme Amendment adheres to several objectives and sections within the current Strategy despite its adoption over a decade ago. Some examples include:

- "In considering metropolitan growth strategies a need is seen for Council to investigate provision for increased residential densities on land within close proximity to the train stations and main public transport routes within the Town, having regard to regional planning housing targets, which envisage 550 additional dwellings to be provided in the municipality by 2031." page 14.
- "Town Centre Zone: The Town Centre zone aims for a functional and vibrant 'main-street' type of district commercial centre with a traditional village-style amenity and mixed uses including residential and entertainment. The current zoning for this is continued under LPS 3 as well as the R100 density coding, the encourage ongoing land use, accommodate changes of use and provide for redevelopment. In the longer term, the potential for transit-oriented redevelopment to expand or boost the town centre on a planned bases and build up higher-density housing as part of it would be under this zoning and density approach. In addition, existing government land immediately to the west of Cottesloe train station has potential to be included in any such development." page 15.

• "There are varying degrees of opportunity for further residential development in the district under the density provisions of the existing town planning scheme, which the proposed scheme seeks to augment (LPS 3), as some changes to existing densities and provisions are requires if additional housing opportunities are to be made available in Cottesloe. There are a number of potential redevelopment opportunities to accommodate this demand with a diversity of housing types. In particular there is opportunity for greater integration of a residential development in commercial areas, particularly along the Marine Parade beachfront and in the town centre. This has the potential of not only adding to the available housing opportunities within Cottesloe within walkable catchments but also in providing for additional vibrancy within those localities." Pages 37-38.

These passages demonstrate that the approach to locating a diversity of housing and increased densities within the Town (since 2008) has identified the Town Centre as an ideal location, close to public transport and existing amenities, and with the ability to accommodate as well as benefit from additional vibrancy.

## 4.6.2 Local Planning Strategy Review – Discussion Paper (2019)

The Local Planning Strategy Review Discussion Paper (Discussion Paper) sets out the broad intensions for the Town and the recent changes and trends that are to be key considerations for the revision process of the Towns current Local Planning Strategy.

To guide the preparation of the new Strategy, the content of the Discussion Paper is broken down into ten strategic land use and planning themes which align with the content of the Towns Strategic Community Plan 2013 – 2023. The following provides an overview of the land use themes, intended directions and opportunities identified in the Discussion Paper which align with the intent of the Scheme Amendment.

#### **Population and Housing:**

- Facilitate increased density and targeted infill development in appropriate areas such as within the Town Centre, along Stirling Highway and on the residual railway lands; and
- To encourage residential mixed-use development in appropriate areas through the creation of a dedicated Mixed-Use Zone in Local Planning Scheme No.4.

#### Mixed Use Urban Design:

- To promote urban design excellence through leadership, collaboration, education and advocacy in both public and private development works and by applying SPP 7.0 Design of the Built Environment where applicable; and
- To encourage mixed use development around activity centres and along transit corridors through the creation of a Mixed-Use zone.

#### **Economy and Employment:**

- To safeguard the existing traditional neighbourhood shops/cafes through effective planning control measures;
- To rezone existing Activity Centres to reflect the hierarchy as prescribed in SPP4.2 Activity Centres for Perth and Peel; and
- To aim to address parking issues associated with commercial uses in a comprehensive and holistic manner.

#### 4.6.3 Consultation outcomes

Community consultation on the discussion paper commenced in November 2019 and concluded in May 2020. The comments and suggestions received during the consultation period will be used to inform the Towns new Strategy and subsequent Local Planning Scheme No.4. During consultation Town received 55 formal responses, with the key takeaways relevant to the above themes and this Scheme Amendment being:

#### Population and housing:

- Generally there is support for increased population growth and resulting density to be concentrated along Stirling Highway and near train stations;
- There is balance of support for spread out (low density) development and for targeted infill (compact) development to support population growth; and
- Generally there is opposition for increased density throughout the remainder of the Town in the traditionally low to medium density areas.

#### Mixed use and urban design:

- The prospect of downsizing to a flat, unit or apartment garnered modest support; and
- Respondents demonstrated modest support of pedestrian-orientated activity centres.

The above community feedback demonstrates there is general community support for targeted infill developments within Activity Centre areas which support population growth and diversity whilst maintaining low density development within the Town's suburban areas. The proposed Scheme Amendment is in-line with the above community responses by supporting the provision of increased density within the Town Centre in close proximity to public transport infrastructure and existing amenities.

## 4.7 Town of Cottesloe Local Planning Scheme No. 3

The Town's LPS3 is the primary statutory document guiding land use and development within the region. Under LPS3, the subject site is zoned 'Town Centre', with the development requirements under this zone set out in Table 2 of the Scheme, and further explained in the Town's LPS3 Local Planning Policy Design Guidelines – Cottesloe Town Centre (Cottesloe Town Centre Design Guidelines).

Refer to Figure 13 – Town of Cottesloe LPS3

LPS3 was gazetted on 1 August 2014, and as per clause 65(1)(a) of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015*, the Town must carry out a review of LPS3 in the 5<sup>th</sup> year since gazettal, being 2019. The following demonstrates an assessment of the Scheme Amendment against the current provisions in LPS3 and Cottesloe Town Centre Design Guidelines.

#### 4.7.1 Town Centre Zone

Under clause 4.2.2 of LPS3, the objectives of the Town Centre Zone are:

- a) Improve amenity and function of the Cottesloe town centre.
- b) Provide for a wide range of land uses, including shops, offices, entertainment, health, and community facilities and services, consistent with the district-serving role of the centre.
- c) Provide the opportunity for residential uses and development within the town centre.
- d) Give consideration to the maintenance and enhancement of important views to and from public places as a contributor to the character and amenity of the locality and the district overall.

As mentioned, the proposed Scheme Amendment is intended to facilitate the redevelopment of the site in future for a mixed-use development within the town centre. The Scheme Amendment is consistent with the objectives of the Town Centre zone listed above for the following reasons:

- The Scheme Amendment will facilitate the redevelopment of the subject site to enable a mixed use development in character with a district town centre, that will add to the amenity of the town centre and specifically the Station Street streetscape, as well as assist in pedestrian connectivity and movement through the town centre as part of any future redevelopment.
- The Scheme Amendment facilitates active uses on the ground floor in accordance with the Town Centre zone, enhancing activation of the street and pedestrian movement. The proposed minimum nil setback encourages vitality of the street whilst also offering opportunities for portions of set-back built form on the ground floor to enable spaces for activation and additional street interaction. The Scheme Amendment will facilitate significant opportunity for residential development within the Cottesloe Town Centre that offers a diversity of housing choice within a location of high amenity and access to public transport.
- The Scheme Amendment will facilitate redevelopment of the subject site that will be able to be viewed from significant points within the locality given its scale but can act as a landmark without negatively impacting on local amenity. Overshadowing can be managed by the proposed building envelope such that is does not increase the existing level of overshadowing in Napoleon Street that is currently caused by the built form in Napoleon Street (*Refer to Figure 14 Overshadowing Diagrams*). The oversharing impact on surrounding premises and public spaces on Napoleon Street during winter months between 9am and 10pm has also been considered in the proposed building envelope (refer to Appendix 2 Built form morning shadow analysis). Being located on the south of Station Street is does not adversely overshadow the public realm within Station Street.
- The Scheme Amendment will facilitate redevelopment of the subject site that will enhance the amenity of Station Street and enhance the character of the streetscape to that of an emerging, active and liveable district centre.

