

Local Planning Policy 3.6: Child Care Premises

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AUTHORITY

This policy has been prepared in accordance with Schedule 2 Part 2 of the Deemed Provisions of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* which allows the local government to prepare local planning policies relating to planning and development within the Scheme area.

APPLICATION

This policy applies to the whole of the Town of Cambridge.

OBJECTIVES

- To provide guidelines for the location, siting and design of child care premises.
- To ensure that such developments are compatible with, and avoid adverse impacts on, the amenity of adjoining and surrounding areas.

DEFINITIONS

child care premises: As defined in the Town of Cambridge Local Planning Scheme No. 1.

local distributor road: means a road as identified in the *Western Australian Road Hierarchy* provided by Main Roads Western Australia.

POLICY STATEMENT

In considering applications for child care premises, Council shall take into consideration a variety of criteria that aim to ensure that such developments are compatible with, and avoid adverse impacts on, the amenity of adjoining and surrounding areas.

PROVISIONS

1. Location

The appropriate location of child care premises is crucial in avoiding adverse impacts on surrounding properties, particularly in terms of additional traffic, car parking and noise.

- 1.1. Child care premises are most appropriately located within a Mixed Use, Commercial, Local Centre or District Centre zone.
- 1.2. Child care premises shall only locate on a Residential zoned lot that:
 - 1.2.1. Is within 50 meters of the boundary of land zoned Mixed Use, Commercial, Local Centre, or District Centre under Town of Cambridge Local Planning Scheme 1, and

- 1.2.2. Shares a boundary, or portion of a boundary with a primary school, secondary school or Place of Worship within the Town of Cambridge, or
- 1.2.3. Is located directly across the street from a primary school, secondary school or Place of Worship within the Town of Cambridge.
- 1.3. Child care premises on Residential zoned land shall accommodate a maximum of 40 children.
- 1.4. The site should be of a regular shape with a minimum lot area of 1,000 m².
- 1.5. Where a proposed child care premises adjoins a residential property, the applicant is required to demonstrate how the proposal will not have an undue impact on residential amenity in terms of noise, location of car parking, increased traffic and building scale.

2. Road Hierarchy

- 2.1. Child care premises can be reasonably high traffic generators. Therefore in order to minimize their impact on the street network, child care premises are required to:
 - 2.1.1. be located on Local Distributor Roads when proposed in the Residential zone;
 - 2.1.2. be located in such a manner that they would:
 - i. Not conflict with traffic control devices;
 - ii. Not encourage unsafe vehicle movements; and
 - iii. Not encourage the use of nearby Access Roads for turning movements.
 - 2.1.3. not be located in, or on the corner of, a cul-de-sac road.

3. Parking and Access

- 3.1. Car parking is to be provided in accordance with the ratio specified in Local Planning Policy 3.13: Parking.
- 3.2. Car park location and design

Car park access and design is to be in accordance with the following requirements:

Design Element	Development Requirement
(a) Car park location	(i) All car parking is to be provided on-site; verge parking is not permitted. (ii) Carparks must be clearly visible from the street to encourage parking on-site instead of on the road verge.
(b) Car park design	(i) Car parks shall be designed in accordance with Australian Standards AS 2890.1 and/or AS 2890.2 as amended from time to time.
(c) Vehicle access	(i) When located in the Residential Zone, vehicles are required to enter and exit the site from a combination of a local distributor road and a public right-of-way. Both entry and exit to/from a site to the same local distributor road or right-of-way shall not be permitted. (ii) Vehicles are required to enter and exit the site in forward gear.
(d) Pedestrian access	(i) A footpath must be provided from the carpark and the street to the building entrance.

3.3. Bicycle Parking Standards

Bicycle parking is to be provided in accordance with Local Planning Policy 3.13: Parking.

4. Building Height

4.1. Within the Residential Zone the maximum building height as measured from natural ground is to be in accordance with any relevant precinct structure plan or local development plan, or in accordance with the following table:

Maximum Building Height		
Top of external wall	Top of external wall (concealed roof)	Top of pitched roof
7 metres	8 metres	10 metres

4.2. The maximum building height for child care premises in all other zones is to be in accordance with the maximum building height requirements for that zone or in accordance with any relevant structure plan, precinct structure plan or local development plan.

