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INTRODUCTION

The objectives and controls in this Part guide development of retail, business and mixed use buildings in meeting the aims and objectives within the KLEP (Local Centres) 2012.

Mixed use buildings, as defined in the KLEP (Local Centres) 2012, are located within the B2 Local Centres, B4 Mixed Use and B1 Neighbourhood Centres, and are composed of a mixture of two or more of the following uses:

- i) retail or commercial uses at ground and lower levels; and
- ii) residential apartments on upper levels; and/or
- iii) offices on upper levels.

Mixed use developments provide for a variety of uses and activities within a building. They encourage use of the locality, particularly at street level, outside the working day, adding vibrancy and life to the streets and increased levels of surveillance and safety. A mix of uses within the same building are best located when retail and business activity at ground level and lower levels to street frontages assist street activation, and residential uses requiring privacy and noise mitigation are located on upper levels.

Mixed Use developments are to consider the controls and objectives within Part 14 Urban Precincts and Sites. Where there is an inconsistency between the controls in this Part 8 and Part 14, then the latter prevails to the extent of the inconsistency.

Where a development in the B2 Local Centre, or B4 Mixed Use, or B1 Neighbourhood Centre zone is proposed to only incorporate commercial uses with no residential component, the proposal is to comply with and will be assessed under the controls for Non-Residential and Office Buildings in Part 9 of this DCP.

Where a proposed development only incorporates residential purposes, it is considered as a Residential Flat Building and is to comply with and will be assessed under Part 7 of this DCP.

If a proposed mixed use development provides residential dwellings to any party the ground floor street frontage, then it will be considered a Residential Flat Building and assessed under Part 7 of this DCP. To be considered as a Mixed Use building, the development has to provide commercial uses to the entire ground floor street frontage with associated active street frontage.

Single use developments are not to compromise the achievement of the projected land use and density envisaged by the KLEP (Local Centres) 2012 for the medium term.

Where a development only involves refurbishment works or alterations/additions to existing buildings, new elements are to meet the requirements of this Part.

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SEPP 65 Design Quality of Residential Apartment Development (Schedule 1) stipulates nine design quality principles which are to be achieved by the residential component of mixed-use buildings. These are as follows:

- i) Principle 1: Context and neighbourhood character
- ii) Principle 2: Built form and scale
- iii) Principle 3: Density
- iv) Principle 4: Sustainability
- v) Principle 5: Landscape
- vi) Principle 6: Amenity
- vii) Principle 7: Safety
- viii) Principle 8: Housing diversity and social interaction
- ix) Principle 9: Aesthetics

In addition, the following aspects of residential flat building development are to be consistent under *SEPP 65* and the associated *Apartment Design Guide*: visual privacy, solar and daylight access, natural ventilation, ceiling heights, apartment size and layout, private open space and balconies, common circulation and spaces, and storage.

The aims of this Part are to:

- i) Ensure that development is in keeping with the garden character and high quality built environment of Ku-ring-gai by making provision for quality landscaping, including tall trees to the streetscape.
- ii) Encourage development which harmonises with and contributes to the landscape and is sympathetic to the street and locality in which it is proposed.
- iii) Ensure that with each development the public domain aspect supports and contributes to the conservation and replenishment of the tree canopy of Ku-ring-gai, including locally occurring native tree species suited to the site.
- iv) Protect and minimise the impact of development on adjoining properties
- v) Protect and minimise the impact of development on the natural environment
- vi) Ensure development that minimises the depletion of raw materials and non-renewable resources
- vii) Ensure that development meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own need.
- viii) Encourage development of the highest possible architectural, environmental and amenity standards.

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8A.1 LOCAL CHARACTER AND STREETScape

Further controls that may apply:

SECTION A PART 2 – Site Analysis

SECTION C PART 21 – General Site Design

Objectives

- 1 *To ensure the development is sensitive to the landscape setting, environmental conditions and established character of the street and locality.*
- 2 *To ensure the development conserves and enhances the visual character of the street with particular reference to integration of:*
 - i) *architectural themes;*
 - ii) *building scale and setbacks; and*
 - iii) *landscape themes.*
- 3 *To ensure development provides a positive contribution to the public domain and all areas shared by the community.*
- 4 *To ensure that the visual, scenic and environmental qualities on visually prominent sites are maintained.*

Controls

- 1 All mixed use developments are to be designed by an architect registered with the NSW Architects Registration Board.

Visual Character

- 2 Design components of new development are to be based on the existing predominant and high quality characteristics of the local neighbourhood.
- 3 The appearance of the development is to maintain the local visual character by considering the following elements:
 - i) visibility of on-site development when viewed from the street, public reserves and adjacent properties; and
 - ii) relationship to the scale, layout and character of the streetscape of Ku-ring-gai.
- 4 The predominant and high quality characteristics of the local neighbourhood are to be identified and considered as part of the site analysis at Part 2 of the DCP.

Note: Local character and streetscape is created by many features including, but not limited to: kerbs, setbacks, footpath treatment, building separation and spaces between buildings, access arrangements, street tree planting, tall tree canopy backdrop to the horizon, native vegetation and gardens, topography, site and street geometry, as well the architecture.

Public Domain and Communal Space

- 5 Development is to integrate with surrounding sites by:
 - i) being of an appropriate scale retaining consistency with the surrounds when viewed from the street, public domain or adjoining development;
 - ii) minimising overshadowing; and
 - iii) integrating built form and soft landscaping (gardens and trees) within the tree canopy that links the public and private domain throughout Ku-ring-gai.

8A.1 LOCAL CHARACTER AND STREETSCAPE (continued)

Controls

Visually Prominent Sites

- 6 Development on visually prominent sites is to:
- i) be of high architectural and aesthetic quality;
 - ii) be integrated into the existing landscape through the site planning process and avoid tall and bulky structures;
 - iii) have a selection of external colours and finishes that are sensitive to the site and locality;
 - iv) retain significant landscape and vegetation elements;
 - v) consider views to the site as well as those from the site; and
 - vi) soften visual impact by extensive landscaping including larger trees and shrubs.
- Note:** Refer to Part 1B Dictionary for definition of Visually Prominent Sites.
- 7 Colours of materials used in sites adjoining or in close proximity to bushland areas and Heritage Conservation Areas are to be in harmony with the built and natural landscape elements of the area.

8A.2 SITE LAYOUT

Further controls that may apply

SECTION A
PART 2 - Site Analysis

SECTION B
**PART 20 - Development Near Rail
Corridors and Busy Roads**

SECTION C
PART 21 - General Site Design
**PART 23.8 - General Acoustic
Privacy**

Objectives

- 1 *To ensure fundamental design decisions are appropriate to the site.*
- 2 *To ensure detailed design decisions are founded on an appropriate site strategy determined through site analysis.*
- 3 *To ensure that site planning for mixed use buildings responds to site attributes such as streetscape, character, existing vegetation and topography.*
- 4 *To ensure high impact elements such as noise sources are considered early in the design stage*
- 5 *To achieve a high standard of amenity for future residents.*
- 6 *To minimise impacts on the amenity of neighbouring sites.*
- 7 *To reduce the appearance of building mass and scale.*
- 8 *To ensure driveways blend into a landscaped setting and are not a dominant feature of the development.*
- 9 *To ensure provision of a clear and legible address into the development.*
- 10 *To provide safe and continuous pathway from the street to the ground floor dwelling entry point*

Controls

- 1 The site layout is to demonstrate a clear and appropriate design strategy and arrangement of building mass in response to the Site Analysis in Part 2 Site Analysis of this DCP. Demonstration of design strategies based on Site Analysis is to include:
 - i) building location and orientation on the site optimising the northern aspect, and relating to neighbouring developments, geographical aspect, views, access etc;
 - ii) response of building development in maintaining site characteristics within the subject site, such as topography, vegetation, significant trees, any special features, etc.
 - iii) internal layouts of buildings that respond to (i) above and be consistent with the requirements of the DCP
 - iv) limited apartments with no direct sunlight.
 - 2 A drawing and supporting written information is to demonstrate how the building and its layout has applied and responded to the site analysis conducted in Part 2 of this DCP.
 - 3 For requirements on development near noise sources refer to Section B Part 21 Development Near Rail Corridors and Busy Roads in this DCP
 - 4 Any building with a frontage to the street is to address that street.
 - 5 Where a site has two or more frontages, the buildings are to address and provide entry points from all street frontages.
 - 6 Onsite buildings and fences/courtyard walls are to be staggered and provide landscaping, including canopy trees, in between them.
 - 7 Hard landscaping is to be minimised and to maximise opportunities for landscape planting.
 - 8 Long straight driveways are not permitted. Driveways are to be designed to be of minimal visual impact and minimal heat emission.
 - 9 Provide a single pedestrian entry point from the street. Other enteries may be permitted where several buildings address the street along an extended street or dual frontage sites.
- Note:** Councils Standard Conditions are imposed on every development consent. Consideration early in the design process is to be given to incorporating these into the development proposal. .

8A.2 SITE LAYOUT (continued)

Objectives

- 11 *To ensure building facades address the public domain and give direct access from both primary and secondary streets.*
- 12 *To ensure mixed use developments contribute to the streetscapes through high quality and varied elevations.*
- 13 *To ensure developments provide architectural merit and variation to the street elevation.*

Controls

8A.3 BUILDING SETBACKS

Further controls that may apply

SECTION A PART 2 - Site Analysis

SECTION B PART 14 - Urban Precincts and Sites

Objectives

- 1 *To reinforce the urban character of the commercial areas.*
- 2 *To ensure a consistent streetscape character along the main commercial streets.*
- 3 *To reduce the visual bulk of buildings from the street.*
- 4 *To maintain the alignment and rhythm of the built form on the street.*
- 5 *To ensure building setbacks at all levels respond to site conditions, the local topography and views through the site.*
- 6 *To ensure that new development is of a scale that supports the desired area character with appropriate massing and spaces between buildings.*

Controls

Street setbacks

- 1 In B1, B2 and B4 zones, mixed use buildings are required to be built to the street alignment with a zero setback, except when variations are stated in Part 14 Urban Precincts and Sites. These variations facilitate building articulation, modulation, the provision of landscaped setbacks and the development of appropriate building forms. Setbacks within B1 zones warrant merit consideration.
- 2 Mixed use buildings on sites in the R4 zone where commercial uses are permitted under Schedule 1 of the KLEP (Local Centres) 2012, are to provide street setbacks as specified in Part 14 Urban Precincts and Sites of this DCP.

Side and rear setbacks

- 3 In B1, B2 and B4 zones, mixed use buildings are generally not required to provide side and rear setbacks, except where variations are required as specified in Part 14 Urban Precincts and Sites of this DCP. These variations are designed to facilitate building articulation, modulation and the provision of new or widened streets and through-site pedestrian walkways.
- 4 Where building separation is provided for residential components, it is to meet building separation controls under Part 8A.4.
- 5 Mixed Use buildings on sites in the R4 zone where commercial uses are permitted under Schedule 1 of the KLEP (Local Centres) 2012, are to provide minimum 6.0m side and rear setbacks and meet the building separation requirements of Part 8A.4 of this DCP.



Figure 8A.3-1:
Consistent building alignment
at the street level in the
commercial area.

