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Glossary

Site analysis checklist

Documentation	Required information	Provided	
		Yes (✓)	No (x)
Site location	Broad map or aerial photo showing site location in relation to surrounding centres, shops, civic/community facilities and transport		
Aerial photograph	Colour aerial photographs of site in its context		
Local context plan	Plan(s) of the existing features of the wider context including adjoining properties and the other side of the street, that show:		
	 pattern of buildings, proposed building envelopes, setbacks and subdivision pattern 		
	 land use and building typologies of adjacent and opposite buildings in the street 		
	 movement and access for vehicles, servicing, pedestrians and cyclists 		
	topography, landscape, open spaces and vegetation		
	significant views to and from the site		
	 significant noise sources in the vicinity of the site, particularly vehicular traffic, train, aircraft and industrial noise 		
Site context and survey plan	Plan(s) of the existing site based on a survey drawing showing the features of the immediate site including:		
	boundaries, site dimensions, site area, north point		
	 topography, showing relative levels and contours at 0.5 metre intervals for the site and across site boundaries where level changes exist, any unique natural features such as rock outcrops, watercourses, existing cut or fill, adjacent streets and sites 		
	 location and size of major trees on site and relative levels where relevant, on adjacent properties and street trees 		
	location and use of existing buildings or built features on the site		
	 location and important characteristics of adjacent public, communal and private open spaces 		
	 location and height of existing windows, balconies, walls and fences on adjacent properties facing the site, as well as parapet and ridge lines 		
	 pedestrian and vehicular access points, driveways and features such as service poles, bus stops, fire hydrants etc. 		
	location of utility services, including easements and drainage		
	location of any other relevant features		

Documentation	Required information	Provided	
		Yes (✓)	No (x)
Streetscape elevations and	Photographs or drawings of the site in relation to the streetscape and along both sides of any street that the development fronts, that show:		
sections	 overall height (storeys, metres) and important parapet/datum lines of adjacent buildings 		
	patterns of building frontage, street setbacks and side setbacks		
	planned heights		
Analysis	Plan that synthesises and interprets the context, streetscape and site documentation into opportunities and constraints that generate design parameters, including the following information:		
	 orientation and any overshadowing of the site and adjoining properties by neighbouring structures (excludes vegetation). The winter sun path should also be shown between 9 am and 3 pm on 21 June 		
	identification of prevailing wind		
	the geotechnical characteristics of the site and suitability of the proposed development		
	the public domain interface and street setback		
	 relationship to and interface with adjacent properties, including side and rear setbacks 		
	ventilation for the subject site and immediate neighbours		
	proposed building footprint location		
	retained and proposed significant trees and deep soil zones		
	proposed communal open space		
	proposed car park footprint and depth		
	proposed building entries		
	supporting written material - this should include technical advice from specialists involved in the development process including landscape architects, arborists, geotechnical engineers and/or contamination specialists where applicable		

Pre-development application design proposal checklist

This Apartment Design Guide encourages pre-development application (pre-DA) discussions. To ensure maximum benefit of pre-DA discussions, consent authorities should appoint an urban designer or architect to provide specialist design advice. This may be a member of the Design Review Panel. Early input about the design may help to resolve issues prior to a development application being submitted.

Where a council requests panel members to attend a pre-DA discussion, it should be held at a regular time, and before the scheduled Design Review Panel meeting.

Pre-DA discussions are a critical component of the development process. Meeting early in the process allows for discussion and agreement of the overall design approach. This provides greater efficiency at the development assessment stage and also saves time and costs associated with revisions or major modifications. Minutes from pre-DA discussions should be issued by the consent authority within one week of the meeting or as soon as available.

The adjacent table shows the basic information that should be provided by the applicant before the pre-DA discussion. The emphasis should be on having enough information to communicate the proposal rather than having fully resolved drawings of every aspect of the project.

Documentation	Required information	Provided	
		Yes (✓)	No (x)
Development details	A summary of the proposal that establishes the: Floor space ratio Building height in metres and storeys Number and mix of apartments Number of car parking spaces Indicative percentage of apartments receiving the minimum level of cross ventilation and daylight access		
Design quality statement	A draft statement of key points that establishes how the proposal satisfies the design quality principles of State Environmental Planning Policy No. 65		
Precedents	Images of precedents relevant to the proposal such as: • streetscape concept • landscape design • communal open spaces use • building elements such as entries, balconies, materials		
Site analysis	Prepared consistent with Appendix 1 of the Apartment Design Guide		
Site plan	A drawing to scale showing: any proposed site amalgamation or subdivision the indicative footprint of the proposal setbacks and building separation dimensions site entry points areas of communal open space and private open space indicative locations of planting and deep soil zones including retained or proposes significant trees interface with public domain		
Floor plans	Drawings to scale showing: the internal building layout and unit type distribution for the ground floor, representative middle floor, and the top floor typical car park layout sample unit plans with furniture layouts, key room depth dimensions and balcony sizes		
Building mass elevations	Drawing to scale showing the basic massing of the proposal in the context of the adjacent three properties, or for 50m in each direction, on each elevation. This drawing should show, in diagrammatic form: • the composition of the elevations including ground level, roof form, and articulation of massing of the overall building • pattern of buildings and spaces between buildings along the street • the profile of any existing buildings		
Sections	A drawing to scale showing: the proposal and adjacent buildings the relationship of the proposal to the ground plane, streets, open spaces and deep soil zones		

Development application - recommended documentation checklist

Information required in a development application is established in Schedule 1 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000. For residential apartment development, SEPP 65 provides additional recommendations for development application requirements.

The following table elaborates on the SEPP recommendations and is a guide that suggests more detailed and well resolved drawings to assist with demonstrating better design practice. The consent authority may also identify additional information that is required for the assessment of a residential apartment development. All plans, elevations and sections should be drawn to scale and include a graphic scale bar and true north point. A cover page with drawing list and BASIX commitments should be included.

