7.9. AMENDMENT C125 – NEW RESIDENTIAL ZONES

EXTENT OF PROPOSED NEIGHBOURHOOD RESIDENTIAL ZONE 4

Submitting Councillor: Cr Geoff Lake

**MOTION**

That Council:

1. Recognises the particular neighbourhood character of the area generally bounded by Springvale Road, Waverley Road, Gallaghers Road and High Street Road and reinstates the proposed Neighbourhood Residential Zone – Schedule 4 to this area to the extent originally proposed in Amendment C125 to the Monash Planning Scheme;

2. Adopts this change as part of Council’s submission to the independent panel hearing for Amendment C125; and

3. Notifies affected residents of the reinstatement of the Neighbourhood Residential Zone – Schedule 4

**INTRODUCTION**

The implementation of the new residential zones has generated significant community interest and resulted in divided opinion about the way to approach housing issues in Monash.

The residential areas generally east of Springvale Road Glen Waverley generally demonstrate a character that is strongly aligned to the garden character of Monash.

**BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION**

At the meeting of 31 May 2016, Council resolved to proceed with Amendment C125 and refer the amendment to an independent panel for consideration. In proceeding with the amendment Council resolved to reduce the extent of the proposed Neighbourhood Residential Zone – Schedule 4 by removing the area of land generally bounded by Highbury Road, Springvale Road, Waverley Road, Gallagher’s Road, Westlands Road and Camelot Drive, Glen Waverley from the proposed Neighbourhood Residential Zone - Schedule 4 and placing it in the proposed General Residential Zone – Schedule 4.

Since that time I have had considerable feedback from residents in the area south of High Street Road who oppose that change and have requested the reinstatement of the proposed Neighbourhood Residential Zone – Schedule 4.

In response to these concerns I have reviewed these neighbourhoods and agree that the character of the area warrants inclusion in the proposed Neighbourhood Residential
Zone – Schedule 4. My amendment at the May meeting was proposed based upon the different neighbourhood character for the area north of High Street Road which was also removed. I do not recommend a change to that part of the May Council decision.

**CONCLUSION**

The reintroduction of the Neighbourhood Residential Zone – Schedule 4 for this part of Glen Waverley will provide greater certainty and consistency to residents and the development community about the neighbourhood character expectations and the intensity of built form outcomes in this area.