

21.11**COMMUNITY AND LEISURE FACILITIES**

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KEY ISSUES**21.11-1****Community Facilities**

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The Council's 'Community Plan', which incorporates the Municipal Public Health and Well Being Plan, encourages increased access to community support services and facilities. This will contribute to the health and well being of the community and create opportunities to engage in community life.

Objective 1

To provide access to community facilities that meet the needs of the community.

Strategies

- 1.1 Encourage public and private community facilities to locate in or on the edge of designated activity centres.
- 1.2 Ensure the design and operation of community facilities protects the amenity of surrounding residential areas.
- 1.3 Encourage community facilities to locate in areas which are accessible to pedestrians, cyclists, motorists and persons with disabilities.
- 1.4 Ensure community facilities are designed to cater for people of all abilities.
- 1.5 Encourage community facilities to co-locate with other complementary services and facilities such as schools, recreation facilities and medical centres.

Objective 2

To ensure community facilities are adaptable and allow for multi-purpose uses.

Strategy

- 2.1 Develop and design flexible multi-purpose and adaptable community facilities that can cater to a variety of community and commercial uses.

Objective 3

To ensure that new development that increases demand for community facilities contributes an equitable share of the cost of new, upgraded or replacement community facilities.

Strategy

- 3.1 Implement Development Contributions Plans for a range of community facilities.

Policy guidance (criteria for the exercise of discretion)

When deciding on an application for community facilities, the following matters will be considered, as appropriate:

- Days and hours of operation.
- Number of staff/patrons on the premises at any one time.
- Noise attenuation measures.
- Operation and design of the building to reflect neighbourhood character.
- Location and access to car parking and bicycle facilities.
- For Child Care Centres, a plan showing:
 - Provision of at least 0.22 car space to each child.
 - Provision of drop off and pick up areas to minimise traffic impacts on surrounding streets.

If outside a designated activity centre, community facilities should be located on or near main roads.

Application requirements

An application for a child care centre must be accompanied by the following information, as appropriate:

- A report outlining the demonstrated need for the facility in the proposed location.

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Gaming

Council recognises that the electronic gaming industry can provide high quality, attractive recreation and entertainment opportunities for residents within Brimbank and can also provide resources for community facilities and benefit.

The Brimbank municipality is located in a partially capped gaming region and has a high density of gaming machines and a higher than State average level of gaming expenditure. This capped region also includes significant areas of relative disadvantage which experience very high losses on electronic gaming.

Council will manage the recreational and leisure values of gaming with the responsibility to protect vulnerable communities within Brimbank.

Objective 1

To balance the recreational and leisure values of electronic gambling with the need to ensure the health and well-being of the community.

Strategies

- 1.1 Discourage an increase or relocation of gaming machines in areas of high socio economic disadvantage.
- 1.2 Ensure responsible gaming is promoted in venues through the provision of information regarding support services for problem gambling, counselling services and alternative recreation and leisure opportunities.

Objective 2

To ensure that the area, site and gaming venue characteristics contribute to net community benefit.

Strategies

- 2.1 Ensure gaming venues provide a full range of hotel or club services and facilities available to members and/or patrons.
- 2.2 Ensure gaming is not the primary use within the venue.

Policy guidance (criteria for the exercise of discretion)

It is policy that, as appropriate proposals for new electronic gaming machines, new gaming venues, the increase in the number of existing gaming machines or the relocation of electronic gaming machines within existing venues, will be assessed against the following criteria:

- The density of electronic gaming machines should not exceed the Melbourne metropolitan average.
- New electronic gaming machines or new electronic gaming machine venues should not be located in activity centres or close to/within 400metres of train stations.
- Gaming activities should not be the dominant use of any venue.

