

TO: **COUNCIL ASSESSMENT PANEL**  
 DATE: **27 NOVEMBER 2019**  
 SUBJECT: **COUNCIL ASSESSMENT REPORT**  
 AUTHOR: **DEAN SPASIC**  
**DEVELOPMENT OFFICER - PLANNING**

ATTACHMENTS: **1. LOCALITY MAP**  
**2. PROPOSAL PLANS**  
**3. REPRESENTATIONS**

HEARING OF REPRESENTORS: **HEATHER MARTIN**  
 HEARING OF APPLICANT: **BRETT FRIEDRICHS, MEGAN LAPERE**

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DA NO.	:	110/00448/19
APPLICANT	:	DECHELLIS HOMES
LOCATION	:	6 THOMAS STREET, SEACLIFF PARK
DEVELOPMENT PLAN	:	CONSOLIDATED 2 JUNE 2016
ZONE AND POLICY AREA	:	RESIDENTIAL ZONE
NATURE OF DEVELOPMENT:		MERIT
PROPOSAL	:	TWO STOREY DETACHED DWELLING WITH INTEGRAL GARAGE WALL LOCATED ON THE WESTERN SIDE BOUNDARY
REFERRALS	:	NOT APPLICABLE
CATEGORY	:	TWO
REPRESENTATIONS	:	ONE
RECOMMENDATION	:	DEVELOPMENT PLAN CONSENT SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

### 1. Site and Locality

The subject site is located on the eastern side of Brighton Road and on the northern side of Thomas Street. The existing dwelling is sought to be replaced with a new dwelling.

The land is not located within a prescribed Residential Code area, although there are plenty of examples of two storey built form found within the nearby and surrounding locality. It is important to note that further east along Thomas Street (and hence further east of Brighton Road, where the policy area anticipates single storey built form, exists a row of 4 buildings greater than single storey, with one being 3 storey.

The primary reason for this area being excluded from the Residential Code mapping was in relation to the general topography of the locality, as opposed to built-form influences such as character dwellings, heritage implications or the like.

*Refer to Attachment 1*

### 2. Proposed Development

The proposed development comprises the construction of a two storey detached dwelling with integral garage located on the western side boundary.

*Refer to Attachment 2*

### 3. Development Data

Dwelling	Proposed	Development Plan	Development Plan Satisfied?
Site area	670 square metres	400 square metres	Existing allotment
Site coverage	34 percent of the site area	Maximum 50 percent	Yes
Private open space	367square metres 54 percent of the site area	Minimum 20 percent	Yes
Southern primary setback	4.9 to main face 6 metres to garage	The building should be setback in-line with the setback of the adjacent building with a frontage to the same street. Adjacent buildings are setback 7.8 metres	No
Eastern side setback	Ground 1.4 metres	The ground level component should be setback a minimum distance of 1 mere	Yes
	Upper 3.5 metres	The upper level component should be setback a minimum distance of 2.5 metres	Yes
Western side setback	Garage wall on boundary. Height above natural ground level 3.2 metres and length 6.5 metres	Where a wall is located on a boundary, the maximum height should not exceed 3 metres above the natural ground level with a wall length not exceeding 8 metres	No
	Ground level wall 4.3 metres	The ground level component should be setback a minimum distance of 1 mere	Yes
	Upper level wall setback 6.7 metres	The upper level component should be setback a minimum distance of 2.5 metres	Yes

Dwelling	Proposed	Development Plan	Development Plan Satisfied?
Northern rear boundary setback	Ground level wall 14.9 metres	The ground level component should be setback a minimum distance of 4 metres	Yes
	Upper level wall 21 metres	The upper level component should be setback a minimum distance of 6 metres	Yes

#### 4. Public Consultation

The proposal was subject to a Category 2 public notification process due to the proposal comprising a wall located on an allotment boundary with a height exceeding 2.75 metres above the natural ground level. One statement of representations was received, to which the concerns are summarised as follows:

**Heather Martin of 7 Bothwell Avenue, Seacliff Park (Behind the site to the NE)**

- Overshadowing;
- Loss of privacy;
- The land at 6 Thomas Street sits higher, the two storey building with a pitched roof will stand very high and dominate the view from our kitchen and rear yard;

**Representation would be overcome by:**

- Planting at least 4 trees on the northern boundary, to obscure the view of the house and entertaining area from our property; and
- Single storey development.

