

## **X LOT 14 SPENCER STREET, CITY OF ALBANY DESIGN POLICY**

### ***Objective:***

***To ensure development of Lot 14 Spencer Street, Albany is sympathetic to the built form of the former Activ Building (Building 1), Thrift Shop (Building 2), Cheyne Cottage and surrounding heritage properties and maintains existing view corridors from Frederick Street through the use of appropriate controls addressing building height, bulk, location, form, colour and materials.***

### **A1 Relationship to Other Planning Instruments**

This Policy is to be read in conjunction with the following planning instruments with relevant provisions of these instruments applied as appropriate to development of Lot 14:

- Albany Historic Town Design Policy
- Residential Design Codes of Western Australia

Where a provision of this Policy is inconsistent with a provision of the abovementioned planning instruments, this Policy will prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

### **A2 Policy Statement**

The specific policy requirements for development of Lot 14 are outlined in the provisions below.

#### **A2.1 Development Guide Plan and Staging and Land Tenure Plan**

A2.1.1 The Development Guide Plan and Staging and Land Tenure Plan for Lot 14 Spencer Street, Albany and adopted by the City of Albany forms part of this Policy.

A2.1.2 In order to meet the requirements of this Policy, development is to be in accordance with the Development Guide Plan and Staging and Land Tenure Plan.

#### **A2.2 Building Setbacks**

A2.2.1 The building setbacks to be used for new development on the site are shown on the Development Guide Plan.

A2.2.2 Street and driveway setbacks shown on the Development Guide Plan are fixed and not subject to reduction.

A2.2.3 Side and rear setbacks shown on the Development Guide Plan are the minimum permitted. Greater setbacks than provided on the Development Guide Plan are permissible, except in relation to nil setbacks.

A2.2.4 In order to maximise solar access, ventilation, streetscape and privacy buildings are to be built on the boundary where shown.

A2.2.5 All balconies, roofed patios and decks raised above 0.5m from the courtyard ground level are to be located within the building envelope shown on the Development Guide Plan.

**A2.3 Streetscape**

- A2.3.1 The facade of any building fronting Spencer Street is to be designed to complement the appearance of the existing Buildings 1 and 2 in a manner consistent with “recognised heritage conservation guidelines and principles”. The facade is to be built on the property line with the parapet wall height varied to accommodate the slope as shown by the existing buildings (see Figure 1).
- A2.3.2 Dwellings fronting Frederick Street (Lots C1 – C4 as depicted on the Development Guide Plan) are to be single storey in height at the street frontage (northern boundary) and be complementary to the bulk and character of the adjoining dwelling to the east.
- A2.3.3 All buildings are to have living areas (indoor or outdoor) overlooking the street and internal driveways.
- A2.3.4 Fencing along the Frederick Street boundary is to be of uniform construction, visually permeable (see through) and a maximum 0.9m above footpath height in front of any dwelling and 1.8m above footpath height elsewhere.
- A2.3.5 All garages and on-site parking areas are to be accessed from the internal driveway. No garages or carports are permitted on the Frederick Street frontage.
- A2.3.6 Buildings fronting Frederick or Spencer Street are to provide direct pedestrian access from the street elevation.
- A2.3.7 A view corridor looking across Norman House to the Penny Post and Existing Oak Tree on Lot 1 is to be maintained as shown on the Development Guide Plan.
- A2.3.8 Garages / carports are to be located as shown on the Development Guide Plan.
- A2.3.9 Garage doors are to be of uniform colour and materials for each group of buildings to ensure a consistent facade. Where carports are to be used, this must be done for each of the dwellings within the group.
- A2.3.10 Non-residential uses are to have direct frontage to Spencer Street with windows looking out onto the street.
- A2.3.11 The existing facades of Building 1 (Figure 2) are to remain unaltered with the exception of the removal of the later and intrusive verandah and window additions. Any restoration of the building (i.e. replacement of the verandah or windows, repainting, etc) should be authentic, based on documentary and physical evidence.

**A2.4 Built Form**

- A2.4.1 Colours and materials are to be complementary to the existing Buildings 1 and 2 and should be based on documentary and physical evidence. The full range of external materials, including masonry, iron, timber weatherboard and cement cladding will be considered. Development should be sympathetic in form, size, bulk and setback to surrounding properties.
- A2.4.2 Use of unpainted or non-rendered face brick is not permitted.