Documentation	Required information	Provided	
		Yes (✓)	No (x)
Development details	A summary document that provides the key details of the development proposal. It contains information such as the:		
	floor space ratio of the development		
	number, mix, size and accessibility of apartments		
	number of car parking spaces for use (residential, retail, accessible, visitor etc.)		
	percentage of cross ventilation and daylight compliance		
Statement of	In addition to the consent authorities requirements:		
Environmental Effects	An explanation of the design in terms of the design quality principles set out in Schedule 1 of State Environmental Planning Policy No 65 - Design Quality of Residential Apartment Development		
	If the proposed development is within an area where the built form and density is changing, statements about how the proposed development responds to the existing context and contributes to desired future character of the area		
	Description of how the proposed development achieves the relevant objectives and design criteria of the Apartment Design Guide		
Site analysis	Prepared consistent with Appendix 1 of the Apartment Design Guide		

Documentation	Required information	Provided	
		Yes (✓)	No (x)
Site plan	A scale drawing showing:		
	any proposed site amalgamation or subdivision		
	 location of any proposed buildings or works in relation to setbacks, building envelope controls and building separation dimensions 		
	proposed finished levels of land in relation to existing and proposed buildings and roads		
	pedestrian and vehicular site entries and access		
	interface of the ground floor plan with the public domain and with open spaces within the site		
	areas of communal open space and private open space		
	indicative locations of planting and deep soil zones including retained or proposed significant trees		
Landscape plan	A scale drawing showing:		
	the building footprint of the proposal including pedestrian, vehicle and service access		
	trees to be removed shown dotted		
	trees to remain with their tree protection zones (relative to the proposed development)		
	deep soil zones and associated tree planting		
	areas of planting on structure and soil depth		
	proposed planting including species and size		
	 details of public space, communal open space and private open space 		
	external ramps, stairs and retaining wall levels		
	security features and access points		
	built landscape elements (fences, pergolas, walls, planters and water features)		
	ground surface treatment with indicative materials and finishes		
	site lighting		
	water management and irrigation concept design		

Documentation	Required information	Provided	
		Yes (✓)	No (x)
Floor plans	A scale drawing showing:		
	all levels of the building including roof plan		
	 layout of entries, circulation areas, lifts and stairs, communal spaces, and service rooms with key dimensions and RLs shown 		
	apartment plans with apartment numbers and areas, all fenestration, typical furniture layouts for each apartment type, room dimensions and intended use and private open space dimensions		
	accessibility clearance templates for accessible units and common spaces		
	visual privacy separation shown and dimensions where necessary		
	vehicle and service access, circulation and parking		
	storage areas		
Elevations	A scale drawing showing:		
	proposed building height and RL lines		
	building height control		
	setbacks or envelope outline		
	building length and articulation		
	the detail and features of the facade and roof design		
	any existing buildings on the site		
	building entries (pedestrian, vehicular and service)		
	profile of buildings on adjacent properties or for 50m in each direction, whichever is most appropriate		
Sections	A scale drawing showing:		
	proposed building height and RL lines		
	building height control		
	setbacks or envelope outline		
	adjacent buildings		
	building circulation		
	the relationship of the proposal to the ground plane, the street and open spaces particularly at thresholds		

Documentation	Required information	Provided	
		Yes (✓)	No (x)
Sections (continued)	the location and treatment of car parking		
	the location of deep soil and soil depth allowance for planting on structure (where applicable)		
	 building separation within the development and between neighbouring buildings 		
	ceiling heights throughout the development		
	detailed sections of the proposed facades		
Solar access study	Where required, graphic documentation at winter solstice (21 June) at a minimum of hourly intervals showing:		
	number of hours of solar access to the principal communal open space		
	number of hours of solar access to units within the proposal and tabulation of results		
	 overshadowing of existing adjacent properties and overshadowing of future potential development where neighbouring sites are planned for higher density 		
	elevation shadows if shadow is likely to fall on neighbouring windows, openings or solar panels		
Cross ventilation study	Where required, graphic documentation of unobstructed path of air movement through dual aspect apartments and tabulation of results		
Material and finishes board	A sample board of the proposed external materials, finishes and colours of the proposal, keyed to elevations		
Illustrative views	Photomontages or similar rendering or perspective drawings illustrating the proposal in the context of surrounding development. Note: Illustrative views need to be prepared using a perspective that relates to the human eye. Where a photomontage is prepared, it should use a photo taken by a full frame camera with a 50mm lens and 46 degree angle of view		
Models	A three dimensional computer generated model showing views of the development from adjacent streets and buildings		
	A physical model that shows the massing of the proposal that includes relevant context (particularly for developments of 20 apartments or more, or on contentious sites) if required by the consent authority		

Apartment building types - Example schemes

Narrow infill apartment



This example scheme divides the built form into two components, a front component that addresses the street to the south and a longer rear building positioned perpendicular to the street alignment.

The front building faces the street and provides a unified streetscape. This allows for a prominent building entry as well as overlooking of the street from balconies and windows of apartments. One of the side setbacks of the front building is able to be reduced to 3 metres as the side wall has no windows to the neighbour. The rear component has increased setbacks to resolve privacy and overshadowing impacts to adjoining properties. Ground floor apartments are two levels and accessed from a private courtyard.

The building height relates to the area's desired future character. Height is also determined by sunlight access requirements to communal and private spaces for this development and its neighbours, and changes from 4 storeys at the street frontage to 3 storeys at the rear. This change in height also provides an opportunity for a roof garden.

Dual aspect apartments (dwellings with windows and/ or balconies to at least two sides) allow for a high level of amenity for residents. Likewise the setbacks provide areas for communal open space, deep soil and retention of significant trees. The split level basement parking area is accessed from a single point on the lower side of the street frontage.

Context and subdivision

Suburban infill site in an area undergoing transition from detached dwellings to residential flat buildings; the site is a consolidation of two detached housing lots

Key considerations

- · visual privacy and sunlight access to proposed apartments and adjoining properties
- visual impact of vehicle access to car park

Design qualities

- · all proposed apartments are dual aspect and offer natural cross ventilation
- · daylight access is shared equitably

Dimensions and data

Site dimensions: 20m wide x 50m deep

Site area: 1,000m²

Building height: 3-4 storeys above ground

FSR: 1.1:1

Building depth: 9.5-13m

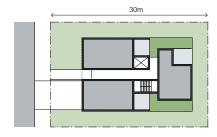
Setbacks: front setback consistent with established pattern in street; side setback 3-4m; rear setback 6m

Deep soil: 40%

Car parking: 15 spaces (basement)

Number of dwellings and mix:

11 apartments with a mix of 1 and 2 bedrooms

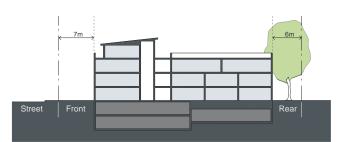


Narrow infill apartment types are modular and can be adapted to fit various site depths. This example is situated on a 30m deep lot