8A.4 BUILDING SEPARATION

Objectives

- 1 To ensure that the new development scaling, massing and spacing between buildings support the desired local area character and the Ku-ring-gai landscaped garden character.
- 2 To provide building form and layout that minimises overshadowing of adjacent properties and open space.
- 3 To provide building configuration that facilitates the provision of useable communal open space, private open space landscaping and view corridors.
- 4 To maximise view sharing.
- 5 To configure buildings to protect and enhance visual and acoustic privacy for occupants and adjacent residents.

Controls

- 1 The minimum separation between a residential component of the building and any neighbouring building on the development site is to comply with the following controls:

Buildings up to 4 storeys over the podium (see *Figure 8A.4-2*)

- i) 12m between habitable rooms/balconies;
- ii) 9m between habitable rooms/balconies and non-habitable rooms;
- iii) 6m between non-habitable rooms.

Buildings of 5 to 8 storeys over the podium (see *figure 8A.4-2*)

- iv) 18m between habitable rooms / balconies;
- v) 13.5m between habitable room / balcony and non habitable room;
- vi) 9m between non-habitable rooms.

Buildings 9 storeys or more over the podium

- vii) 24m between habitable rooms
- viii) 18m between habitable room / balcony and non habitable room;
- ix) 12m between non-habitable rooms.

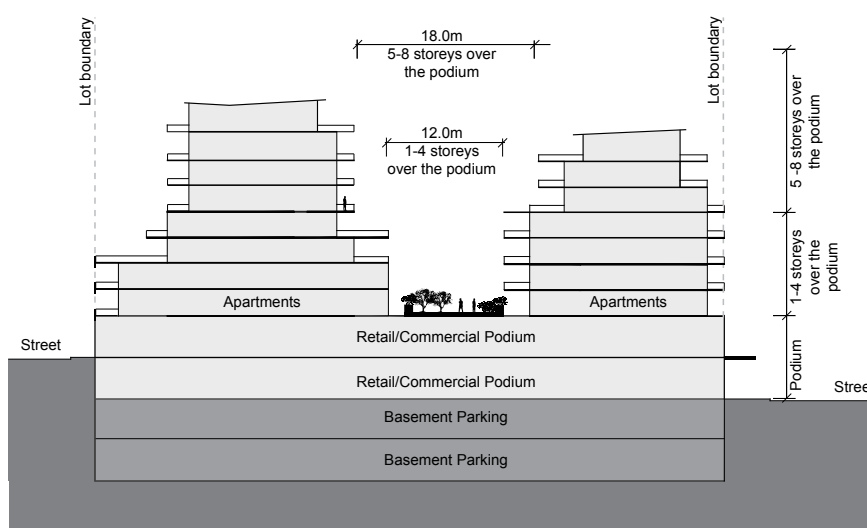


Figure 8A.4-3:1
Minimum building separation controls for residential buildings of 1-4 storeys and 5-8 storeys (over commercial podium).

8A.4 BUILDING SEPARATION (continued)

Controls

- 2 For all non-residential developments adjacent to residential developments:
 - i) the retail, office and commercial balconies are to be treated as habitable rooms and provide the same building separation required in 8A.4(1);
 - ii) the service and plant areas are to be treated as non-habitable rooms and provide the same building separation required in 8A.4(1);

Note: refer to section 8C.15 Acoustic Privacy.
- 3 Office developments adjacent to residential developments are to demonstrate that the adjoining residential development retains adequate visual and acoustic privacy, access to sunlight, outlooks and that the massing of the building is appropriate to the character of the locality.



Figure 8A.4-2:
Adequate separation between buildings to ensure visual and acoustic privacy.

8A.5 WIND IMPACT

Further controls that may apply

SECTION B
PART 8C.7 - Roof forms and Podiums
PART 8C.8 - Communal Open Space

Objectives

- 1 To ensure that new developments maintain comfortable and safe conditions at street level for pedestrians.
- 2 To ensure useability of open terraces and balconies within developments.

Controls

- 1 New buildings are to be located and designed to ensure public pedestrian areas, recreation facilities, podiums, terraces and communal open areas are protected from wind generation and strong wind speed caused by the development.
- 2 Developments are to integrate wind deflection features to preserve the useability and amenity of open spaces within and around the development.

Methods of achieving wind impact mitigation include (see Figure 8A.3-1):

- i) Use of building facade design and setbacks to deflect downwards drafts;
- ii) Awning and colonnade design to deflect winds away from footpaths, podiums, terraces and communal open spaces;
- iii) Use of vegetation and tree canopy as buffer to the street level from winds.

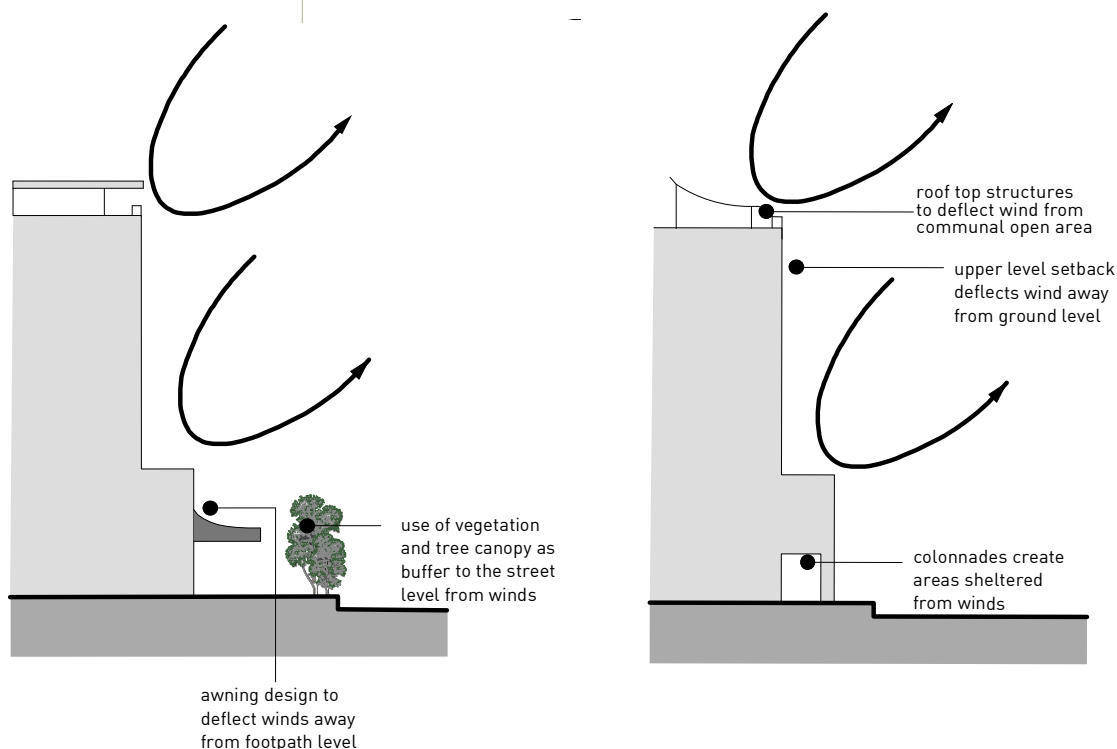


Figure 8A.5-1:
Examples of wind mitigation measures.

8A.6 SITE COVERAGE

Further controls that may apply		
SECTION A PART 1B - Dictionary	SECTION B PART 14 - Urban Precinct and Sites	

Objectives

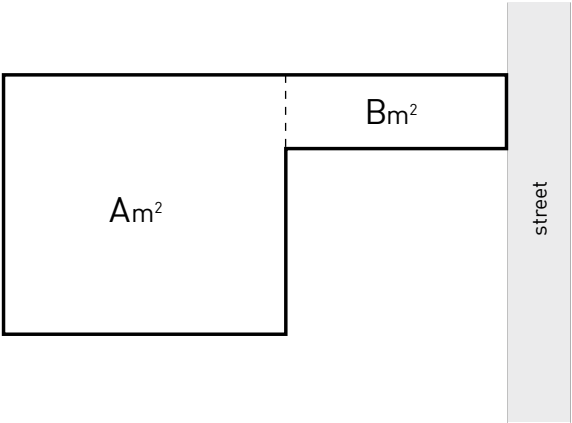
- 1 To ensure a pattern of built form and landscaped areas that is consistent with the planned future character of the area.
- 2 To protect and improve the tree canopy within Ku-ring-gai.
- 3 To provide viable deep soil landscaping within developments and between residential developments on neighbouring sites.
- 4 To minimise impervious surfaces that generate storm water runoff.
- 5 To provide adequate spaces between buildings for common areas that support quality gardens around the building.

Controls

The following controls are applicable only to mixed use buildings in R4 High Density Residential zones:

- 1 The site coverage is to be up to a maximum of 30% of the site area, provided that the deep soil landscaping requirements in Part 8A.7 can be met.
Note: Site coverage is **not** the inverse of deep soil landscaping. Refer to Section A Part 1B Dictionary for clarification of site coverage.
Note: Certain sites in B2 and B4 zones have reduced maximum site coverage. Refer to Section B Part 14 Urban Precincts and Sites.
- 2 Where a site incorporates an access handle/s, the site coverage is not to exceed 30% of the total site area less 30% of the access handle/s (refer to Figure 8A.6-1).

Note: The definition of 'site coverage' uses a calculation of the 'site area'. 'Site area in KLEP (Local Centres) 2012 states in part:
'...does not include the area of any land on which development is not permitted to be carried out under this Plan.'



Maximum site coverage = [(A+B) x 30%]m² - (B x 30%)m²
Note: This is equivalent to [A x 30%]m²

Figure 8A.6-1:
Site coverage controls for Residential Flat Buildings

8A.7 DEEP SOIL LANDSCAPING

Further controls that may apply		
SECTION A PART 1B.1 - Dictionary	SECTION B PART 14 - Urban Precinct and Sites	SECTION C PART 21.2 - Landscape Design

Objectives

- To ensure landscape areas contribute to the garden character and canopy of the Ku-ring-gai locality.*
- To provide consolidated deep soil zones of adequate dimensions in all residential development sites through quality planning and building design.*
- To provide landscaped areas that are appropriate to the scale and context of the development.*
- To retain areas that provide habitat for native indigenous plants and animals and contributes to biodiversity in the area.*
- To create high quality landscaped areas through retention and/or planting of large and medium sized trees particularly at the street frontage.*
- To ensure that deep soil landscaping is within common areas.*
- To ensure spaces between buildings provide deep soil landscaping that can sustain large trees that contribute to Ku-ring-gai's garden character.*
- To ensure that deep soil is provided to allow infiltration of rain water to the water table and to reduce stormwater runoff.*

Controls

Design

- This section applies to all development that:
 - does not provide commercial uses to the entire ground floor street frontage with associated active street frontages;
 - provides any residential dwelling on the ground floor street frontage;
 - is a mixed use building within the R4 High Density Residential zone.
- The development is to have minimum deep soil landscaping area as follows:

Site Area	Minimum Deep Soil Landscaping
Less than 1800 m ²	40% of the site
1800 m ² or more	50% of the site

- Note:** For the purpose of this section, the site excludes any access handle.
- Note:** Certain sites in the B2 and B4 zones have a reduced maximum deep soil landscaping area. Refer to Section B Part 14 Urban Precinct and Sites.
- Deep soil zones are to have a minimum dimension of 6m and be configured to retain healthy and significant trees on the site and adjoining sites.
 - Deep soil zones are to be configured to allow for required tree planting including tall canopy tree planting and garden and screen planting at front side and rear boundaries.
 - Deep soil landscaping is to be provided in the common areas as a buffer between buildings that softens the bulk and scale of the buildings.
 - Driveways are not to dominate the street setback area. Deep soil landscaping areas in the street setback are to be maximised.
 - Where the site has an access handle, deep soil calculation are to exclude that access handle.