- A2.4.3 Roof pitch is to be less than 10°, for all new buildings with the exception of houses fronting Frederick Street where a 25° roof pitch is permitted to complement surrounding roof styles.
- A2.4.4 Use of unpainted 'Zincalume' or light-coloured 'Colorbond' custom-orb roofing is required for all buildings, except housing fronting Frederick Street.
- A2.4.5 Roofing tiles are not permitted, except on the houses fronting Frederick Street, where natural-coloured terracotta clay tiles may be used as a substitute to custom-orb roofing to complement the adjoining residence to the east.
- A2.4.6 The facade of Building 2 is permitted to be rationalised, such that only the windowed section of the facade, as well as the original timber trusses and south facing skylight windows, are retained. The remainder of the facade fronting Spencer Street is to incorporate design elements of Building 2 in order to provide visual cues back to the retained structure.
- A2.4.7 The design of any building fronting Spencer Street will be subject to assessment and comment by the City's Heritage Advisor prior to issue of any development approval.
- A2.4.8 Except for Lots A and B1, Upper floors are to extend 0.5m in front of the garage building line in order to provide an element of articulation to the frontages of the dwellings facing the internal driveway.

## **A2.5 Height and Bulk**

- A2.5.1 Finished floor and ground levels are not to exceed the maxima shown on the Development Guide Plan without Council approval.
- A2.5.2 When considering varying the maximum finished level of a building from that shown on the Development Guide Plan, the Council is to ensure the following matters are appropriately addressed prior to granting approval to the varied finished level:
- Impact on the amenity of adjoining dwellings within the complex and adjoining the site.
  - Ensuring the increased finished levels do not detract from the scale and bulk of the overall development.
  - Impact on the view corridor from Frederick Street.
  - Need to ensure appropriate operation of drainage and sewer.
  - Need for retaining walls and the impact on adjoining properties.
  - Impact on solar access to adjoining dwellings, overlooking and overshadowing.
  - Impact on the preservation and amenity of Cheyne Cottage.
- A2.5.3 Building height will be generally in accordance with Category B of Table 3 of the *Residential Design Codes*, except as otherwise varied by this Policy. 'Natural ground level' will be considered the FFL for the lower floor of each building as depicted on the Development Guide Plan, or as varied under clause A2.5.2.
- A2.5.4 Notwithstanding clause A2.5.3, the maximum building height for dwellings fronting Frederick Street will be in accordance with Category A of Table 3 of the *Residential Design Codes* with 'natural ground level' being the FFL for the upper floor as shown on the Development Guide Plan. The purpose of this clause is to ensure a single storey scale and bulk for these buildings when viewed from Frederick Street, whilst

allowing for use of the existing fall of the site to establish an undercroft area under the FFL of the upper floor.

A2.5.5 Upper floor balconies on Lots C1-C4 are to be un-roofed within 4m of the southern strata boundary of these lots to protect the solar access of Lots D1-D3 and to provide adequate light and ventilation.

A2.5.6 Courtyards are to remain un-roofed to within 4m of the southern boundary on Lots B2-B4 and D1-D3 to protect the solar access of properties to the south and to provide adequate light and ventilation.

## **A2.6 Privacy and Outdoor Living Areas**

A2.6.1 Second storey windows on dwellings that face another dwelling are to be designed so that the two sets of windows are offset and do not directly face one-another.

A2.6.2 Balconies are to be screened to 1.7m above the finished level of the balcony where adjoining another balcony or as otherwise shown on the Development Guide Plan.

A2.6.3 Each dwelling is to be provided with a courtyard / outdoor living area as depicted on the Development Guide Plan. In the case of Lots C1 – C4, this is to be located as a balcony area on the southern side of the dwelling as depicted on the Development Guide Plan.

A2.6.4 Each dwelling is to be provided with a clothes drying area screened from the view of the street or internal driveway. In the case of Lots B1 and C1-C4, installation of a clothes dryer will be accepted in lieu of a outdoor clothes drying area.

A2.6.5 With the exception of Lot B1, each dwelling is to incorporate a minimum 4m<sup>2</sup> lockable storage room directly accessible from the garage / carport with a minimum internal dimension of 1.5m.

## **A2.7 Landscaping**

A2.7.1 Landscaping in common property areas are to be established and maintained by the Strata Company at all times.

A2.7.2 Trees selected at maturity are not to exceed the height of the Frederick Street footpath at the view point marked on the Development Guide Plan (10m RL).

A2.7.3 Use of deciduous trees to provide shade in summer and light / heat in winter is recommended for the common property areas.

