



CLAUSE 55.07 RESPONSE

Clause 55.07-1 - Energy Efficient Objectives

- To achieve and protect energy efficient dwellings and buildings.
- To ensure the orientation and layout of development reduce fossil fuel energy use and make appropriate use of daylight and solar energy.
- To ensure dwellings achieve adequate thermal efficiency

Standard B35: Buildings should be:

- Oriented to make appropriate use of solar energy.
- Sited and designed to ensure that the energy efficiency of existing dwellings on adjoining lots is not unreasonably reduced.
- Sited and designed to ensure that the performance of existing rooftop solar energy systems on dwellings on adjoining lots in a General Residential Zone, Neighbourhood Residential Zone or Township Zone are not unreasonably reduced. The existing rooftop solar energy system must exist at the date the application is lodged.

Living areas and private open space should be located on the north side of the development, if practicable.

Developments should be designed so that solar access to north-facing windows is optimised.

Dwellings located in a climate zone identified Table B4 in should not exceed the maximum NatHERS annual cooling load specified in the following table.

Response: The majority of dwellings have northern, western and eastern-facing windows, with some southern windows provided where necessary. Given the orientation of the site dwellings 2-7 are largely orientated north, maximising solar energy. There are only three dwellings oriented to the south.

Clause 55.07-1 – Communal Open Space Objective

To ensure that communal open space is accessible, practical, attractive, easily maintained and integrated with the layout of the development.

Standard B36: Developments with 40 or more dwellings should provide a minimum area of communal open space of 2.5 square metres per dwelling or 250 square metres, which ever is lesser.

Communal open space should:

- Be located to:
 - Provide passive surveillance opportunities, where appropriate.
 - Provide outlook for as many dwellings as practicable.



- Avoid overlooking into habitable rooms and private open space of new dwellings.
- Minimise noise impacts to new and existing dwellings.
- Be designed to protect any natural features on the site.
- Maximise landscaping opportunities.
- Be accessible, useable and capable of efficient management.

Response: As the development is less than 40 dwellings this clause is not relevant. The development does not propose a communal area.

Clause 55.07-3 – Solar Access to Communal Outdoor Open Space Objective

To allow solar access into communal outdoor open space

Standard B37: The communal outdoor open space should be located on the north side of a building, if appropriate.

At least 50 per cent or 125 square metres, whichever is the lesser, of the primary communal outdoor open space should receive a minimum of two hours of sunlight between 9am and 3pm on 21 June.

Response: Not applicable, as no communal outdoor open space is proposed.

Clause 55.07-4 – Seep Soil Areas and Canopy Trees Objective

To promote climate responsive landscape design and water management in developments to support thermal comfort and reduce the urban heat island effect.

Standard B38: The landscape layout and design should:

- Be responsive to the site context.
- Consider landscaping opportunities to reduce heat absorption such as green walls, green roofs and roof top gardens and improve on-site storm water infiltration.
- Maximise deep soil areas for planting of canopy trees.
- Integrate planting and water management.

Developments should provide the deep soil areas and canopy trees specified in Table B5. If the development cannot provide the deep soil areas and canopy trees specified in Table B5, an equivalent canopy cover should be achieved by providing either:

- Canopy trees or climbers (over a pergola) with planter pits sized appropriately for the mature tree soil volume requirements.
- Vegetated planters, green roofs or green facades.

Response: Landscaping is provided along common boundaries and also in the front setbacks from Highbury Road and Hungtingdale Road.



Clause 55.07-5 – Integrated Water and Stormwater Management Objectives

To encourage the use of alternative water sources such as rainwater, stormwater and recycled water.

To facilitate stormwater collection, utilisation and infiltration within the development.

To encourage development that reduces the impact of stormwater run-off on the drainage system and filters sediment and waste from stormwater prior to discharge from the site.

Standard B39: Buildings should be designed to collect rainwater for non-drinking purposes such as flushing toilets, laundry appliances and garden use.

Buildings should be connected to a non-potable dual pipe reticulated water supply, where available from the water authority.

