

5.3 Code for Child Care Centres

PURPOSE

The purpose of this code is to assess the need for and design of long day care, centre-based care, family day care and outside school hours care at premises situated at conveniently accessible, safe and healthy locations and where they do not have a detrimental impact on the the amenity of the local area.

(1) Element: Location and Site Characteristics

PURPOSE

To provide for child care centres at sites which are conveniently accessible and achieve high standards of local amenity and traffic safety, and encourage multi-purpose trips.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	ACCEPTABLE MEASURES
<p>P1 The site must be accessible: (a) to either community facilities, or educational establishments, or at a conveniently accessible site at the ‘gateway’ to a residential area; and (b) via pedestrian paths or public transport services.</p>	<p>A.1 The premises are located either: (a) adjacent to other community facilities such as shopping centres, useable parkland, schools and community halls; or (b) at a conveniently accessible site at the ‘gateway’ to a residential neighbourhood; or (c) at a conveniently accessible site in or near educational establishments, Town and Village Centres or other employment areas.</p>
<p>P2 The premises must be located so: (a) non-local traffic is not introduced into minor residential streets; and (b) noise nuisance is not caused to occupiers of surrounding premises.</p>	<p>A2.1 The premises are located on a site with access other than to a minor residential street, sub arterial or an arterial road. A2.2 The premises are located on a site: (a) not adjoining residential land, or (b) adjoining residential land but having sufficient area to provide for the buffering measures referred to in the Acceptable Measures of Element (2) below.</p>
<p>P3 The premises must be located on a site that is capable of accommodating for a high quality design with integrated and safe outdoor and indoor play areas, and including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the required buildings and structures, • associated vehicle access, parking and manoeuvring, • on-site landscaping, and • any necessary buffering. 	<p>A3 The centre is located on land having: (a) a minimum area of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1000 m² where less than 25 children are to be accommodated, or • 1500 m² for between 25 and 50 children, or • 2000 m² for more than 50 children. (b) a slope of less than 10%; and (c) a regular shape.</p>

(2) Element: Layout and Design

PURPOSE

To provide for child care centres that achieve high standards of on-site useability, local amenity and traffic safety.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	ACCEPTABLE MEASURES
P1 The premises must be sited and designed to minimise conflict with any surrounding residential premises through physical buffering measures such as walls, screens and landscaping.	A1 A solid screen fence 1.8 metres high is erected along the full length of all site boundaries adjoining existing or likely future residential land.
P2 Landscaping must be provided along all street frontages in accordance with Council's Code for Landscaping (Design), and suitable shading incorporated in outdoor play areas.	A2.1 Landscaping along street frontages is provided in accordance with Council's Landscaping Design Code. AND A2.2 A fully covered outdoor activity area of at least 5 m ² per child able to be accommodated at the centre. AND A2.3 At least 50% of the total outdoor area is provided with natural shade between the hours of 9 am and 3 pm.
P3 A safe setdown/pick up area must be provided, with all on-site vehicle manoeuvring and parking areas located and designed to minimise conflicts between vehicles and children.	A3.1 A drive-through lane is provided at the front of the site which allows for the flow of vehicles with good visibility. AND A3.2 For every 5 children able to be accommodated at the centre one safe on-site passenger setdown space is provided.

5. CODES FOR COMMERCIAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND USE

(3) Acoustic Environment Amenity

PURPOSE

To ensure an appropriate acoustic environment is maintained within the site and on nearby land, without significantly detracting from visual amenity, preferred character, livability or safety of the locality.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	ACCEPTABLE MEASURES
<p>P1 Exposure of the premises to noise is minimised by maintenance of the EPP (noise) Environmental values of the acoustic environment¹.</p>	<p>A1 Development and use achieves compliance with the noise limits specified for the relevant noise types, as identified in Table 3.1 of <i>Planning Scheme Policy No. 7 - Acoustic Environment Assessment</i>.</p>
<p>P2 The emission of sound beyond the boundary of the site²:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> maintains the EPP (noise) Environmental values of the receiving acoustic environment; and is such that ambient sound levels for any nearby residential land and other noise sensitive places are maintained. 	<p>A2 Development and use achieves compliance with the noise limits specified for the relevant noise types, as identified in Table 3.1 of <i>Planning Scheme Policy No. 7 - Acoustic Environment Assessment</i>.</p>
<p>P3 Noise attenuation measures are compatible with the local streetscape, encourage the creation of active street frontages and are designed to discourage crime and anti-social behaviour having regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> aesthetic quality and compatibility; physical accessibility; provision for casual surveillance of public space from dwellings; and opportunities for concealment or vandalism. 	<p>No Acceptable Measure nominated</p>

¹ To demonstrate compliance with this performance criterion, applicants may need to prepare a noise impact assessment in accordance with *Planning Scheme Policy No. 7 - Acoustic Environment Assessment*