Tree Replenishment and Planting

- Lots with the following sizes are to support a minimum number of tall trees capable of attaining a mature height of at least 18m on shale, transitional soils and 15m on sandstone derived soils

8A.7 DEEP SOIL LANDSCAPING (continued)

Controls

Lot Size	Number of Tall Trees
1,200m ² or less	1 per 400m ² of site area or part thereof
1,201m ² - 1,800m ²	1 per 350m ² of site area or part thereof
1,801m ² +	1 per 300m ² of site area or part thereof

- 9 In addition to the tall trees, a range of medium trees, small trees and shrubs are to be selected to ensure that vegetation softens the building form and creates a garden setting. At least 50% of all tree plantings are to be locally occurring trees and spread around the site.

Note: Refer to Section A Part 1B Dictionary for definition of common area.

- 10 Trees are to be planted within all setback areas. At least 30% of tall trees are to be planted within the front setback.

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Access and Parking
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Vehicle and Service Access and Loading Facilities
- 8B.2

Car Parking Provision
- 8B.3

Bicycle Parking and Support Facilities Provision

READ WITH
SECTION C PART 22 - General Access and Parking 22.2: GeneralVehicleAccess 22.3: Basement Parking 22.4: Visitor Parking 22.5: Parking For People With A Disability 22.6: Pedestrian Movements within Car Parks 22.7: Bicycle Parking and Facilities 22R.1: Car Parking Rates PART 23 - General Building Design and Sustainability 23.7: Waste Management

REFER TO
LIVABLE HOUSING DESIGN GUIDELINES

REFER TO
SEPP 65 APARTMENT DESIGN GUIDE



8B.1 VEHICLE AND SERVICE ACCESS AND LOADING FACILITIES

Further controls that may apply		
	SECTION B PART 14 - Urban Precincts and Sites	SECTION C PART 22.2 - General Vehicle Access PART 23.7 - Waste Management

Objectives

- 1 To ensure that vehicle access points are suitably designed and located.
- 2 To ensure clear demarcation of parking areas for different uses within mixed use buildings.
- 3 To provide adequate and accessible on-site service areas and loading facilities.
- 4 To provide service areas and loading docks in a quantity and size appropriate to the scale and intensity of the proposed use.
- 5 To ensure that loading facilities do not detract from the amenity of nearby public spaces and residential areas.
- 6 To locate and design car parking which is integrated with the site and building design and which does not increase the bulk and scale of the building.
- 7 To provide a suitable level of safety and accessibility.
- 8 To provide suitable clearance for service vehicles.

Controls

Vehicle access

- 1 Vehicle access points are not to be located along principal active street frontages unless otherwise specified in *Part 14 of this DCP*.
- 2 All developments are to provide a shared vehicle entry/exit point for different uses (eg. retail, commercial and residential).
Note: Any proposal seeking to provide separate vehicle entry / exit points on large developments must justify this variation by demonstrating the combined effect does not dominate the building facade or streetscape.
- 3 Where retail, commercial and residential uses share the same vehicle entry/exit, clear demarcation of parking areas is to be made. Residential parking is to be secure and separate from retail/ commercial parking. See *Figure 8B.1-1*.
Note: Refer to Section C Part 22.2 of this DCP for vehicle access design controls.
- 4 Basement car park areas are to be consolidated under building footprints.
- 5 The use of single lane tunnels and single spiral ramps are not permitted in developments of more than 4 apartments, and can only link a maximum of 2 floor levels.

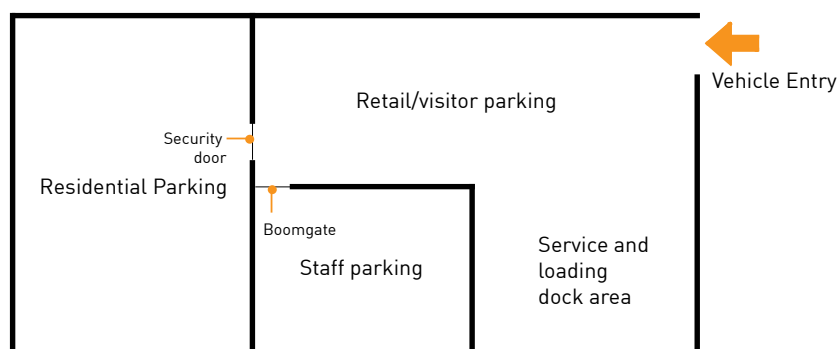


Figure 8B.1-1:
Separate parking zones for different uses.

8B.1 VEHICLE AND SERVICE ACCESS AND LOADING FACILITIES (continued)

Controls

Service access

- 6 On-site service vehicle access is to be provided and designed in accordance with the following:
 - i) a driveway is to be established that is of adequate strength, width and design for the intended service vehicle characteristics;
 - ii) the driveway is to be designed such that service vehicle movement is in a forward direction, both when entering and exiting the site;
 - iii) entrance heights are to allow access for service vehicles;
 - iv) service ducts, pipes and other overhead obstructions are to be located to maintain minimum finished ceiling heights required for service vehicle access; and
 - v) on-site manoeuvrability is to be unimpeded for all site users.
- 7 Generally service vehicle access is to be combined with parking access. Separate access may be required in major non-residential retail/commercial developments.

Note: Refer to Part 14 of this DCP for relevant controls within each urban precinct.
- 8 Where a waste and recycling room is provided within the basement, the minimum finished ceiling height may be required to be 4.5m along the path of travel from the street to the commercial waste collection and manoeuvring area, and 2.6m to the residential waste collection room and manoeuvring area. This clearance is to be kept free of any overhead ducts, services or other obstructions.

Note: Refer to *Part 3.4 of this DCP* for waste requirements.

Loading facilities

- 9 On-site internal loading facilities are to be provided for all developments with loading and unloading requirements.
- 10 Loading docks are to be:
 - i) accessed via a rear lane or secondary streets where these are available, and accessible to heavy vehicles;
 - ii) conveniently located in such a way that minimises conflict with pedestrians and other traffic; and
 - iii) screened from the public street.

Note: Refer to RMS guidelines.
- 11 Service vehicles turning into or out of a road or driveway are to be able to complete their turning manoeuvres without crossing the centre line of the public road.
- 12 Gradients in service areas are to be kept to a minimum. The maximum gradient measured in any direction at any one point, is to be 1:6.5 (15.4%) where only forward movement is to take place or 1:8 (12.5%) where reverse manoeuvres will occur.

8B.1 VEHICLE AND SERVICE ACCESS AND LOADING FACILITIES (continued)

Controls

- 13 Circulation roadways and loading area dimensions are to comply with the provisions in *AS2890.2: Off-Street Parking (Part 2:Commercial Vehicle Facilities)*.
- 14 The design of the apron area in front of the loading dock(s) is to take into account the type of vehicle to be used. Reference must be made to *AS2890.2* for apron dimensions.
- 15 Turning provisions are to be made within the site for the manoeuvring of vehicles using the loading and unloading facilities in accordance with *AS2890.2* Turning Templates.

8B.2 CAR PARKING PROVISION

Further controls that may apply		
		SECTION C PART 22 - General Access and Parking PART 22.3 - Basement Parking PART 22.4 - Visitor Parking PART 22.5 - Parking For People with a Disability PART 22.6 - Pedestrian Movement within Car Parks PART 22R.1 - Car Parking Rates

Objectives

- 1 To ensure the provision of unobstructed and accessible principal active street frontages.
- 2 To provide safe and convenient vertical circulation for building users.
- 3 To provide for future connections between adjacent basement car parks where required.
- 4 To ensure that streetscapes are active and attractive, and that above ground parking does not compromise the public domain.
- 5 To ensure that above ground car parking can be adapted for future use.
- 6 To provide adequate car parking for the building's users and visitors.
- 7 To ensure the location and design of car parking is integrated with the site and building design.
- 8 To encourage walking and public transport use.
- 9 To enable future connections between adjacent basement car parks.

Controls**Car parking design**

- 1 All car parking areas are to be provided within the basement of a development.
- 2 The basement car park areas are not to project above finished ground level along the principal active street frontage. On supporting active street frontages the car park may project above existing ground level by a maximum of 1m to the floor level of the storey immediately above.
- 3 Separate and direct lift/stair access is to be provided from basement car parks to apartments, to commercial units and to retail facilities. Where this is not possible, it is to be demonstrated that there is no conflict or danger in the use of shared lifts/stairs.
- 4 Car parking design is to be in accordance with requirements for Silver and Platinum Level dwellings as required in this DCP and by the *Livable Housing Guidelines, 2012*.
- 5 Car parking spaces are to comply with the *Livable Housing Guidelines 2012*. Circulation areas, roadways and ramps are to comply with AS2890.1. Where a conflict occurs, the *Livable Housing Guidelines 2012* is to take precedence.

Note: Refer to *Livable Housing Guidelines, 2012* at <http://www.livablehousingaustralia.org.au/>
- 6 For the non-residential component of the development, car parking spaces, circulation aisles, roadways and ramps are to comply with *AS2890.1 - Parking Facilities - Off street car parking*.

8B.2 CAR PARKING PROVISION (continued)

Controls

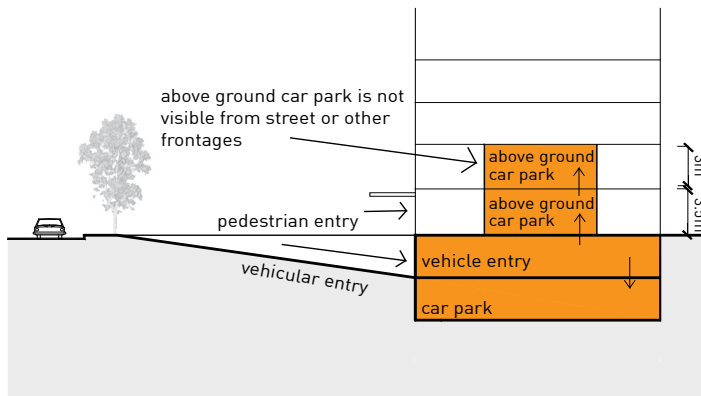


Figure 8B.2-1:
Multi-storey above ground car park is housed within the building to facilitate active street frontages.

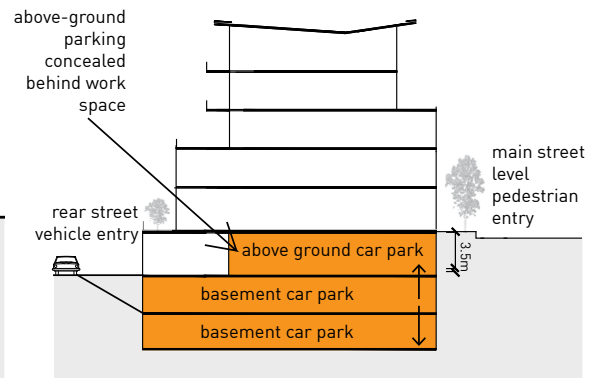


Figure 8B.2-2:
Above ground car parking is permitted on steep sites where it is screened from view.