The stormwater management system should be:

- Designed to meet the current best practice performance objectives for stormwater quality as contained in the Urban Stormwater - Best Practice Environmental Management Guidelines (Victorian Stormwater Committee, 1999).
- Designed to maximise infiltration of stormwater, water and drainage of residual flows into permeable surfaces, tree pits and treatment areas.

Response: The development will be in accordance to Standard B39. A WSUD report can be prepared to Council's satisfaction if necessary.

Clause 55.07-6 - Noise Impact Objectives

To contain noise sources in developments that may affect existing dwellings.

To protect residents from external and internal noise sources

Standard B40: Noise sources, such as mechanical plants should not be located near bedrooms of immediately adjacent existing dwellings.

The layout of new dwellings and buildings should minimise noise transmission within the site.

Noise sensitive rooms (such as living areas and bedrooms) should be located to avoid noise impacts from mechanical plants, lifts, building services, non-residential uses, car parking, communal areas and other dwellings.

New dwellings should be designed and constructed to include acoustic attenuation measures to reduce noise levels from off-site noise sources.

Buildings within a noise influence area specified in Table B6 should be designed and constructed to achieve the following noise levels:



- Not greater than 35dB(A) for bedrooms, assessed as an LAeq,8h from 10pm to 6am.
- Not greater than 40dB(A) for living areas, assessed LAeq,16h from 6am to 10pm.

Buildings, or part of a building screened from a noise source by an existing solid structure, or the natural topography of the land, do not need to meet the specified noise level requirements.

Noise levels should be assessed in unfurnished rooms with a finished floor and the windows closed.

Response: All dwellings will be compliant with Standard B40 to minimise noise impacts.

Clause 55.07-7 - Accessibility Objective

To ensure the design of dwellings meets the needs of people with limited mobility.

Standard B41: At least 50 per cent of dwellings should have:

- A clear opening width of at least 850mm at the entrance to the dwelling and main bedroom.
- A clear path with a minimum width of 1.2 metres that connects the dwelling entrance to the main bedroom, an adaptable bathroom and the living area.
- A main bedroom with access to an adaptable bathroom.
- At least one adaptable bathroom that meets all of the requirements of either Design A or Design B specified in Table B7.

Response: A large majority of dwellings will comply with Standard D17. This can be confirmed to Council's satisfaction.

Clause 55.07-8 – Building Entry and Circulation Objectives

To provide each dwelling and building with its own sense of identity.

To ensure the internal layout of buildings provide for the safe, functional and efficient movement of residents.

To ensure internal communal areas provide adequate access to daylight and natural ventilation.

Standard B42: Entries to dwellings and buildings should:

- Be visible and easily identifiable.
- Provide shelter, a sense of personal address and a transitional space around the entry.

The layout and design of buildings should:

• Clearly distinguish entrances to residential and non-residential areas.



- Provide windows to building entrances and lift areas.
- Provide visible, safe and attractive stairs from the entry level to encourage use by residents.
- Provide common areas and corridors that:
 - Include at least one source of natural light and natural ventilation.
 - Avoid obstruction from building services.
 - Maintain clear sight lines.

Response: The proposed building entry is visible and distinct from Huntingdale, providing an easily identifiable sense of address from the street. The internal layout of the foyer on the ground floor includes adequate daylight, allows for natural ventilation and will provide for functional movement of residents and visitors. Each dwelling will have individual entrances to ensure sense of identity for each apartment.

Clause 55.07-9 – Private Open Space Above Ground Floor Objective

To provide adequate private open space for the reasonable recreation and service needs of residents.

Standard B43: A dwelling should have private open space consisting of:

- An area of 15 square metres, with a minimum dimension of 3 metres at a podium or other similar base and convenient access from a living room, or
- A balcony with an area and dimensions specified in Table B8 and convenient access from a living room.

If a cooling or heating unit is located on a balcony, the balcony should provide an additional area of 1.5 square metres.

Response: All terraces provided as private open space comply with dimensions specified in Table B8 and are easily accessible from a living room.

