

**KEY EXISTING CHARACTERISTICS**

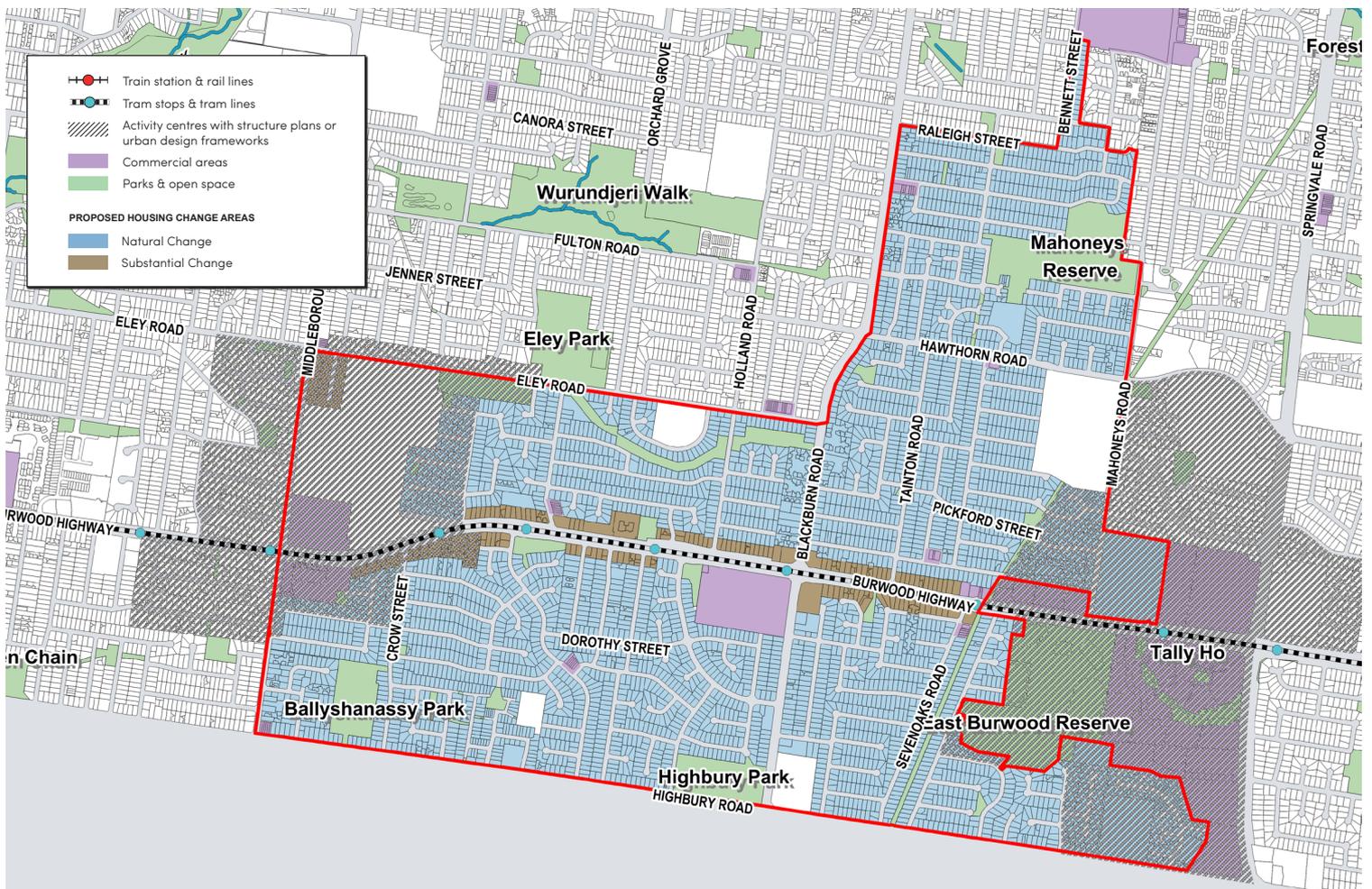
- Architecture is predominantly 1960s to 1980s in style, with double and triple fronted cream and orange brick veneer with pitched roofs. Some pockets of more contemporary style infill are visible.
- Building material is predominantly brick with tiled roofs.
- Dwellings are predominantly single storey and standalone.
- Front setbacks are approximately 5m, with at least 1m setbacks from both side boundaries.
- Garages and carports are usually located behind the front setback, along one side boundary with a single crossover.
- Front fences are nonexistent or low (up to 0.8m) and generally constructed of brick.
- Gardens are predominantly exotic, including shrubs, garden beds, lawns and canopy trees. There are some pockets of bushy gardens.
- Roads are sealed with upstanding kerbs and footpaths on both sides, except in new courts where rollover kerbs are used.
- Trees are informally planted with mixed species and sizes.
- The topography of the area is flat to rolling.
- Interface with a number of reserves and well vegetated open space / abutting Bush Suburban and Bush Environment areas.
- Interface with the Burwood Heights and Tally Ho Major Activity Centres.

**PREFERRED CHARACTER STATEMENT**

The modest, pitched roof dwellings will sit within well-established garden settings and will not dominate the streetscape due to consistent siting patterns and substantial planting of canopy trees. The rhythm of dwelling separation will appear regular from the street, even with buildings occasionally built to one side boundary. The streets will have a spacious and leafy feel, which is complemented by tall trees in the public and private realm, visible front lawn areas due to the frequent lack of or low front fencing and grass nature strips.

