Understanding the planning process

Information for residents

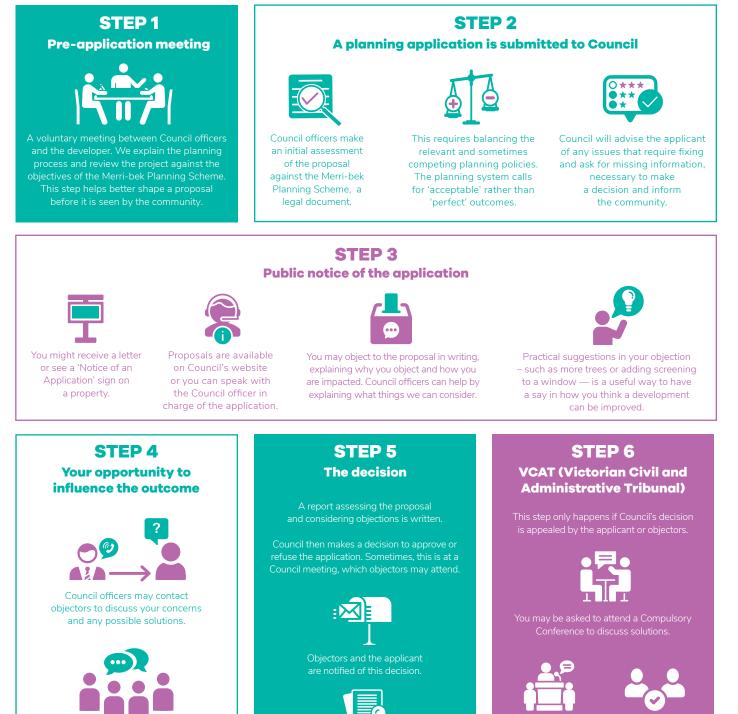


If your neighbour or someone nearby is building on their land, a planning permit might be needed.



This information may to help you understand the process, how you can become involved and influence the outcome of a development.

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We may arrange a meeting with objectors and the applicant to understand concerns, share information or discuss possible solutions.

If Council decides to approve an application, an objector can appeal this decision to VCAT. If no agreement can be made, all parties present their views to VCAT in a hearing VCAT will make the final decisior

What happens next?

After a permit is issued, the developer usually needs to first satisfy conditions of the permit and then get a building permit. Objectors are not part of the process of satisfying permit conditions. Neighbours may be further notified when building works are about to commence. Sometimes, this might happen quite quickly, other times the project might not start for a few years. You can call Council to find out about the status of a project.

www.merri-bek.vic.gov.au/building-and-business/planning-and-building/planning/planning-application-process/ For more information call: 03 9240 1111