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Answer: It will be linked to the existing sewage reticulation system in the Grotto area and in addition portable toilet facilities may also be a condition in individual instances for organisers of events, depending on the requirement.

With regard to the cross section that you have referred to we have perused a topographical survey of the area and found that the level in the middle of 10th Street immediately above the middle of the amphitheatre area is at 27.0 metres above mean sea level (a.m.s.l). while the bottom level of the amphitheatre will be at the present level of the common at 6.5 metres a.m.s.l. The top of the highest point of the sloped pergola over the raised back of the amphitheatre will be at ~12.5 metres a.m.s.l. A copy of the transect is included for your information.

Yours sincerely

*Transsectional view attached to original
(see copy on 8b)*

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ANNEXURE A 206/382

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18 April 2013

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Verw. No 16/3/1/1/E2/14/2026/13

Wie dit mag aangaan:

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as "interested and affected party" t.e.v. die
bepaling van die voorgestelde ontwikkeling van
Piet se Bes.

As inwoner op die hoek van 11de Jaan en
9de Stroat en baie naby aan Piet se Bes,
maak ek ten sterkste beswaar teen die
genoemde opgradering, en spesifiek teen die
oprigting van 'n amfiteater omrede as volg:

- My voorlopige besware is die volgende:
- Om het bewese onderwinding van vorige gesoes op die terrein.
 - Deur my blagtes en toedoen is in penms-geuring uiteindelik opgerig teen die maak van musiek op die terrein.
 - Die oprigting van in amfiteater sal dit nou ongedaan maak.
 - As afgetredene geniet ek die rustige en balm omgeving met die geluid van die see op die oagtergrond.
 - Die weerklank van musiek teen die "gottes" is ononthoudbaar vir ons wat net bskant die terrein bly.
 - Terselfdertyd sal dit in eklogiese versteuring wees, want sile, bewiete ons wat daar woon, sal verjaag word.
 - Hierdie is in vakansiebuurt waerheen eieners kom om rustig die omgeving en see te geniet.
 - Vir musiek optredes of ander ban mes gebruik gemaak word van die munisipale auditorium of die amfiteater in die Hemel- en -Aarde Vallei.
 - Die oprigting van in struktuur voos in die skrywe voorgestel sal die reensaat onomkeerbaar verander.

- Dit is in onbeplande situasie 685 byrand van Busse, hiet na Busse in ooreen oon die buslyn van ons land en behoort nie verkeer te word veral op in hien vlag stand van lyette nie.
- Die brief is ook nie duidelik oor die hoogte van die amfiteater en die aantal sitplekke nie.
- Busse was altyd verbode, nou word voorneming gemaak vir bus parkeering in die gebied en wat net in erger verkeerdrubte sal veroorsaak en die moordlikheid van ongelukke verhoog.
- Hoe gereeld gaan die amfiteater gebruik word en watter beligting van die gebied word beplan? Dit sal in enorme invloed hê op die omgewing en nabye inwoners van Busse.

Ek hoop van harte dat hierdie saak ten gunste van die beswaarmakers oorweeg sal word, want dis onnien ons geld wat die Stadraad gebruik vir die instandhouding van die gebied en nie van besizers van elders wat sal stroom na die amfiteater as daar optredes gehou sal word nie!

By voorbaat dank

Die ure D.P. Janse van Rensburg



29 April 2013

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16/3/1/1/E2/14/13: VOORGESTELDE OPGRADERING VAN DIE PIET SE BOS EN GROTTOSTRAND AREA, HERMANUS

U geregistreerde brief van 18 April 2013 wat op 25 April ontvang is met betrekking tot bovermelde aangeleentheid verwys.

Ons bevestig hiermee dat u as Belanghebbende Party geregistreer is wat verder by die omgewingsinvloedbepalingsproses omtrent die opgradering betrek sal word. Ons het u bekommernisse aangaande die vestiging van die beoogde amfiteater met betrekking tot geraas, busse, die gebruiksfrekwensie van die amfiteater, beligting, ensovoorts na die Overstrand Munisipaliteit verwys vir kommentaar, aangesien die idee vir die ontwikkeling van die munisipaliteit af kom en sal u mettertyd dienoooreenkomstig inlig.

Daar moet ook kennis van geneem word dat die area onder bespreking 'n openbare munisipale area is wat reeds geweldig deur die inwoners van die area asook besoekers benut word. Dit is 'n belangrike ekonomiese inspuiting vir die Overstrand area waar juis toerisme een van die grootste dryfvere vir die area is. Daar is nie-enige ander soortgelyke area in die Hermanus omgewing nie en dus is dit vanselfsprekend dat die gebruiksdruk op hierdie area sal toeneem, veral gesien in die lig van die afgelope tyd se beperkings op die voertuigtoegang tot die kuslyn. Vervolgens met die ekonomiese opheffing van die histories agtergeblewe groeperings van die Suid Afrikaanse bevolking, neem die druk op toegang tot ontspanningsgebiede soos die Piet se Bos en Grottostrand area ook deur hierdie gemeenskappe toe. Die Wet op Geïntegreerde Kusbestuur vereis juis van munisipaliteite om die areas onder hulle bestuur meer toeganklik vir alle gemeenskappe te maak.