**The applicant has considered the representations and provided the following comments:**

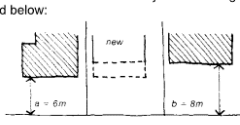
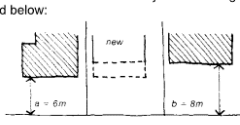
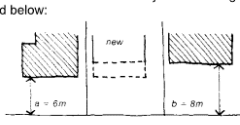
- The proposed building has been designed to provide a two storey element that sits within the roof structure of the storey below, heavily reducing the impact of the two storey appeal;
- The upper storey is setback 25 metres (administration note: *21 metres shown on the site plan*);
- Overshadowing is not a concern;
- All upper level windows to be obscured to avoid overlooking into adjacent sites.

## 5. Development Plan Provisions

The following tables contain a detailed assessment of the proposal against the provisions in the Holdfast Bay (City) Development Plan consolidated 2 June 2016:

<b>General Section – Design and Appearance</b>	
<b>Objectives</b>	
1. Development of a high design standard and appearance that responds to and reinforces positive aspects of the local environment and built form.	Complies
<b>Principles of Development Controls</b>	
1 Buildings should reflect the desired character of the locality while incorporating contemporary designs that have regard to the following: (a) building height, mass and proportion (b) external materials, patterns, colours and decorative elements (c) roof form and pitch (d) façade articulation and detailing (e) verandas, eaves, parapets and window screens	Complies
2 Where a building is sited on or close to a side boundary, the side boundary wall should be sited and limited in length and height to minimise: (a) the visual impact of the building as viewed from adjoining properties (b) overshadowing of adjoining properties and allow adequate sun light to neighbouring buildings.	Complies
3 The external walls and roofs of buildings should not incorporate highly reflective materials which will result in glare to neighbouring properties or drivers.	Complies
5 Building form should not unreasonably restrict existing views available from neighbouring properties and public spaces.	Complies
10 The design and location of buildings should enable direct winter sunlight into adjacent dwellings and private open space and minimise the overshadowing of: (a) windows of habitable rooms (b) upper-level private balconies that provide the primary open space area for a dwelling (c) solar collectors (such as solar hot water systems and photovoltaic cells).	Complies
11 Development should minimise direct overlooking of habitable rooms and private open spaces of dwellings through measures such as: (a) off-setting the location of balconies and windows of habitable rooms with those of other buildings so that views are oblique rather than direct (b) building setbacks from boundaries (including building boundary to boundary where appropriate) that interrupt views or that provide a spatial separation between balconies or windows of habitable rooms (c) screening devices (including fencing, obscure glazing, screens, external ventilation blinds, window hoods and shutters) that are integrated into the building design and have minimal negative effect on residents' or neighbours' amenity.	Complies
13 Buildings (other than ancillary buildings or group dwellings) should be designed so that their main façade faces the primary street frontage of the land on which they are situated.	Complies

