

Prospect Housing Diversity and Desirable Neighbourhoods

Stage 1 Community Forums



The City of Prospect recognises the value of housing and neighbourhood character to its community. Council is engaging with its community over two stages to explore character and future housing needs. This document presents the results from the stage 1 community forums.

The results will inform the Housing Diversity and Neighbourhoods Study, which seeks to identify policy directions for housing within the City of Prospect's residential zones. These will be consulted upon in stage 2.

HOW WE ENGAGED

Two community forums were held with community members and asked the following questions:

1. **What aspects contribute to the character of neighbourhoods and streets?**
2. **What aspects do you consider when choosing a home and why?**

41 FORUM PARTICIPANTS

Most participants...



Were aged between 55 and 74 years old



Live with their partner



Felt that the size of their home was 'perfect for them' and had no plans to (upsize or downsize) in the next 5 years



Live in homes that they own outright



Live in 3 or 4 bedroom homes



Suggested more detached housing, independent retirement living and ancillary housing were needed in the future



KEY MESSAGES FROM THE COMMUNITY FORUMS

Aspects that contribute to the character of neighbourhoods and streets

Sympathy and consistency with existing character

Development should be sympathetic and consistent in scale and amenity to traditional detached housing (predominantly early to mid 20th century), which is valued for its heritage, privacy, quality space for trees and landscaping, off-street parking and bin storage.

Trees, landscaping and open space

On streets, private and public land to provide shade, cooling, habitat, amenity and space for community interaction.

Site coverage and setbacks

Increased setbacks and less site coverage to provide privacy and enable space for off street car parking, front lawns, gardens and landscaping.

Density and building height

Traditional detached housing stock is valued. Concerns regarding apartments and subdivisions.

Quality design

Architecture that fits with the look and quality of the surrounding area and is considerate of sustainability, private open space, privacy, and durability.

Streets and footpaths

Wide tree lined landscaped streets and footpaths with parking accommodated off street to limit street congestion and improve safety.

Sustainability

Durable materials and construction methods. The inclusion of environmentally sustainable design and technology (eg. solar panels) and preventing over-shadowing of solar panels.

Community spaces and connection

Public spaces where people can meet including parks, verges or communal areas within developments.

Aspects considered when choosing a home

- > Sense of history and heritage homes
- > Quiet and privacy
- > Single story detached homes
- > Quality design, materials and construction
- > Sustainability - comfortable, efficient with low operating costs
- > Location and proximity to facilities
- > Affordability
- > Community feel
- > Adequate and flexible bedrooms and living space
- > Accessibility
- > Open space and greenery
- > Onsite car parking