A2.7.4 Boundary fencing (except for street fencing) is to be of a uniform colour and a maximum of 1.8m high.

## **A2.8 Access and Car Parking**

A2.8.1 Driveways are to be constructed in a uniform material as depicted on the Development Guide Plan and located within Common Property.

A2.8.2 The existing Right of Carriageway easement to Cheyne Cottage is to be modified to follow the new driveway route with the existing access point into the Cheyne Cottage site to remain.

- A2.8.3 The main driveway will be subject to a Right of Carriageway easement to the benefit of Lot A (office use) to ensure access in perpetuity.
- A2.8.4 Each dwelling is to have two (2) car parking spaces contained in either a carport or garage as shown on the Development Guide Plan.
- A2.8.5 A minimum of two (2) visitor parking spaces are to be provided within the common property and located separately from parking spaces associated with the office use. These spaces are to be marked for residential visitor use only.
- A2.8.6 A minimum of eight (8) on-site parking spaces for the office use on Lot A are to be provided as shown on the Development Guide Plan. It is noted that the minimum required parking spaces for the office of ten (10) spaces has been offset by the ability to provide two (2) on-street spaces immediately in front of the site.
- A2.8.7 A minimum of three (3) on-site parking spaces for the office /studio on Lot B1 are to be provided as shown on the Development Guide Plan. It is noted that the minimum required parking spaces for the office and single bedroom studio of six (6) spaces has been offset by the ability to provide three (3) on-street spaces immediately in front of the site.

## **A2.9 Non-residential uses**

- A2.9.1 Lot A as depicted on the Development Guide Plan is to be used for office accommodation or other non-residential use approved by the Council. Car parking has been provided on the Development Guide Plan for a maximum of 300m<sup>2</sup> gross floor area (GFA). Any increase in GFA will require the provision of additional car parking to the satisfaction of Council.
- A2.9.2 Lot B1 as depicted on the Development Guide Plan is to be used for office accommodation or other non-residential use approved by the Council on the ground floor. A single bedroom studio residence can be incorporated into the upper floor. Development of the upper floor must take into account the existing heritage elements of the building including two internal trusses, south facing windows and the need to let light in through these windows. Development of the upper storey is to minimise impact on the streetscape and must be setback appropriately from the Spencer Street frontage. Car parking has been provided on the Development Guide Plan for a maximum of 150m<sup>2</sup> gross floor area (GFA) of office space and a single studio residence. Any increase in GFA will require the provision of additional car parking to the satisfaction of Council.

## **A2.10 Servicing**

- A2.10.1 Provision is to be made for centralised letter boxes at the entrance to the main driveway from Spencer Street.
- A2.10.2 Rubbish collection is to occur via standard domestic 'wheelie bins' placed on Spencer Street or by alternative arrangement with the agreement of Council. Bins are to be stored at each unit outside of pick up days.
- A2.10.3 Provision is to be made for centralised electricity meters for the residential units. This is to be located within Common Property at the entrance to the main driveway from Spencer Street.

A2.10.4 A 1.5m wide service easement is to be provided along the southern boundary of Lots B1 – B4 to provide access for drainage and sewerage services.

A2.10.5 Stormwater drainage is to be managed on site and released into the surrounding drainage system in accordance with Better Urban Water Management Guidelines, as approved by the Council.

