

CITY OF PROSPECT ADVOCACY PRIORITIES



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

City of Prospect acknowledges that we are on the traditional country of the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains region and we pay our respect to Elders past and present.

We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationships with the land and we acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kaurna people living today.



PRESERVATION & CELEBRATION OF OUR HERITAGE & CHARACTER



PROJECT OVERVIEW

- The City of Prospect is advocating for two key amendments to the Planning and Design Code in relation to heritage and character preservation.
- In the heritage space, City of Prospect wishes to see additional places and streets protected from demolition by way of heritage listing (either as individual Heritage Places or as Heritage Areas).
- In the character space, City of Prospect wishes to see adaptive reuse of existing character homes encouraged through planning policy as a desirable approach to development (compared to the demolition and replacement of character homes). This would be delivered through the Future Living Code Amendment as new co-housing development opportunities, and City of Prospect wishes to see this Code Amendment prioritised and implemented.



CURRENT ADVOCACY

HERITAGE

The City of Prospect has endorsed a project plan inclusive of four key steps to achieving additional heritage protections. Those steps are:

- 1 Undertaking a Thematic Analysis (funded in the 2023/24 Budget);
- 2 Obtaining State Planning Commission Endorsement of Representative Buildings in all Historic Areas (no funding likely required);
- 3 Undertaking a new Heritage Survey of City of Prospect (currently unfunded); and
- 4 Undertaking a Code Amendment to embed the outcomes of the Heritage Survey and Thematic Analysis into the Planning and Design Code through additional heritage protections (currently unfunded).



CHARACTER

 The City of Prospect was a key player in the delivery of the Co-housing for Ageing Well project, along with Town of Walkerville, City of Unley, City of Burnside, the then Dept, of Planning Transport and Infrastructure/ State Planning Commission and the University of South Australia.

The project investigated how older Adelaide houses such as villas and cottages could be altered and extended to create one or more additional dwelling onsite in order to suit a co-housing arrangement for older residents wishing to age in place. The project used case study designs to demonstrate how these outcomes could be achieved without negative impact to character streetscapes.

The project provided linkages to Council's Housing Diversity and Desirable Neighbourhoods Study; in particular in relation to the issue of reuse of existing dwellings for more diverse housing and retention of built form character, and to consider how alternative housing forms are encouraged through the State's Planning and Design Code.

Following this project City of Prospect has contributed staff resources to an ongoing Working Group to further a Code Amendment allowing for co-housing developments in the study area. City of Prospect is disappointed that this Code Amendment has not progressed as quickly as it could have, and remains committed to supporting progress of this Code Amendment.

City of Prospect understands that this Code Amendment will progress to public consultation in coming months and advocates that this be pursued with some urgency by the State Planning Commission.



KEY BENEFITS

- Retain more of Prospect's character housing, preserving these streetscapes and Prospect's sense of identity for future generations.
- Create additional opportunities for 'missing middle' houses to be created within our community.
- Assist older members of our community to generate funding from their existing home to age/downsize in place.
- Support continued capital value growth and reputation as a great place to live and do business.

NEXT STEPS AND PROJECT TIMEFRAME

Steps as above, full delivery of these project timelines expected to occur in 2025/26 Financial Year (subject to budget allocation, timely support from heritage experts, support from State Planning Commission/ Government).

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