



Our Place PLAN

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Gladstone Regional Council would welcome your views on how you believe it should manage development the Gladstone Region in the context of its proposed new planning scheme. The type of issues that are often raised in preparing a Planning Scheme are outlined in the questions below. It is not necessary for you to answer all of the questions or even give your name (but if you do give us your name and contact details we can keep you informed on the progress of the Scheme). You may of course attach additional comments if the space is insufficient and raise issues additional to those referred to below. Council has prepared a number of fact sheets that provide some additional background information that may assist you in making your response. These are available either online at www.gladstonerc.qld.gov.au or at each of Council's offices.

Are you a resident of the Gladstone Regional Council area?

Yes No

Do you own property in the area?

Yes No

In what suburb, town or area do you live or own property?

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In only a few words what would your vision be for the future of the area?

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Are there any examples of good planning or bad planning that have occurred in the area that you would like to comment on?

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What do you think are the most valuable features of the area generally or your locality in particular?

(‘Valuable features’ include areas of high scenic value, physical features that form significant visual backdrops or frame or define places or localities and attractive built environments, areas or places of cultural heritage significance to the present or future generations, habitats, wildlife corridors, buffer zones, features contributing to the quality of air, water and soil quality (including catchments and recharge areas), resources or areas of economic value such as extractive resources, fishery resources, forestry resources, water resources, sources of renewable and non-renewable energy and good quality agricultural land.)

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How do you think the planning scheme should address the issue of climate change?

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Do you think that there is currently enough choice in housing type?

(Many believe that we need to provide higher residential densities so that we can use our land more efficiently. This could mean allowing duplex developments or even small unit developments in traditional single dwelling areas, permitting land to be subdivided into smaller lots and increasing the areas where higher density units are allowed.)

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Do you think that multiple unit development is adequately controlled?

(Planning schemes can regulate how many units can be erected on an allotment, the height of buildings, boundary setbacks, car parking, building bulk and the like.)

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Does your neighbourhood have a strong sense of identity and community spirit and if not what do you think it needs to help this?

(Planning schemes can, particularly in new estates, use urban design tools to assist in promoting a high level of self containment, meeting places based on a local shop next to a park, reduce car reliance by promoting walking and cycling etc.)

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What sort of uses do you think should be permitted in residential neighbourhoods?

(There is a growing trend for people to work from home. Some home based business are carried out without any discernable impact on the neighbourhood while in some circumstances others may attract considerable traffic in quiet streets.)

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Do you feel safe in your neighbourhood and if not why not?

(Crime prevention through environmental design techniques can help to reduce the opportunities for crime to occur.)

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Do you think that you have reasonable access to the places that you usually visit?

(Getting to places of work, shopping centres, schools and recreational facilities takes up much of our time. Promoting an urban form that provides for interconnected roads that allow easy access these facilities is important. Can you suggest any new or upgraded road or pathway links that would help you in your daily life.)

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What additional community facilities would you like to see developed over the next 10 years?

(community facilities include meeting rooms, senior citizens centres, neighbourhood centres, libraries, performing arts centres, museums, art galleries, community centres and swimming pools and can be partly financed by new development.)

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What do you think our existing centres need to make them more vibrant?

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Are there any special areas, either generally or specifically, that you think should be preserved for open space?

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How do you think Council can better manage the impacts of new major industrial developments, particularly during their construction phase?

(Short term changes in population are difficult to manage. Depending on where and how these temporary workers are accommodated can effect rents, increase traffic congestion at peak hours and place community facilities under pressure.)

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Do you think that there are adequate buffers between industrial and residential areas?

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Do you think that our rural activities are adequately protected from inappropriate urban development?

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Are there any other issues that you think the planning scheme particularly needs to address?

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If you would like to receive updates on the progress of the planning scheme please tick here.

Name:

Address:

Contact Number:

Contact Email:

Thank you for your interest. Your comments will help Council in preparing its new planning scheme.

Please forward your form to:
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Or
Drop it in to any of Council's Offices.

For more information please contact Council's planning department on 4975 8131 or email julieb@gladstonerc.qld.gov.au