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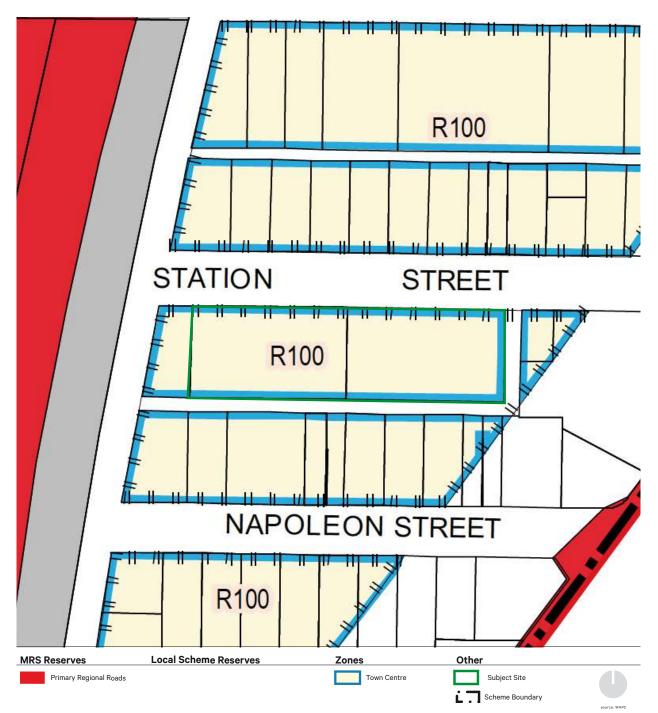


Figure 13. Town of Cottesloe LPS3



Figure 14. Overshadowing Diagrams

## 4.7.2 Table 2 - Development Requirements

Table 2 of LPS3 sets out the development requirements specific to each zone, including the Town Centre zone, as well as the land to which each requirement applies. The subject site currently sits within the land described under row c) 'Remaining land'. The provisions for 'c) Remaining Land' are as follows:

Zone	Maximum Plot Ratio	Maximum  Site Cover	Minimum Boundary Setbacks	Maximum Height (Refer clause 5.7.)
TOWN CENTRE	1.15:1	100%	In accordance with Design Guidelines	2 storey or 3 storey and 11.5m, subject to no undue adverse impact on amenity and
Remaining Land				to design guidelines

The proposed Scheme Amendment seeks to depart from these requirements and instead control development of the subject site through a 'building envelope' approach, whereby building height and setbacks are defined, and plot ratio and site cover are removed as controls. This is the approach taken given the recent Gazettal of State Planning Policy 7.3 (SPP7.3) – Residential Design Codes Volume 2 – Apartments, which sets out controls for apartment residential and mixed-use development based on design principles contained in Design WA. The objectives contained within Volume 2 of SPP7.3 have been thoughtfully considered by the State Government and provide robust guidance and control through a performance-based approach.

From a scheme point of view and for consistency with other Schedules in LPS3, to control any future development of the subject site it is preferred to define an ultimate building envelope through controls in Schedule 12 – Special Provisions of LPS3 and allow the objectives of Volume 2 of SPP7.3 to control the ultimate built form within this envelope based on good design. Other built form matters such as vehicle cross overs and pedestrian access will be addressed through a future LDP for the subject site. Therefore, plot ratio and site cover are not necessary to be defined in the scheme but will be determined within the building envelope as part of any future redevelopment.

## 4.7.3 Cottesloe Town Centre Design Guidelines (2014)

Clause 5.9 of LPS3 reads in the Town of Cottesloe Local Planning Policy – Design Guidelines (Town Centre Design Guidelines) as an instrument to be used by the local government to determine applications for planning approval and any proposed variation. Clause 2.3 of LPS3 makes it clear that in any inconsistency between provisions of a Local Planning Policy and LPS3 provisions, the scheme prevails.

The Town Centre Design Guidelines include a vision for the Town Centre. The 'aims' of the vision are successfully met through the proposed development as demonstrated in the below table.

Town Centre Vision - aims	Scheme Amendment response
Foster the strong presence of cafes and restaurants in the success and attraction of the Town Centre.	The Scheme Amendment allows for and encourages active uses on the ground floor, as well as the built form response to enable cafes and restaurants to successfully maintain alfresco dining spaces through the street setback to the podium.
Replicate the intensive shopfront character of Napoleon Street along the south side of Station Street; intensifying and concentrating the retail, café and restaurant core.	The Scheme Amendment replicates the intensive shopfront character of Napoleon Street through an active building frontage.
Increase and improve active north-south pedestrian links, especially between Napoleon Street and Station Street, but also between Napoleon Street and Clapham Lane, and beyond.	The Scheme Amendment requires an LDP to be prepared for the site prior to redevelopment. A future pedestrian connection between Station Street and De Nardi Lane is suggested to be incorporated in the LDP.
Rationalise public and private car parking, ensuring both convenience and minimal visual intrusion or fragmentation of built form and character, including containing and concealing parking within buildings at basement, under croft or upper levels.	The Scheme Amendment prohibits car parking to be visible from the street. If any were to be provided in the podium, it would need to be appropriately screened; however, the size of the site would facilitate provision of consolidated basement car parking.
Provide as many opportunities as feasible for residential development within the Town Centre; not as the expense of commercial or social activity but rather to enhance and capitalise on them.	The Scheme Amendment facilitates the development of residential uses above the ground floor within the town centre.