Die maksimum aantal persone wat in die amfiteater kan inpas is in die orde van 300. Parkering en gepaardgaande geraas waarna u verwys is reeds 'n bestaande kwessie gedurende die vakansie seisoen en op vakansiedae en dit word nie voorsien dat die vestiging van 'n amfiteater enigsins die verkeersvolumes op hierdie dae sal laat toeneem

nie. Wat die geraasvlakke betref is dit ook reeds teenwoordig op die hoë-intensiteit gebruiksdag en dit is heeltemal te wagte van 'n publieke ontspanningsarea soos Piet se Bos en Grottostrand area op sulke dae.

In gesprekke wat reeds met die munisipaliteit gevoer is word voorsien dat die verkeer wat met die amfiteater se gebruik sal gepaardgaan gedurende die buite-seisoen dae, almal akkommodeer sal kan word op die bestaande parkeerruimtes binne die Grottostrand area, veral as in ag geneem word dat al die informele toegange vanaf 10de en 11de strate deur die melkhoutbos gesluit sal word met die inlywing van die area in die Fernkloof Natuureservaat.

Die omgewingsafdeling van die Overstrand Munisipaliteit is ook tevrede met die voorgestelde gebruik van die area. Let ook daarop dat daar 'n baie groter deel van Piet se Bos na die oostekant van die amfiteater terrain geleë is wat vir die publiek ontoeganklik is waardeur voëls waarna u verwys 'n onversteurde heenkome kan vind

Laastens kan ons ook meld dat die munisipaliteit aangedui het dat die jaarlikse registrasie van die Blouvlag Strand 'n duur episode is en dat die fondse wat deur die opgradering van die Piet se Bos area genereer word gebruik sal word as teenvoeter vir hierdie kostes.

Meer detail oor die tipe gebruik en frekwensie van verwagte gebruik sal aan u deurgegee word wanneer diesulke inligting van die Overstrand Munisipaliteit verkry word.

Beste groete



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The municipality reiterated that it must be noted that the Piet se Bos and Grotto Beach under jurisdiction of the Overstrand Municipality has been used as a recreational area for a very long time and is also indicated as such in the Spatial Development Framework. It is also a highly utilized area during the summer holidays, over weekends and public holidays when the weather is good and with this the associated noise, vehicular and pedestrian traffic is to be expected during such periods.

From information that we have obtained from the Overstrand Municipality, they have indicated that Hermanus has as its prime focus to be an excellent tourist destination. Thus with the increasing growth of tourism in the area, increased affluence among a large sector of the Overstrand community and a younger population who requires amenities and activities according to their needs, the public utilization of areas such as the Grotto area has increased and will continue to increase in future. It is also one of the few areas in Hermanus where visitors and patrons can access the beach and have the opportunity to enjoy the restaurant and bar facilities that go with such public places.

Question:

I have read under "Project Location & Description" what is intended in regard to the Upgrade of Wetlands. I would like to know what has motivated this Wetlands upgrade – what is wrong with what is there now and what is its budgeted cost?

Answer: Overstrand Municipality have an environmental management section that oversees the conservation in the municipal area and plan which areas need to be rehabilitated to improve biodiversity. The present state of the area was compromised many years ago when the original wetland area was filled in. The current system is dysfunctional and does not ensure proper filtering of the river that enters the Blue Flag beach, which is one of the requirements for the implementation and retention of a Blue Flag Programme. The Overstrand Municipality is currently

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busy with an Environmental Management Plan for Fernkloof Nature Reserve and the municipality is of the intention to include this area into the management plan and Environmental Framework for the municipality.

The upgrade is in the planning stage and once environmental authorization is obtained can the upgrade process be put out to tender and only then will the costs be known.

Question:

What exactly is the idea behind the establishment of an Amphitheatre. I was under the impression that Hermanus has a site where such open air theatre functions can be held. Is that not so?

Answer: There is an increase in the growth of tourism in Hermanus as well as a younger population who requires amenities and activities according to their needs. The Forest Theatre is situated in the Hemel-and-Aarde valley within a rural area which caters for specific events such as single performances.

Question:

What were the reasons why the Municipality has decided to use this area so close to a Blue Flag Beach for use for an Amphitheatre? It seems that possibly a consideration was that it was a way to use the rubble and builders material that will be removed during the "upgrade" of the Wetland re-establishment. Is that correct?

