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Overall I think the Arden structure plan is well conceived with sound town planning principles demonstrated.

The following elements of the plan appeal to me.

- the provision of at least 6% affordable housing. People who work in the service industry need affordable housing close to where they work, not on the outskirts of the city. The Clichy-Batignolles redevelopment in Paris cited in the document is aiming for 50% affordable housing- a much more ambitious target. Maybe 6% is not a high enough target.
- provision for a new primary school. I would think provision of a new secondary school is also necessary considering the lack of secondary school options in the area.
- sustainability embedded in every planning decision including transport, building design, water management and open space provision. Sustainability is increasingly becoming the cornerstone of all development and Arden should be at the forefront of this movement.
- provision for 60% public transport, 30% walking & cycling and only 10% private vehicle use. I like the concept of the 20 minute neighbourhood framework. Macaulay Road through Kensington is already congested and can't cope with more traffic, especially once the train frequency is reduced to every 10 minutes in the future. Ideally the level crossings need to be removed, but not sure if or when this will occur.
- provision of 40% canopy cover to tackle urban heat island effect.
- aim of a circular economy. Re-use and re purposing of recycled materials after demolition in the construction of new public infrastructure.
- Re development of the Moonie Ponds creek corridor to make it part of the Arden precinct and a desirable passive recreation area.
- the integrated stormwater management plan which addresses the flood prone nature of the site. The provision of a 12.5 ml underground tank under the North Melbourne recreation reserve to provide sustainable watering of open spaces is a great idea.

My main concern with the Arden Precinct plan is that the planning and building codes, building heights, minimum building standards etc are enforced and adhered to and not watered down by the developers to maximise profits at the expense of the sustainability and live ability of the built environment. While the document talks about better and sustainable building practices it doesn't articulate what constitutes better building practices, minimum standards or how to achieve carbon neutrality in the built environment.

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