

Kingston and Arthur’s Vale Historic Area Development Control Plan

Role and Intent

The new Development Control Plan (DCP) for Kingston and Arthur’s Vale Historic Area (KAVHA) was prepared to address the need for clearer guidance around development and planning approval processes within KAVHA. The KAVHA DCP has been prepared in recognition of the UNESCO World Heritage significance of KAVHA, its setting and the unique culture, history and landscape of Norfolk Island.

The planning provisions under the *Norfolk Island Plan 2002* and associated Development Control Plans allow a range of land uses and provide some broad controls. However, these do not consider the site-specific heritage significance of the area. The role of the KAVHA DCP is therefore to provide detailed standards and development controls for the community and public authorities preparing development applications as well as to assist the Norfolk Island Regional Council (NIRC) and the Government Minister in their consideration and determination of those applications.

The KAVHA DCP has been prepared as an instrument under the *Planning Act 2002* and as such, it aligns with the aims and objectives of the *Planning Act 2002* and the *Norfolk Island Plan 2002*. The KAVHA DCP takes precedence over all other DCPs associated with the *Norfolk Island Plan 2002* for development and use within the KAVHA site.

Pre-lodgement activities

It is strongly recommended that all applicants participate in a ‘pre-lodgement’ meeting with Council’s Planning and Building staff early in the development of a project. The pre-lodgement meeting is intended to clarify application requirements, the development assessment steps such as public consultation and referrals, lodgement fees and any other approvals that may be required.

Typically, this meeting is with the Council Planning Officer, however, depending on the proposed development other specialist advisors from the council may also attend.

Prior to the pre-lodgement meeting, it is recommended you prepare some basic plans of your proposal, photographs of the site and surrounding area and consider any potentially significant impacts the proposed works and / or activities may have on the environment.

Pre-lodgement meetings are of no cost and there is no obligation for the applicant to lodge an application following the meeting.

The development application checklist provides a guide on the types of supporting information that should be submitted with the application form.

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How does this plan relate to other plans?



Figure 1 How the KAVHA DCP relates to other plans

Development Application in KAVHA Checklist

General requirements

- Is your development / use within the KAVHA site?
 - No – refer to other NIRC DCPs
 - Yes - attach a Heritage Impact Statement (see section 2.6 of the KAVHA DCP)
- Will the development have a significant impact on the World or National Heritage listed site? (see section 3.8 of KAVHA DCP for additional details)
 - No
 - Unsure – do not submit, meet with the KAVHA Heritage Manager
 - Yes- consider referral under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (cth)
- Have you met with the KAVHA Heritage Manager?
 - No – this is recommended, however, not required
 - Yes – recommendations have been considered
- Have you had a pre-lodgement meeting with Council's Planning Officer?
 - No – this is recommended, however, not required
 - Yes – include minutes as part of the application
- Does the development include a major change of use to a historically significant building or a ruin within KAVHA?
 - No
 - Yes- attach a Conservation Management Plan if pre-lodgement meetings indicated one was required (see section 2.5 of the KAVHA DCP for additional details)
- Does your application involve any variations to the development controls from the KAVHA DCP?
 - No
 - Yes –include a statement justifying variation

Application details

- Application Form
 - Applicant details
 - Landowners permission

- Property description
- Estimated cost of proposal
- Plans and Maps to the standard detailed in section 95 of the *Norfolk Island Plan 2002*
- A site assessment (see section 2.4 of KAVHA DCP for additional details)
- Have you prepared environmental impact assessment documentation?
 - No – consult Council's Planning Officer to determine which type of assessment documentation is appropriate
 - Yes - attach

