

## **DIT:Planning Reform Submissions**

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**Subject:** Response to draft Planning and Design Code

### **Protect our Streets**

We write to support Marion Council's submission to have the draft Planning and Design Code amended.

We are long-time residents of Ascot Park. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, a busy through-street, has become so congested with on-street parking that it is safer to drive down the centre of the road, and we often have to pull over to the kerb to allow an oncoming car to pass. In John St, on-street parking often results in dangerous congestion at corners, requiring that we cross to the wrong side of the road as we approach the corner.

We appreciate that increasing density is a good idea in our location, but putting 3 units on each block allows for no on-site trees and the minimum of garden, resulting in destruction of wildlife habitat and a hotter environment. In the 12 years we have lived here we have noticed a significant reduction in bird numbers, including magpies, silvereyes, ring-necked doves and crested pigeons.

Additionally, more closely packed dwellings means more air conditioners, with more heat output, more energy use, and more ambient noise.

While we understand that the Code is complex, and is yet to be finalised, we support the Council's objectives of limiting urban infill in the north of the City of Marion.

To address this, and other issues, we support the Council's proposed amendments to the Code for:

- Maintaining recently approved policies in the Marion Plains Policy Area:
  - Minimum block sizes of 350 sq m for single houses north of Seacombe Rd
  - Maximum 40 per cent site coverage for single houses north of Seacombe Rd
  - Minimum frontages of 10 metres for single houses north of Seacombe Rd
  - Local design standards
  
- Rezoning parts of Marion Road to enable business growth
- More room for on-site and street car parking
- High quality design standards for multiple homes on an allotment throughout the Council
- More space for open space and trees on an allotment

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Don't ignore us locals, please!

Our liveable lifestyle is famous. Please don't let it be spoiled!

Yours sincerely,

Roger and Rosemarie Humphreys

