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POLICY BASIS

This is a local planning policy prepared under the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* (the Regulations) and the *Shire of Nannup Local Planning Scheme No. 4 (LPS4)*.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this Policy are to:

1. Complement the car parking and vehicular access provisions of the *Shire of Nannup Local Planning Scheme No.4 (LPS4)*;
2. Establish guidelines that will achieve the construction of well-designed car parking areas including providing appropriate access, circulation and manoeuvrability conditions, providing an appropriate number and adequate size of car parking bays to meet the needs of new development, and ensuring vehicular and pedestrian safety;
3. Set out the requirements and standards for the development of vehicle parking areas associated with developments and land uses;
4. Set out design and general construction standards for car parking spaces and manoeuvring aisles appropriate to differing situations;
5. Provide for the management and convenience of vehicle parking for all developments and land uses at a scale and to a standard consistent with the amenity of a progressive town and district;
6. Clarify when sealed crossovers are required for new subdivision and development;
7. Improve the level of amenity and visual appearance of residential, commercial, industrial and other areas of the municipality through site development requirements;
8. Outline the opportunities and limitations for variations to car parking and access requirements; and
9. Set out the circumstances where landscaping for parking areas will be a requirement of development approval.

DEFINITIONS

In this Policy, the following definitions apply:

“Rural Zone” includes the Environmental Conservation, Priority Agriculture, Rural and Rural Smallholdings zones.

“AS 2890” means Australian Standard *AS/NZS 2890.1.2004 Parking Facilities Part 1: Off-Street Car Parking* published by Standards Australia in 2004 and reissued incorporating Amendment No 1 in August 2005 (and any associated updates).

“Car Parking” means the provision of off-street parking spaces for cars in accordance with LPS4 and this Policy.

“Crossover” means a constructed traffic way connecting a public road to the private property boundary that connects with the internal site circulation driveway, parking manoeuvring aisle or domestic driveway and which may carry one or two-way traffic.

“Gross Floor Area” in relation to a building means the aggregate of the total floor area of each level of the building including the thickness of external walls but excluding the space set aside for car parking or access thereto.

“Kerbed” means parking areas or spaces around which a barrier kerb is constructed to provide support for the surface of the car park and/or to separate parking areas from footpaths, landscaped areas or other spaces not designed to carry vehicles.

“Lined Out” means the marking out of each car parking space by painted lines and/or contrasting paving inserts or other means to identify each bay or the corners thereof to guide users as to manner in which the car park is intended to be used and to show the limits of each bay. The term also applies to the provision of directional arrows on the sealed surface denoting the direction of traffic movement within the car park.

“Manoeuvring Aisle” means the area at the rear of each car parking space used to manoeuvre vehicles into and out of such spaces all of which combined comprise an access driveway providing access to the individual bays.

“Off-Site Parking” means the provision of car parking accommodation on a different lot to that on which the new development that gives rise to the need for the parking accommodation is to occur.

“R Codes” means *Residential Design Codes - Volumes 1 and 2* adopted by the Western Australian Planning Commission including any updates.

“Reciprocal Parking” means where parking facilities serve separate uses or a mixed use development and the parking demand generated by the various uses do not coincide.

“Sealed” means the use of impenetrable surfaces such as sprayed bitumen (two coat seal), bituminous concrete (hot-mix or asphalt), in-situ concrete, paving bricks or blocks, or pea gravel seal on a compacted gravel base.

APPLICATION OF THE POLICY

This Policy applies throughout the municipality and will be applied to Development Applications and Subdivision Applications.

This Policy applies to all developments including new development, alterations or extensions to existing development, new site uses, additional uses, extension of uses or change of uses as considered appropriate by the local government.

LINKS TO LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

This Policy relates to various requirements set out in LPS4, the Shire of Nannup Local Planning Strategy, the R Codes and relevant Australian Standards.

The provision of onsite parking is a requirement of LPS4 for new development and for various changes in land use (especially if the proposed use is expected to increase the demand for car parking spaces and/or lead to increased traffic impacts). The number of car parking spaces to be provided in relation to a range of different land use types is set out in Schedule 2 of LPS4.

POLICY PROVISIONS

1. General

No development shall be occupied or a use commenced on a lot unless and until the on-site vehicle parking areas, associated access driveways and the crossover/s, as set out in the Development Approval, have been constructed and completed, and the parking bays clearly defined or marked

out to the specification and satisfaction of the local government. The local government will support performance bonds to assist in enabling earlier occupation for the development and/or use.