Environmental Impact Assessment

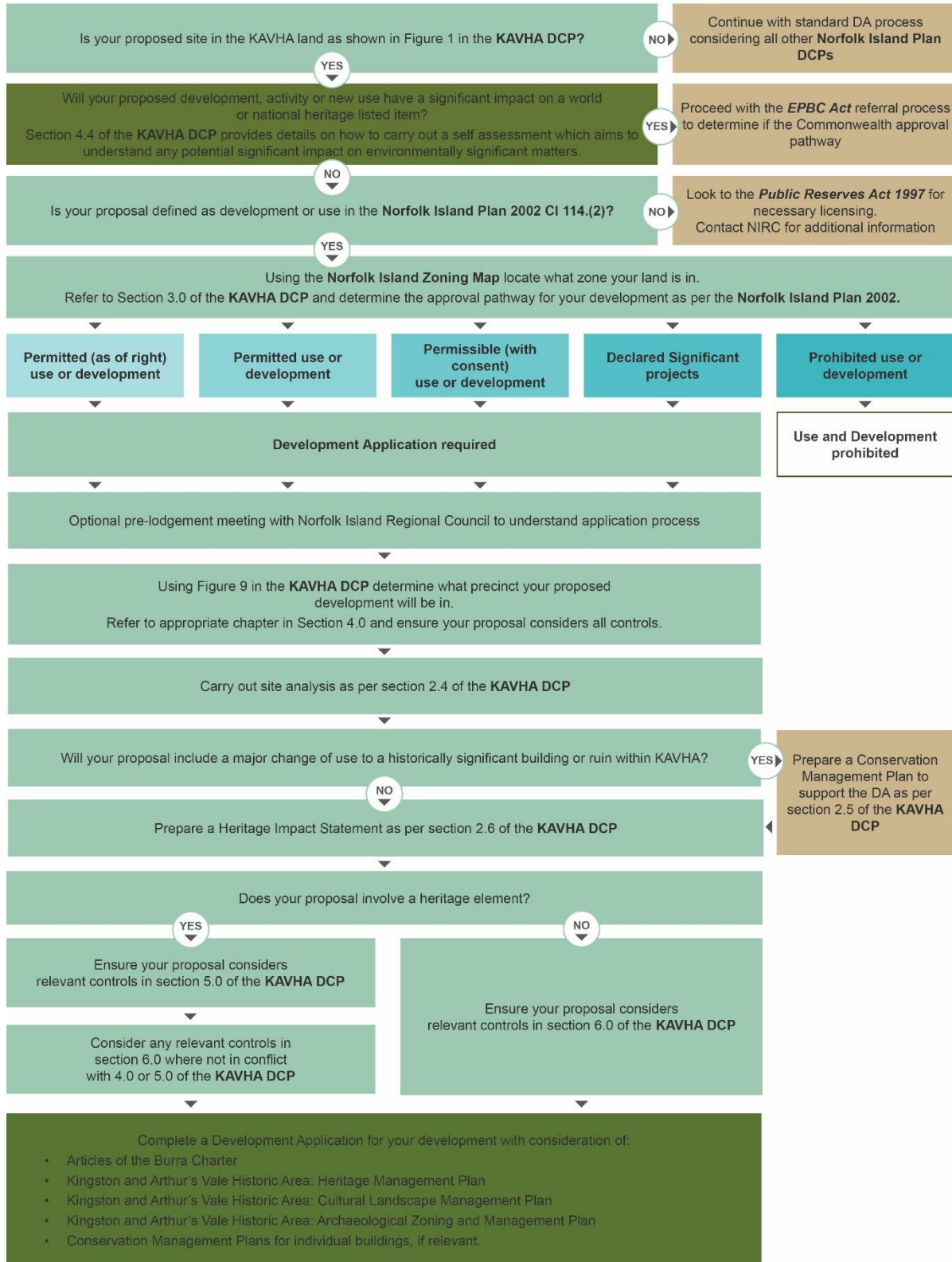
Your environmental impact assessment should include:

- Objectives of the proposal
- Analysis of alternatives [if any are feasible]
- Description of the proposed use or development
- Description of the environment likely to be affected
- Likely impact to the environment from the use or development; including:
 - Physical environment such as soil, water quality
 - Human environment such as community, social, or economic impacts
 - Biological environments such as flora and fauna habitats
- Evaluation of potential cumulative environmental impacts and implications for long term sustainability
- Mitigation measures for all adverse effects of the development or use
- Justification of the development

Other considerations

- The Strategic Plan (Part A of the Norfolk Island Plan 2002)
- Use and Development Principles contained in the Norfolk Island Plan 2002 (cl 83-90)
- Aims and objectives of the applicable zones from the Norfolk Island Plan 2002
- KAVHA Heritage Management Plan
- KAVHA Cultural Landscape Management Plan
- KAVHA Archaeological Zoning and Management Plan

I want to develop, introduce a new use or carry out an activity on land in KAVHA, what do I need to do?



Note: As per CI 74. (1) all development or use within heritage areas requires development approval. Exemptions to this are listed in CI 74.(1)(c). Refer to NIRC for further information.