**A3 Figures**

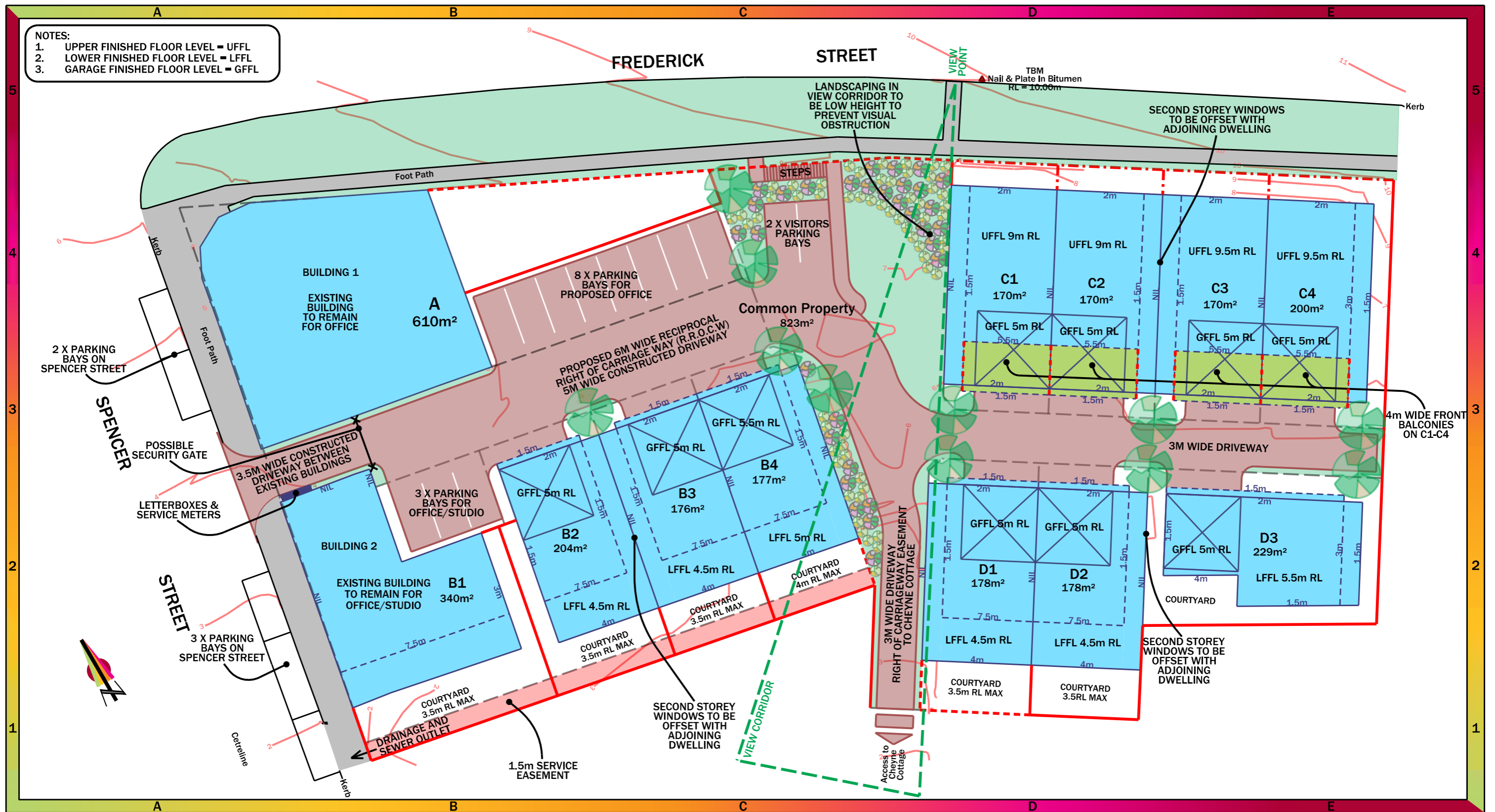


**Figure 1**



**Figure 2**

- NOTES:
1. UPPER FINISHED FLOOR LEVEL = UFFL
  2. LOWER FINISHED FLOOR LEVEL = LFFL
  3. GARAGE FINISHED FLOOR LEVEL = GFFL



# Development Guide Plan

## LOT 14 SPENCER STREET ALBANY



LEGEND

	Lot Boundaries
	Maximum 1.8m High Open Fence
	Maximum 1.8m High Closed Fence
	Maximum 0.9m High Open Fence
	Privacy Screening
	First Storey Setback
	Second Storey Setback (if varied from first storey)
	Compulsory Balcony Courtyard
	Building Envelope
	Designated Garage Location

This Detailed Area Plan has been adopted by Council and signed by the Manager of Planning for the City of Albany

Chief Executive Officer.....Date.....

