

COUNCIL POLICY EN302

ROAD VERGES

KEY FOCUS AREA ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to supplement the Town's Activities on Thoroughfares and Public Places Local Law by providing guidance on the "permissible verge treatments".

Policy

All requests must be submitted in writing with plans and specifications.

Council supports the paving of Town owned verges where on-street parking is not permitted or readily available.

Where paving is permitted, the following conditions apply:

1. Permissible materials are porous paving, to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer
2. Drainage to be collected and disposed of in soakage pits (1m³ for each 90m² paving).
3. All verge treatments containing hardstand materials are required to include at least one street tree (Spacing of 8 to 10 meters to maintain the avenue effect).
4. Street trees to be carefully protected from root damage using the Australian Standards for protection of trees on development sites, and tree bubblers connected to private irrigation to be provided.
5. Hardstand materials may not be installed closer than 2 metres from a street tree or interfere with a street tree in any way.
6. Standard road kerbing to remain.
7. Installation over no more than one third of the area of the verge (excluding any vehicle crossing) of an acceptable material, and the planting and maintenance of either a lawn or a garden on the balance of the verge in accordance with the following:
 - a. clear sight visibility is maintained at all times for a person using the abutting thoroughfare in the vicinity of an intersection or bend in the thoroughfare; and
 - b. where there is no footpath, a pedestrian has safe and clear access of a minimum width of 2m along that part of the verge immediately adjacent to the kerb.
8. Council's crossing paving specification to apply to verge paving construction
9. Artificial Turf is not considered a sustainable or environmentally sensitive landscape treatment by Council and is therefore not permitted

If a landowner installs unapproved surfaces on the verge they may be instructed to reinstate it to an approved surface. The landowner would be responsible for the cost of reinstatement.

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