Figure 8B.2-3:
Projection of basement car parking along the principal active street frontage is prohibited.

- 7 Knock-out panels are to be provided in perimeter walls of the basement car park where adjacent sites are narrow or isolated.
- 8 Car park design is to include the following:
 - i) the car park layout is to be adaptable to provide logical circulation within the car park, and between adjacent car parks, once connectivity is achieved.
 - ii) the connection between car parks is to remain open permanently and not closed by shutters/gates.
 - iii) the connection between car parks it to be made for the same user group, preferably connecting adjacent customer/public parking levels.
- 9 Above-ground car parking may be permitted where it is housed entirely within the building, leaving external walls for active uses (see *Figure 8B.2-1 and 8B.2-2*).
- 10 Above ground car parks are to have a minimum floor to ceiling height of 3.0m-3.5m to enable flexibility for a future change in use. Refer to *Figure 8B.2-2*.

Car parking rates

- 11 The following car parking ranges apply to office, business premises and shops, where the development is within 400m walking distance of a train station entry and within a commercial centre:

Premises	Parking Space Requirement
Office and business premises	1 space per 33m ² GFA to 1 space per 45m ² GFA Suggested split: 90% employee 10% visitors
Shops, including restaurants and cafes	1 space per 26m ² GFA to 1 space per 33m ² GFA

8B.2 CAR PARKING PROVISION (continued)

Controls

- 12 For all other locations or uses, car parking is to be provided for retail and commercial uses as well as any recreational/tourist uses and health/community uses in accordance with the parking rates in *Part 22R of this DCP*.

Note: Any spaces provided which exceed the requirements will be included in the calculation of gross floor area under the KLEP (Local Centres) 2012.

Note: A Traffic Impact Assessment is to accompany development applications that seek to vary the parking rates. This includes commercial or strata funded car share schemes in lieu of parking spaces.

- 13 For retail/commercial parking, specific areas of the total parking quantum are to be set aside for employee/long term parking. As a guide, 20% of retail parking and 90% of commercial parking could be set aside as employee/long term parking.
- 14 Visitor parking for each separate use is to be provided within the main parking area allocated for that use.
- 15 The following car parking requirements only apply to the residential component within 400m walking distance of a train station entry within mixed use developments:

Apartment Size	Minimum number of parking spaces per dwelling	Maximum number of parking spaces per dwelling
Studio	0 spaces	0.5 spaces
One bedroom	0.6 spaces	1 space
Two bedrooms	0.9 spaces	1.25 spaces
Three or more bedrooms	1 space	2 spaces

- 16 Residential visitor parking is to be provided within the site at the rate of one space per 6 apartments or part thereof.
- 17 At least one visitor parking space is to comply with the dimensional and locational requirements of AS2890.6.
- 18 One visitor parking bay is to be provided with a tap, to make provision for on-site car washing.
- 19 At least one car share space is to be provided.

Note: any proposed reduction in car parking on the basis of providing car share space/s is to be justified by the proponent through supporting studies.

8B.3 BICYCLE PARKING AND SUPPORT FACILITIES PROVISION

Further controls that may apply		
		SECTION C PART 22.7 - Bicycle Parking and Facilities

Objectives

- 1 *To provide sufficient and accessible bicycle parking.*
- 2 *To encourage the use of bicycles.*

Controls

- 1 Secure bicycle parking spaces and storage are to be provided on site at the following rates for retail and commercial uses:
 - i) 1 bicycle locker per 600m² of GFA for staff; and
 - ii) 1 bicycle parking space (in the form of a bicycle rail) per 2500m² GFA for visitors.
- 2 Secure bicycle parking spaces and storage are to be provided on site at the following rates for residential component:
 - i) 1 bicycle parking space per 5 units or part thereof for residents within the residential car park area; and
 - ii) 1 bicycle parking space per 10 units (in the form of a bicycle rail) for visitors in the visitor car park area.
- 3 Retail or commercial development is to provide employees with 1 shower cubicle with ancillary change rooms per 10 bicycle spaces, including a minimum of 1 shower each for both females and males. Signs to showers are to be provided at bicycle parking locations.
- 4 All on-site bicycle parking spaces and storage are to be designed to AS2890.3.

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 PART 4F - Common Circulation and Spaces
 PART 4G - Storage

REFER TO

LIVABLE HOUSING DESIGN GUIDELINES

8C.1 SOLAR ACCESS AND DAYLIGHT

Objectives

- 1 To ensure a high level of internal amenity and comfort for all occupants:
- 2 To ensure building occupants have access to daylight within the building.
- 3 To minimise the negative impact of overshadowing on living areas and private and communal open space areas of residential neighbouring development.
- 4 To minimise the impact of development on existing solar collection devices.
- 5 To ensure that development controlled by SEPP 65 Apartment Design Guide is deferred to in these standards.



Figure 8C.1-1:
Internal atrium space provided to promote daylight access.

Controls

Non-residential component

- 1 Buildings are to be oriented to optimise the northern aspect.
- 2 All office workspaces are to be within 10m and in direct line of sight of a perimeter window.
- 3 Notches, slots or indentations in the perimeter of the building are to be at least as wide as they are deep to allow daylight that enables functional use of interior areas.
- 4 Overshadowing is not to compromise the development potential of adjoining yet to be developed sites.
- 5 Developments are to allow the retention of a minimum four hours direct sunlight between 9am and 3pm on 21st June to all existing solar collectors and solar hot water services on neighbouring buildings.
- 6 Three hours of direct sunlight between 9am and 3pm on 21st June is to be maintained to the living rooms, primary private open spaces and any communal open spaces within residential developments on adjoining sites.



Figure 8C1-2:
Retractable shading devices to the windows for solar access control.



Figure 8C.1-3:
Photovoltaic cells integrated into the awning design.

Residential component

- 7 Developments are to be designed to optimise solar and daylight access into apartments and private open spaces within the mixed use development as stipulated in SEPP 65, Apartment Design Guide Part 4A - Solar and Daylight Access.

8C.1 SOLAR ACCESS AND DAYLIGHT (continued)

Controls

Sun shading

- 8 All shading devices are to be integrated with building facade design (*see Figure. 8C.1-2*).
- 9 Consideration is to be given to the integration of solar shading with solar energy collection technology (*see Figure 8C.1-3*).
- 10 All developments are to utilise shading and glare control. Design solutions include:
 - i) providing external horizontal shading to north-facing windows, such as eaves, overhangs, pergolas, awnings, colonnades, upper floor balconies, and/or deciduous vegetation;
 - ii) providing vertical shading to east and west windows, such as sliding screens, adjustable louvres, blinds and/or shutters;
 - iii) providing shading to glazed and transparent roofs;-

8C.2 NATURAL VENTILATION

Further controls that may apply

SECTION A
PART 8 - Mixed Use
Development
PART 8C.3: Room Sizes

Objectives

- 1 To ensure a high level of internal amenity for all building occupants.
- 2 To ensure direct access to fresh air for building occupants.
- 3 To provide workspaces with opportunities for natural ventilation.
- 4 To minimise odour from commercial sources.
- 5 To ensure that development controlled by SEPP65 Apartment Design Guide is deferred to in these standards.

Controls

Non-residential component

- 1 At least 25% of window area to each external wall surface within office workspaces are to have operable windows or doors.
- 2 Where possible, provide dual aspect floorspace to office workspaces to aid natural cross ventilation.
- 3 The use of open plan office floor areas is encouraged to minimise interruptions in airflow by partitions and furniture.
- 4 The use of courtyard/atrium/thermal chimneys is encouraged to allow warm air to be drawn up and escape through roof ventilation.
- 5 Ground floor spaces are to be adaptable with provision for internalised exhaust stacks to the highest point of the building.
- 6 Where commercial facilities are unable to provide natural ventilation, a mechanical system is to be incorporated to ensure air change and flow within internal areas.
- 7 Notches, slots or indentions cannot be relied upon to achieve natural cross ventilation unless they meet the minimum building separation requirements. Notches, slots or indentations in the perimeter of the building are to be at least as wide as they are deep to allow daylight and ventilation.

Residential component

- 8 Buildings are to be designed to optimise natural ventilation within apartments, as stipulated in SEPP 65 Apartment Design Guide 4B - Natural Ventilation.

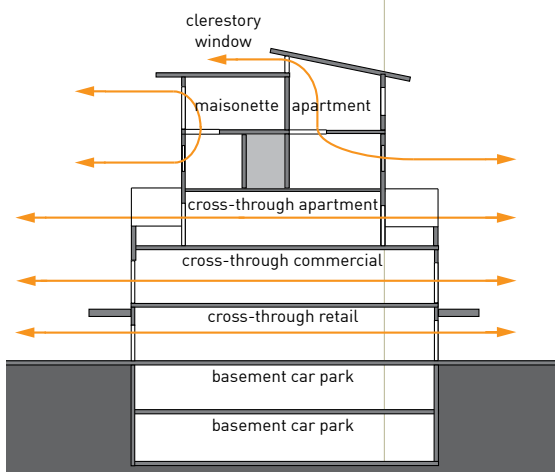


Figure 8C.2-1:
Natural ventilation
improves the quality of
air within living space
and work environment.

8C.3 ROOM SIZES

Objectives

- 1 To provide workspaces that are naturally ventilated and maximise access to natural light.
- 2 To ensure adequate floor areas for non-residential use that enable flexibility of use.

Controls

Non-residential component

- 1 For the non-residential component within a mixed use development the following controls apply:
 - i) office floors are to be a maximum of 10m from glass line to an internal face of wall. Refer to *Figure 8C.3-1*.
 - ii) all non-residential uses are to have a minimum internal dimension of 8m within any tenancy unit.
- 2 Circulation, services and storage areas are to be located at the centre of the building to maximise opportunities for external openings for daylight access and views.
- 3 Where atriums and courtyards are utilised, they are to have a height to width ratio of no narrower than 3:1, with a minimum dimension of 6.0m.