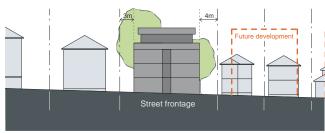




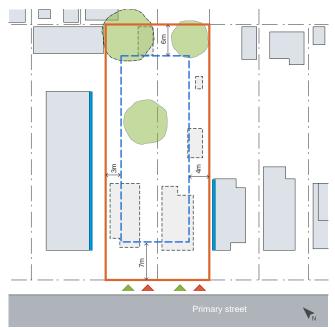




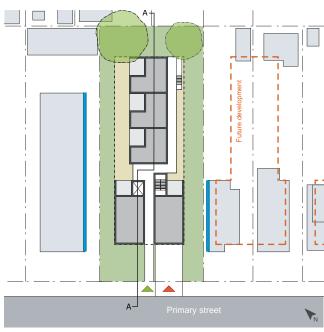
Proposed development - Section A



Proposed development - Street elevation



Existing site and proposed development footprint



Proposed development - Typical ground level plan

Site boundary

Proposed development footprint

Pedestrian access

Vehicular access

Deep soil zone

Significant tree to be retained

 Walls with balconies or windows to habitable rooms

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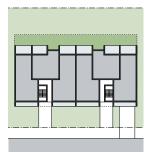
Row apartments

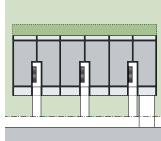


This example scheme of a row apartment type uses two separate volumes to step down the street in response to the site slope and the height of neighbouring buildings. To further integrate with the neighbourhood character, the front of the building is aligned with adjacent properties to achieve a consistent setback and open space character.

Building entries, balconies and windows address the street and provide passive surveillance, while non-habitable rooms face the side boundaries. A generous rear setback allows for visual privacy and ensures solar access to private open spaces.

Site amenity is maximised by providing deep soil areas which incorporate the existing significant vegetation in both the front and rear setbacks. Vehicle access is restricted to a single access point and basement car parking is contained within the building footprint.





Row apartment types are modular and can be adapted to fit various site widths. They are well suited to wide, shallow lots and typically have 2-3 apartments accessed off one common access core

Context and subdivision

The site is a consolidation of three narrow residential lots, located in a suburban area undergoing an increase in density with a mix of detached, duplex, terrace and apartment buildings

Key considerations

- character of the area and streetscape
- visual privacy and overshadowing of adjacent properties
- retention of existing trees

Design qualities

- building scale (3 levels + 4th level setback) relates well to existing urban character
- dual aspect apartments with good daylight access and natural ventilation
- good visual privacy for residents and neighbours with balconies facing the street and rear garden

Data

Site dimensions: 33m wide x 33.5m deep

Site area: 1,100m2

Building height: 3-4 storeys above ground

FSR: 1:1

Building depth: 17m (including balconies)

Setbacks: front setback consistent with established pattern in street; side setback 3m; rear setback 10m

Deep soil: 35%

Car parking: 17 spaces (basement)

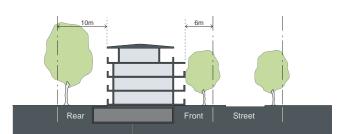
Number of dwellings and mix:

12 apartments, predominantly 2 bedrooms

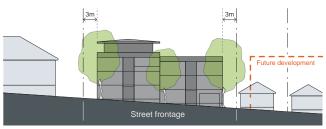




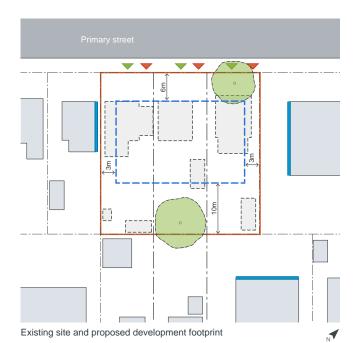




Proposed development - Section A

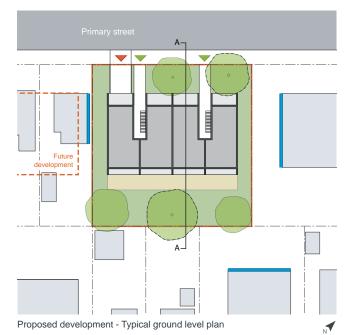


Proposed development - Street elevation



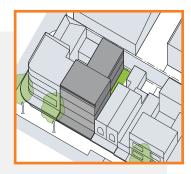
Site boundary Proposed development footprint Pedestrian access Vehicular access Deep soil zone Significant tree to be retained Walls with balconies or windows

to habitable rooms



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Shop top apartments



This example scheme adopts the established building alignment, responds to the fine urban grain of the main street and provides for a continuous awning along the street frontage.

Above the retail and to the rear of the site, a mix of 1 and 2 bed apartments are located in a 'T' configuration of 3 to 4 storeys. The front building extends to side boundaries to provide a continuous street wall. Dual aspect apartments ensure good daylight access and natural ventilation.

The building to the rear is perpendicular to the main street and setback from both side and rear boundaries. This provides amenity benefits including a small courtyard space, privacy to residents and neighbouring dwellings and access to sunlight. Solutions such as adjustable screens may be required on the northern elevation to manage privacy impacts.

Access for the residential apartments is separated from access to the ground floor retail, enhancing safety. Likewise access from the main street and rear lane, as well as the layout of apartments facilitates passive surveillance to both the main street and rear lane, increasing safety and security.

The rear lane provides access to a single level basement car park with planting above the basement structure. Where possible, opportunities to create or retain deep soil zones within side and rear setbacks should be explored on sites similar to this example.

Context and subdivision

Urban main street undergoing renewal; heights range between 2 and 3 storeys and buildings are built to the street alignment; the development site is a consolidation of three retail terrace lots fronting a busy road to the north-west and laneway to the south-east; adjacent development includes a mix of three storey shop top apartments and 2 storey retail buildings

Key considerations

- · heritage values of adjacent buildings and retention of streetscape character
- interface between residential and non-residential uses
- visual privacy and noise impacts

Design qualities

- more homes within a local centre in walkable distance to services and facilities
- · continuous street wall height and proportion
- activation and increased surveillance of rear lane

Dimensions and data

Site dimensions: 15m wide x 30m deep

Site area: 450m²

Building height: 3-4 storeys above ground

FSR: 1.8:1

Building depth: 7.5-12m

Setbacks: zero front setback consistent with established pattern in street; zero side setback; rear setback 3m

Deep soil: 13%

Car parking: 7 spaces (basement)

Retail GFA: 100m2 (ground floor)

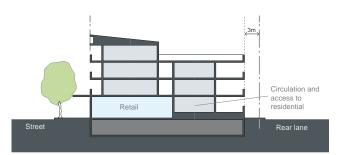
Number of dwellings and mix:

