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Re: Nema Public Participation Process – Proposed Township development on PLOT 2642 and portion 14 of farm BOEGOEBERG n0 48, Opwag, !Kheis Local Municipality

Dear Clinton

We have received a publication regarding the proposed project for extending the current housing in this location with a further 730 low income erven.

We live just across the Uitkoms Township and are there on a daily basis. I do work with the Children in the township during holiday times and we have started a soup kitchen in this area.

We are very positive regarding the upliftment of the town as it is.

We are aware of unhappiness regarding the start of this project, there have been a lot of misinformation doing the rounds in Uitkoms.

1. Someone told the people they will receive brick houses.
2. Someone informed all, not to sign any paper and not to register as an affected party because their land will be taken away from them.

Regarding this, I feel it is the project managers duty to inform ALL members from Uitkoms of a meeting to properly inform all living there, what will happen and why/how they should register as an affected party.

A lot of people cannot read English.

The Schools for the children are between 3-12km far on a very bad tar road. In this township I know of 2 people that own vehicles and they rarely use them, because of the bad road and because of no maintenance shops/companies nearby and cost of maintenance on this bad road. With the development of Uitkoms, new schools should be built with the capacity to give education to ALL the children, because the current school capacity will not be able to help, they are already on full capacity.

We would also like to emphasize water availability. Our friends are struggling with water, for many years now. They borrow water tanks from the nearby farmers to provide water for their

families, there is no help from the !Kheis municipality regarding water provision for the people of Uitkoms. They have also been struggling with toilets.

My concern is with little work opportunities as in our current situation, to open housing here, we would like to add that there should also then, be made provision for work opportunities? There are no big towns nearby, this also means, many people would be given a piece of land, but they would have nowhere to go to sustain themselves here in the middle of nowhere.

The clinic is in Groblershoop which is far from township. Most residents do not have vehicles. Those with vehicles charge R100 a trip to town and back for a 20km journey. This will kill the economic welfare of the people. Most people walk to clinic, most suffer because of that great distance, but they have no choice.

BeAs previously mentioned, stealing of the crops and poles, but also the safety of general workers living and working on the farm premises are a concern. Homeowners are also making sure that their security around their premises is right.

We also want to register as an interested and affected party to this development.

Thank you for your reply on this letter, so that we can know that you have received the letter and that we are registered?

Regards

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(I will also copy 3 letters from my community friends that do not have email or data available. The live in UITKOMS.