

INITIAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION COMMENTS RECEIVED - PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A 25M HIGH TELECOMMUNICATION MAST ON FARM NO. 551, DAL JOSAFAT, PAARL, WESTERN CAPE

A. INITIAL COMMENTS ON FARM NO. 551, DAL JOSAFAT, PAARL, WESTERN CAPE

Date	Comment	I&AP	Project	Response	Respondent
13/07/2018	<p>reference: Latice Mast Erection Proposal - Atlas Tower(Pty) Ltd Ref 1212</p> <p>Hereby we list our Interest and Affected Party Notice with reference to Telecommunications Mast proposal and research requirements under Nema Act Registration Government Gazette R324(Listing Notice 3) Activity no 3. Properties Represented herein 548/1 and 549 directly bordering this proposed site or within 50 m from the site.</p> <p>Initial comment for your consideration</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Access Road Activity. Note that the Road proposed as Access Road is currently being requested to be closed as a public Road 5637, Paarl TPW16/8/3-3/19. 2. Properties represented by the writer of this Concerned Party Letter Notification bring under your attention that Property 548/1 is a Heritage Registered property and this proposed site is directly in Line of Sight from the Main Heritage Property and its front Facade facing the Du Toitskloof Mountains. 3. In terms of vegetation it is hereby submitted that Bluegum trees now in the vicinity or bordering the sight is being removed as Intruder plants under the relevant vegetation requirements - this Invasive species is not seen as permanent and by Municipal dictate should be eradicated. It cannot be seen as "cover" for the Tower. Design considerations to camouflage this Tower should be considered. 4. Land structure is flat and may not be ideal for an intrusive structure such as the proposed mast. Alternative proposals should be considered. Closer to the built-up area towards west of proposed site is higher ground and this might leave opportunity to erect a mast of only 15 to 20 metres achieving the same or better coverage, towards west of Road 1119. 	Lodewikus Hanekom	Dal Josafat Telecommunication Mast	<p>Dear Lodewikus,</p> <p>Your email correspondence dated 13 July 2018, refers.</p> <p>Your comment is noted.</p> <p>Please note that a Heritage specialists was commissioned to investigate what impact the proposed development might have on the Heritage of the area.</p> <p>Your concerns will be addressed in the Basic Assessment Report (BAR) that will go out for public comment in due course.</p> <p>As a registered Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) you will be provided with a copy of the BAR mentioned above, and will be afforded an opportunity to comment. The aforementioned BAR includes the assessment of alternatives.</p> <p>Thank you for your comment.</p>	EnviroAfrica
"	<p>5. Moving the mast about 600 m west will also place it next to current infrastructure of Road 1119. It will also be next to existing power lines of height and with power supply access - And the zoning applicable or required for such a structure will be available on existing properties.</p> <p>Taking the above into account in your studies it is proposed that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A line of sight and visual intrusion map from horizontal view such as the Front/entrance facade of the Heritage property 548/1 should be prepared for consideration. 2. Birdlife utilising the considerable dam/water reservoir on Farm 549 should be considered. 3. Existing zoning and infrastructure within a 600m radius should be considered to find the most acceptable site for this mast. <p>Other considerations will be raised once your documentation is presented in more detail - because the need for the mast is probably a given however this site may require more approvals and research and zoning applications which might be onerous on the proposed Development.</p> <p>We believe our initial comments might assist you in finding the best alternatives that might provide a more acceptable solution and less intrusive site in the vicinity of the area where this tower structure might be needed.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>	Lodewikus Hanekom	Dal Josafat Telecommunication Mast	"	