9 apartments with a mix of 1 and 2 bedrooms

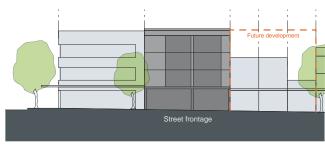




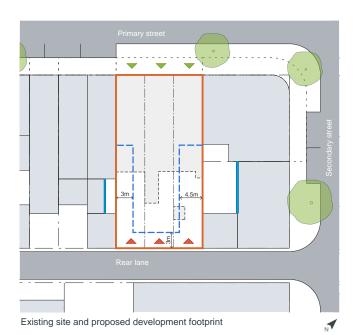




Proposed development - Section A

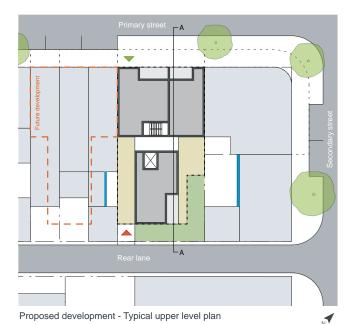


Proposed development - Street elevation



Site boundary Proposed development footprint Pedestrian access Vehicular access Deep soil zone Significant tree to be retained Walls with balconies or windows

to habitable rooms



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Courtyard apartments (U-shape)



This example of a U-shaped courtyard apartment building addresses both the primary street frontage and the rear lane which increases safety by encouraging activity and surveillance. Access points to apartments from the courtyard are clearly defined by three access cores which help to break up the building into smaller masses and contribute to better surveillance, daylight access and natural ventilation.

The prominent central courtyard present an attractive landscaped setting to the street. Surveillance of the central courtyard and side boundaries is achieved from balconies and windows. In this example and on properties with similar characteristics the transition from public to private space should be carefully considered and managed.

Visual privacy and daylight access to adjacent sites is allowed for by appropriate building separation and height. Amenity within the site is achieved through a 12m building separation (courtyard) and a building orientation that enables an attractive outlook and good daylight access. Larger side setbacks provide opportunities to retain significant trees and vehicle access is off the rear lane.



Courtyard apartment types can take many forms depending on the site configuration and orientation and be adapted or combined accordingly

Context and subdivision

Suburban area undergoing transition from detached dwellings to residential flat buildings; two lots have been consolidated to form the development site; dual frontage to street and rear lane

Key considerations

- · visual privacy for adjoining properties
- · overshadowing of courtyard
- design of corners to ensure good daylight access to apartments

Design qualities

- · activates both the street and the rear lane
- communal courtyard increases opportunities for social interaction for residents
- integration with neighbourhood character by orienting either the short ends or the long frontage to the street
- suited to step with the slope and be oriented to capture views, daylight and prevailing breezes
- · suitable to respond to a variety of lots shapes

Dimensions and data

Site dimensions: 43m wide x 35m deep

Site area: 1,470m²

Building height: 3-4 storeys above ground

FSR: 1:1

Building depth: 7m - 10m

Setbacks: front setback consistent with established pattern in street; side setback 6m; rear setback 3m, courtyard (between buildings) 12m

Deep soil: 30%

Car parking: 22 spaces (basement)

Retail component: 100m² ground floor

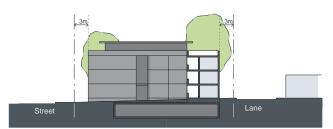
Number of dwellings and mix:

19 apartments with a mix of 1, 2 and 3 bedrooms

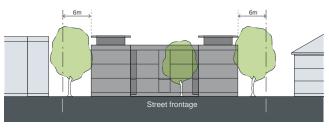




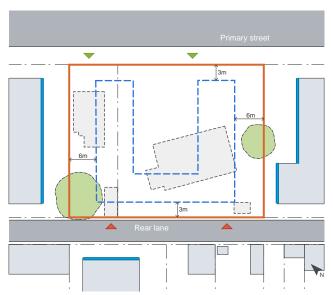




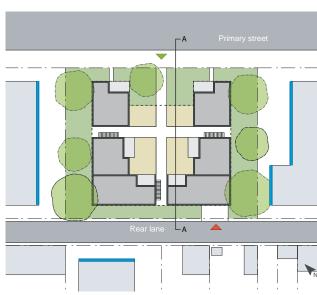
Proposed development - Section A



Proposed development - Street elevation



Existing site and proposed development footprint



Proposed development - Typical ground level plan

Site boundary

Proposed development footprint

Pedestrian access

Vehicular access

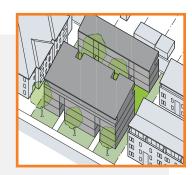
Deep soil zone Significant tree to be retained

Walls with balconies or windows

to habitable rooms

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Courtyard apartments (linear)



This example uses a centralised courtyard between two linear buildings to optimise development of the site while ensuring good amenity. By using this typology it is possible to provide consistent setbacks to the street and lane, a sense of address and good surveillance of the public domain.

Building height should relate to the adjacent development, street width and the direction of solar access. In this example, the larger 4 storey building fronts the wider street while the 3 storey building is oriented to the north and fronts the narrower lane. This lower building height allows for sunlight to access to the courtyard behind.

Amenity to neighbouring properties is improved by providing greater visual privacy and improved daylight and sunlight access than would otherwise be possible with a building perpendicular to the street alignment. Walls facing the side boundary are mostly blank with windows only to common entry corridors and non-habitable rooms. This improves the privacy to adjacent properties that have habitable windows and balconies facing the side boundary.

A centralised courtyard provides separation between facades and a pleasant open space for passive recreation. The courtyard also provides opportunities to retain any significant vegetation and overlap deep soil with communal open space. In addition, planting on top of the car park increases the attractiveness and usability of this area. Vehicle access is from the lane to a split level car park which is located predominantly below the building footprint.

Context and subdivision

Suburban area in transition to increased density with a mix of apartment buildings and detached dwellings; the development site is an amalgamation of four traditional detached housing lots with street and rear lane frontage

Key considerations

- · visual privacy for adjoining properties
- adequate building separation to ensure good solar access and ventilation

Design qualities

- · multiple building entries achieve activation of the street and rear lane
- front building forms part of an intended street wall
- can be adapted for narrow sites and include SOHO units (live/work) or small commercial tenancies
- · suitable for sloping sites

Dimensions and data

Site dimensions: 45m wide x 40m deep

Site area: 1,800m²

Building height: 3-4 storeys above ground

FSR: 1.3:1

Building depth: 7.8m - 16.2m

Setbacks: front setback consistent with established pattern in street; side setback 3m

Deep soil: 20%

Car parking: 25 spaces (basement)

Number of dwellings and mix:

