



# Local Planning Scheme No.6 Petition Response

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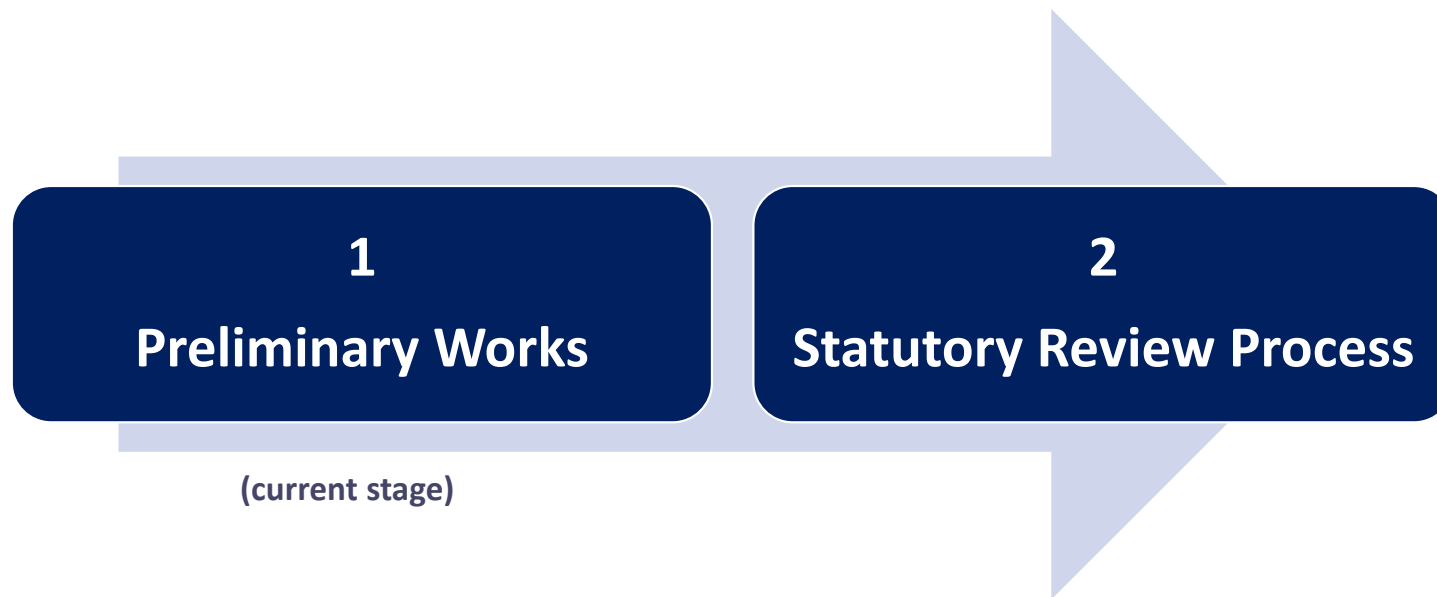


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## Scheme Review Process

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The changes the City is proposing to make to Local Planning Scheme No. 6 constitute as a “Complex Amendment”, as defined in the *Planning and Development Act 2005 (the Act)*. The process of amending a scheme, from its conception to the approved changes being gazetted, can be considered in two distinct stages.



## Why Engage Early?



Even though the City is still investigating the impacts of the proposed changes, there's a benefit in inviting community input early in the process.

The feedback we received is being used to guide where we deploy our resources to ensure we've appropriately considered and responded to the issues that have been identified.

Focus on  
**qualitative**  
data

**Understand**  
where  
community  
want to see  
**change**

Receive  
information  
**early**

## Petition Resolution

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Five petitions were received in response to the proposed residential density changes being advertised to the community as part of the LPS6 non-statutory community engagement.