Town Centre Vision - aims	Scheme Amendment response
Create activation of and significant improvements to the function and appearance of the rear laneways, including opportunities for cafes and restaurants, small enterprises and public amenity spaces, also taking into account the narrow pedestrian links between buildings.	The Scheme Amendment facilitates the redevelopment of the subject site, allowing for opportunities to better interface with De Nardi Lane to be considered as part of any development.
Create a high quality residential and commercial office sub- precinct south of Jarrad Street, discouraging concentrated retail development.	Not directly applicable to the Scheme Amendment, however it facilitates concentrated retail development along Station Street, as well as residential uses, that could encourage future residential and commercial redevelopment south of Jarrad Street.
Insist on high quality design in all aspects of the built environment, with full consideration to attractive building form, respect for the public environment, and quality of finish.	The Scheme Amendment has considered the future built form of the subject site to allow for high quality design, particularly through applying a building envelope and allowing SPP 7.3 Volume 2 to encourage performance-based outcomes as part of any future redevelopment.
Address the interrelationship with the car parking area along the railway line, including improving its function, urban design, infrastructure and pedestrian connectivity to the railway station, parking areas west of the railway line and links to the beach.	The Scheme Amendment facilitates redevelopment of the subject site, which could provide further justification for the Town to continue in exploring improving the connectivity of Station Street and the train station through a staircase.

Part 5 of the Town Centre Design Guidelines applies to the Cottesloe Town Centre, and applies to land within the Town Centre zone in sub-precincts. The relevant sub-precinct for the subject site is 'Station Street South'. The vision for this sub-precinct is:

• A lively, intensive sidewalk frontage of shops, cafes/restaurants and personal/professional services, at ground level, taking advantage of the northern orientation. Residential and offices at upper levels, also taking advantage of the northern orientation. Pedestrian access through to De Nardi Lane and Napoleon Street where possible. Closer streetscape relationship with the Albion Hotel.

The proposed Scheme Amendment is in keeping with this vision, given its proposed built form envelope, uses and pedestrian connection as informed by a future LDP.

The Town Centre Design Guidelines set out development requirements for the relevant R-Code, plot ratio, building height, and site cover consistent with Table 2 of LPS 3. Additionally, it also sets out provisions for street and side setbacks, vehicle and service access and the De Nardi Lane frontage as follows:

- Street setback: Nil for ground and first floor levels. Second floor may be set back.
- Side Setbacks: Nil, except where public pedestrian access to De Nardi Lane is provided.
- Vehicle and Service Access: Only from De Nardi Lane.
- **De Nardi Lane Frontage:** All service areas and car parking to be concealed from view; residential or office units encouraged, overlooking De Nardi Lane; nil setback, subject to adequate space for vehicle access.

The proposed Scheme Amendment accords with the principles defined in the setbacks as above where street frontage maintains a nil (Om) setback for ground and lower levels, with upper storeys setback from the active street front. To support surveillance of the street and enhance the local streetscape character, it is proposed a nil street frontage applies to the first three levels, with storeys above the third level setback 4 metres. To create a better shared access environment and encourage the future activation of the laneway, a 1 metre setback to De Nardi lane is proposed. Further detail on the proposed built form and setbacks is detailed in section 4.9 of this report.

The proposed Scheme Amendment departs from the restricted vehicle/service access as above. The current development on the subject site maintains four crossovers to Station Street. The Scheme Amendment proposes that redevelopment of the subject site allows these to be rationalised to only two crossovers to Station Street. This is to ensure that the traffic generated from any new development is not all directed onto De Nardi Lane, as this would detract from any possibility of it being able to accommodate active uses, as per the Town Centre vision above. A future LDP to be prepared for the subject site will inform the location of future vehicle crossovers and access points prior to redevelopment of the site.

# 4.8 Station Street Place Making Strategy (2017)

The Town of Cottesloe adopted the Station Street Place Making Strategy (SSPMS) in May 2017, which was prepared by TPG Town Planning, Urban Design and Heritage (now **element**) on behalf of the Town. The SSPMS is a strategic document that looks at the role of Station Street in its existing condition and into the future, providing a series of strategies as to how it can service the local community and broader town centre. In preparing the SSPMS engagement occurred with the community in regard to potential future development scenarios, uses and public realm changes to inform the development of the strategy.

The SSPMS provides a place vision for Station Street being:

Station Street will be a place for all; a place where young people are welcomed, and older people feel safe. A place where the local community and visitors alike come to meet and enjoy the urban village atmosphere amongst trees, unique locally owned stores, exciting and vibrant local artworks, with numerous opportunities to dine, drink or just daydream in the public square. The nearby beach culture is celebrated through buildings and artworks, and the street is a pedestrian setting, where upper storeys are set back, and cars are slow. All stakeholders are invested in the place. Station Street is well known for its vitality and is a destination for many.

The Scheme Amendment aligns with the intent of this vision by facilitating the redevelopment of two substantial landholdings in the town centre that will contribute to activation of the street at ground level including spaces for alfresco dining and the like, and upper storeys of any future development are to be set back.

The third long-term strategy listed in the SSPMS refers to the 'Redevelopment of Major Development Sites', and specifically includes the subject sites as part of the applicable area. The strategy acknowledges that there is a significant amount of land within Station Street that could be redeveloped in the next 5+ years, which would ultimately change the nature of the street. In the interim, short- and medium-term strategies look to improve the public realm and activation within the street that could ultimately incentivise landowners to invest in their sites, which would ideally be managed through some form of Built Form Controls, Design Guidelines or an Activity Centre Plan (Medium-term strategy #7). This Scheme Amendment represents the first of these major landholdings looking to re-develop as part of shaping the future vision for Station Street.

## 4.9 Cott Village Project – Draft Precinct Plan (2019)

In 2019 the Town of Cottesloe and Shire of Peppermint Grove (Shire) jointly prepared the Cott Village Project – Draft Precinct Plan (Precinct Plan) for the Town Centre, also referred to as the Cottesloe Activity Centre (Activity Centre). Incorporating the areas of the Town's 'Town Centre' Zone and the Shire's 'District Centre' Zone, as well as the residual (vacant) railway lands surrounding the Cottesloe Station, the Precinct Plan acts as an overarching strategic planning framework for the Cottesloe Town Centre and provides development guidance to facilitate transformative change and improvement in terms of social and economic vigour. As such, the Precinct Plan is intended as an integrated spatial plan used to guide decision making and inform more detailed future amendments to LPS3 within the Town Centre.

In preparation of the draft Precinct Plan, the Town conducted a variety of community engagement processes in October 2019 to understand the community's expectations and preferences for the town centres future. The engagement methods included two survey questionnaires, one focusing on resident and users of the area and another focusing on local businesses. The Town also held two community forum workshops on October 26 and October 29, 2019. The following table provides a summary of the main community engagement findings and how the Scheme Amendment addresses these community concerns and expectations.

Community Engagement Findings	Scheme Amendment Response
The overriding concerns discouraging people from frequenting the Town Centre are lack of variety of stores/services, and traffic and parking issues.	The Scheme Amendment allows for and encourages active uses on the ground floor and facilitates the provisions of consolidated basement car parking.
The Town Centre is seen to be safe and clean, but found lacking in vibrancy.	The Scheme Amendment allows for and encourages an active building frontage for Station Street comparable to the intensive and vibrant character of Napoleon Street.
Business community is keen to see a boost in local population to increase patronage – favouring walk-up apartments as the urban densification policy.	The Scheme Amendment will facilitate the development of multiple dwellings/apartments which will help diversity the housing choice within the Town and boost local population and patronage within the Town Centre.

