



# HAVE YOUR SAY! DRAFT REVISED URBAN DESIGN POLICY

The City of Cape Town seeks to obtain comments on the proposed amendments to the Urban Design Policy (2013). The drafting of the Urban Design Policy in 2013 stemmed from the City's intention for the land use management system to become more policy-driven. At the time of approval, it was stated that the policy objectives and statements need to be reviewed periodically in order to ensure relevance, and to make changes, if necessary. After more than seven years, an independent review was initiated and recommendations put forward to inform the redrafting of the revised policy.

Urban Design concerns itself with ordering and enhancing the relationship between people, urban space and the environment. The Urban Design Policy aims to create useful, attractive, safe, environmentally sustainable, economically successful and socially equitable places. Good urban design pursues local identity and a sense of place, cultural responsiveness and purposeful environmental innovation, and well as functioning urban performance.

In terms of Section 21 of the Systems Act, the City is obligated to engage the public on all decisions that may affect them. The public has the right to comment on City policies. Part of the process is that the public be afforded the opportunity to make representation and/or give input on the proposed draft revised Urban Design policy.

In terms of section 17 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, Act 32 of 2000, the public and interested parties or groups are given the opportunity to submit comments or suggestions to the municipality from 19 September until 30 October 2023.

Comments, input, recommendations or enquiries can be submitted by:

- **Email:** [Public.Participation@capetown.gov.za](mailto:Public.Participation@capetown.gov.za)
- **Online:** [www.capetown.gov.za/haveyoursay](http://www.capetown.gov.za/haveyoursay)
- **Hand:** At subcouncil offices
- **Post:** Urban Planning and Design, Cape Town Civic Centre, Tower Block, 16th Floor 4 bay side, 12 Hertzog Boulevard, Cape Town, 8000

The City's Public Participation Unit will assist people who cannot read or write, people living with disabilities and people from disadvantaged groups who are unable to submit written comments, to have their comments or input recorded and submitted to the City. Contact Nathan Fisher on 021 400 6686 or [Nathan.fisher@capetown.gov.za](mailto:Nathan.fisher@capetown.gov.za).

The Draft Revised Urban Design Policy will be available for viewing on [www.capetown.gov.za/haveyoursay](http://www.capetown.gov.za/haveyoursay), at subcouncil offices and at City libraries.

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