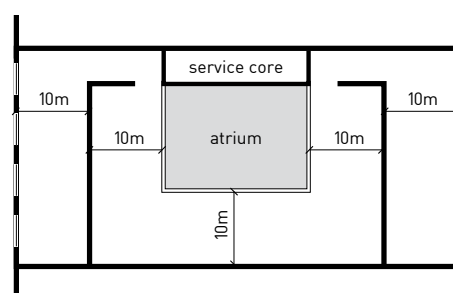
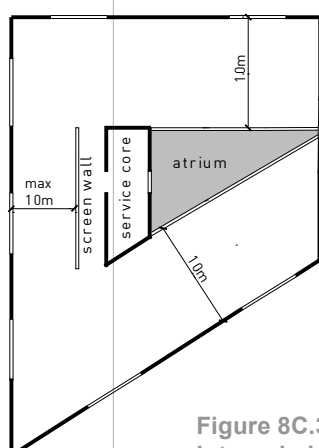
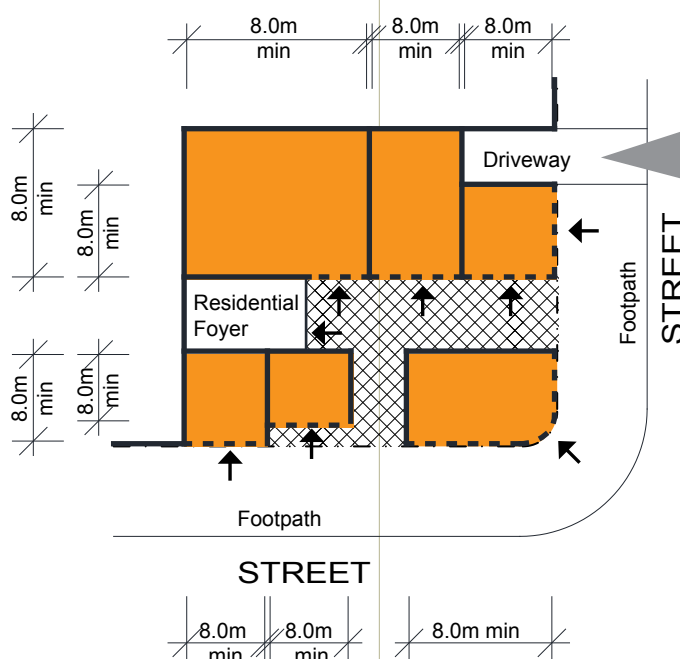


Figure 8C.3-1:
Internal plan depth controls for offices.



Legend

- Non-Residential Tenancy Units (minimum 8.0m internal dimension within each tenancy unit)
- Pedestrian Access
- Vehicular Access

Figure 8C.3-2:
Non-residential tenancy units with minimum 8m dimension to all tenancies.

8C.3 ROOM SIZES (continued)

Controls

Residential component

3 *To ensure that development controlled by SEPP 65 Apartment Design Guide is deferred to in these standards.*

- 4 Apartments are to have minimum internal areas and layouts as stipulated in *SEPP 65 Apartment Design Guide 4D - Apartment Size and Layout*.
- 5 Apartments are to include private open space in the form of courtyards, balconies, terraces as stipulated by *SEPP 65 Apartment Design Guide Part 4E - Private Open Space*.
- 6 Apartments are to provide storage space as stipulated in *SEPP 65 Apartment Design Guide Part 4G - Storage*.

8C.4 APARTMENT MIX AND ACCESSIBILITY

Further controls that may apply

SECTION A
PART 1B.1 - Dictionary

SECTION C
PART 22.1 - Equitable access

Objectives

- 1 *To increase housing diversity and choice within Ku-ring-gai through provision of a range of apartment sizes and types.*
- 2 *To increase the housing choice for seniors, people with disabilities and for families.*
- 3 *To promote flexible housing for all community members and for changing household requirements now and in the future as needs change due to ageing and disability.*

Controls

- 1 A range of apartment sizes (one, two and three bedroom) and a mix of types are to be included within the development.

Accessible Housing

- 2 All residential flat buildings and apartments are to be designed to Silver Level under the *Livable Housing Design Guidelines*.
- 3 At least 15% or part thereof, of all residential flat buildings are to be designed to Platinum Level under the *Livable Housing Design Guidelines*.
Note: For details on Liveable Housing Design Guidelines refer to www.livablehousingaustralia.org.au.
- 4 At least 70% of all dwellings are to be visitable.



Figure 8C.5-1:
A variety of apartment types, sizes and layouts within the same development.

8C.5 BUILDING ENTRIES

Further controls that may apply

SECTION C PART 14 - Urban Precincts and Sites

SECTION C PART 22.1 - Equitable Access

Objectives

- 1 To ensure the building entry and address is a clear and identifiable element in the street and is safely accessible to all.
- 2 To ensure the building entry contributes positively to the streetscape and building facade design.
- 3 To provide entries that relate to the street and pedestrian movement and promote pedestrian activity along building frontages.
- 4 To provide legible, safe and pleasant circulation spaces at the buildings street interface.
- 5 To ensure changes in levels between the street and the development are integrated and maintain physical and visual activation and accessibility.
- 6 To provide separate, secure and identifiable entry paths for residential occupants of the building.

Controls

- 1 Access to and within both commercial and residential developments are to be in accordance with the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*.
- 2 Buildings are to address the street by providing:
 - i) level and direct main entrances to lift/building directly accessible and visible from the street; or
 - ii) with the path to the building entry readily visible from the street where site configuration is conducive to having a side entry.
- 3 Buildings with street frontages over 18m long must have multiple entries to activate the street frontages.
- 4 Building entries from principal active street frontages are to provide a flush transition with adjoining frontages.
- 5 Street footpath levels are not to be changed. All level adjustments are to occur on private land behind the shopfront glazing/entry doorway. Ramping, escalators, stairs and such like within arcades, malls and shopping centres are to be positioned so that the access and interface from the street is maximised, and street activation is to be preserved. .



Figure 8C.5-1:
Separate entries to commercial and residential premises in a mixed use development. Use of clear glazing enables passive surveillance.



Figure 8C.5-2:
Well defined residential entry that is easily distinguished from the shopfronts.

8C.5 BUILDING ENTRIES (continued)

Controls

- 6 The building entry is to be legible and integrated with horizontal and vertical building facade architectural elements. At street level, the entry is to be articulated with awnings, porticos, recesses or projecting bays for clear identification.
- 7 Entries to upper level uses must not dominate ground floor shopfronts. These entries must not occupy more than 20% of the principal active street frontage.
- 8 Entries and lobbies to apartments are to be separated from commercial entries and are to be clearly demarcated and provide direct access from the street.
- 9 All entry areas must be well lit and designed to avoid any potential concealment or entrapment areas.
- 10 Fire egress must not face the principal active street frontage. If this is unavoidable, the fire egress must be integrated into the lobby entrance or shopfront design.
- 11 Lockable mail boxes are to be:
 - i) provided close to the street; and
 - ii) be at 90 degrees to the street and to Australia Post standards; and
 - iii) integrated with building entries.
- 12 Entries are to have street numbering that is clearly visible from the street.
- 13 Buildings with dual street frontage are to provide a building entry to both street frontages that meets the requirements of Part 14 Urban Precincts and Sites of this DCP.

8C.6 INTERNAL COMMON CIRCULATION AREAS

SEPP 65 APARTMENT DESIGN GUIDE

PART 4F - Common Circulation and Spaces

Objectives

- 1 To provide accessible, safe and pleasant circulation spaces for all building occupants and users.
- 2 To minimise ongoing maintenance costs by providing natural ventilation, natural light, efficient lighting and appropriate materials to circulation areas.
- 3 To ensure that development controlled by SEPP 65 Apartment Design Guide is deferred to in these standards.



Figure 8C.6-1:
Generous ceiling height to lift lobby to promote daylight access.

Controls

Non-Residential Component

- 1 The design of internal common circulation must provide adequate pedestrian mobility and access space and comply with the provisions in AS1428.1 and AS1428.2 - *Design for Access and Mobility*.
- 2 All common circulation areas including foyers, lift lobbies and stairways must have:
 - i) appropriate levels of lighting with a preference for natural light where possible;
 - ii) short corridor lengths that give clear sight lines;

Note: Fire doors within corridors are not considered to shorten corridors.

 - iii) clear signage showing the location of commercial facilities, apartments, common areas as well as general direction finding;
 - iv) natural ventilation;
 - v) low maintenance and robust materials.
- 3 Where artificial lighting is required energy efficient lights are to be used in conjunction with timers or daylight controls.
- 4 Building design is to avoid blind corners or dark alcoves near lifts and stairwells, at entrances, along corridors and walkways and within car parks and provide opportunities for passive surveillance of circulation spaces.
- 5 Separate access points (via lift or stairs) must be provided for each different use. Both commercial and residential must have its own entry.
- 6 Seating areas are to be provided within the foyer/atrium of commercial components and are encouraged in common circulation areas near workspaces.

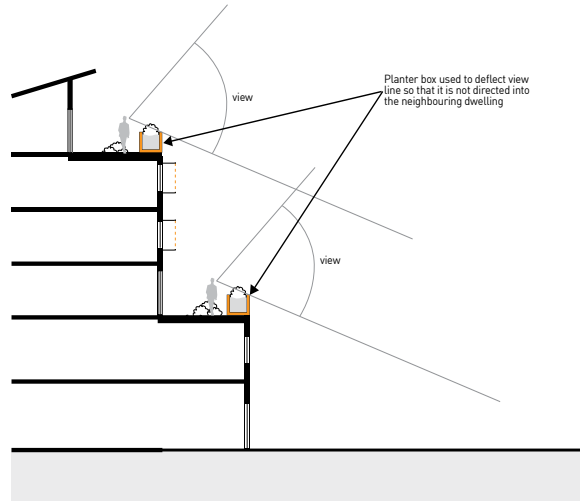
Residential Components

- 7 Common circulation spaces are to comply with the requirements stipulated by *SEPP 65 Apartment Design Guide Part 4F - Common Circulation and Spaces*.



Figure 8C.6-2:
Generous open common circulation space for commercial uses on upper floor levels.

8C.7 ROOF FORMS AND PODIUMS

Further controls that may apply		
SECTION A PART 8A.5 - Wind Impact		SECTION C PART 23.5 - Roof terraces and podiums
Objectives <i>To provide well designed and articulated upper floor forms.</i> <i>To prevent any increased overshadowing of adjoining properties.</i> <i>To contribute to the overall design and environmental performance of buildings.</i> <i>To encourage the use of podiums for open space.</i> <i>To minimise visual impacts of service facilities on roof tops.</i> <i>To ensure the design of communal open space protects the amenity of nearby residents.</i>		Controls - The upper storeys of mixed use buildings are to be articulated with differentiated roof forms, maisonettes or mezzanine penthouses or similar (see <i>Figures 8C.7-1</i>). - Service elements are to be integrated into the overall design of the roof so as not to be visible from the public domain or any surrounding development. These elements include lift overruns, plant equipment, chimneys, vent stacks, water storage, communication devices and signage. - Roof design is to respond to solar access and prevailing weather with the use of elements such as eaves, skillion roofs, awnings or recesses with a minimum overhang of 0.6m. - Where solar panels are provided they are to be integrated into the roof line. - The incorporation of green roofs or green podiums is encouraged. - Lightweight pergolas, sun screens, privacy screens and planters are permitted on the roof or podium, provided they are integrated with the building and facade design and do not increase the bulk of the building, create visual clutter or impact on significant views from adjoining properties. - Podiums and roof terraces used for communal open space are to protect privacy within the development and neighbouring properties. In these circumstances planter boxes are to be incorporated into walls or balustrades for privacy and amenity (see <i>Figure 8C.7-2</i>). In some cases these may need to be set back from the building edge to protect neighbouring privacy.
		
Figure 8C.7-1: Articulated upper stories		Figure 8C.7-2: Incorporation of planter boxes into walls or balustrades of podiums and terraces.

