

Place development / 20-minute neighbourhoods

The People's Panel Community Vision Report Principle 6 establishes the need to *'provide access to a variety of services and amenities for everyone within 20 minutes'*. This has emerged as a priority topic for discussion with the People's Panel at the Panel Reconvene on 8 May 2021.

The 20-minute neighbourhood concept is all about 'living locally'—giving people the ability to meet most of their daily needs within a 20-minute return walk from home, with access to safe cycling and local transport options (Plan Melbourne 2050). It's about creating desirable places for people to live, work and play; buy their bread and milk, work from home or local business, access local services, shops and community facilities and meet their neighbours at the central gathering places.

Building pedestrian friendly neighbourhoods that connect people to these everyday needs can create a more cohesive and inclusive community with a vibrant local economy.

The attributes of and opportunities for neighbourhoods vary significantly across a city which is why it is integral for residents to lead the planning of their own local centres.



Source: Plan Melbourne 2050

Stonnington has an existing network of diverse precincts and high streets which vary in their size and how they are used

Prominent sites include;

- Chapel Street
- Chadstone
- Glenferrie Road. Malvern
- High Street, Armadale
- Hawksburn
- Toorak Village
- Toorak Road, South Yarra.

There are also a number of smaller neighbourhood centres.

Among these sites, there are currently places with strong tenancy mix and good parking and transport options. Conversely, there are some areas which are tired, with high levels of vacancies and less vibrant retail and hospitality offerings.

Significant opportunity exists to enhance and activate these places, particularly given their increasing importance due to population growth and changing lifestyles due to COVID 19.

Local residents who use the spaces most regularly are best placed to identify the unique features and strengths of these areas, and priorities for improvement.

Council seeks to better understand these community priorities to inform our short and long term planning for revitalising our neighbourhoods, which will further the delivery of Principle 6 of the Community Vision.

Questions for discussion

- What unique precincts do you think exist within Stonnington?
- What makes these precincts special currently? What are their unique characteristics and qualities?
- Thinking about the future, what would you like to see more of in these precincts? What would you like them to be known for in 10 years time?
 - Intangibles – what do you see, hear and feel; who is there; where does it remind you of (comparison to other places); what are you doing (shopping, relaxing, socialising etc.)
 - Characteristics / Activities – types of shops (retail, hospitality etc.); streetscape features

Supporting materials

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