

Chronology of Events | Amendment C160 – Highett Structure Plan Review

August 2002	Council adopt a project brief for the preparation of the Highett Structure Plan.
September 2002	Bayside and Kingston City Councils jointly commission Hansen Partnership to undertake the Highett Structure Plan, aiming to provide a strategic vision for the area for 10-20 years.
October 2002	Melbourne 2030 is released by the State Government. Whilst Highett is not designated within the document as a Major Activity Centre, the strategy encourages the development of structure plans for all activity centres.
Late 2002-early 2003	The first stage of consultation on the Structure Plan project is completed.
6 October 2003	Council's confirmed the decision of its appointed General Committee, which resolved to receive the draft Highett Structure Plan for consultation purposes, commission a study of native vegetation on the CSIRO site to determine its significance, and in conjunction with the City of Kingston, commence a public consultation process for the draft Highett Structure Plan.
Late 2003	A second stage of consultation commenced on the draft Structure Plan, with 52 submissions received.
December 2004	Following revisions to the Structure Plan resulting from community consultation, Council was presented with a report outlining the revised draft Structure Plan. It was acknowledged at this meeting that whilst it would be preferable for the Cities of Bayside and Kingston to prepare concurrent amendments, the City of Kingston was not yet in a position to do so. Council resolved to prepare an amendment to the Bayside Planning Scheme to implement the draft <i>Highett Structure Plan 2004</i> (Amendment C46).
17 March – 22 April 2005	Council publicly exhibited Amendment C46 and received 20 submissions.
28 April 2005	Amendment C47 is gazetted, which introduces Schedule 3 to the Design and Development Overlay (Interim Neighbourhood Centre Height Limit Area) on an interim basis to the Highett Neighbourhood Activity Centre.

June 2005	Council resolved to request that an independent Planning Panel be appointed to consider the 20 submissions received to Amendment C46.
12-14 October 2005	The Planning Panel Hearing for Amendment C46 took place. The Panel was comprised of Members Ian Gibson (Chair) and Ian Wight.
February 2006	Considering the Panel's recommendations, Council resolved to adopt Amendment C46 with changes.
27 March 2006	The City of Kingston adopt the <i>Highett Structure Plan 2006</i> .
22 August 2006	Following questions from DSE in relation to Council's adopted position on the amendment, Council resolved to retain its position in relation to particular changes to the DDO4 relating to height controls.
15 February 2007	Amendment C46 is gazetted into the Bayside Planning Scheme, implementing <i>Highett Structure Plan 2004</i> . This amendment also removes the interim controls applied through Amendment C47.
29 March 2011	Council considers a notice of motion to protect the Highett Grassy Woodland.
3 May 2011	Council is presented with a report notifying them of the potential sale of the CSIRO site.
11 September 2012	Council adopted the <i>Bayside Housing Strategy 2012</i> . An action from the <i>Bayside Housing Strategy</i> is to review the Highett Structure Plan in order to ensure the Structure Plan remains current and that planning controls are effective in guiding development in the area.
8 March 2013	Council received authorisation to prepare Amendment C106, subject to conditions. One of these conditions included translating the amendment to utilise the new suite of residential zones introduced into the Victoria Planning Provisions.
1 July 2013	The Minister for Planning released reformed residential zones into the Victoria Planning Provisions.
10 October 2013	Council submitted Amendment C125 to the Minister for Planning pursuant to Section 20(4) of the <i>Planning and Environment Act 1987</i> . Amendment C125 proposed to rezone approximately 3-5% of Bayside to the Residential Growth Zone (in addition to the area approved as part of C106) at the request of the Minister for Planning.
25 March 2014	As part of Amendment C125, Council resolved to include part of Highett (and other activity centres on the Frankston line) in the Residential

	Growth Zone, and to refer the land to the Residential Zones Standing Advisory Committee for consideration.
19 June 2014	Amendment C106 is gazetted into the Bayside Planning Scheme which introduces the reformed residential zones and associated schedules into the Scheme, including the <i>Bayside Housing Strategy 2012</i> as a reference document to the Scheme.
7 August 2014	Amendment C134 is gazetted. Amendment C134 was prepared by the Minister for Planning and was required to reduce inconsistency between the policy provisions of the Scheme and the recently introduced reformed residential zones. The amendment primarily replaced the existing land use types residential strategic framework plan maps at Clause 21.02-5.
21-28 October 2014	Residential Zones Standing Advisory Committee hearing for Amendment C125 took place over 5 days.
18 November 2014	Council resolved to write to the Minister for Planning requesting that he abandon C125, terminate the RZSAC process, relieve the committee of its duties and confirm that he does not wish to proceed with further application of the RGZ in Bayside.
25 November 2014	A petition is tabled at an Ordinary Meeting of Council relating to the DDO2 and the DDO5 (Highett and Cheltenham), seeking to change the height limits, street setbacks, site coverage, permeability, boundaries and private open space requirements from discretionary to mandatory controls. A report in response to the petition was to be presented to Council's 24 February 2015 Ordinary Meeting.
27 November 2014	Residential Zones (Stage 2) Standing Advisory Committee Report is completed. A recommendation from the report was that ' <i>Council should review the Highett Structure Plan (2004), in conjunction with the City of Kingston, to identify a robust basis on which to apply the Residential Growth Zone.</i> '
16 December 2014	Council resolved to commence a planning scheme amendment to introduce interim mandatory controls into the DDO5 for Highett for a period of 2 years (Amendment C141).
24 December 2014	Amendment C141 was submitted to the Minister for Planning pursuant to Section 20(4), seeking the interim controls to be applied until 31 December 2017.

