

Post-objection Process

A guide for residents who have an interest in a planning application



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SUBMISSION RECEIVED

Council receives your submission (either an objection or letter of support).

You can access the objection lodgement page on Council's website.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Council will let you know that your submission has been received.



COMMUNICATION

If you've lodged a submission, a Planning Officer may contact you to discuss your concerns and any possible solutions.

You are also welcome to reach out to the planner directly. Find their contact details on the notification letter, or by calling the Urban Planning Unit on 9240 1111.



SUBMISSIONS PROVIDED

Council will provide all objections to the applicant within 10 days of the advertising period closing.

TIP:

Get in touch with the Planning Officer if you have any questions on the next steps, or have ideas about how your concerns could be addressed.



If no consultation meeting is held, the application will go straight to Step 6.

INFORMATION AND DISUCSSION MEETINGS

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

CHANGES TO ADDRESS CONCERNS

At times, the design is changed to address objector concerns.

If this happens, our Planning Officer will select the most appropriate way to communicate changes.



REVIEW

The application will be reviewed by the Planning Officer, including considering the objections received, and a decision made. Sometimes, this is at a Council meeting, which objectors may attend.



COMMUNICATION

If the application needs to be decided at a Council meeting, you will receive a letter inviting you to attend.



DECISION

At the end of the assessment, Council will either:

- a) Issue a 'notice of decision to grant a planning permit' or
- b) Refuse a planning permit

The Notice of Decision will include conditions that the decision is subject to.

You can request a copy of Council's report, which will explain the reasons for the decision.

Objectors have 28 days to lodge an appeal with the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT). If no VCAT appeals are lodged, Council will issue a planning permit.



VCAT APPEAL

(Only if an appeal is lodged)

If the applicant or an objector lodges an appeal with the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT), they will review the application and can change Council's decision.

Note: This process map outlines the standard approach for managing postobjection consultations to ensure visibility and greater community understanding regarding the consultation process.