A Guide to Neighbourhood Description In Monash

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Neighbourhood Description

The Monash Planning Scheme, clause 54.01 & 55.01, requires the provision of a Neighbourhood Description that must accurately describe:

- In relation to the neighbourhood
  - The pattern of development of the neighbourhood
  - The built form, scale, and character of surrounding development including front fencing
  - Architectural and roof styles
  - Any other notable features or characteristics of the neighbourhood.

Detail required

To satisfy the above requirement the following information is to be provided with the application for Planning Permit:

- Photos of the front elevation of all buildings within the surrounding neighbourhood fronting the same street(s).
- Photos of elevation of all buildings within the surrounding neighbourhood to the rear of the site.
- Written report describing:
  - The built form, scale, and character of surrounding development, both to the streetscape, including front fencing, and the rear of the site.
  - Architectural and roof styles
  - Any other notable features or characteristics of the neighbourhood.
- Written explanation, supported by diagrams and/or streetscape elevation plans, describing how the design of the proposed development respects the existing character of the surrounding neighbourhood and responds to the features of the site.

This description should also focus on the differences (if any) between the built form character of:

- the front of the site and the streetscape and
- the rear of the site and the surrounding structures.

**Surrounding Neighbourhood** is defined as the five properties on either side of the proposed development on both sides of the street and to the rear of the property.

Or

*If the proposed development is on a corner lot, five properties on either side of the development on both sides of the street including the side street as well as properties to the rear.*