23/07/2018	<p>1. Your document and letter dated 10 July 2018, as received by the Department on 12 July 2018, refer.</p> <p>2. Following the review of the information submitted to this Department, the following is noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The proposal entails the development of a 25m high lattice mast on Farm No. 551, Dal Josafat, Paarl. * The proposal will have a development footprint of approximately 144m². * No indigenous vegetation is present on the site. * No watercourses are present on the site or within 32m of the site. * Electricity supply and access to the site exist. * Antennas will be attached to the top of the mast and the mast's base station will be closed with a 2.4m high palisade fence. * The site is zoned for Agriculture and is located outside the urban area of Paarl. <p><u>Process</u></p> <p>3. Having considered the information contained in the NOI, the Department concurs that the proposed development constitutes a listed activity as defined in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014.</p>	DEA&DP - Region 2	Dal Josafat Telecommunication Mast	<p>Dear Bernadette,</p> <p>I hereby acknowledge receipt of the Department's comment dated 23 July 2018.</p> <p>Please note that the comment and recommendations made in the aforementioned correspondence is duly noted.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>	EnviroAfrica
"	<p>4. In light of the activity identified, you are advised that a Basic Assessment process must be followed in order to apply for Environmental Authorisation. Only the activity applied for shall be considered for environmental authorisation. The onus is on the applicant to ensure that all the applicable listed activities are applied for and assessed as part of the Basic Assessment process.</p> <p>5. The Department reminds you that the "Request for a specific fee reference number" form must be completed and submitted to the Department prior to submission of the formal application for the abovementioned proposed development. Upon receipt of the specific fee reference number, it must be inserted into the Application Form and proof of payment of the applicable fee attached when the Application Form is submitted to the Department.</p> <p>6. You are advised that when undertaking the Basic Assessment process, you must take into account all the applicable guidelines, including the guidelines developed by the Department. These can be downloaded from the Department's website, (http://eadp-westerncape.kznshf.gov.za/your-resource-library/policies-guidelines) that may be applicable to the proposed development include, inter alia, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Circular EADP 0028/2014: One Environmental Management System. * Guideline for the Review of Specialist Input in the EIA process (June 2005). * Guideline for Environmental Management Plans (June 2005). * Guideline on Alternatives (March 2013). * Guideline for involving visual and aesthetic specialists in EIA processes (June 2005). 	DEA&DP - Region 2	Dal Josafat Telecommunication Mast	Noted.	EnviroAfrica
"	<p>7. Please ensure that the Basic Assessment Report ("BAR") and Environmental Management Programme ("EMPr") contain all the information requirements outlined in Appendices 1 and 4 respectively of GN No. 326.</p> <p><u>Public Participation</u></p> <p>8. A public participation process ("PPP") that meets the requirements of Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 must be undertaken. You are advised that public participation may be undertaken prior to the submission of the application, although this is not mandatory. It is the Environmental Assessment Practitioner's discretion at what stage the requirements of Regulation 41 are met, whether during the proposed application (pre-application) process or formal application process. You are reminded that a period of at least 30 days must be provided to all potential or registered interested and affected parties to submit comment on the BAR.</p> <p>9. Should a public participation process, which includes the circulation of the pre-application BAR for comment, be undertaken prior to submission of an Application Form to the Department, in terms of Regulation 40, pre-application BAR may also be submitted to the Department for commenting purposes. Please ensure a minimum of <u>two</u> printed copies of the pre-application BAR is submitted to the Department for commenting purposes.</p>	DEA&DP - Region 2	Dal Josafat Telecommunication Mast	Noted.	EnviroAfrica

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"	<p>13. Please note that the pre-application consultation is an advisory process and does not pre-empt the outcome of any future application which may be submitted to the Department.</p> <p>No information provided, views expressed and/or comments made by the official during the pre-application consultation should in any way be seen as an indication of confirmation: * that additional information or documents will not be requested. * of the outcome of the application.</p> <p>14. This Department reserves the right to revise or withdraw initial comments or request further information from you based on any new revised information received.</p>	DEA&DP - Region 2	Dal Josafat Telecommunication Mast	Noted.	EnviroAfrica
10/08/2018	<p>The Matter above has reference.</p> <p>Heritage Western Cape is in receipt of your application for the above matter received on 26 July 2018. This matter was discussed at the Heritage Officer meeting held on 06 August 2018.</p> <p>You are hereby notified that, since there is no reason to believe that the proposed establishment of a 25m telecommunications mat at Kromboom Parkway Road Reserve, Athlone, will not impact on heritage resources, no further action under Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) is required.</p> <p>However, should any heritage resources, including evidence of graves and human burials, aachaeological material and paleontological material be discovered during the execution of the activities above, all work must be stopped immediately and Heritage Western Cape must be notified without delay.</p> <p>This letter does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining any necessary approval from any other applicable statutory authority.</p> <p>HWC reserves the right to request additional information as required.</p> <p>Should you have any further queries, please contact the official above and quote the case number.</p>	Heritage Western Cape	Dal Josafat Telecommunication Mast	<p>Dear Heidi,</p> <p>Your Department's comment dated 10 August 2018, refers.</p> <p>Please note that your comment is duly noted.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>	EnviroAfrica
14/08/2018	<p>CapeNature would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above application and wish to make the following comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The mapped vegetation for the area is Swartland Alluvium Fynbos which is listed as Critically Endangered. It is noted however that the site has been transformed with no natural vegetation remaining. 2. There are no CBAs or ESAs mapped for the site. 3. Given the above there is no objection from CapeNature. 4. Will existing roads infrastructures be used to access the site? <p>Please note that our comments pertains only to the biodiversity and ecological aspects of the receiving encironment and not to the overall desirability of the application. CapeNature reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any additional information that may be received.</p>	CapeNature	Dal Josafat Telecommunication Mast	<p>Dear Philippa,</p> <p>Your comment dated 14 August 2018, refers.</p> <p>Please note that your comment is duly noted.</p> <p>An existing access road will be used to gain access to the proposed site.</p> <p>Please don't hesitate to contact me should you require any additional information.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>	EnviroAfrica

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