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SCHEDULE 5 TO CLAUSE 42.02 VEGETATION PROTECTION OVERLAY

Shown on the planning scheme map as **VPO5.**

SIGNIFICANT EXOTIC, NATIVE AND INDIGENOUS VEGETATION

1.0 Statement of nature and significance of vegetation to be protected

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The background document *Manningham Heritage Garden & Significant Tree Study – Stage 2* (April 2006), has identified a range of gardens and exotic, Australian native and indigenous trees on private and public land within the municipality which are significant for their cultural, heritage, aesthetic or landscape contribution.

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Their presence provides a reflection of the development of the City, from early settlement to the discovery of gold and the development of orcharding as an important local industry.

A number of species assessed are exceptional examples or are very rare, either because they are an uncommon cultivar, are uncommon to the area, or are one of the first to be planted or connected to Manningham's orcharding history.

The vegetation has been identified as being of either local, regional or in some cases, state significance.

Background documents

Manningham Heritage Garden & Significant Tree Study – Stage 2 (John Patrick Pty Ltd Landscape Architects, April 2006)

2.0 Vegetation protection objectives to be achieved

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To ensure the proposals for replacement planting have regard to both environmental and cultural, heritage or landscape values.

To encourage strategic replanting programs, using suitable species, to provide for the long-term maintenance of landscape values.

To ensure that Pine and Cypress windbreaks are maintained intact to minimise loss of the cultural, heritage or landscape significance occurring through fragmentation.

3.0 Permit requirement

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A permit is required to remove, destroy or lop vegetation identified in the background document *City of Manningham - Statements of Tree & Garden Significance* (2006) .

4.0 Application requirements

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None specified.

5.0 Decision guidelines

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Before deciding on an application to remove, destroy or lop vegetation, the responsible authority must consider, as appropriate:

- The species of vegetation and its significance, age, health and growth characteristics.
- The need for a report, by a qualified arborist, on the vegetation to be removed. The report should state the reason for removing the vegetation and the practicality of alternative options which do not require the removal of vegetation.
- Whether any proposed lopping will adversely affect the significance, appearance, health or structure of the tree.

- The impact of a tree(s) on the structural integrity of existing buildings and foundations, and other structures including swimming pools, tennis courts and paved areas.
- The impact the vegetation removal will have on the cultural, heritage, aesthetic, landscape or other special significance of the land and surrounding area.
- The need for replacement vegetation to be of an appropriate species, having regard to the link between the species and the cultural and heritage significance of the vegetation.