

**From niche to mainstream -
Local government and the specialist disability
housing sector.**

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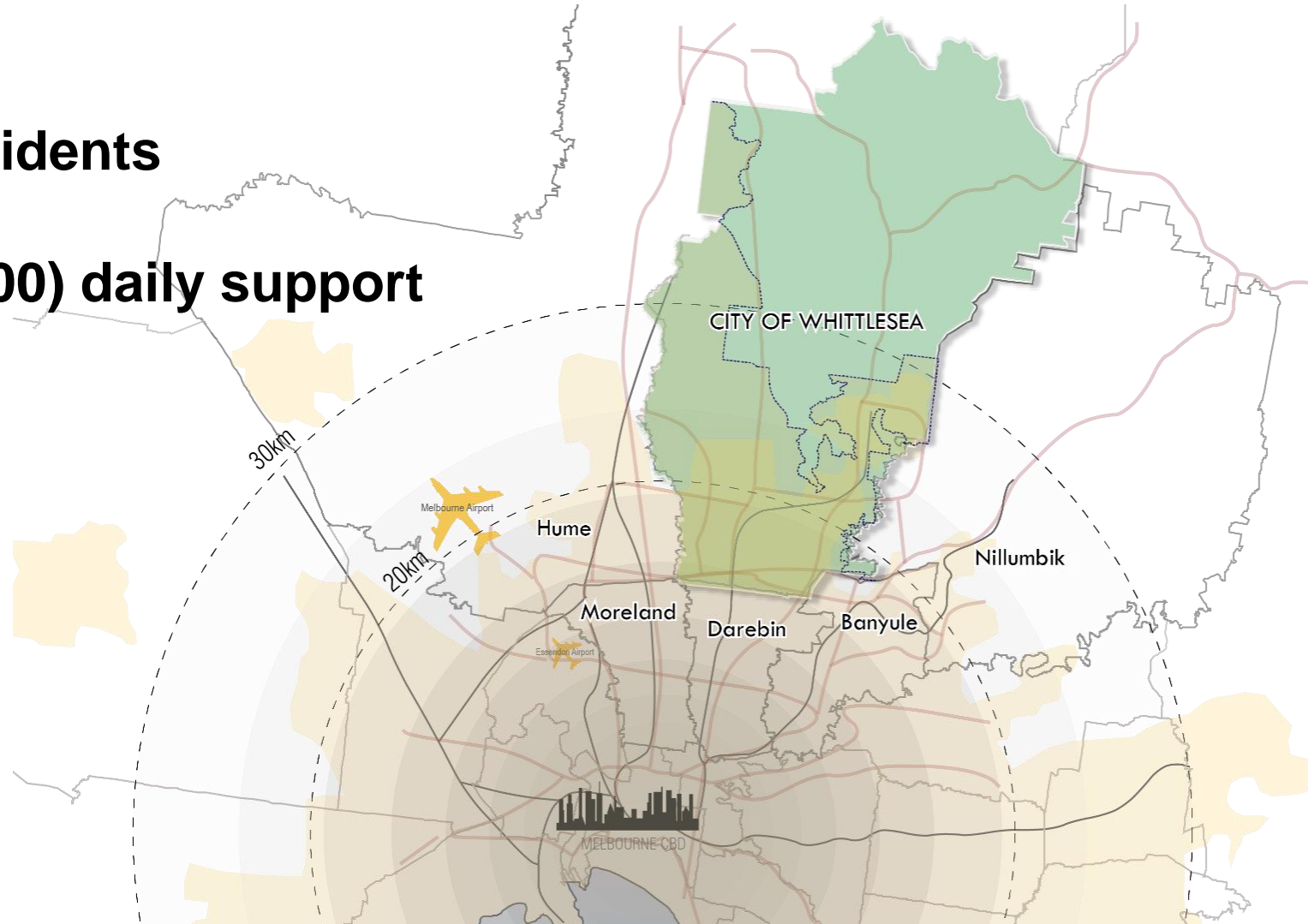
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The City of Whittlesea

220,000 residents

5% (n=11,000) daily support



Whittlesea Disability Action Plan (DAP)



- Reduces or removes barriers
- Independent living
- Plan to increase accessible housing options

What does accessible housing mean?



