

## MONASH CITY COUNCIL

### EXPLANATORY NOTE –

#### FIGURE 4 AND COMMUNITY OPEN SPACE

##### Community open space

1. The definition of community open space is found at page 12 of the Monash Open Space Strategy (“MOSS”). The Council has calculated 512ha of community open space in Monash.

##### Gap analysis

2. Monash City Council (“Council”) prepared Map 1 (Open Space by Primary Function and Access Type) and Maps 5-16 in the MOSS. Maps 5-16 are the detailed precinct maps showing the open space provision by reference to the following classifications: district catchment, local catchment, regional catchment, restrictive public access and private access open space.
3. SGS prepared Figure 4 of the Open Space Contribution Rate Report (“OSCRR”) based on Council data and mapping, in accordance with the SGS explanation attached. SGS prepared Table 5 of the OSCRR in accordance with the SGS explanation contained in Panel document 17.
4. Figure 4 and Table 5 were prepared to provide an understanding of gaps in the distribution of local open space in Monash by reference to established VPA and planning scheme criteria for local open space.
5. As specified in the footnote to Figure 4, Figure 4 excludes all private land (eg golf courses owned by golf clubs); restricted public land (eg golf courses owned by council); visual amenity spaces, accessways and trails smaller than 0.1 ha; relaxation/contemplation spaces smaller than 500m; and small to

medium utility/buffer/environmentally constrained sites. This land was excluded due to access or use constraints or encumbrances. Figure 4 includes “community open space” as defined on page 12 of the MOSS and regional open space owned by Parks Victoria, specifically Jell’s Park and Shepherd’s Bush. Council accepts that land within 400m of Jell’s Park and Shepherd’s Bush will be able to use that regional open space for local open space purposes.

6. Note that the definition of community open space on page 12 and the figure of 510ha includes the following categories which were excluded from Figure 4: visual amenity spaces, accessways and trails smaller than 0.1 ha, relaxation/contemplation spaces smaller than 500m.
7. Council prepared Map 2 in the MOSS based on Figure 4. Map 2 refers to “community open space” in the title and legend but the map shows both community open space and regional open space, specifically Jell’s Park and Shepherd’s Bush; and the gaps are in the distribution of community open space and regional open space, specifically Jell’s Park and Shepherd’s Bush.
8. The gaps shown in Figure 4 and Map 2 were overlaid over Maps 5-16 which refers to “community open space” in the legend for the gap analysis, even though the gap analysis also includes regional open space, specifically Jell’s Park and Shepherd’s Bush.
9. Figure 4 and Map 2 are intended to inform future planning in terms of land provision under clause 53.01 and land acquisition by Council. Hence it is proposed to include the map in clause 22.15.

## **Per capita provision rate**

10. In determining the per capita provision rate, SGS and Council included community open space as defined on page 12 of the MOSS but excluded regional open space.
11. Table 5 of the MOSS shows the per capita provision rates for all open space, for all Council or public access land, and for community open space on a precinct basis.
12. Table 6 of the MOSS provides overall ha per 1000 residents for all open space, for all Council or public access land, and for community open space for Monash.

## **Contribution rate**

13. In calculating the 10% contribution rate, SGS used the ABS definition of parkland which includes land additional to community open space as defined on page 12 of the MOSS. The area of parkland used in calculating the contribution rate was 920ha.