Community Engagement Findings	Scheme Amendment Response
In terms of a future urban densification strategy, residents have a strong preference towards restricting high rise to specific locations.	Being located on the south side of Station Street, the Scheme Amendment provides a unique opportunity to increase development intensity within the Town Centre without adding to the current overshadowing of Napoleon Street.
	The subject site is also unique in its opportunity to coordinate the redevelopment of two significant landholdings with the Town due to its consistent landownership. These unique aspects should afford the subject site to be considered as a 'specific location' for high rise.
Business owners envisage the future Cott Village to have high density, while retaining the 'village' feel and human scale and with community spaces.	The Scheme Amendment proposes setbacks above the podium level to ensure future development on the subject site is at a bulk and scale which retains the 'village' feel and human scale of the Town Centre.
Both residents and the business community desire a greater variety of shops and services to cater for all age groups.	The Scheme Amendment allows for the redevelopment of the subject site which encourages a diversity of land uses on the ground floor and podium levels.

Advertising of the Precinct Plan commenced in December 2019 and closed in May 2020. Forty (40) submissions were received with over 70% of submissions generally in support of the Plan. It is important to note the draft Precinct Plan will be subject to modifications following the review of public submissions and further detailed design studies.

To achieve a coordinated approach within the Town Centre, the following section details how the proposed Scheme Amendment is consistent with the intent, vision and design standards of the draft Precinct Plan.

## 4.9.1 Vision and objectives:

Section 7 of the Precinct Plan details the vision and objectives for the Town Centre. The vision for the Town Centre is as follows:

"We are seeking to create an active, vibrant, and well-connected urban village which offers a wide variety of services and a great range of experiences, while respecting its sense of history and unique character."

The Relevant objectives for the Town Centre which are considered to be within the context of the subject site are as follows:

- Achieve high quality outcomes for all, aligning decisions to share benefits and cost;
- Focus government and private sector investment to achieve shared goals of prosperity, sustainability and relevance to out lives and the community; and
- Attract investment in both redevelopment, renewal and maintenance of buildings, spaces and infrastructure

The Scheme Amendment allows for and encourages strategic investment within the Town Centre and offers a significant opportunity to improve the Station Street streetscape, as it is currently irregular with a mix of building types, ages and styles. Future redevelopment on the subject site has the potential to increase patronage within the Town Centre and act as a catalyst for future investment. For the above reasons, the Scheme Amendment is consistent with the vision and objectives of the Precinct Plan.

## 4.9.2 Design standards

Section 8 of the Precinct Plan details building standards, design and appearance requirements with the following considered relevant to the context of the subject site and this Scheme Amendment:

- All development and/or land uses are to be oriented and designed to address the street and public open space frontages, and are to complement or enhance the local streetscape character and amenity; and
- Buildings are to be designed to protect solar access and minimise overshadowing of adjoining premises and/or public open spaces, in order to ensure adequate provision of direct sunlight and ventilation for buildings and to ameliorate the impacts of building bulk, privacy and overshadowing on adjoining properties.

The Scheme Amendment adheres to these considerations in its proposed changes to the urban form by providing street front development and potential for activation, allowing residential development above ground floor level to provide surveillance of the street, support walkability in the Town Centre and the screening of any car parking from the Station Street frontage.

Additionally, the Scheme Amendment considers the impact of solar access and overshadowing through the proposed orientation and building envelope. The subject site is located on the south side of Station Street, this affords the site good northern aspect and access to sunlight during the winter months optimal for residential development. The proposed building envelope at 8 and 10 storeys, with upper storeys setback from the street and levels above 8 storeys setback from the eastern boundary 56 metres, ensures minimal overshadowing impact on adjoining premises and the public realm of Napoleon Street (refer to Figure 14 – Overshadowing Diagrams).

#### 4.9.3 Building height:

Within the Precinct Plan, the subject site is located within Sub Precinct 3 (SP3) which includes lots to the north and south of Station Street from Railway Street across to the intersection at Stirling Highway. In SP3, the subject site is allocated an R-coding 'R'-AC3' and is also identified as Special Control Area 1 (SPC1).

Within SP3, the subject site is allowed a maximum building height of 6 storeys, however, being identified as SCA1, allows the maximum building height to increase to 10 storeys (33 metres), subject to satisfying a set of performance-based standards and additional criteria which are yet to be identified by the Town. When considering maximum building height, the following minimum finished floor to floor heights apply:

- 4.5m for residential and non-residential ground floor;
- 3.5m for non-residential upper floors; and
- 3m for residential upper floors.

The proposed Scheme Amendment seeks to depart from the 10-storey discretional height limit suggested in the Precinct Plan and instead seeks to control building height through a 'building envelope' approach.

The Scheme Amendment proposes a maximum building height of 8 and 10 storeys, where levels above 8 storeys are setback from the eastern side boundary 56 metres. When compared to a 10-storey building which may be regarded under the Precinct Plan, the Scheme Amendment proposes building height limits which consider the overshadowing impact on surrounding premises and public spaces. This is demonstrated in Appendix 2 – Built form morning shadow analysis, which demonstrates the 9am to 10am overshadowing impact of a 10 storey building against the proposed building envelope of 8 and 10 storeys.

The floor to floor heights used in the overshadowing analysis diagrams are consistent with the minimum floor to floor heights outlined in the Precinct Plan. The Scheme Amendment does not specify floor to floor height limits, only the overall building height limit in metres.

#### 4.9.4 R-Coding:

In SP3, the subject site is allocated an R-coding 'R'-AC3'. The Scheme Amendment maintains the current zoning of the subject site as 'Town Centre' and applies a new R-coding of R-AC0. This R-coding varies from the R-AC3 coding suggested in the Precinct Plan. The R-AC0 coding is considered to be a more appropriate R-coding for the subject site as the density code under SPP7.3 formally refers to a planning instrument that contains specific built form provisions. In this case, the R-AC0 coding for this site will formally refer to LPS3 for height and setback provisions, with other provisions to be addressed in an LDP for the subject site.

#### 4.9.5 Setbacks:

The Precinct Plan sets out provisions for front, side and rear setbacks for the subject site. The following table details how the proposed setbacks align with the setback provisions of the Precinct Plan.