Planning:
**Accessible
design**



Seniors &
Ageing
**Ageing in
place**

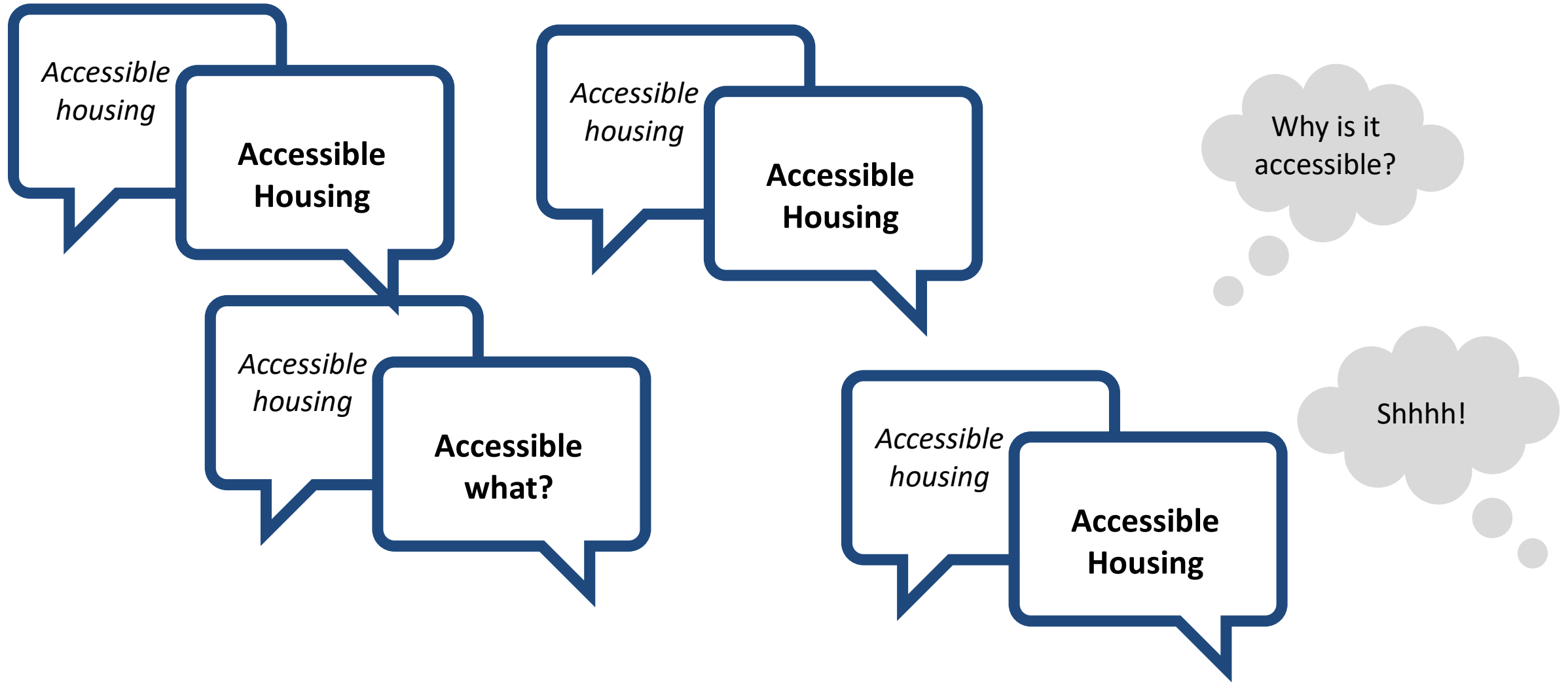


Social Policy
**Inclusive
community**



Access
**Right to
independent
living**

What does accessible housing mean?





