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1. RESPONSIBLE DIRECTORATE

Engineering & Development Services

2. PURPOSE OR OBJECTIVE

To preserve significant areas of remnant vegetation, wetlands and waterways as well as key biodiversity corridors for future generations.

3. DEFINITIONS

LNA: Local Natural Area
 LPS: Local Planning Strategy
 ROS: Regional Open Space
 POS: Public Open Space
 WSUD: Water Sensitive Urban Design
 PIP: Preston Industrial Park
 TPS: Town Planning Scheme
 EPA: Environmental Protection Authority

4. POLICY

4.1 Significant Natural Areas

Significant natural areas to be protected in the following development precincts, but not limited to;

- a) Eaton – identification and protection of reserves for conservation and recreation, particularly adjacent to significant waterways (Collie River and Millars Creek).
- b) Preston Industrial Park – Consideration given to EPA identified environmentally significant areas in structure planning and scheme amendments.
- c) Dardanup West/ Crooked Brook - identification and protection of environmentally significant areas on private land and creation of reserves as appropriate, particularly adjacent to significant waterways (Preston River and any 'conservation' and/or 'resource enhancement' category wetlands).
- d) Burekup Townsite Expansion – Retention of significant remnant vegetation and creation of local reserves for recreation / drainage as appropriate.
- e) Dardanup Townsite Expansion – Retention of significant remnant vegetation and creation of local reserves for recreation / drainage as appropriate.
- f) Wellington Mills small holdings – Significant stands of remnant vegetation to be retained through structure planning / scheme amendment process.

4.2 Eaton

- Ensure suitable interface between residential development and Regional Open Space to reduce impacts on natural areas.
- Identification and protection of significant vegetation on Council owned or managed land including in POS, road reserves and drainage reserves.
- Proposed road layout design to accommodate tree and understorey retention where possible.

4.3 Burekup Townsite Expansion

Structure Plans / Scheme Amendments to:

- Identify Henty Brook floodplain.
- Protect Henty Brook vegetation and floodplain through the creation of a protection area for all slopes greater than 1 in 6 in the floodplain and all existing native vegetation.
- Protection of the natural areas in the south-west portion of the site (Guildford Vegetation Complex).
- Provide for the rehabilitation and revegetation of a corridor along the Henty Brook to provide movement, shelter and feeding habitat for fauna.
- Management plans to be prepared and submitted at time of subdivision application for lots adjacent to significant natural areas and implemented prior to clearance of titles.

4.4 Dardanup Townsite Expansion

- Ensure structure plans and/or scheme amendments provide for the protection of stormwater corridors and the revegetation of Gavin's Gully with local native species.

4.5 Small Holdings – Dardanup West/ Crooked Brook

Scheme amendments and structure plans should;

- Ensure that natural areas are not fragmented by subdivision (new lot boundaries do not intersect areas of native vegetation or intact wetlands).
- Support the retention of remnant vegetation on individual lots through the appropriate location of building envelopes and/or building exclusion zones.
- Ensure significant wetlands are protected by adequate buffers, which includes the revegetation of cleared areas adjacent to wetlands.
- Include provisions to identify and revegetate corridors to link existing natural areas.
- Ensure protection (public reservation) of the Preston River floodplain, which should encompass all of the floodway and flood fringe areas.

4.6 Preston Industrial Park

- Give due consideration of areas recommended for ROS by the EPA when assessing structure plans and/or scheme amendments.

4.7 Wanju

- Ensure all structure plans, scheme amendments and developments retain and protect natural areas.
- Provision is to be made to rehabilitate Millars Creek to a natural state, inclusive of vegetated banks in accordance with the DSP.

- Proposed road layout design to accommodate tree and understorey retention wherever possible.
- Remnant vegetation along existing roads is to be retained wherever possible.
- WSUD principles to be utilised for the management of water within the development.
- Management plans for significant natural areas to be required at time of subdivision application, and implemented.

4.8 Waterloo Industrial Park

- Ensure all structure plans, scheme amendments and developments retain and protect natural areas.
- Proposed road layout design to accommodate tree and understorey retention wherever possible.
- Remnant vegetation along existing roads is to be retained wherever possible.
- Management plans for significant natural areas to be required at time of subdivision application, and implemented accordingly.

4.9 Local Reserves

- Local reserves with natural areas should be vested for purposes which include conservation, or similar.
- All local reserves with natural areas should have management plans prepared which identify, protect and restore the area's natural values.