Setback provisions draft Precinct Plan			Scheme Amendment proposed setbacks	Scheme Amendment Response			
Front setbacks							
Podium Level	Mixed use and Non- residential development	Maximum nil (Om) up to 3 storeys		Station Street should aim to achieve active street frontages through ground floor commercial uses with residential and/or commercial development above the ground floor. A nil podium setback up to 3 storeys, which includes ancillary structures (i.e., balcony's) will support an active street interface, promote vitality, encourage natural surveillance and enhance the village character of Station Street.			
	Residential development	Minimum 2m (in accordance with R-codes)					
				Additionally, providing a nil street setback for the podium level will provide the opportunity for awnings to easily be provided over the adjacent pedestrian realm. Awnings will help provide a human scale at ground level and assist in creating a 'sense of enclosure' or containment within the streetscape, and hide higher density development beyond the human scale.			
Upper floors	Up to 24m (6 storeys)	Minimum 3m above first 3 storeys Minimum 6m	Minimum 4m above first 3 storeys	The Scheme Amendment proposes to increase the draft Precinct Plan 3 metre setback to 4 metres. This setback provision considers human scale development and aims to enhance pedestrian amenity.			
	(6 storeys +)			Given the depth of the subject site, street setbacks greater than 4 metres will ultimately limit the functionality of the floorplate design. In order to allow for a functional building envelope on the subject site across the height of the building, a minimum setback of 4 metres should apply to all levels above 3 storeys.			

Setback provisions draft Precinct Plan			Scheme Amendment proposed setbacks		Scheme Amendment Response
Side and rear	setbacks				
	Mixed use and Non- residential development	(Om) up to 3 Il storeys	Side setbacks	Nil (Om) up to 3 storeys Minimum 4m above first 3 storeys 56m eastern side setback for levels above 8 storeys	The nil (Om) side setbacks for the podium level proposed in the Scheme Amendment is consistent with the setbacks suggested in the draft Precinct Plan. Similar to the front setbacks, it is proposed the side setbacks remain the same for residential and non-residential uses at the podium level to provide flexibility in the built form and floorplate design. For levels above 8 storeys, it is proposed an eastern side setback of 56 metres is applied. This additional setback provides further access to sunlight on Napoleon Street during winter months between 9am
					and 10am and ensures the overshadowing impact on surrounding premises and public spaces is minimal (Refer to Appendix 2 – Built form morning shadow analysis).
	Residential development	Minimum nil (Om) (in accordance with R-codes)	Rear setbacks (No rear setbacks for the subject site are defined in the draft Precinct Plan as Di Nardi Lane was considered as a primary street frontage).	1m ground floor setback to Di Nardi Lane	To create a better shared access environment and encourage the future activation of the laneway, a 1 metre ground floor rear setback to Di Nardi Lane is proposed. This setback is proposed to only apply to the ground floor level due to the height of the ground floor (4.5m) exceeding the maximum height of any service vehicle which may access Di Nardi Lane.
					To maximise the activation potential and retain the 'laneway' character, no upper storey setbacks have been applied to Di Nardi Lane. As evident in Melbourne's iconic CBD laneways, overshadowing, enclosure and the sheer-wall built form is part of the iconic laneway character. By applying a nil upper storey setback to the rear of the subject site, a significant opportunity to enhance the urban laneway character of De Nardi lane presents itself to future redevelopment.

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## 5. Conclusion

This Scheme Amendment proposes to introduce site-specific provisions in Schedule 12 - Special Provisions (and a new Schedule 16) of LPS3 to form a building envelope over No. 7 & 11 (Lots 50 & 35) Station Street, Cottesloe and subsequently amend the existing provisions for the site in Table 2 – Development Provisions. The provisions relate to an increase in permissible building height and changes to setbacks and plot ratio controls. Included as a provision is the need to prepare an LDP prior to redevelopment to address other land use, access and built form matters for the subject site. The Scheme Amendment is to facilitate redevelopment of the subject site that will improve its interface with the street, provide the opportunity to contribute to meeting the Town of Cottesloe dwelling targets within a location of high amenity and access, and align with broader State Government strategies for locating infill and density within precincts, particularly station precincts.

In the absence of suitable local planning instruments introduced in a timely manner to facilitate the redevelopment of the subject site, a strategic consolidated landholding in a town centre context, this Scheme Amendment aims to facilitate its redevelopment through the current LPS 3 whilst considering the context of the surrounding area so as not to prejudice future redevelopment within the Town Centre precinct. It is therefore respectfully requested that the Town of Cottesloe and Western Australian Planning Commission support the Scheme Amendment and the Minister for Planning approve Amendment No. 10 to the Town of Cottesloe Local Planning Scheme No. 3.

# Appendix 1

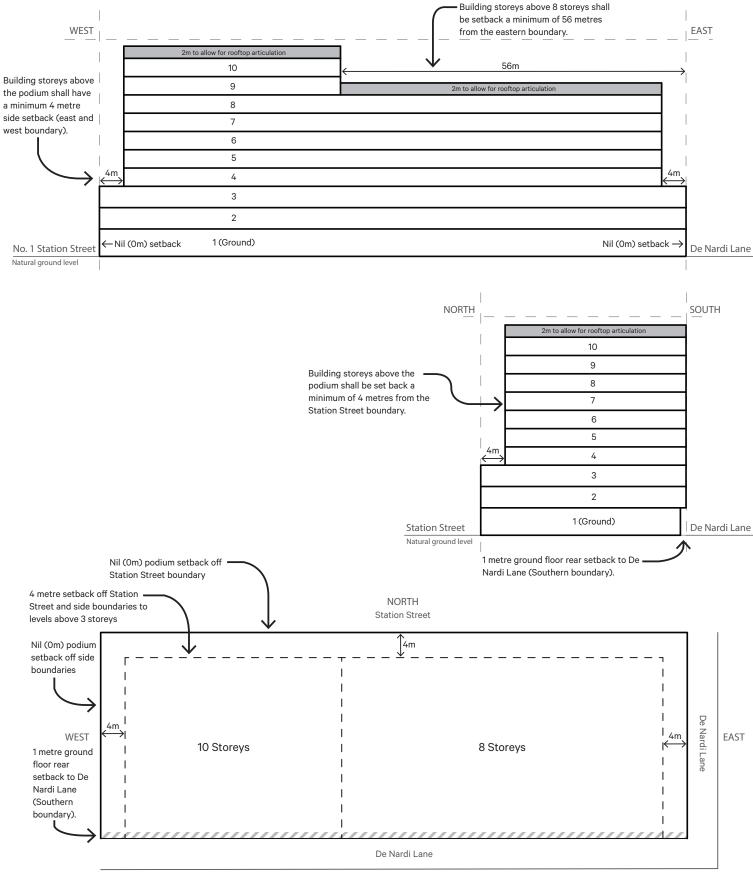
### Building Control Diagrams for No. 8 & 11 (Lots 50 & 35) Station Street

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#### Schedule 16 - Building Control Diagrams for No. 7 & 11 (Lots 50 & 35) Station Street

The diagrams below define the maximum building envelope. Building height shall be determined as follows:

- Ground floor (1 storey) minimum floor to ceiling height of 4.5 metres.
- Podium (3 storeys) maximum building height of 11.5 metres
- Building height (8 storey portion) maximum building height of 26.5 metres with an additional 2 metres for rooftop articulation and structures (28.5 metres).
- Building height (10 storey portion) maximum building height of 32.5 metres with an additional 2 metres for rooftop articulation and structures (34.5 metres).



