

Agenda Briefing Forum

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Attachment 5.1.1 – Item 5.1 (12.1) refers

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Elected Members are reminded to retain the Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda and any confidential papers for deliberations at the next Ordinary Council Meeting.

Matrix from the Agenda Briefing Forum held in the Council Chamber of the City of Belmont Civic Centre, 215 Wright Street, Cloverdale on Tuesday 21 October 2025 commencing at 6:30pm.

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Present

Mayor R Rossi, JP (Presiding Member) Mayor

Cr D Sessions (Deputy Mayor) West Ward
Cr G Sekulla, JP Central Ward
Cr J Harris Central Ward
Cr B Ryan East Ward
Cr Abedin South Ward
Cr J Davis South Ward
Cr C Kulczycki West Ward

In attendance

Mr S Downing Acting Chief Executive Officer
Mr W Loh Director Development and

Communities

Ms S Jessop Acting Director Corporate and

Governance

Mr S Morrison Acting Director Infrastructure

Services

Ms D Dabala Manager Governance and Legal Ms G Carter-Nguyen Manager Public Relations and

Stakeholder Engagement

Ms C Gilbert (dep. 7:05pm) Acting Manager Planning Services

Mrs J Cherry-Murphy Coordinator Governance
Mr N Reddy (dep. 7:05pm) Acting Coordinator Planning
Ms S Bell Senior Governance Officer

Members of the gallery

There was one member of the public in the gallery and no press representatives.

1 Official Opening

6:30pm The Presiding Member welcomed all those in attendance and declared the meeting open.

The Presiding Member read aloud the Acknowledgement of Country.

Acknowledgement of Country

Before I begin, I would like to acknowledge the Whadjuk Noongar people as the Traditional Owners of this land and pay my respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

I further acknowledge their cultural heritage, beliefs, connection and relationship with this land which continues today.

The Presiding Member invited Cr Davis to read aloud the Affirmation of Civic Duty and Responsibility on behalf of Elected Members. Cr Davis read aloud the affirmation.

Affirmation of Civic Duty and Responsibility

I make this affirmation in good faith and declare that I will duly, faithfully, honestly, and with integrity fulfil the duties of my office for all the people in the City of Belmont according to the best of my judgement and ability.

I will observe the City's Code of Conduct and Standing Orders to ensure efficient, effective and orderly decision making within this forum.

2 Apologies and leave of absence

Cr Marks (apology)
Mr J Christie (apology)
Mr M Murphy (apology)

East Ward
Chief Executive Officer
Director Infrastructure Services

3 Announcements by the Presiding Member (without discussion)

3.1 Announcements

Nil.

3.2 Disclaimer

6:32pm The Presiding Member drew the public gallery's attention to the Disclaimer.

The Presiding Member advised the following:

I wish to draw attention to the Disclaimer Notice contained within the agenda document and advise members of the public that no decisions are made at the meeting tonight. Council will formally resolve agenda items at next week's Ordinary Council Meeting.

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4 Public submission time

6:33pm The Presiding Member opened the period allotted for Public Submission Time and as no members of the public were in the Gallery, the Presiding Member closed Public Submission Time.

5 Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda for meeting to be held on 28 October 2025

5.1 Agenda items for review

OCM Item 12.1

Development Application for 13 Multiple Dwellings – Lot 60 (26) Beverley Road, Cloverdale

Deputation Request

Nil.

Officer Presentation

The Acting Coordinator Planning provided a presentation which included the following:

- Extract from Local Planning Scheme Map Illustrating Zoning of Subject Site and Surrounds
- Aerial of the Subject Site
- Proposal
- Side and Rear Setbacks
- Communal Open Space
- Public Domain Interface
- Recommendation

(Refer Tabled Attachment 5.1.1 for further information).

Notes from Forum

- Beverley Road currently has some three-storey properties, but local R-Codes permit up to four storeys.
- City Officers are unaware of any pending applications or other fourstorey developments on Beverley Road.
- According to the R-Codes, a minimum of 78 square metres of open space is required; however, the applicant was able to provide only 58 square metres. Nevertheless, in this case, the application satisfied the objectives established by City Officers.
- Should this development application be refused, it is likely to proceed to the State Administrative Tribunal and may subsequently return to Council for reconsideration with revised plans.