<b>General Section – Design and Appearance (Cont)</b>	
<b>Principles of Development Controls</b>	
15 Buildings should be designed and sited to avoid creating extensive areas of uninterrupted walling facing areas exposed to public view.	Complies
16 Building design should emphasise pedestrian entry points to provide perceptible and direct access from public street frontages and vehicle parking areas.	Complies
<b>General Section – Residential Development</b>	
<b>Objectives</b>	
1 Safe, convenient, pleasant and healthy-living environments that meet the full range of needs and preferences of the community.	Complies
2 A diverse range of dwelling types and sizes available to cater for changing demographics, particularly smaller household sizes and supported accommodation.	
4 The revitalisation of residential areas to support the viability of community services and infrastructure.	
<b>Principles of Development Controls</b>	
1 Residential allotments and sites should maximise solar orientation and have the area and dimensions to accommodate: (a) the siting and construction of a dwelling and associated ancillary outbuildings (b) the provision of landscaping and private open space (c) convenient and safe vehicle, pedestrian and cycling access and parking (d) water sensitive design systems that enable the storage, treatment and reuse of stormwater.	Complies
3 Residential allotments should be of varying sizes to encourage housing diversity.	Complies
5 Residential development should be designed to ensure living rooms have an external outlook.	Complies
6 Entries to dwellings should be clearly visible from the streets that they front to enable visitors to identify a specific dwelling easily.	Complies
10 The design and location of buildings should ensure that direct winter sunlight is available to adjacent dwellings, with particular consideration given to: (a) windows of habitable rooms (all rooms excluding bathrooms, laundries and hallways), particularly living areas (b) ground-level private open space (c) upper-level private balconies that provide the primary open space area for any dwelling (d) access to solar energy.	Complies
11 Development should ensure that north-facing windows to habitable rooms (all rooms excluding bathrooms, laundries and hallways) of existing dwelling(s) on the same allotment, and on adjacent allotments, receive at least 3 hours of direct sunlight over a portion of their surface between 9 am and 5 pm on the 21 June.	Complies

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<p>12 Development should ensure that ground-level open space of existing buildings receives direct sunlight for a minimum of two hours between 9 am and 3 pm on 21 June to at least the smaller of the following:</p> <p>(a) half of the existing ground-level open space            (b) 35 square metres of the existing ground-level open space (with at least one of the area's dimensions measuring 2.5 metres).</p> <p>Development should not increase the overshadowed area by more than 20 per cent in cases where overshadowing already exceeds these requirements.</p>	Complies								
<p>13 Garages, carports and outbuildings should have a roof form and pitch, building materials and detailing that complement the associated dwelling.</p>	Complies								
<p>14 Garages and carports facing the street should not dominate the streetscape and should be designed in accordance with the following:</p> <p>(a) have a maximum total width of garage or carport openings of 6 metres or 50 per cent of the dwelling frontage width, whichever is the lesser            (b) be located at least 0.5 metres behind the main face of the associated dwelling            (c) where it is in the form of an enclosed double carport or garage, be setback at least 8 metres from the primary road frontage and incorporate one of the following:            (i) two individual doors with a distance of not less than 300 millimetres between them            (ii) double tilt-up doors with moulded door panels having a maximum width of no more than 5 metres            (d) be constructed of materials that integrate with those of the associated dwelling, or pre-coloured treated metal.</p>	Complies								
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<p>27 Carports and garages should be set back from road and building frontages so as to:</p> <p>(a) contribute to the desired character of the area            (b) not adversely impact on the safety of road users            (c) provide safe entry and exit            (d) not dominate the appearance of dwellings from the street.</p>	Complies												
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<p>31 Private open space (land available for exclusive use by residents of each dwelling) should be provided for each dwelling (including a dwelling within a residential flat building) and should be sited and designed:</p> <p>(a) to be accessed directly from the habitable rooms of the dwelling</p> <p>(b) to be generally at ground level (other than for residential flat buildings) and to the side or rear of a dwelling and screened for privacy</p> <p>(c) to take advantage of, but not adversely affect, natural features of the site</p> <p>(d) to minimise overlooking from adjacent buildings</p> <p>(e) to achieve separation from bedroom windows on adjoining sites</p> <p>(f) to have a northerly aspect to provide for comfortable year-round use</p> <p>(g) to not be significantly shaded during winter by the associated dwelling or adjacent development</p> <p>(h) to be shaded in summer</p> <p>(i) to minimise noise and air quality impacts that may arise from traffic, industry or other business activities within the locality</p> <p>(j) to have sufficient area and shape to be functional, taking into consideration the location of the dwelling and the dimension and gradient of the site.</p>	Complies									
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<p>33 Private open space should not include driveways, front yards (except where it is a group dwelling that has no frontage to a public road and the private open space is screened from adjacent dwellings), effluent drainage areas, rubbish bin storage, sites for rainwater tanks and other utility areas and common areas such as parking areas and communal open space.</p>	Complies									
<p>34 Private open space at ground level should be designed to provide a consolidated area of deep soil (an area of natural ground which excludes areas where there is a structure underneath, pools and non-permeable paved areas) to:</p> <p>(a) assist with ease of drainage</p> <p>(b) allow for effective deep planting</p> <p>(c) reduce urban heat loading and improve micro-climatic conditions around sites and buildings.</p>	Complies									