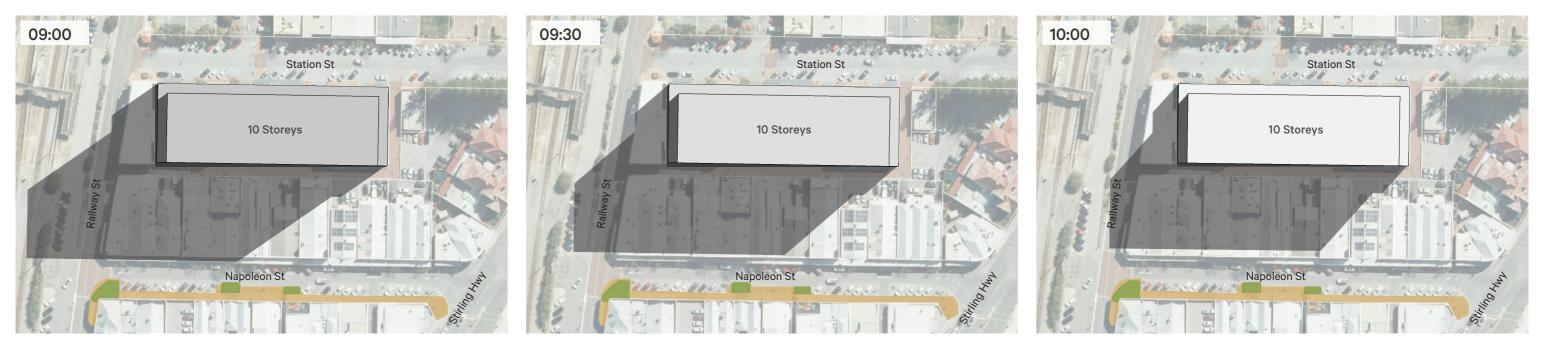


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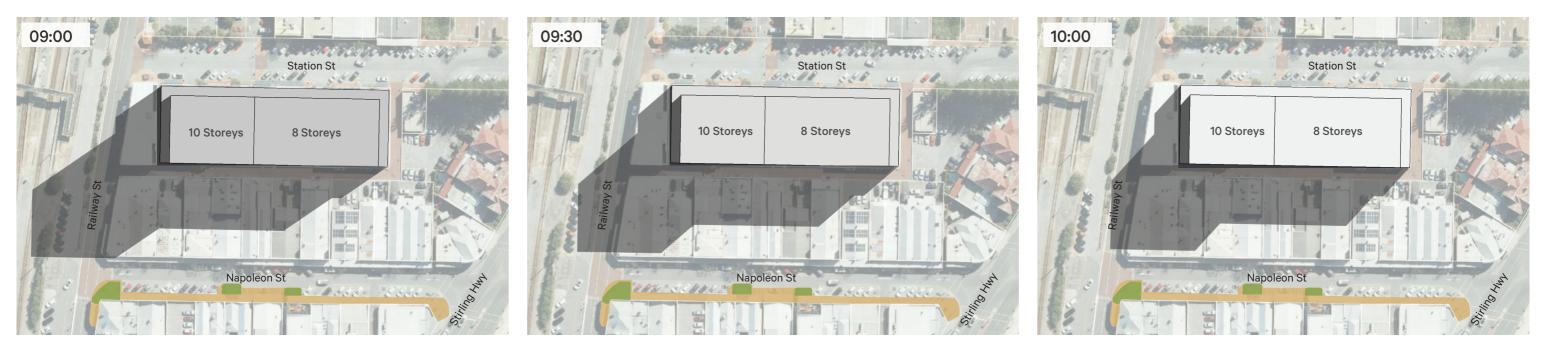
# Appendix 2

### Built form morning shadow analysis

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- 1 metre rear setback to De-Nardi Lane
- 4 metre front and side tower setbacks



#### Concept B - 8 Storeys with additional 2 storeys setback from the east

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- 56 metre eastern side setback for levels above 8 storeys \_

