56.03 LIVABLE AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

56.03-1 Compact and walkable neighbourhoods objectives

To create compact neighbourhoods that are oriented around easy walking distances to activity centres, schools and community facilities, public open space and public transport. To allow easy movement through and between neighbourhoods for all people.

Standard C2

A subdivision should implement any relevant growth area or any approved land-use and development strategy, plan or policy for the area set out in this scheme.

An application for subdivision must include a plan of the layout of the subdivision that:

- Meets the objectives (if relevant to the class of subdivision specified in the zone) of:
  - Clause 56.03-2 Activity centres
  - Clause 56.03-3 Planning for community facilities
  - Clause 56.04-1 Lot diversity and distribution
  - Clause 56.06-2 Walking and cycling network
  - Clause 56.06-3 Public transport network
  - Clause 56.06-4 Neighbourhood street network

- Shows the 400 metre street walking distance around each existing or proposed bus stop, 600 metres street walking distance around each existing or proposed tram stop and 800 metres street walking distance around each existing or proposed railway station and shows the estimated number of dwellings within those distances.

- Shows the layout of the subdivision in relation to the surrounding area.

- Is designed to be accessible for people with disabilities.

56.03-2 Activity centre objective

To provide for mixed-use activity centres, including neighbourhood activity centres, of appropriate area and location.

Standard C3

A subdivision should implement any relevant activity centre strategy, plan or policy for the area set out in this scheme.

Subdivision should be supported by activity centres that are:

- Accessible by neighbourhood and regional walking and cycling networks.
- Served by public transport that is connected to the regional public transport network.
- Located at public transport interchange points for the convenience of passengers and easy connections between public transport services.
- Located on arterial roads or connector streets.
- Of appropriate size to accommodate a mix of uses that meet local community needs.
Oriented to support active street frontages, support street-based community interaction and pedestrian safety.

### Planning for community facilities objective

To provide appropriately located sites for community facilities including schools, libraries, preschools and childcare, health services, police and fire stations, recreation and sports facilities.

**Standard C4**

A subdivision should:

- Implement any relevant regional and local community facility strategy, plan or policy for the area set out in this scheme.
- Locate community facilities on sites that are in or near activity centres and public transport.

School sites should:

- Be integrated with the neighbourhood and located near activity centres.
- Be located on walking and cycling networks.
- Have a bus stop located along the school site boundary.
- Have student drop-off zones, bus parking and on-street parking in addition to other street functions in abutting streets.
- Adjoin the public open space network and community sporting and other recreation facilities.
- Be integrated with community facilities.
- Be located on land that is not affected by physical, environmental or other constraints.

Schools should be accessible by the Principal Public Transport Network in Metropolitan Melbourne and on the regional public transport network outside Metropolitan Melbourne.

Primary schools should be located on connector streets and not on arterial roads.

New State Government school sites must meet the requirements of the Department of Education and Training and abut at least two streets with sufficient widths to provide student drop-off zones, bus parking and on-street parking in addition to other street functions.

### Built environment objective

To create urban places with identity and character.

**Standard C5**

The built environment should:

- Implement any relevant urban design strategy, plan or policy for the area set out in this scheme.
- Provide living and working environments that are functional, safe and attractive.
- Provide an integrated layout, built form and urban landscape.
- Contribute to a sense of place and cultural identity.
An application should describe the identity and character to be achieved and the elements that contribute to that identity and character.

**Neighbourhood character objective**

To design subdivisions that respond to neighbourhood character.

**Standard C6**

Subdivision should:

- Respect the existing neighbourhood character or achieve a preferred neighbourhood character consistent with any relevant neighbourhood character objective, policy or statement set out in this scheme.
- Respond to and integrate with the surrounding urban environment.
- Protect significant vegetation and site features.