

PROPOSED CALCUTTA PUBLIC CEMETERY AND MEMORIAL PARK

APPLICANT: Stellenbosch Local Municipality

PRE-APPLICATION COMMENT AND RESPONSE TRAIL REPORT

(DEADP Ref. No: 16/3/3/6/7/1/B4/45/1288/17)

No.	Comment Date, Comment Format, Organisation/I&AP	Comment	Response from EAP/Applicant/Specialist/Project Manager
1	Date: 13/02/2018 Format: Email I&AP: Mr. Frans Eggers representing Friends of Stellenbosch Mountain	i. Request for registration of organisation as an I&AP	EAP: i. Registration of organisation (represented by contact individual) as an I&AP)
2	Date: 15/02/2018 Format: Telephone call to Rumboll and Partners (Project Manager) I&AP: Mr. Adrian Simmers	i. Telephonic discussion regarding project background captured in Project Manager's email to I&AP	Project Manager: i. Telephonic and email communication with I&AP regarding maildrop with request to I&AP to register with EnviroAfrica to raise queries, concerns and/or comments in writing
3	Date: 26/02/2018 Format: Email I&AP: Mr. Frans Eggers representing Friends of Stellenbosch Mountain	i. Request for receipt of registration email acknowledgement	EAP: i. Email response acknowledging registration with indication that pre-application public participation process is in its very early stages and is still under way
4	Date: 02/03/2018 Format: Email I&AP: Heritage Western Cape (HWC) represented by Yanga	i. Request for completion of HWC checklist, notice of intent to develop application form and relevant payment	EAP: i. Email forwarded to Project Manager for completion by appointed heritage specialist.

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5	<p>Blom (Office of the CEO, Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport)</p> <p>Date: 15/03/2018 Format: Email I&AP: Mr. Adrian Simmers</p>	<p>i. Email response to EAP's written follow-up regarding registration as an I&AP</p>	<p>EAP: i. Request to confirm registration as I&AP and subsequent acknowledgement of registration as I&AP</p>
6	<p>Date: 16/03/2018 Format: Telephonic I&AP: Mr. Emile van der Merwe</p>	<p>i. Request for registration as an I&AP</p>	<p>EAP: i. Email response acknowledging registration with electronic provision of maildrop information for proposed development</p>
7	<p>Date: 20/03/2018 Format: Email I&AP: Ms. Andrea Lubbe (Financial Manager, Bellingan Group)</p>	<p>i. Request for registration as an I&AP</p>	<p>EAP: i. Registration of entity as an I&AP ii. Subsequent email response acknowledging registration and enquiring if besides the Bellingan Group, individual farms as mentioned within the Bellingan Group, should be registered.</p>
8	<p>Date: 21/03/2018 Format: Email I&AP: Ms. Tania Vergnani (Secretary, Stellenbosch Ratepayers Association)</p>	<p>i. No request related to proposed Calcutta public cemetery and memorial park development. ii. Subsequent email from the Chairman of the Stellenbosch Ratepayers Association specifically the Stellenbosch Ratepayers Association is on the Municipal Register and should be notified of all development applications. See point 15 below.</p>	<p>EAP: i. Email response requesting clarification as to whether I&AP registration for proposed Calcutta development is required. ii. See point 15 below.</p>
9	<p>Date: 22/03/2018 Format: Email I&AP: Mr. Francois Malan (Managing Director, Simonsig Wine Estate)</p>	<p>i. Request for registration as an I&AP</p>	<p>EAP: i. Registration of entity as an I&AP and subsequent email response acknowledging registration.</p>
10	<p>Date: 07/04/2018 Format: Email (fax) to project management company I&AP: Mr. Armando Baschiera representing Banisi Investments (Pty) Ltd, owner of</p>	<p>i. Request for registration as an I&AP</p>	<p>EAP: i. Registration of entity as an I&AP and subsequent email response acknowledging registration.</p>