8C.8 COMMUNAL OPEN SPACE

Further controls that may apply

SECTION A PART 8A.5 - Wind Impact

SECTION C PART 23.5 - Roof terraces and podiums

Objectives

- 1 To ensure occupants have direct access to sunlight within areas of communal open space.
- 2 To ensure early consideration of storage of equipment, access to water, ease of rubbish removal and effective drainage for garden maintenance.
- 3 To provide communal open space that adds to the amenity of the development and facilitates social interaction.
- 4 To provide communal open space that is responsive to the site and its context.
- 5 To ensure high quality communal open space that is well integrated within the development.
- 6 To ensure the design of communal open space protects the amenity of nearby residents.
- 7 To ensure useability of open terraces and balconies within developments.
- 8 To provide safe, useable, attractive and accessible communal open space for residents.

Controls

- 1 Access to any communal open space is to be provided for people with a disability in accordance with Part 2 Section 7 of AS 1428.
- 2 The location and design of the Primary communal open space is to optimise opportunities for active and passive social and recreation activities, summer shade, solar access and orientation, summer shade, outlook, and maintain the privacy of residents on adjoining lower density residential dwelling sites.
- 3 To encourage use, communal open space is to incorporate:
 - i) shared facilities such as barbecue facilities, drinking water taps, play equipment and seating;
 - Note:** Facilities are to be appropriate to the space and demonstrates consideration to the amenity of nearby residents.
 - ii) sun shading devices and wind screens;
 - iii) landscape elements, including small to medium trees.
- 4 Concealment or entrapment areas are not to be created within the communal open space.
- 5 Any residential communal open space is to be separate and secure from non-residential uses. Separate communal open spaces for non-residential uses are encouraged.
- 6 For safety reasons, the communal open space (except for roof terraces) is to be capable of surveillance from at least two apartments and from at least two business units where communal spaces are provided for non-residential uses.



Figure 8C.8-1:
Communal open space overlooked by adjacent apartments for passive surveillance.

8C.8 COMMUNAL OPEN SPACE (continued)

Controls

- 7 Garden maintenance storage areas and connections to water and drainage are to be provided to communal open space.

Note: Proposals are to demonstrate entry and access to communal open spaces and common areas for maintenance purposes.

Residential Components

- 8 A minimum of 10m² of communal open space per dwelling is to be provided. This can be provided on the podium or roof area.

Note: Roof top communal open space(s) may be required in circumstances where a ground level or podium level communal open space cannot meet performance requirements.

- 9 At least one single area of Primary communal open space for the residents is to be provided with the following requirements:
- i) a minimum area of 80m²; and
 - ii) a minimum dimension of 8m; and
 - iii) access to direct sunlight for at least two hours between 9am and 3pm on 21st June, to at least 50% of the space, and
 - iv) directly accessible from the internal common circulation/lobby area.
- 10 Where additional parcels of communal open space are required to meet 8C.8(7) above, a minimum dimension of 5m is required.



Figure 8C.8-2:
Use of roof terrace for communal open space in a mixed use development.



Figure 8C.8-3:
Use of roof terrace for community garden in communal open space

8C.9 BUILDING FACADES AND ARTICULATION

Further controls that may apply

SECTION A

PART 8C.10 - Ground Floor Commercial Uses

SECTION B

PART 14 - Urban Precinct and Sites

SECTION C

PART 23.3 - Sustainability of Building Materials
PART 23.4 - Materials and Finishes

Objectives

- 1 To create a coherent street character on the Pacific Highway and Mona Vale Road retail strips and other active street frontages in the urban precincts.
- 2 To promote buildings of high architectural quality that contribute to the planned future character.
- 3 To ensure the 3-dimensional built form and the setback is clearly articulated to reduce the bulk and scale of the building.
- 4 To integrate building elements into the overall building form and facade design.
- 5 To create building facades that respond to the uses within the building.
- 6 To create building facades that are environmentally responsive.
- 7 To encourage pedestrian activity at street level.
- 8 To ensure materials palettes are attractive, have longevity and provide low life cycle costs.
- 9 To ensure building design minimises the impacts of weathering.

Controls

Street Walls

- 1 In B2 Local Centre and B4 Mixed Use zones, mixed use buildings are to establish a consistent street wall facade along the Pacific Highway and Mona Vale Road frontages, especially along retail strips. See Figure 8C.9-1
- 2 Street wall requirements for other streets within the urban precincts are set out in Part 14 Urban Precincts of this DCP.
- 3 Street wall requirements do not apply to Mixed Use buildings in R4 zones where commercial uses are permitted under Schedule 1 of the KLEP (Local Centres).



Figure 8C.9-1:
Consistent 3 storey street wall facade to complement the traditional 'main street' facades.

Building Length

- 4 The continuous length of the residential component of a building on any elevation is not to exceed 36m.
- 5 The length of the individual component of a building facing a side or rear boundary may exceed 36m provided that the facade is recessed to an adequate depth and width to appear as distinctive building bays or wings.

Facade Articulation

- 6 All building facades at street level are to engage with and contribute to the activities of the street and the public domain principally through the use of glazed shopfronts.

Note: Refer to 8C.14 of this Part for ground floor shopfront controls.

8C.9 BUILDING FACADES (continued)

Controls

10 To provide distinct building articulation on corner sites that reinforce the street intersection and create a unique memorable building that supports urban wayfinding.

11 To ensure that building facade design contributes to the safety of the public domain.

12 To demonstrate appropriate levels of architectural detail that will achieve the desired urban character of Ku-ring-gai.

13 To enable the building facade, entries and openings to directly relate to the street frontage.

14 To provide private open space (eg. balcony, deck, terrace) that is integrated into the overall design of development.

15 To ensure that private open space design allows views and passive surveillance of the street while providing for safety and visual privacy of residents.

16 To co-locate sustainable features as integrated building elements which enhance the buildings appearance.

17 To ensure openings and articulation on the elevations do not compromise the liveability of the internal areas.

18 To provide distinct building articulation on corner sites

19 To reinforce street intersections and create landmarks.

- 7 Above-awning facades are to present more solid surface area than glazed area, and are to have a minimum masonry component of 30%.
- 8 All building facades above the ground floor are to be modulated and articulated with wall planes supplemented with architectural elements varying in depth by not less than 0.6m. Methods of achieving facade articulation and modulation that is integrated with the building include (see Figure 8C.12-4):
 - i) defining a base, middle and top related to the overall proportion of the building;
 - ii) expressing datum lines using cornices, a change in materials or building setbacks;
 - iii) expressing the internal building layout or structure, such as party walls or vertical bays with individual modulations;
 - iv) expressing the variation in floor to floor height, particularly at lower levels;
 - v) using a variety of window types to create a rhythm or express the building uses;
 - vi) using recessed balconies and deep windows to add visual depth; and/or
 - vii) using change of material, texture and colour to break down large flat facades, and create a rhythm;
 - viii) sun shading to openings.



Figure 8C.9-2:
Methods of achieving building articulation and modulation.

- 9 Elevations are to be well composed with attractive proportions and coherent rhythms. Changes of material, texture and colour are to be integrated into the building articulation to break down the apparent bulk and scale of the building. Large flat walls, undifferentiated window openings and applied treatments are to be avoided.
- 10 Blade walls are not to be the sole element used to provide articulation.

8C.9 BUILDING FACADES (continued)

Controls

- 11 Windows to a habitable room are to be situated so as to create opportunities for passive surveillance of the street. Snorkel windows are not permitted.
- 12 Targeted illumination of architectural details is encouraged.
- 13 All facades are to be designed to minimise on-going maintenance and weathering by:
 - i) selecting appropriate robust materials/finishes;
 - ii) making any rendered facades pre-coloured and not painted;
 - iii) including appropriate building edge, balcony edge, sill, head and parapet detailing that demonstrates protection from prevailing weather and harsh solar aspects.
- 14 The building is not to consist of a single predominant finish or material.
- 15 Facades are to demonstrate appropriate levels of architectural detail that will achieve the desired urban character.
- 16 Subterranean rooms for residential and non-residential purposes are not permitted.
- 17 Building facades are to be designed to respond to solar access by using solar protection elements such as eaves, louvres and other sun shading devices as environmental controls.
- 18 All building elements including shading devices, signage, drainage pipes, awnings/colonnades, solar devices and communication devices are to be coordinated and integrated with the overall facade design.

Note: See Part 12 of this DCP for other signage requirements.

- 19 Air conditioning units are to be located in the basement or on the upper most roof with appropriate screening. Air conditioning units are not to be located on the building facade or within the private or communal open spaces.



Figure 8C.9-3:
Photovoltaic cells integrated into the awning design.



Figure 8C.9-4:
Drainage pipes integrated with the overall facade design.

8C.9 BUILDING FACADES (continued)

Controls

Balconies

- 20 Balconies that run the full length of the building facade are not permitted.
- 21 Balconies are not to project more than 1.5m from the outermost wall of the building facade unless they are an integrated part of the building composition.

Note: Setback and building separation requirements apply to balcony projections.



Figure 8C.9-5:
Variety of balcony design
with the incorporation of sun
shading devices.



Figure 8C.9-6:
Well articulated building
facade using recessed and
projected balconies, and a
mix of colours and materials.

Corner Sites

- 22 Street corners are to be emphasised architecturally by accentuating parts of the building facade. This may be through:
 - i) changes in height, colour or facade materials;
 - ii) changes at the corner;
 - iii) change in building articulation;
 - iv) facade orientation;
 - v) change in roof expression;
 - vi) splayed setbacks or curves;
 - vii) providing corner entries.
- 23 Corner buildings are to address both street frontages.



Figure 8C.9-7:
Corner articulation through roof expression.

8C.10 GROUND FLOOR COMMERCIAL USES

Objectives

- 1 *To support accessible pedestrian activity and enhance the amenity, safety and surveillance of the public domain.*
- 2 *To provide direct physical and visual connection between the private and public domain.*
- 3 *To ensure activation and surveillance at street level.*
- 4 *To provide visual interest at street level.*

Controls

- 1 Building entries to each individual commercial premises are to be level with adjoining footpaths, with openings (doors and windows) that allow a direct visual connection between the building and the street. See *Figure 8C.10-4*.

Note: Variations may be permitted on very steep streets.



Figure 8C.10-1:
Level access to all shopfronts.

- 2 Building slabs are to be stepped on sloping sites to ensure ground floor level does not exceed 0.3m above or below finished footpath level.
Note: Variations may be permitted on very steep streets.
- 3 Ground floor street frontages are to provide for active uses that contribute to the active street frontage.
- 4 Buildings on principal active street frontages are to:
 - i) maintain active frontage to 80% of the length of the building facade at the street level;
 - ii) support a mix of activities, including after hour activities;
 - iii) provide facades that address the street and public domain with appropriate façade treatments at street level that respond to the pedestrian scale;
 - iv) contain well articulated pedestrian entrances at frequent intervals;
 - v) provide continuous awnings;
 - vi) avoid the incorporation of vehicle access points; and
 - vii) not have projecting basements.

8C.10 GROUND FLOOR COMMERCIAL USES (continued)

Controls



Figure 8C.10-3:
Openable shopfronts with merchandise creates interest and engages the passer-by.



Figure 8C.10-4:
Cafe with an openable shopfront contributes to street activity.