Specialist Disability Accommodation

- Accessible design + personal support
- Extreme physical impairments & complex support needs
- 6% NDIS participants
- \$750M annually

Whittlesea Disability Housing Project



Cross-Council
Conversation:
**Monitoring
accessible design
in community**

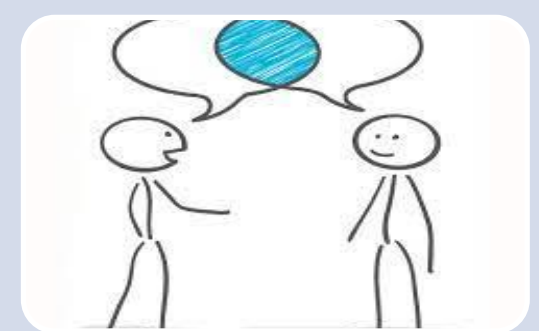
Engaging
disability
advocates
**SDA sector
opportunities &
challenges**

Social Policy talks
NDIS
**Link SDA
providers to
social policy**

Planning &
Access Teams
collaborate:
**Assessing
disability
housing projects**

Community
Engagement
**Disability
Housing Survey
& stakeholder
interviews**

Positive Policy Outcomes



Gap evaluation
**Need to establish
state-wide
evidence base**

Community Need
**Identify local
needs**

Planning
**Strengthen
capacity to
assess benefits
and risks**

Disability
Advocacy
**Learning how to
talk to planners**



have your
say

We would like your feedback on a number of projects we plan to deliver for our community.

Your input will help the City of Whittlesea to be a place for all.

Open for consultation

Whittlesea 2040 (Community Plan)

Disability Action Plan 2017-2021

Council Policy and Strategies (eg. Draft Social and Affordable Housing Policy and Strategy)

Planning Policy in local planning scheme (Clause 16.01-1L Housing supply in established areas)

Council's Priority Planning Process for good social outcomes (incentivise the model)

Subject Matter Experts provide advice on planning proposals (gatekeeper role)

Making it mainstream: Support in the Strategic Framework

Council's key roles in relation to affordable housing

Advocacy (e.g. seeking to influence State and Federal government investment and policy)

Engagement (e.g. speaking with the wider community and other stakeholders)

Knowledge building (e.g. documenting, analysing and applying evidence, research and evaluation)

Planning (e.g. using policy and other regulatory levers to negotiate outcomes)

Partnerships (e.g. collaborating with others to achieve better collective outcomes)

Whittlesea 2040 (Community Plan) - Key Direction 2.3
Housing for diverse needs.
This means:

Quality and varied housing options

Housing that is affordable and accessible

Disability Action Plan 2017-2021

Outcome 2.1 People with a disability have a range of affordable, accessible housing choices in their chosen community.

Draft Whittlesea Affordable Housing Strategy 2020-2030

Engage the community about the need for affordable housing particularly affordable and disability housing

Housing Diversity Strategy 2013-2033

Strategy 1.2: Encourage adaptable and accessible housing to enable the community to age in place.

Making it mainstream: incentivise the model

Planning Policy

- Strategic Evidence to support policy change.



Housing diversity strategies

Encourage a greater diversity of housing types and dwelling size including both smaller and larger dwellings.

Encourage accessible and adaptable housing that includes dwellings:

- Containing a kitchen, bedroom, shower, toilet and wash basin at ground level that is usable by everyone regardless of their age and abilities.
- In areas close to rail and tram services, and commercial and community services.

Housing diversity policy guideline

Consider as relevant:

- Accessible and adaptable housing at a rate of 1 for every 10 dwellings in a development of 10 dwellings or more.

Planning decisions

- Voluntary Agreements (Social and Affordable Housing).
- Priority Application Process.
- Discretionary ambit (parking, density).

Thank you!

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