**DESIGN REVIEW PANEL**

WHAT IS THE DESIGN REVIEW PANEL?

The Design Review Panel is a group of independent architecture and design professionals who provide expert advice and evaluate the design quality of planning proposals that meet certain criteria. The panel offers applicants’ objective, constructive design advice that aims to improve designs that meet the needs of all stakeholders.

WHAT TYPE OF PROPOSALS NEED TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE DESIGN REVIEW PANEL?

* Any proposal including a building that is 3 storeys or greater in height (above natural ground level), excluding single residential dwellings, grouped dwellings and industrial buildings.
* Any proposal with 20 or more multiple dwellings (apartments).
* Any proposal that meets the mandatory requirement to be determined by the Joint Development Assessment Panel, excluding grouped dwellings and industrial buildings.
* Any other proposal referred to the panel by the Director of Planning and Development.

HOW DOES THE DESIGN REVIEW PANEL WORK?

* The Design Review Panel meets monthly, on the fourth Wednesday of each month
* Proposals should be presented to the panel prior to formal lodgement with the City.
* Draft plans should be sent to the City one week prior to the meeting for distribution to the panel. It is recommended that plans are presented at an early stage in the design.
* 45 minutes is allocated to each application in the meeting and the applicant is requested to make a short presentation (up to 15 minutes) providing background to the proposal and explaining the design rationale.
* Each proposal will be assessed against a set of 10 design principles outlined in the City’s Local Planning Policy LPP 5.16.
* At the conclusion of the meeting, the panel Chair will provide an indication as to whether the proposal is satisfactory or whether the proposal requires further refinement and should be presented back to the panel at a future meeting.
* Within one week of the meeting, the City will endeavour to provide the applicant with a report detailing the comments and observations about the proposal.
* There is no cost to the applicant as the panel is funded by the City of Cockburn as part of its vision to ensure that the Cockburn of the future will be the most attractive place to live, work, visit and invest in, within the Perth metropolitan area.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Please call the City’s Statutory Planning Service on the number below.