**Booragoon East**  
239 signatures.

**Cantray Ave to  
Cunningham St  
(North of Canning  
Hwy)**  
15 signatures.

**Cowan (Dunkley  
Ave) to  
Cunningham St  
(North of Canning  
Hwy)**  
184 signatures.

**Tain St to  
Reynolds Rd  
(North of Canning  
Hwy)**  
10 signatures.

**Booragoon West**  
537 signatures.

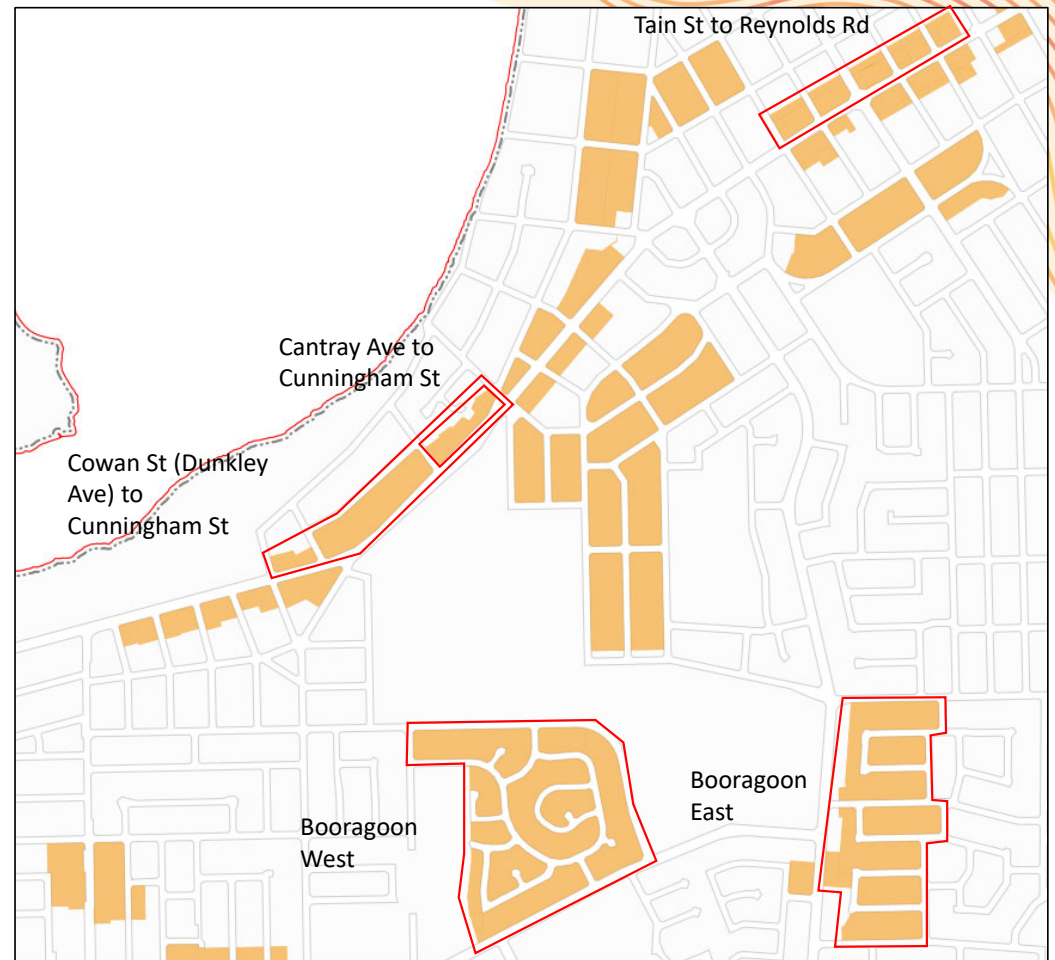
## Petition Resolution

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In each instance, the following resolution was passed by Council (four in the September OCM and one in the October OCM):

### That the Council:

1. Acknowledge the petition; and
2. Note that a report on the matters raised will be presented to the Council for consideration by the February 2025 Ordinary Meeting of Council.



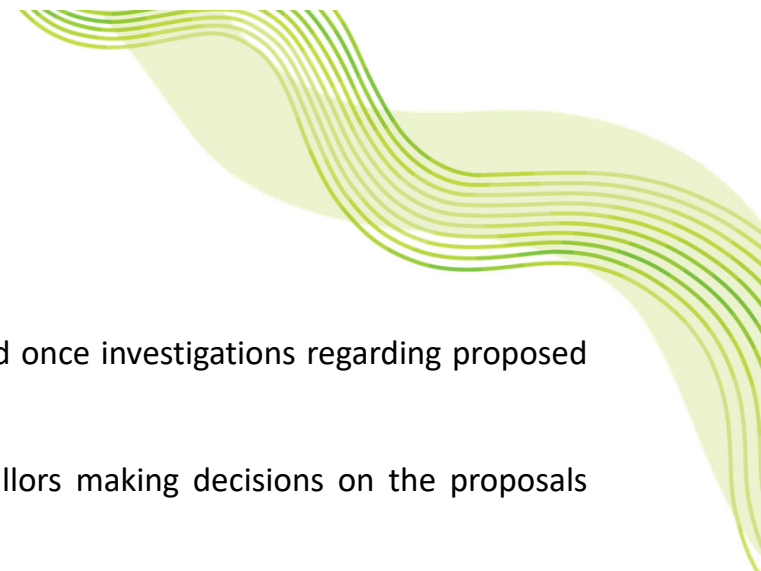
## Petition – Recommendations



- The community petitions raise valid concerns about the potential impacts of increasing residential housing densities.
- Many of the issues raised require further investigation to fully understand their implications.
- Issues such as infrastructure capacity and traffic congestion form part of the scope of the scheme review process and will be understood in greater detail subject to additional technical input.
- The City will thoroughly evaluate all feedback received through the preliminary engagement process, including the petitions, and ensuring Council are able to make well-informed decisions about the affected areas.

### **That the Council:**

- **Notes the petition content and the concerns raised in relation to proposed residential density changes as part of the Review of Local Planning Scheme No. 6.**
- **Notes that the issues raised in the petitions will be the subject of further investigations and that the findings will be presented to Council by December 2025 to enable Council to make a decision on the content for the purposes of progressing statutory advertising of the Review of Local Planning Scheme No.6.**



## Petition – Governance

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- The recommendation is to note the petitions and to consider the concerns raised once investigations regarding proposed changes are completed.
- The approach maintains the order of the planning process and involves Councillors making decisions on the proposals following the completion of ongoing investigations.
- It is reiterated that the proposals put forward are preliminary and are intended to be subject to additional investigations before decisions are to be made.
- Once the preliminary investigations are completed, the process will move into the formal statutory process which will include further opportunities for community input and further decision-making stages.
- Reaching well informed decisions at the conclusion of the ongoing investigations, rather than part way through, will ensure the process is thorough, defensible and fair.