There is a presumption in this Policy in favour of parking areas and crossovers being sealed and suitably drained. Unless otherwise set out in this Policy or approved by the local government, car parking spaces, vehicular manoeuvring areas and access ways are to be sealed for new development within the Nannup townsite and in urban zones e.g. the Commercial, General Industry, Residential, and Tourism zones, and for the Special Use Zone (within and adjoining the Nannup townsite).

There is a presumption in this Policy for crossovers to be sealed onto sealed roads in the Nannup townsite and for land zoned Tourism outside the Nannup townsite. Unless otherwise set out in this Policy or approved by the local government, a person shall not develop or use any land or building within any urban zone (including the Commercial and General Industry zones), unless it is provided with a sealed access way (crossover) for vehicles accessing between the property and the street.

Except for a single house and certain group dwelling proposals, all car parking spaces should be designed so vehicles can enter and leave the site in a forward direction. Additionally, car parking should be designed so that both ingress and egress from each space can be achieved in one movement.

Tandem car parking is not supported for commercial or industrial development. Although generally discouraged, the local government may permit tandem parking in some forms of residential development.

An existing building extended, with or without a change of land use, may be required to comply, wholly or partly, with the provisions of this Policy. The local government shall determine the extent of car parking required in each case, having regard to the degree of extensions and the nature of the altered land use.

Where redevelopment of an existing approved building is proposed, then the gross floor area of the existing building will be deleted from the gross floor area of the new building for determining additional car parking requirements (i.e. provided that existing parking bay numbers are retained, additional parking is only required for new floor space established). This provision is therefore not intended as a control or means to achieve retrospective provision of car parking to service an existing development, provided the land use remains the same (there is no intensification of car parking and traffic).

An applicant shall have regard, as appropriate, for the on-site provision of parking for owners/operators, staff, customers, people with disabilities, in addition to loading spaces and special purpose bays.

The local government may through issuing development approvals or making recommendations on subdivision applications, require applicants to provide reciprocal rights of access to facilitate parking and access arrangements with adjoining owners.

Where a Development Application proposes access to a road under the control of Main Roads Western Australia (which means the State Government's lead agency that is responsible for managing highways and the primary road network should it be renamed), the location and standard of access are to be to the satisfaction of the local government and Main Roads Western Australia.

Stormwater from impervious surfaces is to be designed and managed in accordance with the *Decision process for stormwater management in Western Australia* (DWER 2017) using systems as outlined in the *Stormwater management manual of Western Australia* (DWER).

2. Location and Availability

In most situations, car parking will be provided on-site. On-site car parking should be situated in locations readily accessible to staff, clients, residents and visitors, as the case may be to the satisfaction of the local government.

The number of on-site car parking spaces required to be provided for a particular development/use is set out in Schedule 2 of LPS4 or in the R Codes. The local government reserves the right to define a car parking requirement for uses not detailed according to the merits of the particular development proposed.

Unless otherwise set out in LPS4, premises and/or proposals with more than one use will be determined on the basis of the floor area for the use.

Unless otherwise set out in LPS4, the car parking standard to be applied by the local government is gross floor area.

3. Residential Development

The R Codes, adopted into LPS4, specify parking and access requirements for residential development together with the requirement to provide landscaping for parking areas where the number of parking bays is 6 or more. The local government will require compliance with the 'deemed-to-comply' provisions or will provide a discretionary decision based on the 'design principles' of the R Codes.

The R Codes stipulate that provision be made on-site for vehicles to be able to leave a residential site without reversing onto the street where the driveway serves five or more dwellings.

For land subject to the R Codes, garages and carports are to be sited in accordance with the 'deemed-to-comply' provisions or the local government will provide a discretionary decision based on the 'design principles' of the R Codes.

All parking for residential development, whether free-standing or as a component of retail/commercial development, shall be provided on-site.

4. Non-Residential Development

LPS4 sets out the provision to be made for parking for various non-residential land uses. Except as otherwise provided in LPS4 and this Policy, the local government will expect compliance with these standards.

In the Commercial Zone, except for resident car spaces and staff car spaces expressly agreed to by the local government, all car parking areas must be freely available to the general public. Closure of car parks, at certain times, for reasons of security or other agreed reasons may be approved by the local government.