24 February 2015	Council was presented with a report in response to a petition and a notice of motion which considered the necessary strategic work to consider securing mandatory controls as part of the DDO5 on a permanent basis, as well as communication methods and processes undertaken throughout Amendment C106 and C125. The report was noted by Council.
1 April 2015	The Minister for Planning wrote to Council advising of his decision to follow the recommendation of the RZSAC to <u>not</u> prepare, adopt and approve Amendment C125.
15 April 2015	The RZSAC report for Amendment C125 was publicly released.
26 May 2015	Council receives a report on the findings and implications arising from the RZSAC report. At this meeting, Council also separately resolved to adopt its preferred planning controls for the CSIRO site.
23 November 2015	Council submits its preferred planning controls for the CSIRO to the Minister for Planning for consideration.
16 August 2016	Council adopts the Bayside Retail, Commercial and Employment Strategy ('RCE Strategy') and commences Amendment C150 to implement the Strategy into the Scheme. The RCE Strategy provides the vision for Bayside's commercial areas to guide future economic growth and investment.
February 2017	Highett Structure Plan Review project commences.
April – June 2017	Council undertook community consultation on the issues and opportunities affecting the Structure Plan area.
September 2017	Council appoints Cardno Victoria Pty Ltd to undertake traffic and movement analysis and SJB Urban to undertake urban design review and built form analysis.
November 2017	Council appoints SGS Economics and Planning Pty Ltd to undertake an economic analysis of the Highett Activity Centre.
January 2018	Council appoints Biosis Research Pty Ltd to undertake a vegetation analysis.
July 2017 – February 2018	Based on the findings from the Review, as well as economic, urban design and traffic analysis, Council officers prepare a draft updated Highett Structure Plan.

20 March 2018	Council endorses the draft updated <i>Highett Structure Plan 2018</i> for the purpose of community consultation.
30 April 2018	The Planning Panel report for Amendment C150 is released to Council.
April – May 2018	Community consultation on the draft <i>Highett Structure Plan 2018</i> occurs, including direct mail to affected and nearby property owners, article in <i>Let's Talk Bayside</i> , hand-delivered brochures to all businesses in small activity centres, emails to business networks, and advertisements in the <i>Bayside Leader</i> .
July 2018	Council commenced a review of the <i>Bayside Housing Strategy 2012</i> .
24 July 2018	At its Ordinary Meeting, Council adopts Amendment C150 and resolves to request the Minister for Planning to approve the amendment. Also at this meeting, Council considers the results of the community engagement for the Highett Structure Plan and is presented with the final Highett Structure Plan for adoption. Council defers a decision for a period of two months to give Council officers time to meet with representatives of the Highett Resident Action Group to attempt to resolve concerns about the draft Structure Plan.
August 2018	Council officers met with representatives of the Highett Resident Action Group to understand their concerns. Minor changes to the Structure Plan were made to address their concerns, reflect feedback from the Friends of the Highett Grassy Woodland and ensure consistency with the Pennydale Structure Plan (which was being developed concurrently).
18 September 2018	Council adopts the Highett Structure Plan and resolves to commence Amendment C160 to give effect to the Structure Plan in the Bayside Planning Scheme.
30 October 2018	Council submits Amendment C160 to DELWP for authorisation to exhibit the amendment.
21 March 2019	Amendment C150 is gazetted to form part of the Bayside Planning Scheme.
1 April – Sunday 19 May 2019	Council undertook community consultation on the Housing Strategy Review project to create awareness around key housing issues in Bayside and generate ideas about what options Council could pursue to address the current and future housing challenges.

19 June 2019	Further information on Amendment C160 is requested by DELWP, including further justification for the use of the GRZ, given that there were two schedules that proposed to exceed the specified building height of 11m in the GRZ.
25 June 2019	Council received a report at the Ordinary Meeting an update Council on the outcomes of the community engagement for the Housing Strategy Review.
28 August 2019	Council received Conditional Authorisation to Exhibit Amendment C160 from DELWP.
8 October 2019	An advertisement referring to the public exhibition of Amendment C160 appears in the Bayside Leader.
10 October to 11 November 2019	Notice of Amendment C160 appears in the Government Gazette on 10 October. Letters to prescribed Ministers and property owners and occupiers are distributed. The closing date for submissions to be received to the Amendment is 11 November.
15 October 2019	A draft of the updated Housing Strategy was presented to Council for the purpose of community consultation. Council resolved to receive a further report with the final revised Housing Strategy following community consultation.
October – November 2019	The Draft revised Housing Strategy was available for public comment.
17 December 2019	Council considers the submissions received to Amendment C160 and requests that an independent Planning Panel be appointed to consider the submissions received. At this meeting, Council also resolves to adopt the <i>Bayside Housing Strategy 2019</i> .
30 December 2019	Council requested that the Minister for Planning appoint an independent Planning Panel be appointed to consider the submissions to Amendment C160.
14 January 2020	Council was advised that under delegation, the Minister for Planning had appointed a two-person Panel to hear and consider submissions to Amendment C160.
10 February 2020	Directions Hearing was held in relation to Amendment C160.

11 February 2020	The Panel Directions, distribution list and hearing timetable were circulated to parties.
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