In areas adjacent to the tram corridor along Burwood Highway (Substantial Change) and the areas designated Substantial Change within the adopted Burwood Heights Structure Plan and within the adopted Tally Ho Major Activity Centre Urban Design Framework, infill development including medium density housing and apartment developments will be common. New buildings and additions however, will be setback at upper levels to minimise dominance in the streetscape and impact on nearby standard residential areas.

Areas with good access to trams and shops will accommodate more dwellings, including well designed medium density housing, with slightly more compact siting than the remaining residential areas, but with space for large trees and gardens.



# GARDEN SUBURBAN PRECINCT 5 GUIDELINES

| CHARACTER ELEMENT         | OBJECTIVE   | DESIGN RESPONSE  | AVOID  |
|---------------------------|---|--|--|
| GARDENS & LANDSCAPING     | <i>To maintain and strengthen the garden setting of the dwellings and the tree canopy of the neighbourhood.</i>                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retain established or mature trees and provide for the planting of new canopy trees and substantial vegetation.</li> <li>Locate footings and paved areas outside the root zone of established trees</li> <li>Prepare and implement a landscape plan that includes substantial trees and vegetation.</li> <li>Provide at least 30% of the site as permeable surface, other than in Substantial Change areas where ResCode standard applies.</li> <li>Site coverage should not exceed 50% other than in Substantial Changes areas where standard ResCode provisions apply.</li> <li>Provide for one ground level area with minimum dimensions of 5m x 5m, for open space to accommodate at least one canopy tree.</li> <li>Plant at least two canopy trees with a minimum mature height of 8 metres per dwelling.</li> <li>Open space areas should be oriented to the north wherever possible.</li> </ul> | <p>Removal of large, established trees.</p> <p>Loss of established vegetation.</p> <p>Inadequate space for trees/ planting around buildings.</p> <p>Use of an easement or service area for the provision of space for a canopy tree.</p> |
|                           | <i>To minimise the dominance of car parking structures and the loss of front garden space to vehicular access and parking.</i>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide only one vehicular crossover per typical site frontage.</li> </ul>  | <p>Car parking structures that dominate the façade or view of the dwelling from the street.</p> <p>Creation of new crossovers and driveways, or wide crossovers.</p> <p>Excessive areas of hard paving and driveways.</p>                |
|                           | <i>To ensure the provision of permeable and useable private open space for new dwellings.</i>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In addition to any new balconies or rooftops, private open space with a minimum dimension of 5m x 5m for each dwelling should be provided. This minimum private open space dimension does not apply in apartment developments.</li> <li>Private open space should be oriented to the north wherever possible and accommodate garden planting.</li> </ul>  | <p>Inadequate permeable private open space.</p>  |
| MINIMUM LOT SIZE          | <i>To ensure the spacing and density of dwellings is managed to accord with housing objectives.</i>                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A permit is required for the construction or extension of one dwelling on a lot that is less than 300 sq. m. Development of single dwellings on lots smaller than 300 sq. m. should only be approved if all other guidelines are satisfied.</li> </ul>  | <p>Lot sizes and development that does not meet the other neighbourhood character Guidelines.</p>  |
| SITING                    | <i>To maintain and reinforce the rhythm of spacing between and around buildings, and the alignment of buildings along the street.</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New buildings should be setback to reflect the prevailing front setbacks.</li> <li>Set back buildings a minimum of 1m from at least one side boundary, unless otherwise specified in the adopted Burwood Heights Structure Plan and Tally Ho Urban Design Framework.</li> <li>In Substantial Change areas, any walls on boundaries should be setback a minimum of 3 metres behind the front façade of the building fronting the street.</li> <li>Carports, garages or outbuildings may be located on one side boundary, where it is setback a minimum of 1m from the front facade of a dwelling fronting the street.</li> </ul>   | <p>Inconsistent siting patterns and a lack of space around buildings.</p>  |
| PARK INTERFACE            | <i>To ensure that new development provides a positive interface with any adjoining parks or open space.</i>                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design new buildings to provide a façade to any adjacent parkland to enable casual passive surveillance of the public space.</li> <li>Building should be setback from the interface boundary so as not to dominate or appear overbearing from within the parkland.</li> </ul>   | <p>Blank walls fronting parkland spaces.</p>   |
| BUILDING HEIGHT & FORM    | <i>To ensure that buildings and extensions do not dominate the streetscape.</i>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In Natural Change areas buildings should not exceed two storeys in height.</li> <li>In Substantial Change areas buildings should not exceed 3 or 4 storeys in height (unless otherwise provided in the current adopted structure plan or urban design framework), and any third or fourth level should be designed to minimise impact on any adjoining residential property.</li> <li>Roof forms should incorporate eaves.</li> </ul>   | <p>Buildings that appear to exceed the predominant height of buildings in the street by more than one storey.</p> <p>Lack of eaves.</p>  |
| MATERIALS & DESIGN DETAIL | <i>To encourage building detailing that reflects, without mimicking, the details of buildings in the area.</i>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Articulate the facades of buildings with the use of recesses, verandahs, balconies, window openings and variations in materials and colours.</li> </ul>   | <p>Blank walls and facades.</p> <p>Mock historical styles and 'reproduction' detailing.</p>  |
| FRONT FENCING             | <i>To retain views to dwellings and gardens, and complement the predominant style of front boundary delineation in the street</i>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide a low or open style front fence up to 1.2m in height, and constructed of materials appropriate to the dwelling style.</li> <li>On main roads, higher front fences (up to 1.8m) may be constructed where they provide at least 20% permeability.</li> </ul>  | <p>High, solid front fencing.</p>  |