In the Nannup town centre, preference is given to creating a continuous commercial facade fronting the street (usually with a nil/zero setback from the front property boundary) making the use of the rear part of the site, behind the building, suitable for parking. Where rear service lanes are available, this arrangement is particularly convenient. Unless constrained by existing development, the local government expects that car parking will be located at the rear of commercial lots where a lot adjoins a service lane.

In the Commercial Zones, the local government will require the loading and unloading areas for new development to be designed to ensure that loading/unloading occurs on-site (not on the street) and vehicles are able to exit and re-enter the street both in a forward gear.

In the General Industry Zone, where front setbacks are normally applied, parking areas combined with site landscaping can be provided close to the street for the convenience of visitors, customers and employees.

In the cases of uses not included in Schedule 2 of LPS4 or where requested by the applicant, the local government will determine the number of parking spaces to be provided in each case having regard to:

- the nature of the proposed use;
- the number of employers and employees likely to be employed or engaged with the proposed use of the land;
- the likely demand for visitor parking;
- the orderly, proper and sustainable planning of the area in which the development is to occur;
- the times of peak usage and opportunities to share parking; and
- any other matter considered relevant by the local government.

5. Loading and Unloading Bays

In addition to the provision of car parking spaces, the local government may also require loading and unloading to be provided on the subject land, where goods need to be dispatched from or delivered to the premises by truck. The local government may require the provision of these spaces to be marked exclusively for the use of delivery and services vehicles.

Loading bays should be situated such that commercial vehicles can be positioned wholly within the bay when loading and that loading activities can occur without undue disruption to, or access to, other car parking spaces.

Loading & unloading bays shall be located either inside of buildings or to the side and/or rear of the premises, and separate from any public access areas.

Parking dimensions for trucks and buses should be determined by using the swept path templates as appropriate.

The minimum dimensions to be provided for a sealed loading and unloading area should be at least 7 metres long and 3.5 metres wide with a minimum height clearance of 3.5 metres. Depending on the anticipated length of heavy haulage vehicles, the dimensions may need to be greater to ensure usability.

6. Special Purpose Bays

In addition to the provision of car parking spaces, the local government may where relevant require the provision of:

- areas for parking of vehicles for people with disabilities;
- parking bays marked exclusively for the use of motor cycles, delivery and services vehicles, taxis, buses, coaches, courier services and for other relevant forms of motorised transport; and
- bicycle racks to promote sustainable transport.

All disabled parking bays are to be designed and constructed in accordance with *AS2890.6:2002 Parking facilities Part 6: Off-street parking for people with disabilities* (or any updates).

The local government will determine the number of special purpose bays to be allocated for vehicles listed above and bicycles racks depending on the nature of the development.

7. Off-Site Parking

Where parking cannot be provided on the lot the subject of the Development Application, but where an opportunity exists to provide the required parking on adjoining or nearby land, the local government will consider whether or not to approve such an arrangement.

The prerequisite to any such arrangement is that the proponent of the development that gives rise to the need to provide parking:

- has control over the land (which is not the subject of the Development Application);
- can set in place legally binding provisions that will ensure that the land will continue to be available for parking while the development operates and/or in perpetuity; and
- will enter into a legal agreement with the Shire to maintain the land for parking purposes and not to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of the land unless other equivalent provision is made elsewhere to the satisfaction of the local government.

The local government may be prepared to accept car parking on adjoining or nearby land in the same ownership, provided that the adjoining or nearby land is:

- appropriately zoned; and
- amalgamated with lands the subject of the proposed development; or
- subject of appropriate title restrictions to ensure its continued availability for the car parking use.

Specific local government approval is required for any such arrangement. Applicants are required to provide relevant information for development approval under LPS4 setting out the full details of the way in which the above requirements will be met. The costs of preparing and adopting legal agreements under this provision will be borne by the applicant.

8. Cash-in-lieu of Car Parking

Clause 34 of LPS4 sets out the method of calculation of cash-in-lieu payments for car parking and vehicular manoeuvring. In summary, the payments relate to what it would have cost in terms of the land value along with sealing and draining the car parking spaces and vehicular manoeuvring areas.