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	neighbouring farm (Uitspan 1037, Koelenhof)		
11	Date: 09/04/2018 Format: Telephonic I&AP: Mr. and Mrs. Baschiera representing Banisi Investments (Pty) Ltd	i. Two telephonic calls raising concerns about land use zoning and requesting registration of Banisi Investments (Pty) Ltd as an I&AP	EAP: i. Registration of entity as an I&AP and subsequent email response acknowledging registration.
12	Date: 10/04/2018 Format: Email I&AP: Mrs. Claudine Baschiera representing Banisi Investments (Pty) Ltd	i. Thanks for correspondence received from EnviroAfrica; ii. Note that original fax was sent to EnviroAfrica after telephonic conversations.	EAP: i and ii. Noted.
13	Date: 10/04/2018 Format: Email I&AP: Ms. Angelika van der Merwe (General Manager, Stellenbosch Agricultural Society)	i. Request for registration as an I&AP	EAP: i. Registration of entity as an I&AP ii. Subsequent email response acknowledging I&AP's registration.
14	Date: 17/04/2018 Format: Post I&AP: Mr. Armando Baschiera representing Banisi Investments (Pty) Ltd	Letter dated 28 March 2018, stating: i. Brief history of the property; ii. Mr. and Mrs. Baschiera representing Banisi Investments (Pty) Ltd would not oppose the proposed development provided the rezoning of their farm also be considered and supported; iii. Request for registration as an I&AP	EAP: i. Registration of entity as an I&AP ii. Subsequent email response acknowledging I&AP's registration and letter.
15	Date: 18/04/2018 Format: Email letter I&AP: Mr. Francois Malan (Managing Director, Simonsig Wine Estate)	Concerns raised regarding: i. Potential dangerous traffic situations and the need for sufficient slip lanes in both directions on the R 304; ii. Water table/soil water contamination; iii. Treatment of sewage to prevent water contamination; iv. The runoff of water from the roads to enable/follow the natural drainage of storm water runoff towards the Klippies River; v. Visual/aesthetic impact of the proposed development particularly the entrance, parking and layout of the cemetery.	EAP: i & ii. Email response acknowledging correspondence and that cognisance of the concerns raised has been taken and will be addressed in subsequent reports.
14	Date: 19/04/2018 Format: Email letter	Comments regarding:	EAP:

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	<p>I&AP: Mr. Rhett Smart, Scientist: Land Use Advisor (for Manager, Cape Nature Scientific Services)</p>	<p>i. Sections to the west and south of the property are classified as Critical Biodiversity Area 2 (CBA 2) according to the Western Cape Biodiversity Spatial Plan (WCBSP);</p> <p>ii. There is a watercourse originating in the north west of the property and flowing in a south easterly direction;</p> <p>iii. According to the WCBSP, wetland conditions encroach in the north western corner of the property;</p> <p>iv. The remainder of the property is classified as an Ecological Support Area (ESA) 2;</p> <p>v. The entire site is considered highly degraded with dense infestations of alien species and minimally naturally occurring indigenous species present;</p> <p>iv. The most significant constraint to the development of the site is the freshwater resources on the site, both surface and groundwater. Therefore, specialist freshwater and groundwater studies would be required in order to inform the development proposal;</p> <p>v. Although the watercourse was mapped in the initial constraints mapping, this was done from a terrestrial perspective;</p> <p>vi. Recommendation that all the potential alternative sites for a cemetery for the municipality be considered as alternatives within the application and if additional applications proceed, they should also include other alternative sites;</p> <p>vii. Based on information received, there may be opportunity for development of a cemetery on part of the site depending on the outcome of the freshwater and groundwater studies.</p>	<p>i to vii. Email response acknowledging correspondence and that cognisance of the concerns raised has been taken and will be addressed in subsequent reports to be sent out for comment.</p>
15	<p>Date: 26/04/2018 Format: Email I&AP: Mr. André Pelser (Chairman, Stellenbosch Ratepayers Association)</p>	<p>i. Email with statement that the Stellenbosch Ratepayers Association is on the Municipal Register and should be notified of all development applications. Thanks expressed to EAP for specifically bringing the Calcutta project to the Association's attention.</p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p>i. Subsequent email response acknowledging registration as per point 8 above and informing I&AP that and Mr. Pelser will be included on the I&AP register as a representative of the Association.</p>
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