- 5 Buildings on supporting active street frontages (including mixed use buildings in R4 - High Density Residential zones) are to:
 - i) minimise the extent of blank walls and incorporate modulation or changes in texture and materials to reduce their impact;
 - ii) support dispersed pedestrian-oriented activities with well articulated entrances;
 - iii) provide facades that address the street and public domain and integrate vehicle access where provided; and
 - iv) provide awnings, especially at key pedestrian entry points.
- 6 Ground floor building design articulation for retail/commercial uses are to avoid the creation of dark alcoves or entrapment areas.
- 7 The sill height of street frontage windows are not to be more than 1.2m above the adjacent street paving at any point. See Figure 8C.10-2.



Figure 8C.10-2:
Sill height controls for ground floor commercial premises to achieve an active street frontage.

- 8 External finishes at street level are to be robust and graffiti resistant, eg. ceramic tiles and metal.
- 9 Clear glazing is to be provided to all windows of active street frontage.
- 10 Security roller shutters are not permitted on the external face of the building. Where they are deemed necessary, grilles or transparent security shutters may only be used behind the window display.
- 11 Openable shopfronts for restaurants and cafes are to be provided where practicable. See Figure 8C.10-3 and Figure 8C.10-4.
- 12 No residential dwellings are permitted on the street level frontage. Where dwellings are provided on the street level frontage, the development is considered to be a Residential Flat Building and is to comply with all controls in Part 7 Residential Flat Buildings.

8C.11 AWNINGS

Objectives

- 1 To ensure that awnings are in scale with development and overall design.
- 2 To ensure that awnings are designed to be consistent throughout Ku-ring-gai and with adjacent developments awning structures.
- 3 To provide high levels of pedestrian amenity with sun and rain protection.
- 4 To create well lit, visible street frontages that deter vandalism.
- 5 To create a pedestrian scale at street level.



Figure 8C.11-1:
Awning stepped to express building entry

Controls

- 1 Continuous awning is to be provided to the full length of the principal active street frontage.
- 2 Provide awnings along the supporting active street frontages (including mixed use buildings in R4 - High Density Residential zones) wherever practical, especially at key pedestrian entrances.
- 3 Awning design is restricted to suspended steel box section type along the principal active street frontages. Variations may be permitted in certain situations such as corners and building entries.
- 4 Large expanses of glazing within the awnings are to be avoided.
- 5 Awning heights are to be between 3m and 3.5m except where integration with an adjoining property's awning(s) is desired, in which event awning height is not to be greater than 4.2m. Refer to Figure 8C.11-2.
- 6 Awnings are to be set back a minimum of 0.6m from the face of the kerb and to wrap around the corner on corner sites. Where street trees are required, the entire length of the awning is to be set back from the inside edge of the tree hole. Cut outs for trees and light poles in awnings are not permitted.

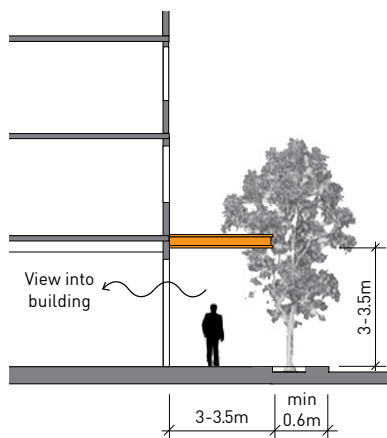


Figure 8C.11-2:
Awnings dimension controls.



Figure 8C.11-3:
Suspended steel box section awning with under awning lighting.

- 7 Awning depths are to be between 3 and 3.5m along the principal active street frontages. Refer to Figure 8C.11-2.
- 8 Steps within an awning for design articulation or to accommodate sloping streets are to be integrated with the building design and architectural composition of the elevations. The step is not to exceed 0.7m in height. See Figure 8C.15-1.
- 9 Vertical canvas drop blinds are not permitted along the outer edge of awnings.
- 10 Provide under awning lighting recessed into the soffit of the awning or wall mounted on the building.
- 11 Under awning lighting is to achieve luminance levels consistent with community safety and security in AS1228.1-2001.

8C.12 COLONNADES

Objectives

- 1 To ensure that colonnades are safe, accessible and in keeping with desired streetscape character and appropriate to the development in scale and overall design.
- 2 To ensure that colonnades respond to the pedestrian scale of the street.
- 3 To provide colonnades that increase pedestrian amenity with sun and rain protection.
- 4 To provide colonnades that facilitate opportunities for outdoor dining.
- 5 To ensure that colonnade areas are well lit and have high visibility.

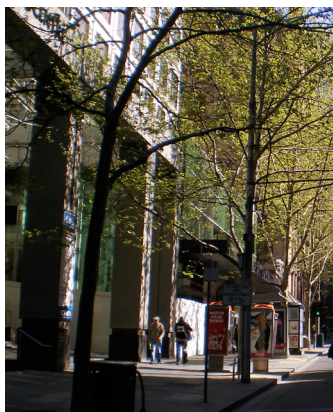


Figure 8C.12-1:
Colonnade space within
property boundary.



Controls

- 1 All colonnade spaces are to be within the property boundary.
- 2 Colonnades are to have a height/width ratio no less than 1.5:1, a minimum width of 2.4m, and a minimum soffit height of 3.6m.

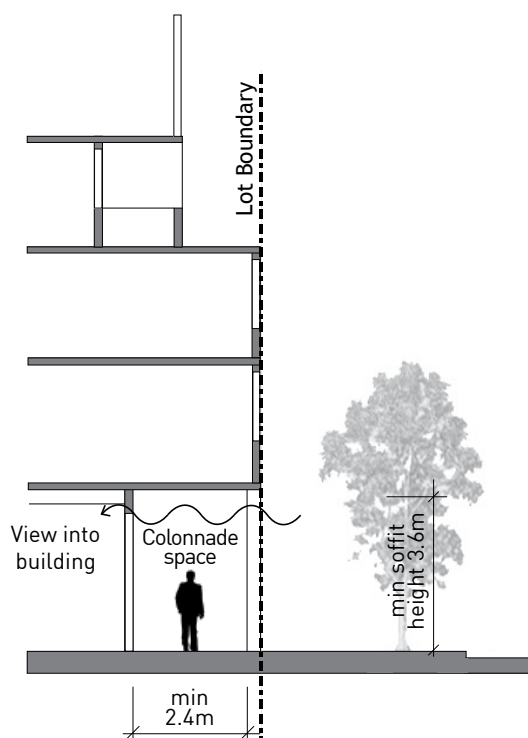


Figure 8C.12-2:
Colonnade space activates street level.

- 3 Colonnade heights and widths are to be continuous along a block, and should readily allow extension into neighbouring sites.
- 4 The size and spacing of supports are to be designed to allow pedestrian circulation and views of ground floor activity from the street, and avoid concealment areas.
- 5 On sloping sites an access point with a flush transition is to be provided between the colonnade area and adjoining footpaths.
- 6 Provide under colonnade lighting recessed into the soffit of the colonnade or wall mounted on the building, ensuring shadowed recesses are not created as potential entrapment areas.
- 7 Under colonnade lighting is to achieve luminance levels consistent with community safety and security in AS1228.1-2001.
- 8 Vertical canvas drop blinds are not permitted along edge of colonnades.

Figure 8C.12-3:
Colonnade space used for
outdoor dining.

8C.13 INTERNAL CEILING HEIGHTS

Objectives

- 1 To ensure that internal ceiling heights are coordinated with external building form requirements.
- 2 To provide internal ceiling heights that contribute to flexibility and adaptability of use in the future.
- 3 To create buildings that facilitate a 'sense of space' by maximising natural light and ventilation.
- 4 To ensure that development controlled by SEPP 65 Apartment Design Guide is deferred to in these standards.



Figure 8C.13-1:
Internal ceiling height responded to the parapet line of adjoining heritage building.

Controls

Non-Residential Component

- 1 For all new buildings in the B2 Local Centre zone, the B4 Mixed Use zone, and sites within the R4 High Density Residential zone where commercial development is permitted under Schedule 1 of the KLEP (Local Centres) 2012, the minimum ceiling heights, measured from finished floor level (FFL) to finished ceiling level (FCL), are to be:
 - i) 4.0m for ground floor cafe/restaraunt uses (or 4.4m from FFL to next floor FFL);
 - i) 3.3m for ground floor and first floor retail or commercial uses (or 3.7m from FFL to next floor FFL);
 - ii) 3m for non-residential uses on all other floors (or 3.4m from FFL to next floor FFL).
- 2 Internal ceiling heights and slab levels must be coordinated with external height requirements and key datum lines. External building elements requiring coordination is to include:
 - i) datum lines and parapet lines set by the context or the Built Form controls in Part 14 Urban Precincts and Sites;
 - ii) the cornices and string courses of adjacent heritage buildings; and/or
 - iii) existing exterior awning levels or colonnade heights.

Residential Component

- 3 The minimum ceiling heights for all areas within the residential flat building are to comply with the ceiling heights stipulated in *SEPP 65 Apartment Design Guide Part 4C - Ceiling Heights*.

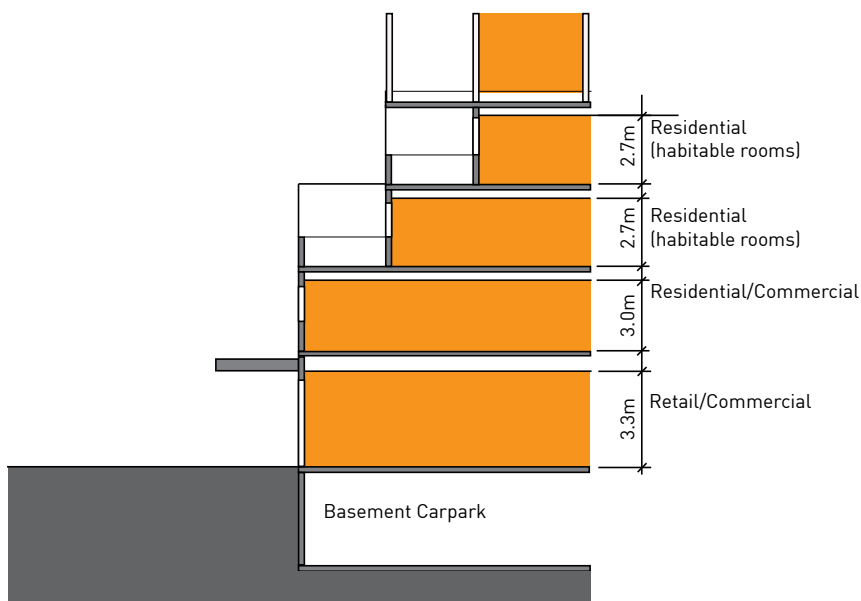


Figure 8C.13-2:
Internal ceiling height requirements for mixed use buildings.

8C.14 VISUAL PRIVACY

Further controls that may apply

SECTION A
PART 8A.4 - Building Separation

SECTION C
PART 23.9 - General Visual Privacy

Objectives

- 1 To ensure high standards of visual privacy for all occupants within the development.
- 2 To minimise the impact of development on the visual privacy of neighbouring occupants of residential dwellings.
- 3 To ensure that development controlled by SEPP 65 Apartment Design Guide is deferred to in these standards.



Figure 8C.14-1:
Use of a mix of solid and transparent balustrades on different levels to ensure visual privacy.



Figure 8C.14-2:
Balconies with sliding panels to increase visual privacy.