The local government may accept a cash-in-lieu payment, in lieu of the provision of that required number of parking spaces and vehicular manoeuvring within any zone. Realistically, it is only expected that a cash-in-lieu payment would apply in the Commercial Zone. The local government will consider cash-in-lieu of parking spaces on the lot as set in clause 34 of LPS4. Additionally, the applicant should demonstrate to the satisfaction of the local government that:

- the minimum vehicle parking requirements cannot reasonably be provided on the site, or
- in the interests of the town centre development, it would be better served by providing a portion or all of the vehicle parking requirement off site; and
- the surrounding parking facilities can accommodate the parking demand generated by the development to the satisfaction of the local government. This may require the preparation of a traffic/car parking management study by a suitably qualified professional.

Should the local government accept a cash-in-lieu payment, the following applies:

- the payment is not less than the estimated cost of constructing (sealing) and draining the car parking spaces and vehicle manoeuvring areas required by LPS4, R Codes or as determined by the local government, plus the value of the land which would have been occupied by the area required for parking and vehicular manoeuvring areas. Land values are determined through valuations provided by Landgate or by a licensed valuer at the developer's cost;
- the local government having purchased land for a car park, or having provided a public car

- park in close proximity, or have a firm commitment to do so; and
- payments made under this clause being paid into a special fund to be used for the provision of public car parking facilities and the local government using these funds to provide public car parks, including on- street and off-street, in the vicinity of the land in respect of which the parking requirement arose (typically in the Nannup town centre).

Where desirable to facilitate the conservation of a heritage place, or to enhance or preserve heritage values of a place included on the Heritage List or within a Heritage Area, a cash-in-lieu payment may be provided up to a maximum of 100% of the car parking and vehicular manoeuvring costs.

The local government will consider options from the proponent to offset costs and partially meet off site car parking requirements, such as the proponent constructing the bays itself on local government land and/or reserves subject to the location and the detailed design being approved by the local government.

9. Reciprocal Parking

The local government may consider reciprocal parking arrangements in accordance with Clause 33 of LPS4 where it is convinced that the demand for parking by the uses proposed will not coincide. This is where the applicant can suitably demonstrate that various uses, within a single property, or where justified in adjoining or nearby properties, operate at different times of the day/evening or different days of the week, such that the same parking areas can be used by more than one land use. Any such relaxation will be dependent upon the local government being satisfied that the arrangement will prevail for the duration of the uses concerned.

Where reciprocal parking is proposed, the local government must be satisfied that:

- the parking facilities serving the proposed uses will be located on the one lot, or that parking arrangements are permanent (e.g. legal agreement, easement, registering appropriate caveats on title or any other formal arrangement that the local government may require); and
- parking demand in the immediate and long term can be satisfied; and
- no conflict will occur in the operation of the land uses for which the joint use of parking facilities is proposed; and
- the uses being served by the parking arrangements are compatible (i.e. no overlap demand for parking facilities).

If land uses change, such that the parking area is in demand at the same time, then the local government may require revised parking arrangements to meet the changed circumstances to the satisfaction of the local government.

10. Modifying Development Standards and Requirements for Parking

Where, in the opinion of the local government, conditions are such as to render full compliance with the provisions of this Policy impractical, the local government may permit such departures as are considered to be warranted in the circumstances of the case.

Clause 70 of LPS4 allows the local government to vary the requirements of LPS4, including car parking standards, but may only do so where it is fully satisfied that:

- approval of the proposed development would be consistent with the orderly and proper planning of the locality and the preservation of the amenities of the locality; and
- the non-compliance will not have any adverse effect upon the occupiers or users of the development or the inhabitants of the locality or upon the likely future development of the locality.

In order for the local government to consider whether to modify a car parking requirement, it must determine that the above matters are met. It is also incumbent upon the local government to ensure that it acts in fairness and equity between land owners and does not set an unreasonable precedent for similar applications from others.

Given the above, the local government will require the proponent to appropriately justify modifications to development standards and requirements for car parking provision.

The local government considers that the availability of adjoining and/or nearby on-street parking does not in itself constitute a reason to vary the Policy given circumstances and demands will change over time.

11. Dimensions for Parking Spaces, Manoeuvring Aisles and Access Driveways

The dimensions for parking bays and manoeuvring aisles in differing locations are set out in AS 2890 and Austroads Guide to Traffic Management Part 11: Parking Management Techniques (April 2020) and any associated updates. To provide general guidance to prospective developers and applicants, a table and diagram of parking spaces and manoeuvring areas are found in Attachments 1 and 2 to this Policy.

For more specific information, proponents of new development proposing a small number of car parking bays (usually less than 10) should contact the Shire to determine the dimensions that should be used for the parking and access in their particular instances to ensure compliance. For larger car parking areas, proponents are encouraged to seek professional design services.

