



Presented to	May 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting
Related to Item	Notice of Motion – Cr Barber
Submitted by	Director Urban Planning, Steve Cope
Attachments	N/A

The following notice of motion has been tabled by Cr Barber:

That the Council directs the CEO to prepare a report to include a Courtesy Construction Plan for Adjacent Neighbours within the City of Melville’s Residential Planning or Building Policies.

Officer Comment

Although the figures are subject to variation, approximately 1,500 planning approvals and 2,500 building permits are issued by the City every year.

It is not standard practice for WA local governments to inform residents when a building permit application is being assessed or the permit is about to be issued. Approved building permit information is uploaded to the City’s website and is accessible to the public.

The City does not hold digital contact details for all ratepayers and the City understands that it is not mandatory for such information to be provided. Likewise accuracy of email addresses even when provided cannot be guaranteed. Therefore any such process is unlikely to be able to be completely automated. With large numbers of applications this would have a material impact on resourcing.

Legislative and Policy Alignment

The WA Building Act 2011 does not require local government to notify residents of impending building activities, exceptions being issued demolition permits or where consent from an adjacent property owner is required.

Many single house applications do not require planning approval meaning there is no ability to impose a condition of planning approval in relation to notification of construction.

Financial Implications

Should a report on this proposal be requested the administration will report on the additional level of resources that will be required to meet the increased level of service requested. This reporting would address the costs, constraints, risks and feasibility of such a proposal.
