

Doncaster Hill Civic Precinct Fact Sheet



The creation of a Civic Precinct (also known as Precinct 1) within Doncaster Hill is an integral part of Council's Doncaster Hill Strategy - a 20 year vision for a contemporary mixed-use sustainable urban village that will provide a civic, recreational and social centre for the City of Manningham.

What is the Civic Precinct?

Doncaster Hill has been divided into seven precincts. While the other precincts are being developed primarily by the private sector, Council has responsibility for future development of the Civic Precinct.

The Civic Precinct will be a vibrant, active accessible and engaging City heart, developed in stages. The key component of Stage One is the creation of MC² (Manningham City Square), an exciting new community hub in the heart of Doncaster. This iconic facility is a major focal point for community, cultural, learning and information services. MC² includes:

- A new library, community arts space and a café.
- A family services centre which includes a preschool, childcare and maternal and child health
- A community and youth activity space
- A civic plaza for community events and gatherings
- Underground parking
- Shared pedestrian and bicycle facilities and an upgraded bus stop.

Stage 2 works will include upgraded pedestrian paths connecting key locations within the precinct, demolition of the temporary library, scout hall and former maternal and child health centre at the rear of the Council offices and installation of wayfinding signage.

Where is the Precinct located?

The Civic Precinct is located in Doncaster, between Council Street and JJ Tully Drive, north of Doncaster Road. The area currently includes major civic offices and Doncaster Primary School as well as key historic buildings, the Playhouse Theatre, Doncaster and Templestowe Artists' Society, Schramms Reserve and the Doncaster Bowling Club.

Precinct 1 Vision

Council's vision for the Civic Precinct is: "The creation of a consolidated, prominent and accessible civic centre with an expanded community and education focus, with gateway presence. It will also include a major urban open space/green spine for Doncaster Hill Activity Centre residents and the wider Manningham community. It is envisaged to incorporate strong pedestrian links to other areas of the Doncaster Hill Activity Centre and enhance the historic/arts sub-precinct." (*Manningham Planning Scheme - Clause 21.09*).

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Precinct 1 Masterplan

The Doncaster Hill Precinct Masterplan was approved by Council in February 2010, following extensive community consultation. Development of Precinct 1 will occur over the next 20 to 30 years and will be guided by the Masterplan.

Precinct 1 provides:

- A prominent, accessible civic hub for the whole municipality (MC²), with expanded community and education focus
- Balanced social and environmental outcomes throughout the Doncaster Hill area
- Strong pedestrian links to other areas within the Activities Area
- Quality public open space for the whole community.

The Doncaster Hill Precinct 1 Masterplan vision