The dimensions detailed in this Policy are generally minimum requirements. Individual circumstances may require the use of dimensions different from those specified in order to provide satisfactory access, manoeuvrability conditions e.g. topography or the provision of special purpose bays.

12. Construction Standards for Parking Areas

There is a presumption in this Policy in favour of all parking areas being sealed, drained and lined-marked to the satisfaction of the local government. With the exceptions set out below, all car parking areas, access driveways and crossovers will be required to be sealed, drained and as appropriate lined-marked or suitably defined to the satisfaction of the local government. The exceptions are parking for:

- development in Rural, Rural Residential and Rural Smallholdings zones, and other non-urban zones (although there is a requirement to seal crossovers that access sealed public roads);
- areas used for parking, circulation and manoeuvring of vehicles on General Industry zoned land other than those areas required for customer parking, associated access ways and crossovers; and
- a single dwelling in the Residential Zone or areas classified as "Residential" in the Special Use or Tourism Zones.

Car parking situated in yard areas or generally behind the front building line within the General Industry Zone may be constructed to a suitable non-sealed standard e.g. gravel, subject to dust and drainage being effectively controlled. All car parking bays within front setbacks and/or associated with public use and/or showroom/front office use should be sealed and drained to the local government's satisfaction.

All car parking, vehicle access ways, loading and unloading bays and turning and manoeuvring areas in the Commercial Zone shall be sealed and drained to the specification and satisfaction of the local government.

Sealed car parking and vehicular access are required for home businesses and commercial uses in

the Residential Zone or areas classified as “Residential” in the Special Use or Tourism Zones.

Draining car parks may involve the provision of a sump connected to the local government’s main drainage system or other arrangements to the satisfaction of the local government. The drainage design should seek to treat and detain water on-site so that as much water as possible will soak into the ground, with any surplus water being piped or directed off-site. The drainage shall not be connected to the local government’s main drainage without the written authorisation of the local government and shall be constructed to the local government’s satisfaction and standards.

Staff, resident and visitor car parking should be appropriately marked and/or signposted to the satisfaction of the local government.

For more detailed requirements on the construction of parking areas and width and construction of crossovers, these are set out in the *Local Government Guidelines for Subdivisional Development* prepared by the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia (2017).

13. Pedestrian Movement between Parking Areas and Buildings

The local government will seek to ensure there are safe and convenient routes for pedestrians, including disabled persons, between car parks and buildings on each development site.

14. Vehicular Access/Crossovers

The local government requires that points of entry to and exit from properties/car parking areas onto the street suitably address the safety of all road users, road geometry, sight lines and visibility. The respective positions of street furniture such as poles, street lamps and street trees will also be taken into account.

The width of any such access ways/crossovers will be determined by matters including the numbers of vehicles proposed within the car park and the frequency of movements into and from the land in accordance with AS2890.

Generally, crossovers will be required to accommodate simultaneous traffic movements into and out of the land.

Unless appropriately justified by the applicant and agreed to by the local government, parking areas should generally be designed to enable a vehicle to manoeuvre within the site. An exception is where no more than two vehicle bays are provided and where there are safe sight distances in both directions.

The local government will require crossovers to be suitably located (to maximise sight distances and safety), constructed and drained. Any gates and fencing are to be suitably located and designed to ensure there are sufficient areas to enable vehicles to park in the crossover and/or on the property without impeding traffic or compromising safety onto the adjoining road.

Where new development is proposed, the local government will require sealed crossovers onto existing sealed roads:

- within the Nannup townsite;
- for land zoned Tourism outside the Nannup townsite; or
- for major development, in the opinion of the local government, and for commercial development outside of the Nannup townsite.

The above applies unless the proponent demonstrates exceptional circumstances to the satisfaction of the local government.

Where new development and subdivision is proposed, the local government may require sealed crossovers onto sealed roads. This includes for outbuildings that have a commercial component (for

non-farming purposes), a sea container used for commercial purposes, family day care and industrial development.

The local government will not require crossovers to be sealed onto sealed roads for the following development or uses:

- for low-key development such as single house, ancillary accommodation, sea containers (for domestic or non-business use), home occupations, home business, bed and breakfast, holiday home, industry-cottage and non-commercial stables;
- domestic or non-business sheds in urban, rural living and rural areas;
- outbuildings for rural purposes where members of the public usually do not visit; and
- telecommunications infrastructure.