#### Perth weather averages by month - April

- Avg. temperature 9am: 19 °C \_
- Avg no. rainy days: 4.7

Source: Bureau of Meteology.gov.au

## Shadow Analysis - April 21

Station Street, Cottesloe

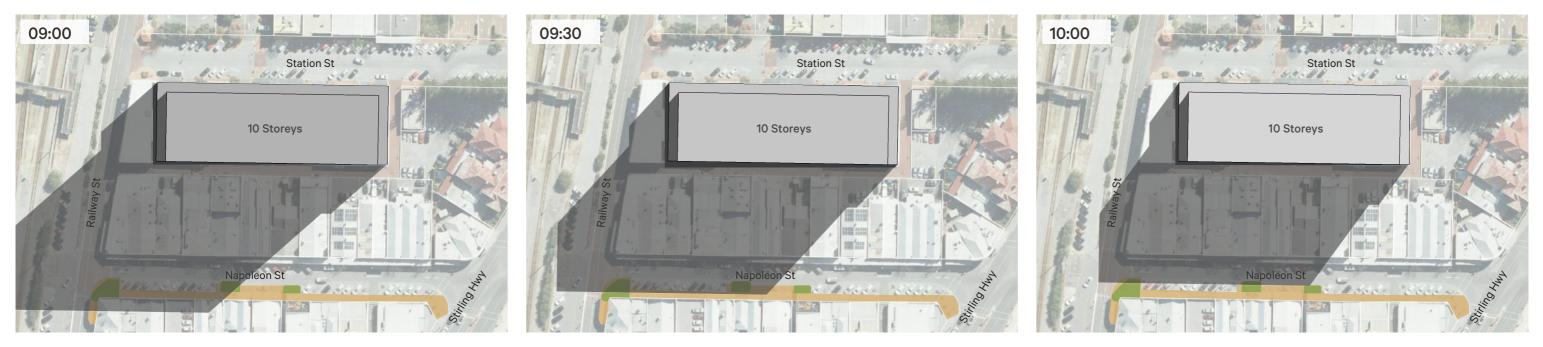


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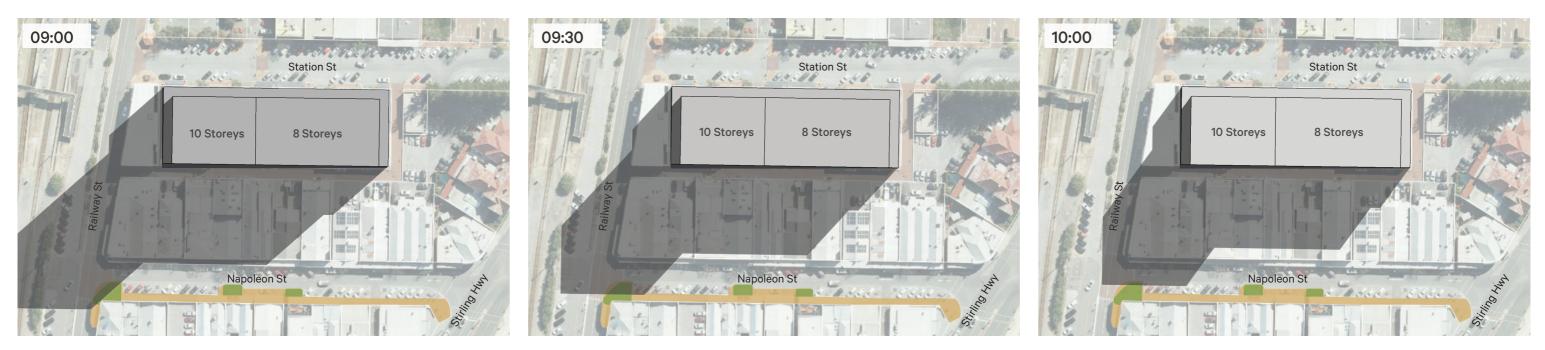


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- Avg. temperature 9am: 15.8 °C \_
- Avg no. rainy days: 8.7

Source: Bureau of Meteology.gov.au

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Station Street, Cottesloe

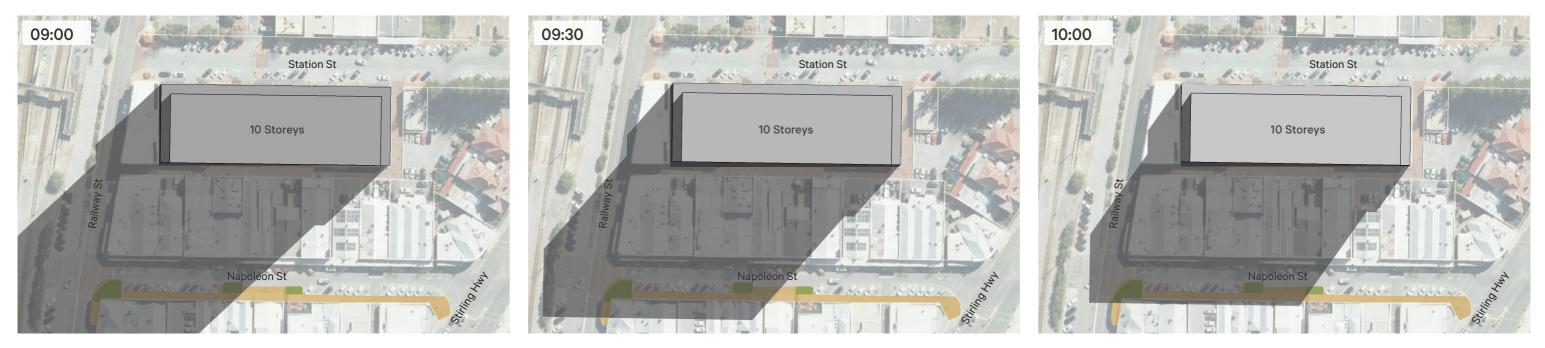


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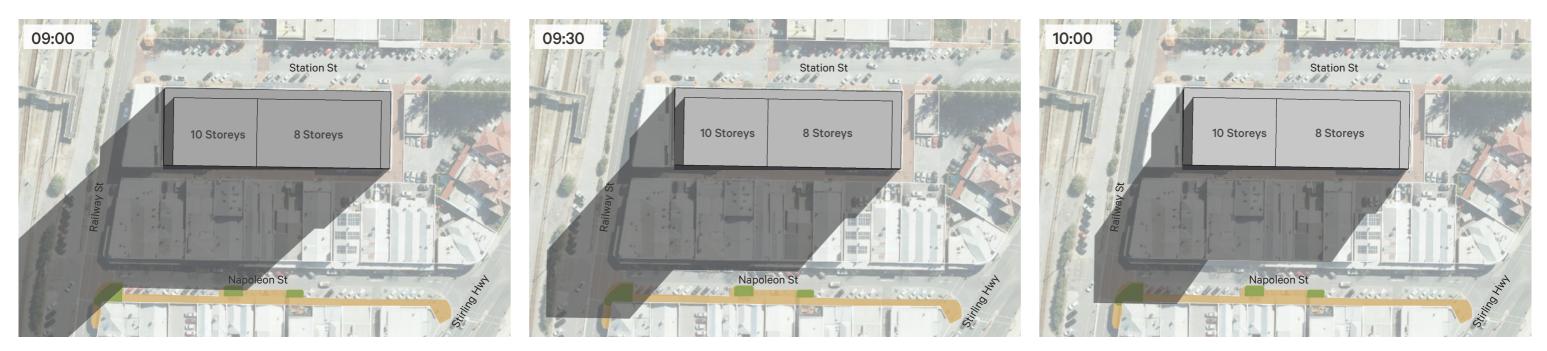


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#### Perth weather averages by month - June

- Avg. temperature 9am: 12.8 °C \_
- Avg no. rainy days: 11.8

Source: Bureau of Meteology.gov.au

### Shadow Analysis - June 21

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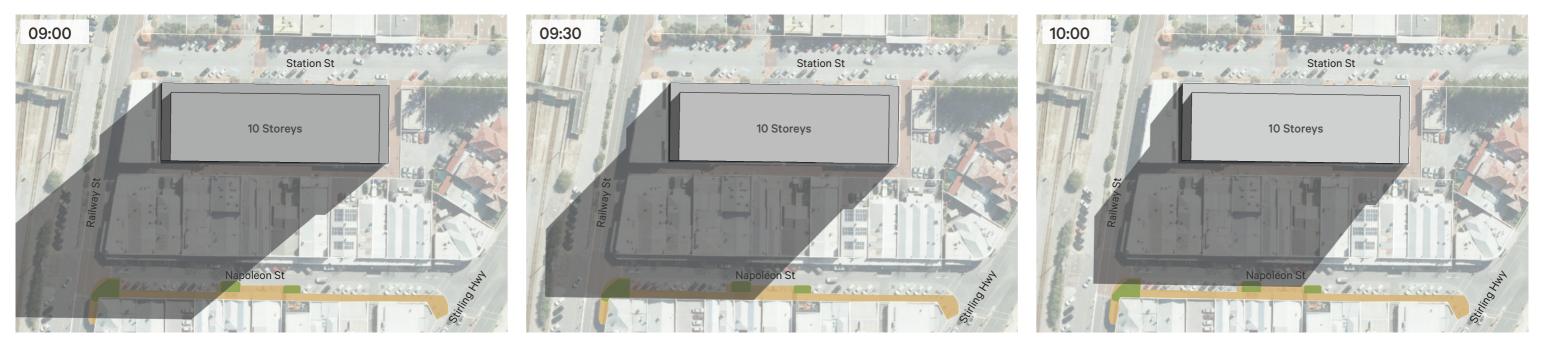