**HOLDFAST BAY (CITY) DEVELOPMENT – ASSESSMENT – RESIDENTIAL ZONE AND POLICY AREAS – OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES OF DEVELOPMENT CONTROL**

<b>RESIDENTIAL ZONE</b>	
<b>Objectives</b>	
<p><b>3. Development that contributes to the desired character of the zone.</b></p> <p><b>DESIRED CHARACTER</b></p> <p>The zone contains the majority of the city's living areas, which are of predominantly low-density suburban form, but within policy areas include medium-to-high density forms of housing on the coast, along key transport corridors and within Glenelg, as well as coordinated development opportunities within large institutional sites. The zone includes five policy areas, three of which cater for coastal development, one for the City's residential institutions (including Minda and Masonic Homes) and one for medium density development along the key transit routes of Brighton Road, Anzac Highway, Tapleys Hill Road and along sections of the Seaford railway transit corridor.</p> <p>Development outside of the policy areas will be suburban in nature and evolve in response to progressive infill development of existing individual sites and through consolidation of sites to form larger comprehensive redevelopment opportunities. Infill development outside of the Policy Areas will not compromise the suburban character but will progressively increase dwelling densities through unobtrusive small-scale developments. In this regard, infill development will have a comparable height, mass, scale and setbacks to that of existing dwellings in the relevant locality.</p> <p>The zone's primarily suburban character outside of the policy areas is defined by detached dwellings on individual allotments. Infill development in these suburban areas will contribute to the city's housing diversity through development opportunities that (in order of preference):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) increase dwelling numbers on allotments that have dual road frontages</li> <li>(b) provide low scale dwellings at the rear of large allotments with street frontages wide enough to accommodate appropriate sited and sized driveway access and landscaping</li> <li>(c) semi-detached dwellings, where site considerations permit.</li> </ul> <p>Development outside of the policy areas will generally be single storey in height in the areas east of Brighton Road, and up to two storeys in height in the areas west of Brighton Road. Buildings will be both domestic and contemporary in design and character to support and reinforce the essentially suburban character through typical domestic design forms, low front fencing and landscaping. Landscaping will help define the public realm and private property boundaries, and substantial landscaped front yards will contribute to the locality, with the retention of mature trees. Development will have side and rear building setbacks that incorporate an access path on one side, with on-boundary built form limited in height, length and location to the equivalent of typical open carports or garaging. Vehicle garaging will be set back clearly behind the immediately adjacent part of the front building facade. Development will enhance and protect streetscape character by minimising driveway access points and width of crossovers and driveways. Undercroft car parking will also be avoided on flat sites and sites that slope down from the street level. Buildings will be stepped and articulated at the front elevation to achieve visual relief and architectural interest as viewed from the street.</p> <p>Residential development outside of the policy areas will utilise materials and finishes that respond to the character of the immediate locality and utilise brick, stone and rendered finishes to provide visual interest facades. Development will also incorporate architectural design and detailing that responds to localised character by way of fenestration, doorways, windows, eaves and roof forms. Development will be setback and orientated to minimise impacts of the privacy of neighbouring residents.</p>	<p>Complies (development on eastern side of Brighton Road, remains <i>generally</i> single storey in height.</p>
<b>Principles of Development Controls</b>	
<p><b>1</b> The following forms of development are envisaged in the zone:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ affordable housing</li> <li>▪ domestic outbuilding in association with a dwelling</li> <li>▪ domestic structure</li> <li>▪ dwelling</li> <li>▪ dwelling addition</li> <li>▪ small scale non-residential use that serves the local community, for example:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- child care facility</li> <li>- health and welfare service</li> <li>- open space</li> <li>- primary and secondary school</li> <li>- recreation area</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ supported accommodation.</li> </ul>	<p>Complies</p>
<p><b>5</b> The use and placement of outbuildings should be ancillary to and in association with a dwelling or dwellings.</p>	<p>Complies</p>
<p><b>6</b> Development should not be undertaken unless it is consistent with the desired character for the zone.</p>	<p>Complies</p>