Clause 55.07-10 – Storage Objective

To provide adequate storage facilities for each dwelling.

Standard B44: Each dwelling should have convenient access to usable and secure storage space.

The total minimum storage space (including kitchen, bathroom and bedroom storage) should meet the requirements specified in Table B9.

Response: Each dwelling has been provided with usable and secure storage spaces in compliance with Standard B44.



Clause 55.07-11 – Waste and Recycling Objectives

To ensure dwellings are designed to encourage waste recycling.

To ensure that waste and recycling facilities are accessible, adequate and attractive.

To ensure that waste and recycling facilities are designed and managed to minimise impacts on residential amenity, health and the public realm.

Standard B45: Developments should include dedicated areas for:

- Waste and recycling enclosures which are:
 - Adequate in size, durable, waterproof and blend in with the development.
 - Adequately ventilated.
 - Located and designed for convenient access by residents and made easily accessible to people with limited mobility.
- Adequate facilities for bin washing. These areas should be adequately ventilated.
- Collection, separation and storage of waste and recyclables, including where appropriate opportunities for on-site management of food waste through composting or other waste recovery as appropriate.
- Collection, storage and reuse of garden waste, including opportunities for on-site treatment, where appropriate, or off-site removal for reprocessing.
- Adequate circulation to allow waste and recycling collection vehicles to enter and leave the site without reversing.
- Adequate internal storage space within each dwelling to enable the separation of waste, recyclables and food waste where appropriate.

Waste and recycling management facilities should be design and managed in accordance with a Waste Management Plan approved by the responsible authority and:

- Be designed to meet the better practice design options specified in Waste Management and Recycling in Multi-unit Developments (Sustainability Victoria, 2019).
- Protect public health and amenity of residents and adjoining premises from the impacts of odour, noise and hazards associated with waste collection vehicle movements.

Response: Waste rooms are provided on the ground floor for both commercial and waste storage.

Clause 55.07-12 - Functional Layout Objective

To ensure dwellings provide functional areas that meet the needs of residents.

Standard B46:

Bedrooms should:



- Meet the minimum internal room dimensions specified in Table B10.
- Provide an area in addition to the minimum internal room dimensions to accommodate a wardrobe

Response: Each dwelling will be in compliance with Standard B46 to allow for functionality for residents.

Clause 55.07-13 - Room Depth Objective

To allow adequate daylight into single aspect habitable rooms.

Standard B47: Single aspect habitable rooms should not exceed a room depth of 2.5 times the ceiling height.

The depth of a single aspect, open plan, habitable room may be increased to 9 metres if all the following requirements are met:

- The room combines the living area, dining area and kitchen.
- The kitchen is located furthest from the window.
- The ceiling height is at least 2.7 metres measured from finished floor level to finished ceiling level. This excludes where services are provided above the kitchen.

The room depth should be measured from the external surface of the habitable room window to the rear wall of the room.

Response: The development will comply with room depth objectives as per Standard D25.

Clause 55.07-14 Windows Objective

To allow adequate daylight into new habitable room windows

Standard B48: Habitable rooms should have a window in an external wall of the building.

A window may provide daylight to a bedroom from a smaller secondary area within the bedroom where the window is clear to the sky.

The secondary area should be:

- A minimum width of 1.2 metres.
- A maximum depth of 1.5 times the width, measured from the external surface of the window

Response: All habitable rooms contain windows in an external wall of the building.

Clause 55.07-15 – Natural Ventilation Objectives

To encourage natural ventilation of dwellings.



To allow occupants to effectively manage natural ventilation of dwellings

Standard B49: The design and layout of dwellings should maximise openable windows, doors or other ventilation devices in external walls of the building, where appropriate.

At least 40 per cent of dwellings should provide effective cross ventilation that has:

- A maximum breeze path through the dwelling of 18 metres.
- A minimum breeze path through the dwelling of 5 metres.
- Ventilation openings with approximately the same area.

The breeze path is measured between the ventilation openings on different orientations of the dwelling

Response: Breeze paths are confirmed to Council's satisfaction.