Application requirements

An application must be accompanied by the following information, as appropriate:

- An assessment of the social and economic impacts of the proposal taking into account:
 - The existing and proposed distribution of electronic gaming machines in the municipality;

- Details of the existing electronic gaming expenditure in the three years leading to the application and the forecast electronic gaming expenditure at the proposed venue;
 - Details of the electronic gaming machine expenditure likely to be transferred from other venues;
 - If the electronic gaming machines are to be relocated from other gaming premises, including gaming premises in other municipalities, the likely social and economic benefits and impact of the proposal on those gaming premises and the local area within which those gaming premises are located;
 - If it is proposed to move electronic gaming machines from one part of the municipality to another, the relative social and economic differences between the two locations, by measures of Socio Economic Index for Areas (SEIFA) indices and Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) data, and
- Details of operating hours of the gaming venue;
 - Whether the gaming premises provides full range of hotel facilities or services to patrons or a full range of club facilities or services to members and patrons;
 - The capability of the site to accommodate the proposal, and
 - The compatibility of the proposal with adjoining and nearby land uses.
 - Details of the nature and extent of community benefits expected from the proposal and how these will be secured and distributed to the local community.
 - A venue management plan identifying strategies to manage patron behaviour and minimise problem gambling.

21.11-3 Public Open Space and Sporting Facilities

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Council's diverse cultural population creates a demand for a wide variety of recreation and sporting facilities. Council has a shortage of large recreational and sporting fields and the challenge is to create multi purpose venues that meet the needs of the community and encourage participation in activities in a safe and high quality environment.

Objective 1

To ensure all residents have equal access to high quality parks and playgrounds.

Strategies

- 1.1 Facilitate development of the parks and open space network comprising district, suburban, neighbourhood and local reserves, and linear parks and trails.
- 1.2 Encourage the extension of the open space corridor along the Maribyrnong River from Brimbank Park to Organ Pipes National Park.
- 1.3 Encourage the extension of the open space corridor along the length of Kororoit Creek.

Objective 2

To ensure parks and open space areas are safe and attractive places that reflect the needs and values of the community.

Strategies

- 2.1 The use of recreational facilities and public open space should not create significant off-site impacts such as traffic, noise, lighting and hours of operation.
- 2.2 Ensure parks and open space areas can accommodate a range of passive and active recreation activities.
- 2.3 Ensure that parks and open space areas can be used as a thoroughfare for cyclists and pedestrians.
- 2.4 Ensure that lighting is provided to all paths, amenities and playground facilities.
- 2.5 Ensure development adjoining parks and open spaces is oriented towards the park to provide passive surveillance of the public realm.

2.6 Ensure that site exit points are clearly internally visible.

Objective 3

To provide a range of adaptable sport and recreation facilities in highly accessible locations that meet the needs of the community.

Strategies

- 3.1 Encourage sport and recreation facilities to be accessible by public transport and the walking and cycling network.
- 3.2 Encourage sport and recreation facilities to locate close to existing or planned activity centres.

Objective 4

To ensure that new development that increases demand for open space and sporting facilities contributes an equitable share of the cost of new, upgraded or replacement public open space and sporting facilities.

Strategies

- 4.1 Implement Development Contributions Plans for a range of open space projects and sporting facilities.

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Implementation

Zones and Overlays

- Apply Public Park and Recreation Zone to public recreation facilities.
- Apply Public Use Zone to community facilities.
- Apply the Development Contributions Plan Overlay, as appropriate, for the implementation of adopted development contributions plans.

Further Strategic Work

- Consider the rezoning of redundant public open space areas to allow for residential or commercial development.
- Consider the application of Public Acquisition Overlays to areas required for public open space links along waterways and other key open space corridors.
- Ensure the ongoing separation of funds received through public open space contributions and development contribution plan levies by implementing the Brimbank Public Open Space Contributions Policy.

Reference Documents

Creating Better Parks Policy and Plan, 2016

Brimbank Child Care Centre Guidelines 2006

Brimbank Council Plan 2021-2025

Brimbank Electronic Gambling Policy and Action Plan (2010-2013)

Brimbank Electronic Gambling Action Plan (2010-2013)

Brimbank Community Services and Infrastructure Plan 2019

Sports Facilities Development Plan 2018

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