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- A condition is included for the Waste Management Plan to be updated to account for changes in bin quantities and collection schedules. City Officers reviewed the available space for bin placement and determined that it was adequate. The Waste Management Plan can be amended to meet the City's requirements.
- The development provides 12 parking bays for 13 dwellings, taking into account local parking availability. Applications that comply with R-Code requirements typically cannot be adjusted regarding parking bay numbers. The City follows R-Code standards and does not mandate additional parking beyond these guidelines.
- The Design Review Panel (DRP) will provide comments based on ten design principles within the State Planning Document, and do not necessarily look at the requirements under the R-Codes. Conversely, the City's recommendations are made on R-Codes, balancing alongside the comments made by the DRP, and ultimately variations can be made by an applicant to meet the requirements for approval.
- Setback minimums follow R-Codes. If varied, the City checks if objectives like avoiding shadowing neighbours are met. In this case, the development satisfied these objectives.
- This application pertains exclusively to multiple dwellings; there has not been any consideration regarding their potential use for social housing or other purposes.
- Condition 16 pertains to the continuous implementation and upkeep of trees. Failure to ensure that trees are planted and maintained within the specified timeframe will constitute a breach of this condition and necessitate further consultations between the City and the applicant to satisfy the City's requirements.
- The "two planting seasons" mentioned in the report may be understood as referring to the Winter-Spring periods spanning two consecutive years. The City conducts post-planting monitoring after a two-year interval, which aligns with this interpretation.
- Condition 16 is a standard clause that has been adopted by Council to ensure the continual maintenance of plantings on development sites. This condition requires that trees and other vegetation are not only planted according to the approved plans, but also kept healthy and maintained into the future.

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- The responsibility for this upkeep stays with the land, meaning future owners must also comply. Council has not encountered any significant issues with enforcing this condition, and routine monitoring is conducted to ensure ongoing compliance.
- The scoring provided by the DRP process led to the applicant providing amended plans addressing concerns raised by the DRP, such as the landscape plan being amended to include details of irrigation.
- There is currently a development submission for 4 grouped dwellings approved on the neighbouring site at 24 Beverley Road, Cloverdale with a proposed 2 single-storey properties at the front, and 2 twostorey dwellings at the rear.
- The development application for 26 Beverley Road, Cloverdale proposes a ground floor comprising parking facilities and residential units, with an additional three storeys constructed above this level.
- The developers at 24 Beverley Road, Cloverdale are aware of the application submitted for 26 Beverley Road, Cloverdale, which proposes four-storey residential buildings. They are able to amend their existing proposal or submit a new application, both of which will be evaluated in accordance with the established Planning Framework.
- The block of land of the proposed site at 26 Beverley Road, Cloverdale is 772 square meters, including the car-parking, and there is one crossover driveway access.
- The Planning Framework has remained unchanged since the development application was submitted for 24 Beverley Road, Cloverdale. Under the current Planning Framework, developers of 24 Beverley Road, Cloverdale could have initially submitted a similar application.
- The City provides oversight for the planting and maintenance of trees and plants as outlined in development applications, though there are some limitations due to staffing, as only one Planning Compliance Officer is available. The City generally becomes aware of issues through reports from neighbours or residents.

Further Information to be Provided

Nil.

7:05pm The Acting Manager Planning Services and Acting Coordinator Planning departed the meeting and did not return.

Note:

The Presiding Member advised that in accordance with Section 5.23(2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995 (WA) if there was any questions on the Confidential Attachments for Item 12.2, Council would need to go behind closed doors.

There were no questions on the confidential attachments.

OCM Item 12.2 Community Service Awards 2025
Deputation Request Nil.
Officer Presentation Nil.
Notes from Forum Nil.
Further Information to be Provided Nil.

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Deputation Request

Nil.

Officer Presentation

Nil.

Notes from Forum

- The amounts referenced on page 155 of the 28 October 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda, pertaining to the budget for the design of the Abernethy Road intersections for the Keane Street and Kew Street projects in the 2026-27 Financial Year, represent standard salary allocations necessary for preliminary design work. It is noted that a further budget review may occur in March 2026, at which time amendments can be considered if required.
- The amounts cited on page 155 of the 28 October 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda, regarding the Belmont Tennis Club, pertain to the design phase of the car park upgrade scheduled for the 2027-28 financial year. Recent assessment by City staff has identified surface deterioration at the Tennis Club car park, primarily attributed to tree root activity.
- A contractor working on behalf of Main Roads recently visited Fulham Street to install the line-marking for the pedestrian crossing, they then moved to Wright Street, but identified an issue with the existing linemarking and did not proceed with the work at that location. The City revised the existing line-marking last Saturday morning (18 October 2025) and has contacted Main Roads to request their return as soon as possible.
- Main Roads uses a separate contractor for the signage at both Fulham and Wright Streets and there has been a lack of coordination between Main Roads and the line-marking contractor. The works for the Wright Street pedestrian crossing are imminent; it is just a matter of having the assigned contractors reattend to organise the line-marking and signage.
- The funds allocated for the Abernethy Road intersections are designated for preliminary design work. This phase is expected to

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prompt further assessments related to services, such as coordinating necessary light pole relocations with Western Power and their consultants for design requirements. The intersection of Keane Street and Abernethy Road represents the most complex aspect of the project, likely involving multiple Western Power pole relocations.

 In relation to footpath projects, there is still funds allocated to the Sustainable Transport Strategy, subject to the endorsement of the Strategy by Council. The City also has some minor footpath projects that have come out of road work design, including projects for Lowes Street such as pram ramps and local road connectors and similar works on Barker Street. One larger project identified is a new footpath on Alexander Road as a rehabilitation at the Hardey Road end and to be extended to Signal Hill, and recommended to be deferred to the 26-27 financial year. No further major footpath projects have been identified at this stage.