22 apartments with a mix of 1, 2 and 3 bedrooms





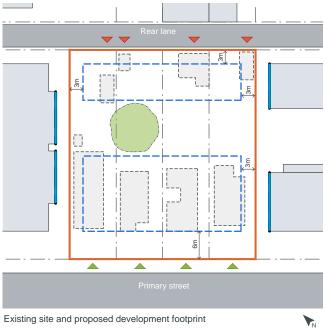




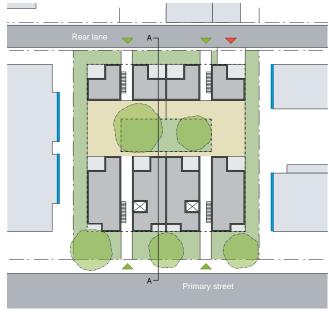
Proposed development - Section A



Proposed development - Street elevation



Existing site and proposed development footprint



Proposed development - Typical ground level plan

Site boundary

Proposed development footprint

Pedestrian access

Vehicular access

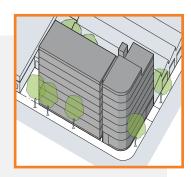
Deep soil zone

Significant tree to be retained

Walls with balconies or windows to habitable rooms

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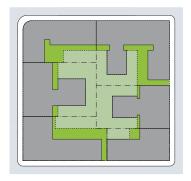
Perimeter block apartments

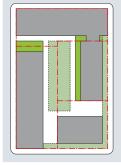


This example uses a perimeter block building to align the development with both street edges and clearly define the street corner. The building is constructed to the side boundaries in anticipation of future development and has a desired continuous street wall height for the area.

Residential apartments are set above the noisy street level. Noise impacts are buffered by balconies and adjustable screens. Two storey apartments are arranged along an open gallery to maximise northern solar access, while single storey apartments are located towards the corner adjacent to the lift core.

Privacy within the site and to future neighbouring residential apartment development is achieved through a rear boundary setback. This also creates space for a communal courtyard with deep soil zones and landscaping on the top of the basement structure. Vehicle access is off the secondary street and designed to minimise safety risks for pedestrians.





Perimeter blocks can be delivered in stages and over time. They are often designed as a series of buildings which share a central communal open space and/or basement car parking

Context and subdivision

Former industrial area under transition into urban neighbourhood; the site is located on a street corner and surrounded by industrial sheds and several new apartment buildings

Key considerations

- · visual privacy and good daylight access to neighbouring properties
- relationship and interface between residential and non-residential uses
- emphasis on design of corner component

Design qualities

- · clearly defines the visually prominent street corner
- supports a vibrant neighbourhood by creating active retail frontages at ground level facing the street
- · offers high residential amenity due to shallow building depth and dual aspect apartments
- · defines the desired future streetscape scale

Dimensions and data

Site dimensions: 41m wide x 23m deep

Site area: 950m2

Building height: 6-7 storeys above ground

FSR: 3.3:1

Building depth: 9.6m - 13.5m

Setbacks: zero front setback consistent with established pattern in street; zero side and rear setback

Deep soil: 13%

Car parking: 38 spaces (basement)

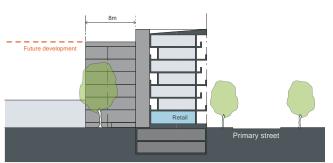
Number of dwellings and mix:

29 apartments with a mix of 2 and 3 bedrooms

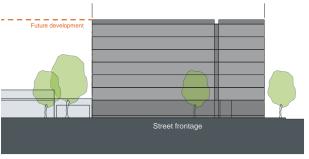




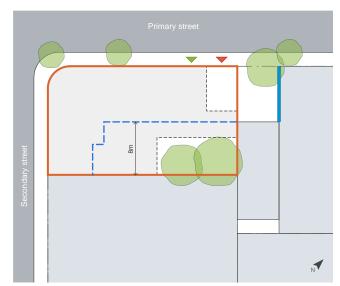




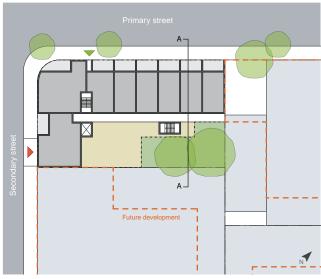
Proposed development - Section A



Proposed development - Street elevation



Existing site and proposed development footprint



Proposed development - Typical upper level plan

Site boundary

Proposed development footprint

Pedestrian access

Vehicular access

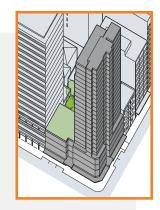
Deep soil zone

Significant tree to be retained

Walls with balconies or windows to habitable rooms

Tower apartments (podium)

This example consists of three distinct built form components: a ground floor retail level with full site coverage, a podium



with commercial floors and a residential tower. The building integrates with its context by building to the street alignment and providing a street wall height that is consistent with the typical range of the area.

The ground floor interface balances the need for flexible use of space with the potential for varied tenancy sizes that encourage activation and a vibrant street life. Commercial floors above the ground level retail act as a buffer and vertically separate noisy areas from upper level apartments. Entries to the residential lobbies are directly accessible from the street, and are distinctly separate from retail and commercial entrances.

While the tower has a repetitive floor layout, facade articulation offers the opportunity to group floors together and vary facade treatments to add interest. Each residential floor has eight apartments that are accessed from the lift core, with windows at the end of common corridors. Corner apartments are cross ventilated. Balconies at higher levels may need to be partially enclosed to resolve wind impacts, e.g. through operable louvres or wintergardens.

In highly urbanised locations, deep soil zones may be impractical to provide. This example compensates for the lack of deep soil by landscaping the roof of the podium, providing common open space for residents and environmental benefits through improving the local microclimate. Access to basement parking is from the secondary street frontage and integrated into the overall building design.

Context and subdivision

An inner city corner site with a mix of towers and street wall buildings; predominant street wall height ranges between 20m and 45m; podium buildings are constructed to the street alignment and have a zero setback to side boundaries

Key considerations

- · visual impact of tower element
- visual privacy to neighbouring development
- overshadowing of communal and public space and neighbouring development

Design qualities

- provides housing in a centre or CBD
- residential uses activate the area outside of business hours (applicable to inner city or CBD location)
- podium provides a communal open space area for residents. It also integrates the building into the streetscape with a continuous street wall height
- opportunity to be a gateway building or landmark

Dimensions and data

Site dimensions: 46m wide x 38m deep

Site area: 1,750m²

Building height: 4 to 25 storeys above ground

FSR (retail): 2.8:1; FSR (residential): 8.4:1

Building depth (retail/commercial): 25m

Building depth (residential): 18m

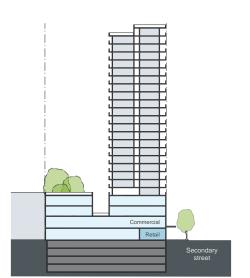
Setbacks: zero front setback consistent with established pattern in street; zero side and rear setback

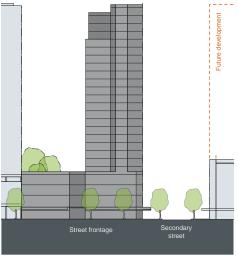
Deep soil: 0%, Planting on structure: 24%

