south road & esplanade avenue and around milano’s, brighton

development capacity

existing conditions

primary activities
other (milano’s restaurant, health club, surface car parks and office buildings)
general building height
3-5 storeys
area
1.45 hectares
interface treatments/features
rear and side laneways for car park access
percentage of active frontage
inactive frontage (there are restaurant and office uses at ground floor but invisible and inactive in perception)
discussion
The centre has a number of robust buildings including heritage forms and apartment/office buildings. Brighton Beach Station (heritage buildings) immediately abut the centre to its eastern edge. It’s position at a bend in The Esplanade and proximity to foreshore and reserves result in a high profile location and prominence in the local urban form. Substantial areas of surface car park detract from the overall presentation of the centre.

This centre is located within the coastal DDO1 and therefore mandatory height limits apply.
opportunities and constraints

implications

- State planning policy promotes consolidation within activity centres which are along key arterial roads that are well serviced by open space. Sites fronting Road Zone 1 land typically have a greater capacity to accommodate a more robust built form. The DDO1 seeks to protect and enhance the foreshore environs of Port Phillip Bay, limiting development along the coastline to a maximum of 2 storeys.

- The irregular alignment of The Esplanade / Beach Rd and the railway line creates an atypical and impermeable street network resulting in large irregular shaped lots.

- Milano’s (listed on Victorian Heritage Register) two storey Victorian era building is a key character asset of this precinct. Maintaining viewlines and an appropriate physical relationship in the curtilage of the building is important.

- Future infill development should seek to; create a human scale streetscape, reflect fine grain detailing, provide improved passive surveillance, provide improved street edge integration and generate a stronger pedestrian and visual connection between the centres either side of the railway lines

- Approved/existing mid rise buildings of 4-5 storeys are within the precinct.
Small Neighbourhood Activity Centres & Strategic Redevelopment Sites are places for residential consolidation and change. Redevelopment of these precincts is actively supported and should be influenced by the following factors:

### physical context
- Ensure linkages with existing parapets and / or roof forms
- Have regard to surrounding urban form and building types
- Reiterate surrounding subdivision pattern and grain

### site planning
- Encourage site design that is place responsive
- Ensure primary address to the street with service entries to rear laneways
- Provide active frontages (including at upper levels) that support passive surveillance

### views + aspect
- Protect and reinforce views to key buildings and features
- Design with regard to the natural setting and potential aspect
- Provide sensitive treatment around landmark features and heritage buildings

### solar access
- Avoid casting unreasonable shadow over residential private open space
- Configure development to ensure sunlight to public spaces at the equinox
- Optimise the northerly aspect in new development

### interfaces
- Ensure transitions to residential surroundings for amenity purposes
- Design all visible façades to ensure attractive edges and public presentation
- Configure development to limit the potential for visual bulk and overlooking

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Legend:
- Study area
- 2 storey street wall with additional setbacks to Milano’s
- Transitional setbacks
- Announce corner through design treatments
- Reflect subdivision grain
- Primary active frontage
- Secondary active frontage
- Provide passive surveillance
- Maximise northerly aspect
- Maximise outlook
- New connections/extend laneways
- Existing pedestrian crossing
- Buffer to heritage building
- Heritage building
- Preserve landmark building

Length of primary active frontage:
342m (including proposed primary active frontages as shown in plan)
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**building height**
The overall building height should not exceed 2 storeys in accordance with DDO1.

**street wall**
Buildings should present a street wall of up to 2 storeys with a zero street setback to maintain consistent commercial frontage at ground level.

**rear/side setback**
Buildings abutting business zoned land should not be setback from abutting business zoned land except above the street wall.

Buildings should be setback from a residential title boundary as follows:

- **3m at ground level**
- **5m at 2nd storey level**

*Where a through laneway separates new development from a residential title boundary, the laneway width can form part of the setback measurement at ground level. Setbacks may be reduced if a building abuts a residential title to the side boundary, provided that development can maintain adequate sunlight access to the dwelling’s private open space in accordance with Clause 55.04-5.*

Development with direct abuttal to a no-through access laneway will need to consider the provision of appropriate access as part of any development proposal.

**public realm**
Encourage active uses at ground floor oriented towards and engaging with the street. Incorporate human activity and passive surveillance opportunities (e.g. windows, balconies) to all public frontages including use of perforated screens and visually permeable wall surface treatments to laneways.

Buildings interfacing parkland should maximise outlook from balconies and windows.

**access**
Prioritise pedestrian access and ensure a good sense of building address.

Encourage concealment of car parking at basement or the rear of buildings.

Encourage use of existing laneways for vehicle access from the side and rear of buildings.

Provision of bicycle parking and access should be legible and convenient.

**design detail**
Retain fine grain frontages and street rhythm with regular vertical divisions.

Building massing and detail should demarcate key street corners and key street viewlines through the following techniques:

- variations in parapet details.
- incorporating more intricate detail and visual interest (e.g. colour, material variations)
- maintaining human scale proportions
- incorporating focal points of activity and building entries
- wrapping design treatments around building corners or alterations in building alignment

Ensure all elevations visible to the public realm are fully designed.

Architectural detailing and building form should provide for a balance of horizontal and vertical elements.

**esd**
Encourage buildings to maximise natural light access and ventilation including orientation of offices, habitable room windows and balconies to the northerly aspect.