



Fact Sheet 1 *Our City, Our Future.*

The City of Rockingham is preparing a Local Planning Strategy to guide the growth and development of our City over the next 20 years and beyond. Everyone who works, lives or plays in Rockingham is invited to have a say on shaping the City's future.

Titled *Our City Our Future*, the Strategy will be a key instrument in the creation of a new Town Planning Scheme and will help guide Rockingham's evolution into one of the safest, most liveable and sustainable Cities in the nation.

What is a Local Planning Strategy?

A Local Planning Strategy is a framework for land use planning that enables the City to plan for future growth of the region. It will set out the long-term strategic direction for land use and consider a wide range of local economic, social and environmental issues. It will also provide the basis for zonings and other requirements in a Town Planning Scheme.

What is a Town Planning Scheme?

A Town Planning Scheme is a legal framework, which establishes standards and conditions controlling the use and development of land in different zones in the City. It will be the principal tool in implementing the Local Planning Strategy and achieving the City's vision with regards to development. The new Town Planning Scheme will replace the City's existing Scheme No 2, which was gazetted in November 2004.

Why is the City preparing a Local Planning Strategy?

People and places are constantly changing. By 2030, the City's current population of 112,000 is expected to increase by approximately 60,000 people. Our growing population will change demands on the economy, housing, transport, open space, health and community facilities.

The Local Planning Strategy and Town Planning Scheme will be the key tools in assisting the City to proactively manage land use and development over the next 20 years, and will help protect the valued aspects of Rockingham.

What information will be used to create the Local Planning Strategy?

Community input is a vital component in the development of the Local Planning Strategy. The City will be seeking community values and attitudes to key planning issues including: housing, community health and wellbeing, employment and economic development, heritage and environment. In addition, existing State, regional and local plans and strategies and census data will provide focus and direction for the development of the Strategy.

The Local Planning Strategy process will also build on existing community input via Council's 10-Year Strategic Community Plan adopted by Council in March 2011 and create a further understanding of community needs and aspirations.



What key issues will the Strategy need to address?

1. How the City will determine the housing density and types for its community in order to meet the residential and lifestyle needs of the community and cater for population growth.
2. How the City will provide Industrial/Commercial/Business zonings and policies to support the creation of local employment and foster development to ensure the future prosperity of the City and the community.
3. How the new planning scheme will respond to the current and future needs of our growing community providing community facilities and structures that will support the health and wellbeing of our community.
4. How the City will meet its obligations to protect the environment and heritage.
5. How to plan for the transport, traffic, and travel requirements of the community now and in the future in the context of various, competing land uses?

What is the Local Planning Strategy process?

Consultation on the formulation of the Local Planning Strategy has commenced.

The Local Planning Strategy will be a three to four year process and will be supported by a series of specific planning strategies. The planning strategies will include consideration of a wide range of issues, previous studies, reports and community values. These will be released to the community as discussion papers at each stage of the Strategy development.

The end of the process will be a Local Planning Strategy that is adopted by Council and endorsed by the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC).

Opportunities to participate in the Local Planning Strategy process:



How can I get involved?

A Community Engagement Strategy has been developed to promote and build community awareness of the Local Planning Strategy process and sets out different ways the City will engage with the community.

Extensive consultation will be undertaken to formulate the draft Local Planning Strategy. There will be a number of opportunities to get involved, including workshops, online surveys, social media and public displays.

For regular updates about the Local Planning Strategy process and how to have your say visit:

www.rockingham.wa.gov.au/OurCityOurFuture