5. Building Design

5.1. General Site Requirements and Building Setbacks

5.1.1. Within the Residential zone, the development standards of any relevant precinct structure plan or local development plan, or the Town of Cambridge Local Planning Scheme 1 and Table 1 of the Residential Design Codes for the specified density code, will apply.

5.1.2. Within the Residential zone, the boundary setbacks of Table 2b of the Residential Design Codes applies, whereby all openings of a child care premises are to be regarded as 'major openings' for assessment purposes.

5.1.3. Building setbacks and design elements in all other zones are to be in accordance with the requirements for that zone or in accordance with any

relevant structure plan, precinct structure plan or local development plan.

5.1.4. Buildings should have a maximum site coverage of 50%

5.2. Noise Attenuation

5.2.1. The layout and design of child care premises must consider noise attenuation measures to reduce the impact of the use on adjacent and surrounding properties. Noise-generating activities such as play areas, vehicle accessways, car parking areas and any plant and equipment are to be located away from noise-sensitive land uses (such as residences).

5.2.2. The design and construction of child care premises shall also include measures to reduce the impacts of noise from external sources, to achieve acceptable indoor noise limits. These measures should include consideration of the size and placement of windows and doors, the use of double glazing, and the location of vehicle accessways, car parking areas and any plant and equipment.

5.2.3. An acoustic report prepared by a suitably qualified person shall be submitted with the application for development approval. A noise impact assessment report must be submitted with applications to the Town for child care premises. A noise management plan is also required where identified by the acoustic report.

5.3. Building Appearance

5.3.1. Child care premises in the Residential zone must be of residential appearance in keeping with the surrounding environment, and not detract from the amenity of adjoining properties.

5.3.2. The appearance of child care premises shall be consistent with the character of the existing or desired streetscape in the locality.

5.4. Servicing

5.4.1. Services must be screened from view and located away from residential properties. Servicing is to be in accordance with the following requirements:

Provision	Development Requirement
(a) Bin storage areas	(i) Bin storage areas must be screened from view by a wall not less than 1.8 metres in height, constructed of brick, masonry or other approved material. (ii) Bin storage areas must be accessible to waste collection vehicles and not adversely affect car parking and vehicular or pedestrian access.
(b) Plant and equipment	(iii) Plant and equipment must be screened from view from the street through building design and located on the roof, basement or at the rear of the building.

6. Landscaping

6.1. Landscaping is to be in accordance with the following requirements:

Design Element	Development Requirement
(a) % landscaping	(i) A minimum of 8% of the area of a lot shall be landscaped. (ii) The landscaped area shall include a minimum strip of 1.5 metres wide adjacent to all street boundaries.
(b) Size	(i) The landscaped area shall have a minimum width of 1.0 metre and distributed in areas of not less than 4.0 square metres.
(c) Shade trees	(i) Shade trees shall be provided and maintained in uncovered car parks at the rate of one tree for every four car parking bays. (ii) One small shade tree shall be provided for each lot in addition to those required for uncovered car parks.
(d) Verge area	(i) The verge areas of all child care premises are required to be suitably landscaped, reticulated and maintained to discourage patrons from parking on the verge. The verge is not permitted to be paved or sealed as this would encourage its use for parking.

7. Hours of Operation

7.1. The days and hours of operation for child care premises within the Residential zone or abutting or opposite the Residential zone are to be in accordance with the following:

Days	Operating Hours
(a) Monday to Friday	(i) 7.00 am to 6.00 pm*
(b) Saturday	(ii) 8.00 am to 1.00 pm*
(c) Sunday	(iii) Not permitted

*Staff are permitted on site 30 minutes prior to and after the stipulated hours of operation.

8. Applications for development approval:

In addition to the general requirements for an application for development approval, the following are required at the time of lodgment:

- Traffic Impact Statement or Assessment certified by a suitably qualified traffic engineer; and
- Acoustic Report prepared by a suitably qualified acoustic consultant.

All assumptions in accompanying reports must relate to the observed characteristics of the locality.

9. Public consultation

In view of the potential for child care premises to generate significant traffic and noise, all

applications for new child care premises or the expansion in capacity of existing child care premises will be considered a complex application for the purposes of Local Planning Policy 1.2: Public Notification of Planning Proposals.