Car parking: 110 spaces (basement)

Number of dwellings and mix:

150 apartments with a mix of studio, 1, 2 & 3 bedrooms



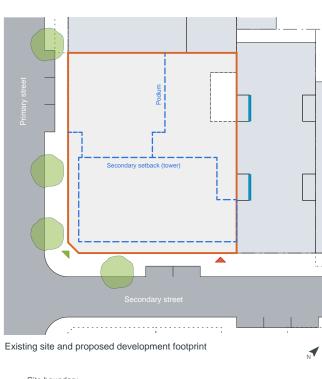


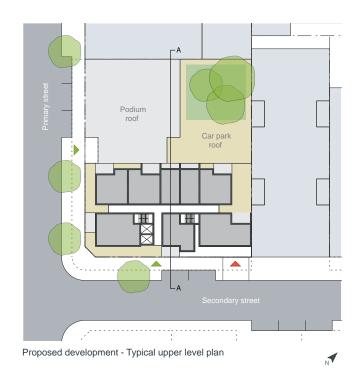




Proposed development - Section A

Proposed development - Street elevation





 Site boundary Proposed development footprint Pedestrian access Vehicular access Deep soil zone Significant tree to be retained Walls with balconies or windows to habitable rooms

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Tower apartments (freestanding)

This development integrates with its context by aligning with the setback of adjacent buildings and providing an address to surrounding streets. The location of the



tower minimises overshadowing of communal and public open space and neighbouring development. The orientation of the building along the north-south axis maximises views and enables good solar access to all apartments.

Communal open space for residents is provided in the centre of the site facing the public park. The basement car park has a U-shaped footprint over two levels and wraps around a deep soil zone under the communal courtyard. Vehicle access is located on the secondary street to the south.

Pedestrian entries to lobbies are located along all street frontages. Additional access is provided from the public park to the north and off the communal courtyard. At ground level, apartments have direct access from the street or the communal courtyard and the design allows for live-work apartments and retail space facing the street.

The tower has a central core with eight apartments per floor. All circulation corridors have access to natural light and ventilation.

Context and subdivision

The site is located within a predominantly residential context at the edge of a town centre, adjacent to a (noisy) railway line to the east and defined by streets on three sides and a public park to the north

Key considerations

- visual impact of tower element
- visual privacy to neighbouring development
- overshadowing of communal and public space and neighbouring development
- relationship with streetscape

Design qualities

- · small footprint minimises hard surface areas and reduces urban heat island effect
- excellent views, daylight access and natural ventilation for residents
- separation from noise sources (e.g. busy road/rail)
- opportunity to be a gateway building or landmark

Dimensions and data

Site dimensions: 95m wide x 62m deep

Site area: 5,890m²

Building height: 25 storeys above ground

FSR: 4.4:1

Building depth: 15.5m - 21.5m

Setbacks: landscaped setback, consistent with

surrounding context

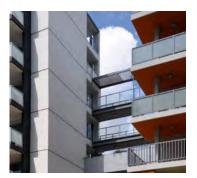
Deep soil: 14%

Car parking: 340 spaces (basement)

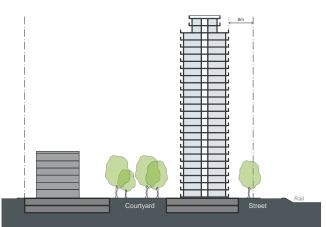
Number of dwellings and mix:

314 apartments with a mix of 1, 2 and 3 bedrooms

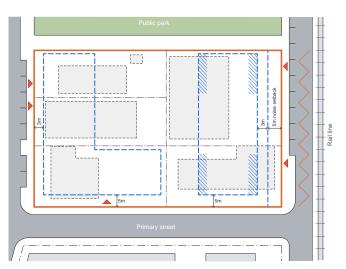








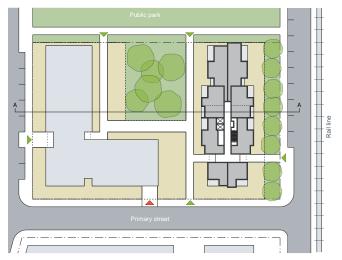
Proposed development - Section A



Existing site and proposed development footprint



Proposed development - Street elevation



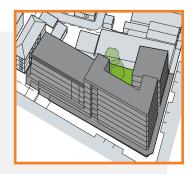
Proposed development - Typical upper level plan

Site boundary Proposed development footprint Pedestrian access Vehicular access Deep soil zone Significant tree to be retained

> Walls with balconies or windows to habitable rooms

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Hybrid (mixed) development



This example scheme of a mixed use development is an amalgamation of four lots and is located on a prominent street corner. It consists of a single level retail podium with full site coverage and residential apartments on the upper levels.

The sharp street corner is defined and both streets are addressed through the use of commercial frontages (windows and entries) and a continuous awning that turns the corner. Lift cores to residential floors above are located at the street edge. Single storey units are stacked vertically on the corner and accessed from an open gallery while crossover apartments to either side of the building maximise northern sunlight access.

Communal open space is provided on the podium with substantial planting on structure (roof garden). Large trees and adequate building separation further enhance residential amenity. Vehicle access to the basement car park and the retail loading dock are located off the secondary street to the north.

Integrating residential apartments with large format commercial uses requires detailed consideration to resolve potential conflicts between uses. The location of retail and residential entries, the arrangement of loading docks and basement car parking and the impact and mitigation of noise generated by the commercial component are some examples.

Context and subdivision

A prominent corner site that addresses two streets with different streetscape character; surrounding buildings are anticipated to redevelop into similar density and height; desired future character of the area includes active street frontages, continuous awnings, zero building alignments and street frontage heights of 17 to 24m

Key considerations

- relationship and activation of surrounding streets
- relationship and interface between residential and non-residential uses and mitigation of potential conflicts between them
- · emphasis on design of prominent corner component

Design qualities

- · clear street address with active frontages
- podium roof gardens add to residential amenity
- selection of robust facade materials
- integration of photo voltaics (PV) on roofs and awnings

Dimensions and data

Site dimensions: 80 x 45m (irregular)

Site area: 2,840m²

Building height: 5-7 storeys above ground

FSR: 2.8:1 residential and 0.8:1 retail

Building depth (residential): 10.2 - 17m

Setbacks: nil front setback, 2.4m front setback upper levels, nil side setback, 3m upper levels, nil rear setback, 9m upper levels

Deep soil zone: 0%, Planting on structure: 10%

Car parking: 210 spaces (basement) including parking for both residential and non-residential uses

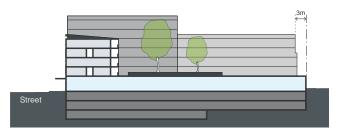
Retail GFA: 2,270m2 (ground floor)

