

CAMBERWELL RAILWAY STATION INCORPORATED PLAN 2007

1.0 Application

This Incorporated Plan applies to the Camberwell Railway Station (HO263) as shown on *Boroondara Planning Scheme* Map Nos. 12HO and 13HO.

2.0 Statement of Significance

Camberwell Railway Passenger Station is of local architectural and aesthetic significance as a representative example of an early twentieth century railway building complex within a designed landscape setting, one of several stations of this period found in the City of Boroondara. The complex is of architectural and aesthetic significance for its visual integrity, the individual treatment of the chimneys, pediments, canopies and archways, its domestic scale in the Arts and Crafts style, and for the remnant 1920s planting along Cookson Street which provide a setting for the station buildings and platforms. The architectural quality of the complex is greater than that of other stations along this line in Camberwell or the neighbouring areas of Canterbury, Surrey Hills or Mont Albert. The station design, the alteration of levels from Cookson Street to the platforms, the raised walkways, plantings and booking hall reflect the importance of the railway to suburban life in the age of electrification. The complexity of these structures and the pattern of pedestrian access contrast strongly with other parts of the suburb and with other less lavish station designs elsewhere in Camberwell.

Camberwell Railway Station is of historical significance for its association with the major expansion and upgrading of public transport in Melbourne and the growth of the middle suburbs in the early twentieth century, and in particular for the role this played in public transport in Camberwell and in the development of the commercial character of Burke Road. The rail electrification project undertaken between 1910 and 1930, with the regrading of the station, abolition of the level crossing in Burke Road and consequent new station buildings, as well as the introduction of new tram services, was an important element of the growth of Camberwell and other middle ring suburbs and of vehicular and passenger traffic. Camberwell's growth in the 1880s depended essentially on the rail link with the city and a large part of renewed expansion after the Second World War depended on electrified rail lines. The station precinct is an important reminder of the central importance of the initial railway and later electrification in the 1920s in shaping the character of Camberwell and in defining the commercial character of Burke Road.

3.0 No Planning Permit Required

Under Clause 43.01-2 of the Boroondara Planning Scheme, no planning permit is required for the following demolition and buildings and works within HO 263 (Camberwell Railway Station):

- Removal of, modifications and repairs to and replacement of overhead power lines
- Repairs to and replacement of railway tracks and sleepers including ballast
- Modifications and repairs to and replacement of any electric or electronic signalling equipment
- Removal of, repairs to, installation or replacement of ticket machines, passenger control gates, safety barriers, rubbish bins, seating, bicycle racks and other small items of platform furniture
- Removal, installation, repair or replacement of non-commercial signage, security lighting, fire safety equipment provided it does not involve the removal or erection of a building or other structure
- Resurfacing of existing paths and driveways
- Removal, installation or replacement of garden watering or drainage systems
- Management of trees in accordance with Australian Standard 4373: Pruning of Amenity Trees
- Plant labelling and interpretative signage
- The construction or demolition of buildings and works and tree removal in accordance with a conservation management plan prepared for the area within the Overlay by a person qualified and/or experienced in the preparation of such plans to the satisfaction of the responsible authority and which has been approved by the responsible authority.
- The construction or demolition of buildings and works and tree removal necessary to achieve compliance with the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and *Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002* in accordance with a plan for such works within the Overlay area which has been approved by the responsible authority.