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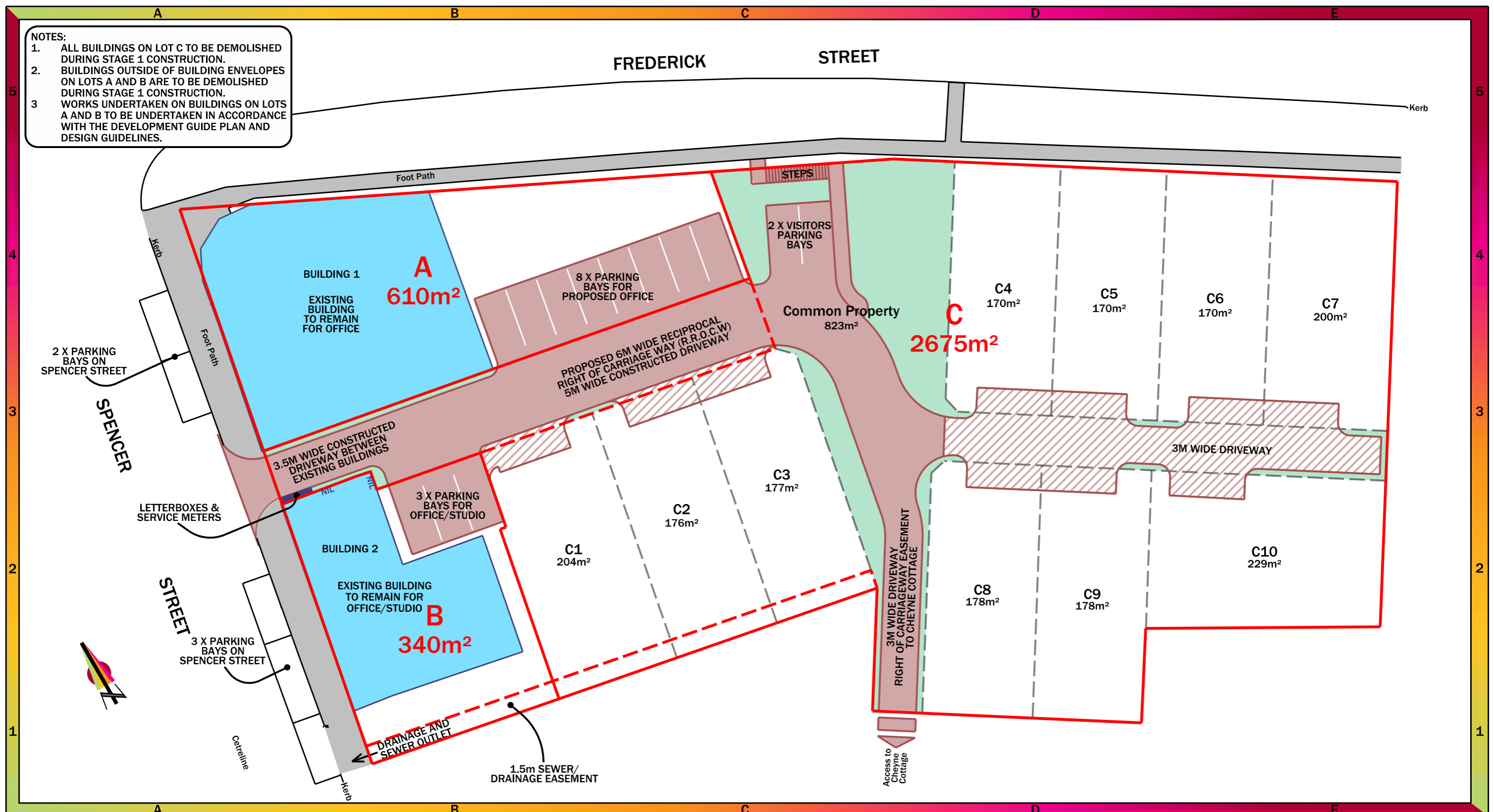
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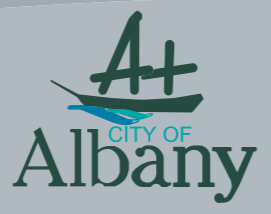


**NOTES:**  
 1. ALL BUILDINGS ON LOT C TO BE DEMOLISHED DURING STAGE 1 CONSTRUCTION.  
 2. BUILDINGS OUTSIDE OF BUILDING ENVELOPES ON LOTS A AND B ARE TO BE DEMOLISHED DURING STAGE 1 CONSTRUCTION.  
 3. WORKS UNDERTAKEN ON BUILDINGS ON LOTS A AND B TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT GUIDE PLAN AND DESIGN GUIDELINES.



# Staging and Land Tenure Plan

## LOT 14 SPENCER STREET ALBANY



**LEGEND**

- Stage 1 Green Title Lots
- - - Stage 1 Easements
- Stage 2 Survey/Built Strata Lots
- Stage 1 Driveway
- Stage 2 Driveway
- Landscaping
- Building Envelope for Lots A & B (Building Envelopes for Lot C as per Development Guide Plan)

This Staging and Land Tenure Plan has been adopted by Council and signed by the Chief Executive Officer for the City of Albany

Chief Executive Officer.....Date.....

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