Number of dwellings and mix: 64 apartments with a mix of 1, 2 and 3 bedrooms

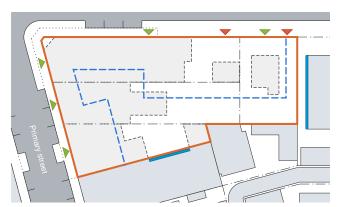








Proposed development - Section A

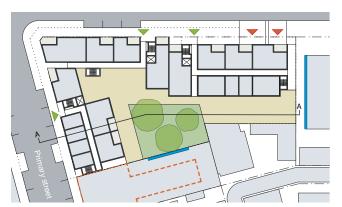


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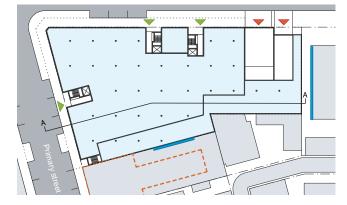
- Site boundary
- Proposed development footprint
- Pedestrian access
 - Vehicular access
- Deep soil zone
- Significant tree to be retained
- Walls with balconies or windows to habitable rooms



Proposed development - Street elevation



Proposed development - Typical upper level plan

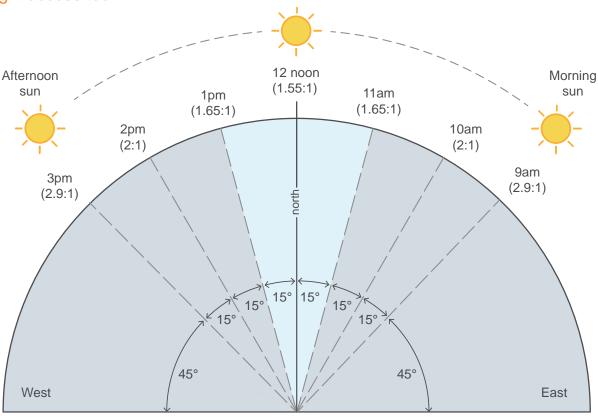


Proposed development - Ground level plan

Sunlight access analysis tool

To achieve 2 hours of direct sunlight in mid winter, a good test is to check whether the sun can 'see' the living room window and private open space between 11 am and 1 pm in plan view

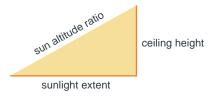
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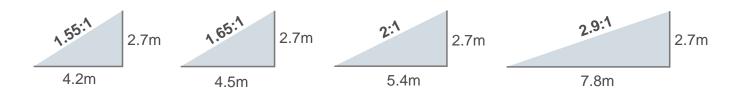


Based on Sydney coordinates 33° South 151.20° East +10 GMT for winter solstice at 21 June

Sun altitude ratios

The ratios below can be used to determine how far sunlight extends into apartments at a given time of day, according to the ratios indicated on the sunlight access tool above





Glossary

Acoustic privacy

a measure of sound insulation between apartments, between apartments and communal areas, and between external and internal spaces

Adaptable housing

housing that is designed and built to accommodate future changes to suit occupants with mobility impairment or life cycle needs

Adaptive reuse

the conversion of an existing building or structure from one use to another, or from one configuration to another

Amenity

the 'liveability', comfort or quality of a place which makes it pleasant and agreeable to be in for individuals and the community. Amenity is important in the public, communal and private domains and includes the enjoyment of sunlight, views, privacy and quiet. It also includes protection from pollution and odours

Aircraft noise

aircraft noise is identified as contours on the Australian Noise Exposure Forecast (ANEF) Map. The higher the ANEF contour value, the greater the exposure to aircraft noise

Articulation zone

an area in front of the building line that may contain porticos, balconies, bay windows, decks, patios, pergolas, terraces, verandahs, window box treatments, window bays, awnings and sun shading features

Attached dwelling

as defined in the Standard Instrument - Principal Local Environmental Plan

Bay window

window element which projects a short way past the face of the building. It can have windows on the return walls and sometimes incorporates a seat

BCA

Building Code of Australia

Building line

the predominant line formed by the main external face of the building. Balconies or bay window projections may or may not be included depending on desired streetscape

Building height

as defined in the Standard Instrument - Principal Local Environmental Plan

Building depth

is the overall cross section dimension of a building envelope. It includes the internal floor plate, external walls, balconies, external circulation and articulation such as recesses and steps in plan and section

Business zones

land identified on a Land Zoning Map within a local environmental plan as a B1 Neighbourhood Centre, B2 Local Centre, B3 Commercial Core, B4 Mixed Use, B5 Business Development, B6 Enterprise Corridor, B7 Business Park or B8 Metropolitan Centre zone

Note: residential apartment development may not be permissible or appropriate in all Business zones

Busy road or rail line

as defined in State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007 and Development Near Rail Corridors and Busy Roads - Interim Guideline

Cadastre

the current subdivisional pattern of a locality on the ground e.g. boundaries, roads, waterways, parcel identifiers and names

Clerestory

high level windows that can be part of a wall above a lower roof

Communal open space

outdoor space located within the site at ground level or on a structure that is within common ownership and for the recreational use of residents of the development. Communal open space may be accessible to residents only, or to the public

Core

vertical circulation (lift and/or stairs) within a building. A single core may include multiple lifts serving the same floor area

Corner apartment

cross ventilating apartments on one level with aspects at least 90 degrees apart. Corner apartments are commonly located on the outermost corners of buildings

Cornice

decorative horizontal moulding at the top of a building which 'crowns' or finishes the external facade

Courtvard

communal space at ground level or on a structure (podium or roof) that is open to the sky, formed by the building and enclosed on 3 or more sides

Cross-over apartment

cross ventilating apartment with two opposite aspects and with a change in level between one side of the building and the other

Cross-through apartment

cross ventilating apartment on one level with two opposite aspects

Datum point or datum line

a significant point or line in space established by the existing or desired context, often defined as an Australian Height Datum. For example, the top of significant trees or the cornice of a heritage building

Daylight

consists of both skylight (diffuse light from the sky) and sunlight (direct beam radiation from the sun). Daylight changes with the time of day, season and weather conditions

Deep soil zone

area of soil within a development that are unimpeded by buildings or structures above and below ground and have a minimum dimension of 6m. Deep soil zones exclude basement car parks, services, swimming pools, tennis courts and impervious surfaces including car parks, driveways and roof areas

Dense urban area

an area where the permitted floor space ratio for development under a local environmental plan is 2.5:1 or greater

Director-General's Design Excellence Guidelines

the Design Excellence Guidelines issued by the Director-General in October 2010

Dual aspect apartment

cross ventilating apartments which have at least two major external walls facing in different directions, including corner, cross-over and cross-through apartments