Controls**Non-Residential Component**

- 1 Buildings are to be designed to ensure privacy for residents of the development and of the neighbouring site. In addition to design options outlined in *Section C Part 3.5 of this DCP*, design measures may also include:
 - i) off-setting balconies in relation to adjacent balconies;
 - ii) using recessed balconies and/or vertical fins between adjacent private balconies;
 - iii) using solid or semi-transparent balustrades to balconies (see *Figure 8C.18-1*);
 - iv) using louvres/screen panels to windows and balconies (see *Figure 8C.18-2*);
 - v) incorporating planter boxes into walls or balustrades to increase the visual separation between areas;
- 2 Residential uses including residential entry foyers from street level, and apartments at podium level are to be separated from non-residential common areas, communal open space and the public domain. Examples include the use of:
- 3 Continuous transparent balustrades are not permitted to balconies or terraces for the lower 3 storeys.
- 4 Screening between apartments must be integrated with the overall building design.

Residential Component

- 5 Buildings are to be designed to ensure privacy for residents of the development and of the neighbouring site as stipulated in *SEPP 65 Apartment Design Guide Part 3F - Visual Privacy*

8C.15 ACOUSTIC PRIVACY

Further controls that may apply

SECTION B PART 20 - Development Near Road or Rail Noise

Objectives

- 1 To ensure high standards of acoustic privacy for occupants and neighbours of the development.
- 2 To ensure that mixed use development is designed and constructed to minimise the impact of external noise and facilitate comfortable living conditions for residents/ occupants.
- 3 To ensure that development within mixed use zones incorporates measures to protect the amenity of existing residents.
- 4 To minimise noise impacts of late night operation of mechanical equipment on nearby or adjoining residents.
- 5 To avoid a concentration of high noise generating premises within close proximity to residential uses.

Controls

- 1 Buildings are to be designed to minimise the impact of noise through planning, construction and materials in accordance with the relevant acoustic standards in relation to noise transmission between and within buildings, including AS2107-2000: *Acoustics- Recommended design sound levels and reverberation for building interiors*.
- 2 In addition to specific noise sources such as traffic or rail lines, proposed developments are to consider:
 - i) the specific nature of the premises, (eg. pub, restaurant, hairdressers, laundromat; supermarket) and any associated outdoor areas;
 - ii) the proposed hours of operation;
 - iii) the late night operation of equipment (such as coolrooms and generators) and services within premises (such as drycleaners, cafes, restaurants, entertainment facilities, etc);
 - iv) any tonal, low frequency, impulsive, or intermittent noise resulting from the development;
 - v) the existing hours of operation of surrounding business uses;
 - vi) the size and patron capacity of the premises;
 - vii) the cumulative impact of the premises on the mix, diversity and possible concentration of late night uses in the locality.
- 3 The maximum $L_{Aeq\ 15\ minute}$ noise levels of any development must not exceed the levels as set out in Figure 8C.15-1, when measured at the window of a habitable room within a residential occupancy and in any case not more than 5 dB(A) above the background level ($L_{Aeq\ 15\ minute}$) during the day and evening and not audible within any habitable room of a residential premises at night.

Note: Noise assessments are to be conducted in accordance with the methods detailed in the Environment Protection Authority's NSW Industrial Noise Policy.

Amenity Criteria		
	Recommened LAeq Noise Level, dB(A)	
Time of day ¹	Maximum noise level -Windows open	Maximum noise level -Windows closed
Day	60	50
Evening	50	40
Night	45	35

Figure 8C.15-1 Source: NSW EPA Industrial Noise Policy

Day¹: From 7:00am to 6:00pm Monday to Saturday; or 8:00am to 6:00pm on Sundays and public holidays

Evening: The period from 6:00pm to 10:00pm

Night: The remaining time periods.

8C.15 ACOUSTIC PRIVACY (continued)

Controls

- 4 Noise reduction measures to achieve these outcomes may include, but are not limited to the following design criteria:
- incorporating appropriate noise shielding or attenuation techniques into the design and construction of the building. In particular, noise shielding will be required between uses, walls and floors;
 - using noise barrier planning principles such as using the building mass to shield noise (eg using podiums to shield noise from below); and locating non-habitable rooms towards the noise source and habitable rooms oriented to quieter areas on the site; minimising the size and number of windows and balconies oriented to the noise source.
- Note:** Refer to Part 20 Development Near Rail Corridors and Busy Roads.
- enclosing plant rooms;
 - locating plant in basements;
 - minimising the amount of shared walls between apartments, commercial occupancies and/or plant;
 - locating building services (laundries/ storage areas) and circulation zone apartment entries away from noise sensitive areas (ie. bedrooms) to provide a buffer from noise generators, such as traffic, mechanical plant equipment, and service and loading vehicle entries (see Figure 8C.15-2);
 - recessing balconies and fitting sound absorption materials (see Figure 8C.15-3);
 - fitting out building services, (including plant, piping and ducting) with appropriate acoustic insulation; (comment delete as it is required by BCA)
 - replacing conventional roof design with eaves by a flat roof with parapets where requirements for weather protection are otherwise achieved;
 - using solid core doors, thicker window glass, double glazing, baffles to openable windows.

Service and circulation areas used to buffer noise sensitive areas.

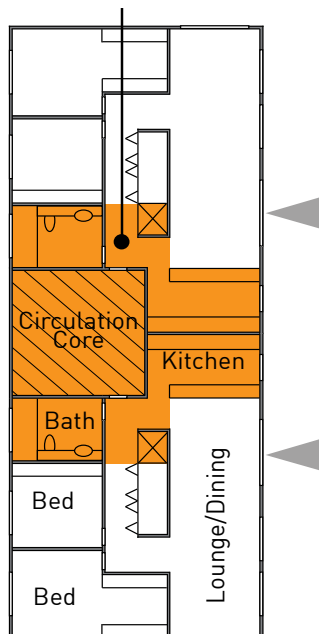


Figure 8C.15-1:
Provision of buffer zone to minimise noise impacts within a dwelling.

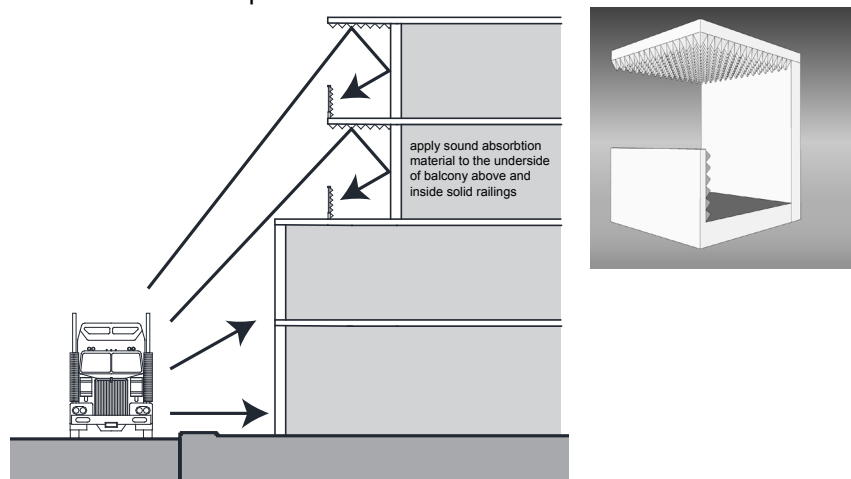


Figure 8C.15-2:
Limiting reflected noise on high rise balconies and within adjacent rooms.
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8C.15 ACOUSTIC PRIVACY (continued)

Controls

Commercial uses in residential zones

- 5 Commercial uses, where permitted in R4 (High Density Residential) zones, are to only operate within the following hours:
 - i) 9:00am to 6:00pm weekdays;
 - ii) 9:00am to 4:00pm Saturdays; and
 - iii) 9:00am to 1:00pm Sundays.
- 6 Use of mixed use buildings in R4 (High Density Residential) zones providing medical services outside of the above hours and on public holidays will be permitted in the case of emergency services.

Commercial Uses in business zones

- 7 Commercial uses, where permitted in B2 (Local Centre) zones are to only operate within the following hours:
 - i) 7:00am to 10:00pm weekdays and Saturdays; and
 - ii) 8:00am to 9:00pm Sundays and public holidays.
- 8 Loading docks associated with commercial uses in B2 (Local Centre) zones are to operate within the following hours:
 - i) 6:00am to 8:00pm weekdays; and
 - ii) 8:00am to 5:00pm Saturdays;
 - iii) 8:00am to 2:00pm Sundays and Public Holidays.

8C.16 LATE NIGHT TRADING

Objectives

- 1 *To ensure that late night premises provide adequate safety and security for patrons, nearby or adjoining residents/occupants and the general public within the vicinity.*
- 2 *To ensure that late night trading premises are designed, constructed and managed to minimise the impact of noise on nearby residents/ occupants.*
- 3 *To reduce the potential for anti-social behaviour and promote positive social activities.*
- 4 *To avoid a concentration of high noise late night trading premises in close proximity to residential uses.*



Figure 8C.16.1
Well lit night time street
activity.

Controls

- 1 Development for late night trading premises are to be designed to minimise the impacts of noise production on nearby and adjoining premises.
- 2 In particular, proposed developments are to consider:
 - i) the size and patron capacity of the premises, including for associated outdoor areas;
 - ii) the proposed hours of operation;
 - iii) the existing hours of operation of surrounding business uses;
 - iv) the cumulative impact of the premises on the mix, diversity and possible concentration of late night uses in the locality;
 - v) measures to ensure adequate safety, security and crime prevention both on the site and in the public domain immediately adjacent to, and surrounding, the premises;
 - vi) the accessibility and frequency of public transport during the late night trading hours.
- 3 Crime reduction measures to achieve these outcomes may include, but are not limited to the following:
 - i) lighting at entry, exits and outdoor areas;
 - ii) locating late night trading entries, exits and outdoor areas away from noise sensitive areas (eg bedrooms);
 - iii) minimising the size and number of residential windows and balconies oriented towards the entries, exits and outdoor areas associated with the late night premises;
 - iv) providing windows from residential living areas that overlook the development to provide passive surveillance of the street.
 - v) providing unobstructed sightlines within and around the development.
- 4 Development applications for late night trading premises are to be accompanied by a detailed plan of management which addresses amenity, safety and security and demonstrates a strong commitment to effectively managing potential noise impacts on adjoining and surrounding land uses.

Note: Proposals for smaller late night premises may not be required to provide a plan of management. A pre-lodgement meeting with Council is recommended for any proposal that includes late night trading.

8C.17 EXTERNAL AIR CLOTHES DRYING FACILITIES

Objectives

- 1 *To ensure buildings maximise the opportunities for sun and wind drying of clothes.*
- 2 *To provide external air clothes drying areas that do not detract from the visual appearance of the building and common areas.*

Controls

- 1 Each apartment is required to have access to an external air clothes drying area, eg. a screened balcony, a terrace or common area.
- 2 External air clothes drying areas are to be screened from public and common open space areas. Refer to Figure 8C.17-1.
- 3 Where provided in common areas, drying facilities, including clothes lines, are to be provided.

Screened area is
concealing clothes line
from public domain



Figure 8C.17-1:
Screened balconies for external air clothes drying facilities.