

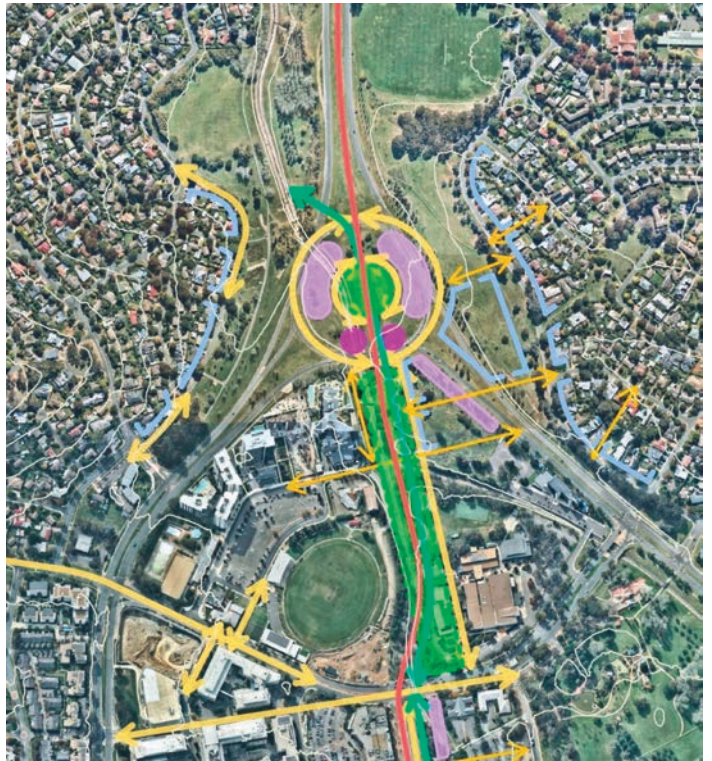
What do you think about shops in the roundabout?

The ACT Government proposes retail and community facilities in and around the big Yarra Glen – Melrose Drive roundabout in its new Draft Woden District Strategy.

‘Woden north’ including south Curtin has been identified as a key site for possible change. An extract from the Strategy is overleaf.

The proposal for investigation includes ‘community and retail facilities’ (shown in purple) and ‘public activity hubs’ such as cafés (pink) within the roundabout and nearby, along Yarra Glen. How people will access these areas is not explained, within these busy roads, hundreds of metres from the nearest planned light rail stop.

New ‘edge streets’ (yellow) are proposed, running from the Holman Street oval through the green space near the rain garden to Service Street, and on to connect to Theodore Street. The ‘built frontage’ (blue) is intended to permit 3-, 6- and up to 12-storey dwellings in places, to face the planned light rail tracks. These would threaten the value of the green walking–cycling corridor by removing mature trees and reducing recreational space, thereby undermining the value of the Strategy’s ‘blue-green network’ in Woden.



What do you think?

The Draft Woden District Strategy and the new Draft Territory Plan are open for comment until 3 March 2023. Find these documents at:

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You can have your say online by:

- asking questions
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You can also email the Curtin Residents Association committee with your views to help them in their submission at info@curtinresidents.asn.au. See the Association’s website at: www.curtinresidents.asn.au _ _ _ _ _



Below is a copy of page 122 of the Draft Woden District Strategy showing an overview of proposed changes and the key to the map. See also Figure 36: Woden – Sustainable neighbourhoods on pages 113 and 114 for ‘urban character’ designations (on which proposed building heights are based).

Woden north

Any future development at this site should contribute to facing onto the new light rail boulevard. The development should acknowledge biodiversity values in this area, give consideration to wildlife friendly crossings and improve access to and surveillance of light rail stops. A full investigation of planning, environmental and infrastructure issues should be undertaken with reference to the following principles:

- Light rail boulevard – high quality multimodal, part of a city-wide rapid transit network.
- A potential new edge street to clarify the urban edge to the new boulevard and ‘unlock’ sites for development.
- Walkable street grid with clear sight lines which add canopy trees and create regular urban blocks of one hectare or less and more walkable access locally.
- Linear park which adds canopy trees, WSUD and play opportunities.
- Community and retail facilities located prominently to create a destination and activity.
- Public activity hubs at key locations including community facilities, amenities, and cafes.
- Built frontage contributing to street identity, spatial definition, and oversight of public space.
- Consider opportunities to enhance the creekline for local area amenity and ecology – part of a city-wide blue-green network where possible.

Figure 40: Principles for Woden north