Dual key apartment

an apartment with a common internal corridor and lockable doors to sections within the apartment so that it is able to be separated into 2 independent units. Under the BCA, dual key apartments are regarded as two sole occupancy units. They are also considered as two units when calculating apartment mix

Effective Openable Area (EOA)

the minimum area of clear opening of a window that can take part in providing natural ventilation. The effective openable area of a sliding or hung sash window can be measured in elevation. Hinged windows such as casement, awning and hopper windows may measure the diagonal plane from the sash to the jamb and add the triangles at either end up to a total area of the window opening in the wall. Obstructions within 2m of a window reduce the effective openable area as measured in elevation. Fly screens and security screens will reduce the effective openable area by half

Facade

the external face of a building, generally the principal face, facing a public street or space

Floor Space Ratio

as defined in the Standard Instrument - Principal Local Environmental Plan

Gallery access

an external corridor, generally single loaded, which provides access to individual apartments along its length

Glass line

inside face of windows on the external walls of a building

Guide to Traffic Generating Developments

Guide to Traffic Generating Developments, published by Roads and Maritime Services (formerly RTA) and available on its' website

Green roof

a roof surface that supports the growth of vegetation, comprised of a waterproofing membrane, drainage layer, organic growing medium (soil) and vegetation. Green roofs can be classified as either extensive or intensive, depending on the depth of substrate used and the level of maintenance required. Intensive green roofs are generally greater than 300mm deep and are designed as accessible landscape spaces with pathways and other features. Extensive green roofs are generally less than 300mm deep and are generally not trafficable

Green wall

a wall with fixtures to facilitate climbing plants. It can also be a cladding structure with growing medium to facilitate plant growth

Habitable room

a room used for normal domestic activities, and includes a bedroom, living room, lounge room, music room, television room, kitchen, dining room, sewing room, study, playroom, family room and sunroom; but excludes a bathroom, laundry, water closet, pantry, walk-in wardrobe, corridor, hallway, lobby, photographic darkroom, clothes-drying room, and other spaces of a specialised nature occupied neither frequently nor for extended periods, as defined by the BCA

Juliet balcony

a small projecting balcony, generally ornamental or only large enough for one person standing

Livable Housing Design Guidelines

Livable Housing Design Guidelines, published by Livable Housing Australia and available on its' website

the main bedroom within an apartment, often the largest with an ensuite bathroom

Mid winter

is 21 June (winter solstice) when the sun is lowest in the sky

Mixed use development

as defined in the Standard Instrument - Principal Local Environmental Plan

Multi dwelling housing

as defined in the Standard Instrument - Principal Local Environmental Plan

Natural cross ventilation

natural ventilation which allows air to flow between positive pressure on the windward side of the building to the negative pressure on the leeward side of the building providing a greater degree of comfort and amenity for occupants. The connection between these windows must provide a clear, unobstructed air flow path. For an apartment to be considered cross ventilated, the majority of the primary living space and n-1 bedrooms (where n is the number of bedrooms) should be on a ventilation path

Non-habitable room

a space of a specialised nature not occupied frequently or for extended periods, including a bathroom, laundry, water closet, pantry, walk-in wardrobe, corridor, hallway, lobby, photographic darkroom or clothes-drying room, as defined by the BCA

On-grade

on ground level

Open plan

apartment layouts where spaces are not divided into discrete rooms, but are open and connected to allow flexibility of use (typically living, dining, kitchen and study areas)

Operable screening device

sliding, folding or retractable elements on a building designed to provide shade, privacy, and protection from natural elements

Operable walls

walls which can be moved, for example by sliding, folding, or pivoting, to allow for different room configurations or a balcony

Parapet

a horizontal low wall or barrier at the edge of a balcony or roof. Often taken to refer to the decorative element which establishes the street wall height of heritage buildings (see cornice)

Perimeter block

development where buildings generally define the street edge and enclose or partially enclose an area in the middle of the block

Plenum

a duct or chamber, usually with grilles, that air passes through. Plenums of small cross section tend to limit the passage of air and are not equivalent in performance to standard windows

Podium

the base of a building upon which taller (tower) elements are positioned

Potable water

water which conforms to Australian Standards for drinking quality

Primary private open space

the principal area of private open space, usually the largest consolidated area

Private open space

outdoor space located at ground level or on a structure that is within private ownership and provided for the recreational use of residents of the associated apartment

Primary windows

windows to habitable rooms located on the external wall of a buildings; primary windows may be supplemented by windows in courtyards, skylights, notches and along galleries

Principal usable part of communal open space

a consolidated part of the communal open space that is designed as the primary focus of recreational activity and social interaction

Public open space

public land for the purpose of open space and vested in or under the control of a public authority

Residential flat building

as defined in the Standard Instrument - Principal Local Environmental Plan

Shop top housing

as defined in the Standard Instrument - Principal Local Environmental Plan

Silhouette

a building outline viewed against the sky

Sloping site

a site with a slope of 15% or greater

Small lots

sites with an area of less than 650 square metres

Soffit

the undersurface of a balcony or other projecting building element

Solar access

is the ability of a building to continue to receive direct sunlight without obstruction from other buildings or impediments, not including trees

Stack effect ventilation / solar chimney

air convection resulting from hot air being pushed up and out by colder denser air which is drawn in at a lower level

Street setback

the space along the street frontage between the property boundary and the building. Refer to building line or setback as defined in the Standard Instrument - Principal Local Environmental Plan

Studio apartment

an apartment consisting of one habitable room that combines kitchen, living and sleeping space

Sunlight

direct beam radiation from the sun

Sydney Metropolitan Area

the 41 Local Government Areas of Ashfield, Auburn, Bankstown, Blacktown, Blue Mountains, Botany, Burwood, Canada Bay, Camden, Campbelltown, Canterbury, Fairfield, Hawkesbury, Holroyd, Hornsby, Hunters Hill, Hurstville, Kogarah, Ku–Ring–Gai, Lane Cove, Leichhardt, Liverpool, Manly, Marrickville, Mosman, North Sydney, Parramatta, Penrith, Pittwater, Randwick, Rockdale, Ryde, Strathfield, Sutherland, Sydney, The Hills, Warringah, Waverley, Willoughby, Wollondilly and Woollahra

Terrace

an outdoor area, usually paved and unroofed, that is connected to an apartment and accessible from at least one room. May be on-grade or on a structure (podium or roof)

Universal design

international design philosophy that enables people to carry on living in the same home by ensuring apartments are able to change with the needs of the occupant

Wintergarden

an enclosed balcony, typically glazed and can be used to minimise noise impacts along busy roads, railway lines and from aircraft noise

Ziggurat

having the form of a terraced structure with successive receding storeys

