

## Planning Application Fact Sheet

# Satellite dishes

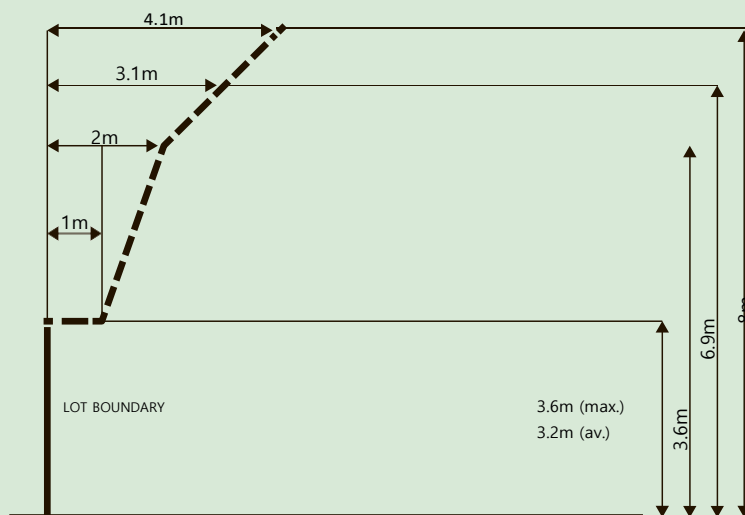
Poorly positioned or erected satellite dishes can be unattractive. The location of a dish cannot just be about getting the best reception. A planning permit may be required to ensure your neighbour's amenity is not affected.

This factsheet provides information on when a planning permit is required to erect a satellite dish and what information is required to be supplied.

### Do I need a planning permit to put up a satellite dish?

A planning permit is required to erect a satellite dish if your site is covered by a Heritage Overlay and the dish is visible from the street (other than a lane) or a public park. If your site is not covered by a Heritage Overlay, a permit is still required unless:

- the diameter of the dish is less than 1.2 metres
- the diameter of the dish is between 1.2 metres and 2.4 metres and:
  - the dish is not visible from the street (other than a lane) or a public park
  - the dish is set back from the side or rear boundary 1 metre, plus 0.3 metres for every metre of height over 3.6 metres up to 6.9 metres, plus 1 metre for every metre of height over 6.9 metres (see figure 1)



**Figure 1:**  
Setback requirements

- the dish is set back at least 3 metres from the boundary where it is opposite an existing habitable room window

A permit is required to ensure satellite dishes are installed in a way that is safe and that minimises the impact on the amenity, character and appearance of Hobsons Bay's neighbourhoods. If you install a satellite dish without a planning permit, you may be required to remove it.

### Council's consideration of your application

A planner will undertake an initial assessment of your application against the provisions in the Hobsons Bay Planning Scheme

and may ask you to submit further information or suggest changes. For example, if the dish is to be positioned where it is likely to overshadow a neighbouring property, or it is too prominent from the street, you may be asked to relocate the dish to a more suitable position.

If the satellite dish has the potential to detrimentally affect the neighbours, it will need to be advertised for a period of 14 days. If your application is advertised, any person may view the plans and lodge an objection.



# Application Checklist:

Applications should be lodged through Council's [Greenlight Portal](#), and be accompanied by an electronic copy of the following information:

- application fee: Identified as Class 2-6 depending on the estimated cost of works on Council's [Schedule of Fees](#)
- a recent full copy of title (less than 90 days old) and details of any restrictive covenant. A full copy of title can be obtained from the LANDATA website, <https://www.landata.vic.gov.au/>
- a site plan drawn to an appropriate scale, showing:
  - the boundaries and dimensions of the site)
  - the layout of all proposed buildings and any significant vegetation on the site
  - location and setbacks of the satellite dish from the site boundaries
  - a photograph, or elevation drawing for the proposed satellite dish including the diameter and overall height
- details of the structure on which it is constructed or mounted (i.e. on a post, on a roof, etc.)
- colour of the satellite dish and any associated mounting structure

Please note that applications not lodged through the Greenlight Portal must also be accompanied by a fully completed Application for Planning Permit form.

Further information may be required once an initial assessment of the application has occurred.

If you would like to find out more or speak to one of Council's planners, please call 9932 1000 or email [townplanning@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au](mailto:townplanning@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au)

