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Local Context

Tools for improving the design of residential flat buildings



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# .Relating to the Local Context

Good design responds and contributes to its context. Context is everything that has an impact on an area: its key natural and built features. Context includes social, economic and environmental factors as well as the physical form of the area and its surrounds. Understanding context means understanding how the interrelationships between all these factors, and between the local area and the region, will have an impact on the area in the future. Responding to the local context involves identifying the desirable elements of current character or the key aspects of character that are important to its future.

Understanding the local context is a key step in the process of establishing a robust urban structure which can support change and help to identify the appropriate building types and development controls for a particular situation.

Residential flat development is an important component of urban form. Decisions about the location, size and type of residential flat development will be informed by:

- Regional context and urban centres
- Neighbourhood and precinct areas
- Open space
- Views
- Topography
- Street layout
- Streetscape
- Blocks
- Lots
- Heritage buildings and significant elements
- Existing uses.

See Appendix 4: Local Context Analysis for more detailed information.