Further Information to be Provided

- The Acting Director Infrastructure Services undertook to provide Elected Members with data relating to the pneumatic traffic counts performed at Wright Street, especially in relation to the 85-percentile speed, peak hourly traffic, and percentage of vehicles exceeding the 40km/h speed limit.
- The Acting Director Infrastructure Services undertook to provide Elected Members with further information on whether the City coordinates community engagement when the City goes out for community consultation on projects such as Abernethy Road.

Appointments to	Other Ground

Deputation Request

OCM Item 12.4

Nil.

Officer Presentation

Nil.

Appointments to Other Groups

Notes from Forum

- The City has made the decision to have Elected Members no longer sit formally on Advisory Groups based on advice received. It is the decision of the City that Elected Members engagement would be contrary to the Local Government Act 1995 (WA) reforms.
- The City has not sought advice from the West Australian Local Government Association, or the State Government on this matter.
- Advisory Group members have been informed of the change. The
 decision regarding Elected Member participation is outside the scope
 of group members, and further consultation would not affect this
 decision.

Further Information to be Provided

- The Acting Chief Executive Officer committed to having Officers update the attachment to the Council report to clearly specify meeting purposes, dates, times, and frequency for Elected Members.
- Further to an Elected Member request, the Manager Governance and Legal undertook to provide Elected Members with the terms of the City's request for advice regarding Elected Member participation on Advisory Groups.

OCM Item 12.5 Accounts for Payment September 2025
Deputation Request
Nil.
Officer Presentation
Nil.
Notes from Forum
Nil.
Further Information to be Provided
Nil.
OCM Item 12.6
Monthly Financial Report for September 2025
Monthly Financial Report for September 2025 Deputation Request
Deputation Request Nil.
Deputation Request Nil. Officer Presentation
Deputation Request Nil.
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Extract from Local Planning Scheme Map Illustrating Zoning of Subject Site and Surrounds





Zoning: Residential R20/50/100

AL Local Planning Scheme - R Codes A RCode Special Development Precincts Special Control Area - Development area Special Control Area - Development Contribution Area Ascot Waters special development precinct The Springs special development precinct Belvidere Main Street special development precinct Belgravia parklands special development precinct Invercloy estate special development precinct XX Zones and Reserves (Local Planning Scheme) Civic and cultural Commercial Industrial Local roads Major distribution road Mixed business Mixed use Parks and recreation Place of public assembly Public purposes Residential (R20 density unless otherwise shown) Residential and Stables Service Station

Town Centre

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Aerial of the Subject Site





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Proposal



- 13 Multiple Dwellings across four storeys.
- 12 resident car parking bays, and four visitor car parking bay.
- 8 bike parking bays, communal open space, and bin store.



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Side and Rear Setbacks



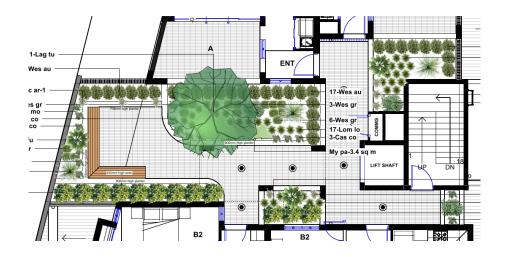


- Variable side setbacks of 2.1-2.4 metres and 5.8 metres to the rear boundary.
- Setbacks do not result in overlooking or overshadowing of adjoining properties.
- Landscaping areas along the side boundaries to support tree planting.

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Communal Open Space



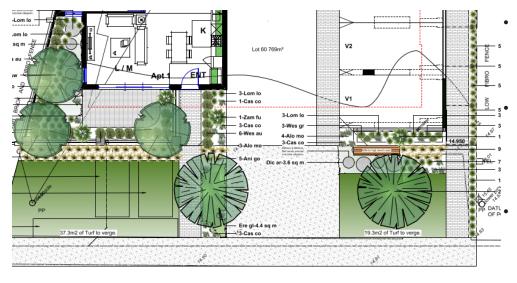


- 58.3m² of Communal Open Space proposed (shortfall of 19.7m²).
- Includes seating space and landscaping for passive recreation.
- Designed to minimise impacts on the habitable rooms and private open space of the adjoining properties.

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Public Domain Interface





Visitor bay provided with a 1.3 metre setback in lieu of 2m.

Front fencing and landscaping provide an appropriate transition between public and private realms.

Retains existing street tree, proposes additional street tree, and introduces three small trees within the front setback.

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Recommendation



- Recommendation to approve this application based on:
- Development is consistent with the objectives of the local and state planning framework and meets the relevant planning requirements.
- The proposal is of an acceptable design and landscaping quality, as intended for medium density development within the locality.
- The proposal is recommended to be approved subject to conditions.

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Thank you

Acting Coordinator Planning, Nicholas Reddy





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6 Matters for which the meeting may be closed

Nil.

7 Closure

There being no further business, the Presiding Member thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7:28pm.