



COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT - MALMESBURY SOLAR PV - SOLAR NORMS REGISTRATION (July 2024)

Date	Comment	I&AP	Response	Respondent
2024/06/19	Site should be fenced off with a proper security fence (clearview) prior to construction, to protect my property from construction workers entering unlawfully.	Malcolm Loubser - Owner Doornkuil	Noted. The site will be fenced off. The exact method and material is still to be determined.	EnviroAfrica/ CK Rumboll
	Visual impact must be modelled to demonstrate the visual impact during different times of the day and seasons (glare etc)		A Visual Impact Assessment was conducted, and is included as Appendix 3D. The Site Sensitivity Verification Report has also been updated to include Visual.	EnviroAfrica
	Dust (south easter) and stormwater control measures		Dust and stormwater control is addressed in the Environmental Management Programme (Appendix 10)	EnviroAfrica
	Boreholes and water extraction		No borehole water is planned to be extracted or used for the facility at this stage. If boreholes are to be utilised in future, these will need to be registered and a Water Use Licence acquired	CK Rumboll/EnviroAfrica
	Mitigation agricultural land offset? (the possibility of the remainder of the property not utilised for the project to be incorporated for agricultural utilisation by Doornkuil Farm)		This will need to be discussed and agreed upon with the municipality	CK Rumboll/EnviroAfrica
Biodiversity				
2024/07/08	According to the Biodiversity Assessment, the site verification confirmed that the study area had been transformed because of long-term cultivation. No remaining natural veld of any significance remains anywhere within the study area. At the river the powerlines will be overhead, and within the Nature Reserves the powerlines will be placed underground next to existing roads (which will result in a temporary short to medium term impact).	Seoka Lekota - Department: Fisheries, Forestry and Environment: Biodiversity	Noted and agreed	EnviroAfrica
	It was noted that Diep River is highly impacted and degraded. The significance of the proposed impact combined with the conservation value of the river is low. Therefore, the Very High sensitivity is disputed, as is provided for in the screening tool procedures. At the site of the proposed development, the aquatic sensitivity can only be listed as Low.		Noted and agreed	EnviroAfrica
	Based on the above, the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation does not have any objections to the sensitivity report. However, to ensure the continued persistence of ecosystems and that national conservation targets are achieved, it is essential that impacts on sensitive and highly localised habitats are minimized or avoided altogether.		Noted and agreed	EnviroAfrica
	Noting that the proposed development might also affect CBAs associated with the Klipkoppie Municipal Nature Reserve, kindly obtain comments from the Directorate: PAPME for the attention of MS M Mudau, Email: mamudau@dfpe.gov.za.		Noted. Ms M Mudau was consulted. Please see comment below	EnviroAfrica
2024/07/22	Kindly note that the mentioned nature reserve (klipkoppie Nature Reserve) is not declared, therefore does not appear in our South African Protected Areas database.	Mashudu Mudau	Noted	EnviroAfrica
Civil Aviation Authority				
2024/07/03	Kindly note that the SACAA has transferred all obstacle assessments and applications responsibilities to Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) as published on the SACAA website: www.caa.co.za/industryinformation/obstacles/ . A formal application must be lodged with Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) for a formal obstacles assessment to be conducted. The list and contact details of the approved obstacles assessment services providers can be obtained from the CAA website: www.caa.co.za .	Nrateng Mashiloane - Civil Aviation Authority	Noted. An Application was submitted on 23 May 2024	