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8 Dwellings and residential flat buildings, except where specified in a particular policy area or precinct, should not exceed the maximum heights shown in the following table:		Does not comply. Two storey wall, up to 6.35 metres high above natural ground level.								
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9 Dwellings and/or residential flat buildings should be setback a minimum of one metre from one side boundary to incorporate pedestrian access.		Complies								

**6. Summary of Assessment**

**Zone and Built Form Character**

The Desired Character for the Residential Zone anticipates *Development outside of the policy areas will generally be single storey in height in the areas east of Brighton Road and up to two storeys in height in the areas west of Brighton Road (my emphasis)*. When considering the general built form within the locality, the housing stock remains, *in most cases*, single storey. The wording within the Desired Character, opens the possibility for two storey built form, where there is planning merit.

It is accepted that Residential Zone, Principle of Development Control 8, specifically seeks to ensure the two storey height is controlled, however, the wording between the Desired Character and PDC 8 is inconsistent in its intent and must be considered on balance with the built form character of the locality in which the subject site is situated.

It is further acknowledged that the subject site is within a pocket that has been excluded from the Residential Zone code provisions. When the State Government determined areas to be prescribed for Residential Code assessment, certain areas were excluded, including Heritage, Character and areas of varying topography. In the case of the subject site, the locality comprises land with varying topography. The omission of this locality from the Residential Code therefore is not in any way a reflection of built form character, but rather the topography of the land.

When considering the Development Plan seeking single storey built form east of Brighton and Tapleys Hill Road, it is not clear what the intent is with this provision (particularly as these localities do not have a strong residential built form character, hence the planning value of this provision is questionable in the first instance. Importantly the introduction of Residential Code development in 2008 significantly reduced the value of Residential Zone PDC 8, except in the case of localities where there is an intact, built form character. It cannot be said that the subject locality currently exempt from Residential Code provisions has a strong single storey built form character. In fact, it has a diversity of housing stock, including a conventional two storey buildings, and even a 3 storey building further east on Thomas Street.

**Site Coverage**

The proposed development results in site coverage amounting to 34% of the site area, well within the maximum anticipated range of 50 percent.

**Private Open Space**

The proposed development accommodates a private open space area that amounts to 367 square metres, or 54% of the total site area, and therefore more than the minimum of 20 percent anticipated by the Development Plan.

**Southern Primary Street Setback**

The adjacent buildings are setback 7.8metres from the primary street boundary. The Development Plan anticipates a primary boundary setback that is complementary to the neighbouring building setbacks.

The proposed building is setback only 4.9 to 6 metres from the primary street boundary, hence 2.9 metres at variance with the Development Plan.

The street setback pattern is generally intact, however it is noted that 8 Thomas Street has a carport forward of the dwelling façade, which is setback only 3 metres from the primary street boundary.

The proposed building setback therefore has regard to building setbacks on adjacent land and assists in reinforcing dwelling facades as dominant visual elements on a streetscapes against structures such as carports.

**Side and Rear Boundary Setbacks**

The garage wall is located on the western side boundary and has a height of 3.2 metres above the natural ground level. No statements of representations were received from the western adjacent land owner, therefore it is determined to present negligible impact on the most affected property. Ultimately, whether the wall were 3 or 3.2 metres high, presents little different in terms of real impact on the neighbouring property.

The ground level walls are setback 1.5 metres+ from the side boundaries and the upper level walls are setback 3.5 metres+ from the eastern and western side boundaries.

The Development Plan anticipates a minimum setback of 900mm at the ground level and 2.5 metres for the upper level walls.

The building is setback 14.9 metres at the ground level and 21 metres at the upper level from the south-western rear boundary.

