

**Bishopscourt Residents' Association**

**9 March 2018**

**RE: STATUS UPDATE FOR THE BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF RESIDENTIAL, RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES ON ERVEN 242 AND 212, BISHOPSCOURT FOR THE PROTEA VILLAGE COMMUNITY LAND CLAIM**

Dear Mr. Baker

This letter serves to inform the Bishopscourt Residents' Association that, although you may not have heard from us in some time, the basic process remains underway.

The project team has actively been considering a number of iterations related to the development proposal as well as the associated implications of each. The project programme has been extended beyond our original anticipated timeframes in order to take into account the various opportunities and constraints of the site and thoroughly examine these. This is being done in a carefully considered manner, involving the relevant specialist and professional input, to ensure that the optimum development proposal is established for and with the Protea Village Communal Property Association (CPA).

We will continue to keep you abreast of the process and, as always, we look forward to continuous constructive engagement with you throughout this process!

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Dear Mr. Baker

This letter serves to provide an update of the project team's activities since our correspondence of 9 March 2018.

The project team has actively been considering a number of iterations related to the development proposal as well as the associated implications of each.

The following aspects have been weighed up and considered by the project team as they relate both to the social, economic and environmental aspects of the site in conjunction with the needs of the Protea Village Communal Property Association (CPA):

- 1) The tree survey exercise was completed for approximately 900 trees.
- 2) An arborist study was then conducted based on the tree survey, which study was then peer reviewed and the site plan amended to reflect trees which could be retained.
- 3) The civil services have been considered, particularly with regard to stormwater management and the stability of the riverbanks. Provision of water, power and telecommunications infrastructure has been considered.
- 4) The wetlands on the site have been investigated, mapped and the appropriate buffers recommended. These features and buffers have been incorporated into the planning and proposed development layout as far as possible.
- 5) The traffic implications of the proposal have been examined and discussions have been had with City officials to determine the viability of the traffic control measures under considerations.
- 6) The baseline heritage study has been conducted including interviews with a number of members of the CPA, in order to inform the impact on the heritage of the site, specifically with regard to the forced removals of the Community from the area.
- 7) The amendments to the plan required by the aspects discussed above have also been considered from a financial viability perspective and changes proposed have been discussed with the CPA Members.

It has been a slow and iterative process to formulate a revised conceptual proposal / design that responds to the above.

The specialist team is underway with the assessment of the conceptual proposal / design under the Basic Assessment process per the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998), as

amended. Once this has been completed, the Background Information Document (BID) will be updated and distributed to all potential Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs), the Basic Assessment process will be formally advertised in the media, and site notices will be put up on site. We currently anticipate that this could commence sometime in August/September 2018.

An Open House event will be held shortly thereafter (within a few weeks) where all I&APs will be welcome and encouraged to attend. The details of this Open House event will be provided closer to the time.

Once the proposal and Basic Assessment process has been advertised, all I&APs will be encouraged to submit their comments. The comments would then be considered in the Basic Assessment process and attended to through the appropriate mechanism (e.g. comments from I&APs could result in possible changes to design, layout, scope of specialist studies, environmental specifications in the Environmental Management Programme or conditions of authorisation, queries which do not result in changes will still be responded to and reasons will be provided as to why the suggestions have not been implemented).

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