The requirement to seal the crossover applies unless the proponent demonstrates exceptional circumstances to the satisfaction of the local government.

The local government will not require crossovers to be sealed for minor development from sealed roads in the Rural Residential Zone and for areas outside the Nannup townsite, although there is a requirement for the crossover to be suitably located, constructed, drained and maintained.

If the road is gravel, the local government will allow an unsealed crossover which will need to be constructed and drained to the local government's satisfaction.

A vehicular driveway (ingress and/or egress) should:

- be located such that any vehicle turning from the street into the driveway or into the street from the driveway can be readily seen by the driver of an approaching vehicle and be clear of all obstructions which may prevent drivers from having a timely view of pedestrians/cyclists;
- have separate entry/exit if it is likely that it will be used simultaneously by vehicles both entering and leaving the site and obstruction to traffic in the street could occur;
- be located to the street with the lowest traffic volume; and
- be at least 6 metres from an intersection.

Road safety and turning radii will be taken into account in deciding the position of a crossover.

Dual crossovers should be provided, wherever possible and practical.

Crossovers/access to main roads are required to be located, designed and constructed to the specifications and satisfaction of Main Roads Western Australia.

The access way should be not less than 4 metres in width, but if the size or shape of the lot makes the provision of any access way of that width impractical or unreasonable, the local government may permit a narrower access way but in no case less than 3 metres in width.

Where laneway access is provided to the rear of a site in the Commercial Zone which is not sealed, this is to be generally upgraded through new development and subdivision to provide an effective servicing function. This should be read in conjunction with Local Planning Policy No. 14 Developer and Subdivider Contributions.

Where there is conflict between a proposed crossover and public utilities services, such as drainage pits and structures, services inspection pits, power or light poles, traffic medians and street trees, the local government may set the position of the crossover access onto the road, require its construction and/or repair and maintain the crossover as provided for under Schedule 9.1 (7.2) of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

Any alterations for the removal/relocation of the conflicting public utilities will be at the owner's cost and subject to the approval of the service authority concerned.

Owners/designers are advised to take into account local government services, public utility services and street trees.

The Council will contribute (or subsidise) half the cost of a standard crossover up to a maximum of \$800 (one crossover to a property) or as set by the Council's adopted Fees and Charges. This is subject to the crossover being deemed by the local government to conform to the local government specifications. This is subject to the following:

- the subsidy applies to only one crossover per lot;
- proponents must make application for their crossover in writing to the local government and gain necessary approval/s for the location and design prior to any works being undertaken;
- the subsidy is claimed within 6 months of completion of the crossover;
- the local government will not meet the cost of culverts, alteration to services or tree removal;
- reconstruction of an existing crossover to a property will not attract a subsidy;
- applicants/landowners who received development approval incorporating a condition relating to constructing or upgrading a crossover are not eligible for a subsidy; and
- subdividers are not eligible for a subsidy for freehold (green title) or strata title lots.

As required, the crossover subsidy rates will be set annually by the local government through its adopted fees and charges.

The landowner is responsible for the maintenance of crossovers to the satisfaction of the local government.

The local government will request, where considered appropriate, that the Western Australian Planning Commission impose a condition requiring the subdivider to construct crossovers prior to the clearance of titles. In particular, the local government will require that crossovers are sealed where the crossover accesses a sealed road, and/or suitably constructs/upgrades a crossover where access is from an unsealed road. The local government will seek to ensure crossovers are appropriately located and constructed by subdividers.

15. New public roads created through subdivisions

Where a subdivider proposes to create a new public road, the local government will require the road to be suitably designed by a professional engineer and then suitably constructed and drained to the satisfaction of the local government. The road is to be consistent with the *Local Government Guidelines for Subdivisional Development* prepared by the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia (2017) and/or *Liveable Neighbourhoods*.

Where the proposed lots are 3.99 hectares or less, the road/s need to be suitably sealed and drained by the subdivider to the satisfaction of the local government.

For lots that are between 4 and 9.99 hectares, the local government will require that a sealed road is provided where more than 5 lots are created. For lots that are between 4 and 9.99 hectares, where 4 or less lots are created or have the potential to be created from the road, the local government will consider unsealed roads unless there is steeper topography or other ground conditions that create safety issues and/or higher levels of on-going maintenance.

For lots that are 10 hectares or more, the local government will accept unsealed roads.