The Development Plan anticipates a minimum setback of 4 metres at the ground level and 6 metres at the upper level walls.

**Solar Access**

A shadow diagram has not been submitted as part of this development application, however, it is not considered necessary in this instance given the subject site is on the northern side of Thomas Street, hence the primary shadow is cast over the front yards of the subject land and neighbouring properties.

All of the adjacent properties will achieve a minimum of 3 hours direct sunlight to habitable room windows between 9am and 5pm during the winter solstice.

All of the adjacent properties will achieve a minimum of 2 hours direct sunlight to private open space areas between 9am and 3pm during the winter solstice.

### **Visual Privacy**

All upper level windows to the side and rear elevations are designed in such a way as to prevent a downward view into neighbouring properties. A condition of planning consent is included to reinforce this.

### **Conclusion**

The proposed development generally satisfies the relevant provisions of the Development Plan. The proposal fails to satisfy the provisions relating to the primary street setback, wall height on boundary and avoiding two storey built form, however as expressed above, on balance, there is sufficient planning merit to warrant planning support.

## **7. RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. The proposed development is NOT seriously at variance with the policies in the Development Plan.**
- 2. Following a detailed assessment of the proposal against the provisions of the Holdfast Bay (City) Development Plan, the Council Assessment Panel resolves to grant Development Plan Consent to Development Application 110/00448/19 for the construction of a Two storey detached dwelling with integral garage wall located on the western side boundary at 6 Thomas Street, Seacliff Park, subject to the following conditions:**

### **PLANNING CONDITIONS**

- 1. That the design and siting of all buildings and structures and site works shall be as shown on the plans prepared by Ginos Engineering Pty Ltd, Drawing No 35346 SR2-1/B and plans prepared by Dechellis Homes, Job No DH 1806, Sheets 1 to 5 submitted to and approved by Council unless varied by any subsequent conditions imposed herein.**
- 2. That storm water from each dwelling shall be collected and connected to a 1000 litre (minimum) rainwater tank with a sealed system over flow connection to the street water table. Final details of the location and size of the tank(s) shall be submitted to Council for approval prior to the issue of full Development Approval. Furthermore, all storm water from the dwelling and the site shall be collected and disposed of in a manner that does not adversely affect any properties adjoining the site or the stability of any building on adjacent sites.**

**NOTE:**

Storm water shall not be disposed of over a vehicle crossing place and any connection to the street water table, including remedial works to footpaths, verges or other Council infrastructure, is subject to any necessary approvals from Council and will be at the applicant's cost.

3. The stormwater disposal system shall cater for a 5 year rainfall event with discharge to the street not to exceed 10 litres per second. Any excess above this flow is to be detained on site to the reasonable satisfaction of Council.
4. That landscaping shall comprise where practicable, trees and shrubs that are indigenous to the local area and are semi mature or of fast growing tubestock. All such landscaping shall be established within 3 months of substantial completion of the development and any such vegetation shall be replaced if and when it dies or becomes seriously diseased.
5. That all upstairs windows on the side and rear elevations shall have minimum window sill heights of 1.7 metres above finished floor level, or any glass below 1.7 metres shall be manufactured obscure glass and fixed shut or as otherwise approved by Council. Further details of this requirement shall be provided at Building Rules Assessment stage.
6. That construction shall take place between 7am and 7pm Monday to Saturday and not on Sundays or public holidays. All such work shall be undertaken in such a manner so as not to, in the reasonable opinion of Council, cause any nuisance or annoyance to any of the occupiers of buildings within the locality. Any work outside of these hours requires the written approval of Council.
7. The dust emissions from the site shall be controlled by a dust suppressant or by watering (subject to any relevant water restrictions) regularly to the reasonable satisfaction of Council.
8. That the builder shall at all times provide and maintain a waste receptacle to the reasonable satisfaction of Council on the site in which and at all times all builder's waste shall be contained for the duration of the construction period and the receptacle shall be emptied as required.
9. That all hard building materials, waste and litter on site be stored in a manner that secures it on site during the construction works.
10. That no solid or liquid trade wastes be discharged to the stormwater system.