Existing parklet Overshadowing

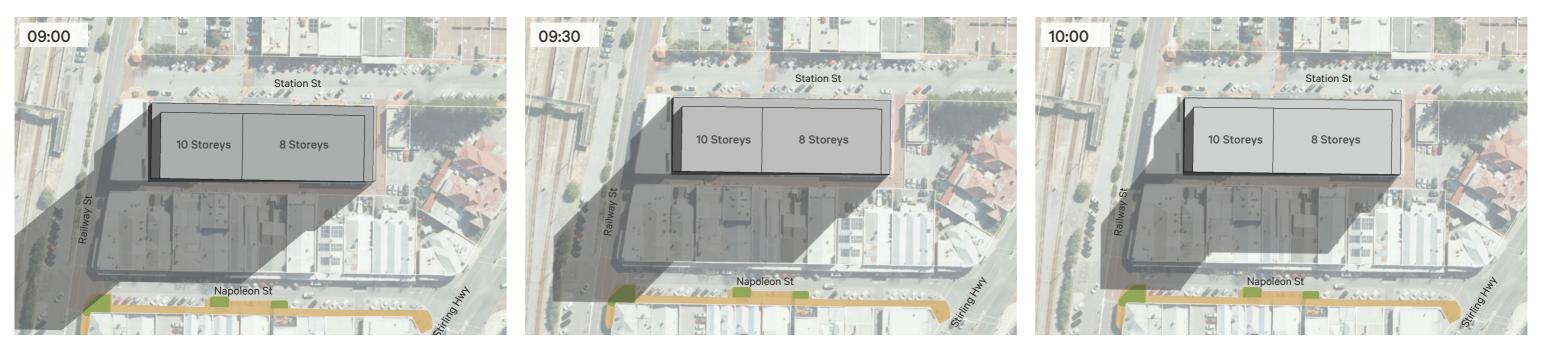


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#### Perth weather averages by month - July

- Avg. temperature 9am: 11.9 °C \_
- Avg no. rainy days: 14.4

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Station Street, Cottesloe

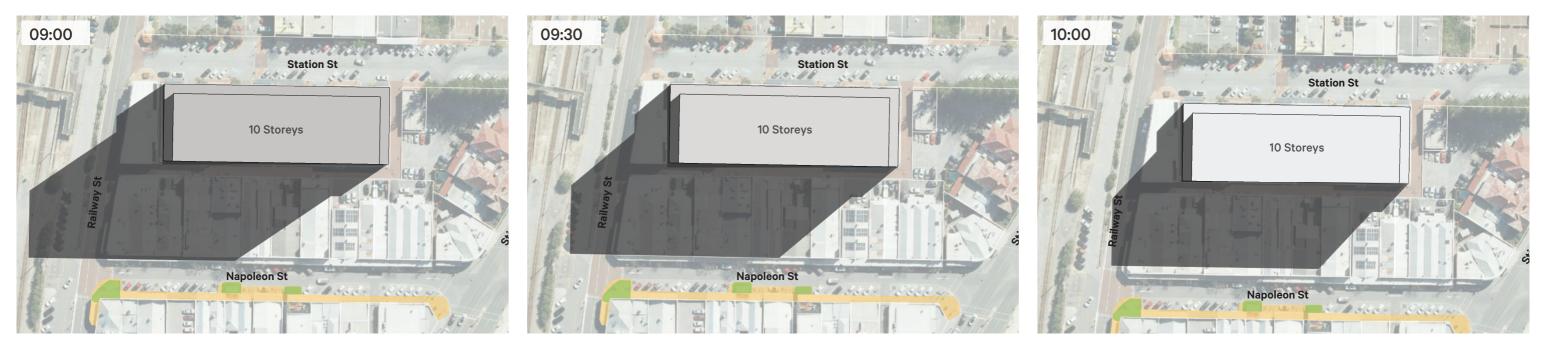


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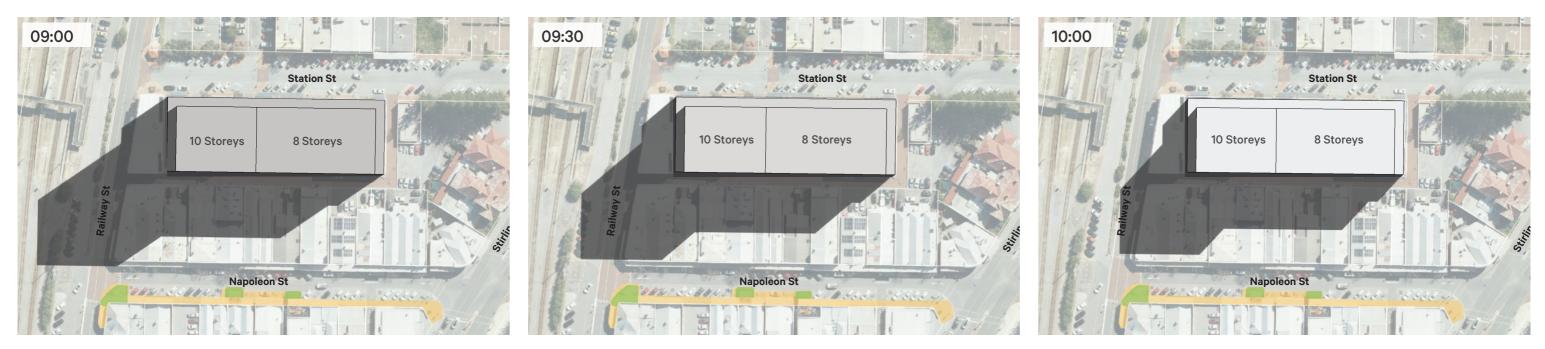


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#### Perth weather averages by month - August

- Avg. temperature 9am: 17.7 °C \_
- Avg no. rainy days: 13

Source: Bureau of Meteology.gov.au

### Shadow Analysis - August 21

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Existing parklet Overshadowing



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