16. Battleaxe access legs

The local government will require sealed battleaxe access legs for lots in the Commercial zone and

generally in the Urban Development, General Industry, Residential, and Special Use and Tourism zones (within and adjoining the Nannup townsite) unless suitably justified by the applicant to the satisfaction of the local government.

The local government supports unsealed battleaxe access legs in other zones provided they are designed and constructed to enable year round access by two-wheel drive vehicles.

17. Landscaping Parking Areas

Car parking areas, particularly large parking lots, can be unattractive. The provision of landscaping can assist to reduce visual impacts. The use of shade trees and landscaping strips can assist provide visual relief from extensive areas of bitumen, or other forms of sealing or construction agreed to by the local government.

The local government will require that car park design and construction include adequate provision for suitable landscaping. This could include screen, feature and shade trees and shrubs as appropriate to the satisfaction of the local government.

In residential areas, the R Codes require landscaping proposals to be implemented where parking areas accommodate six or more vehicles.

For commercial and industrial developments in the General Industry Zone, the local government will require at least 5% of the site area to be landscaped. The purposes of this landscaping are to:

- soften the impact of development;
- screen parking and other visually unattractive areas from view from the street; and
- improve the streetscape.

The local government will normally require the landscaping to be provided along the street frontage (as a minimum) to act as a screen for parking areas where they are located within the front setback. Where an individual open car park contains 10 or more parking bays for a non-residential use, one parking bay in 10 shall be set aside and planted with trees and/or shrubs to provide shade and visual relief.

18. Implementation

The local government may require the lodgement of performance guarantees/bonds against the satisfactory construction, completion and establishment of car parking areas, vehicular access, crossovers and associated landscaping. To achieve effective implementation of planning conditions, the performance guarantee/bonds are to be paid prior to the issue of a Building Permit for new/expanded buildings or prior to occupation for a change of use.

The amount of the bond will be determined by the local government and can be set in its annual fees and charges.

Crossover construction or reconstruction may be required as a condition of subdivision, development and/or as a condition of issue of Building Permit where it is deemed by the local government that the work is necessary.

The local government may construct the crossover, if not constructed by the owner/agent within 6 months of practical completion or occupation of the building, for which payment of a crossover bond has been made. Where the local government carries out the construction, the owner may not claim a subsidy.

ADMINISTRATION

Application Requirements

Applications for Development Approval for new development should provide, in addition to the details of the proposed development, a plan/s at a suitable scale with dimensions shown, which sets out for the entire lot the subject of the application, the following:

- the area to be or already covered by buildings or other structures;
- details of land to be allocated to car parking and other parking;
- details of the position of all access driveways and access crossovers;
- details of pedestrian movement systems between the car park and the building/s; and
- areas to be provided for landscaping and shade trees.

In giving consideration to a Development Application, the local government will require the applicant to:

- clearly indicate on the application form the type of land use that will operate from the land;
- the number of persons to be employed / involved in the operation of the land use; and
- other matters set out in this Policy.

Based on the above information, the local government as part of its development assessment will set out or estimate the expected parking needs of the proposed land use/development.

Related Policies:	LPP 2 Stormwater Management and Connection LPP 14 Developer and Subdivider Contributions WRK 7 Crossovers
Related Procedures/ Documents	
Delegation Level:	Chief Executive Officer or their Delegated Officer
Adopted:	OM 28 November 2013
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Attachment 1 - Parking dimensions

Parking Angle	Width of Bay (m)	Length of Bay (m)	Depth of Bay (m)	Minimum Manoeuvring Depth (m)	Minimum Total Depth (m)
(a) One-Way Access					
90°	2.6	5.5	5.5	5.9	11.4
75°	2.6	5.5	6.0	5.3	11.3
60°	2.6	5.5	6.1	5.0	11.1
45°	2.6	5.5	6.1	3.6	9.7
30°	2.6	5.5	4.8	3.3	8.1
00° (parallel parking)	3.0	6.7	3.0	3.0	6.0
(b) Two-Way Access					
90°	2.6	5.5	5.5	6.0	11.5
75°	2.6	5.5	6.0	6.0	12.0
60°	2.6	5.5	6.1	6.0	12.1
45°	2.6	5.5	6.1	6.0	12.1
30°	2.6	5.5	4.4	6.0	10.4
00° (parallel parking)	3.0	6.7	3.0	6.0	9.0

Attachment 2 - Explanatory figure for parking