Answer: The existing rubble that was used to fill in the original wetland will be removed to restore the current function of the system and only suitable rubble will be used, where necessary, with the development of the amphitheatre. Unsuitable rubble will be removed to the most suitable landfill site. The removed material could also be used for a number of other fill applications in the area, for instance to rehabilitate the washed away banks of the Grotto car park at the Kleinrivier Lagoon. We are sure that there are other uses for the excavated material as well, but the Municipality has decided that to use it for an amphitheatre offers an enhanced use of the area from which income can be generated to offset the cost of registering a Blue Flag Beach. Note that the use is in keeping with the concept of the Blue Flag Beach.

Question:

What alternative locations have been considered by the Municipality to cater for such events and what process was followed to proceed with the development in this location

Answer: There are no suitable sites available with existing facilities. The municipality is not looking for an area where an amphitheatre can be constructed, but is looking at the upgrading and rehabilitation of the Piet se Bos area. A feasible option that the municipality has come-up with is an amphitheatre that will meet the requirement under the Integrated Coastal Management Act, which requires that coastal areas be made more accessible to the general public.

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To what specific type of event has the Municipality in mind to be staged in this proposed Amphitheatre. This will give an idea of the additional facilities that have to be provided for such events.

Answer: The municipality has in mind plays, classical performances or suitable musical events as per request, under strict conditions such as suitability, time limits and conditions of the temporary removable infrastructure that has to be put in place by the individual organisers

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ATTENTION : Mr C A Bruwer

REF NO. 16/3/1/1/E2/14/2026/13

EnviroAfrica Overberg (Piet se Bos)

To Whom It May Concern:

We (Ilse Smart, Jeanne Pels, Zizi Rens & Lynne du Toit), as shared owners of 229 10th Street, Voëlklip, Hermanus (Plot 3527) consider ourselves as an **Interested and Affected Party (I&AP)** on the upgrade of 'Piet se Bos' at Grotto Beach.

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Although we are not currently in approval or refusal of the application, our support will be in favour of preserving the Milkwood forest and for 'Piet se Bos' to remain undeveloped.

We are concerned that this development will trigger further development and destruction of the Milkwood forest in future. Our main concern is for the additional traffic and noise that this development will bring to the area and the possible destruction of the natural Milkwood forest

Regards



Lynne du Toit

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Dear Mrs Du Toit

**16/3/1/1/E2/14/2026/13: PROPOSED UPGRADE OF PIET SE BOS AND GROTTA BEACH AREA,
HERMANUS**

Your letter dated 21 April 2013 received by fax on 26 April refers

We wish to confirm that you are registered as Interested and Affected Party for the abovementioned proposed project. We also recognize that you will be the contact person for the other three ladies, unless you specify that they each have to individually receive the correspondence. The points that you raised may be responded to as follows.

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- o This proposed development will not destroy any milkwood trees and there is no intention to allow any destruction of the existing milkwood forest in future. In fact the intention is to incorporate the whole of the Piet se Bos area into the existing Fernkloof Nature Reserve which will enable the Overstrand Municipality to manage it as a reserve, which is currently not the case.
- o The issue of traffic and noise has been referred to the municipality for their comment and you will be informed of this when it becomes available.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Mrs Rens

**16/3/1/1/E2/14/2026/13: PROPOSED UPGRADE OF PIET SE BOS AND GROTTO BEACH AREA,
HERMANUS**

Your letter dated 21 April 2013 received by fax on 2 May refers.

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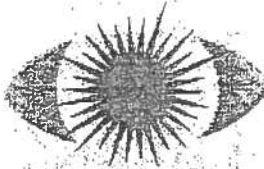
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29 APRIL 2013.

Geagte Meneer,

VOORGENOME ONTWIKKELING TE GROTTOSTRAND

Ek het onlangs 'n skrywe ontvang in verband met die voorgename ontwikkeling by Grotto Strand. Volgens die kennisgewing word beplan om die vier-area droog te lê en 'n amfiteater op die huidige piekniek-area te skep.

My eiendom is geleë te Negenestraat 205, Voelklip (Erf 3660) en het direkte uitsig op die terrein en is een straat weg van die terrein waar die ontwikkeling beplan word en is dus 'n "Affected Party" en wil as sulks geregistreer word.

Daar is verskeie aspekte waarvoor ek graag duidelikheid wil kry:

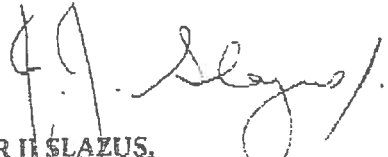
- Eerstens is dit in 'n bewarings-area met melkhoudbome en dit is in 'n ekologies sensitiewe gebied. 'n Ontwikkeling sal die ekologie bereik
- Die area is 'n rustige vakansie gebied waar daar tans geen behoefte bestaan vir die tipe vermaak. Indien daar 'n behoefte-bepaling gedoen is wat die teendeel toon, sal ek dit graag wil bestudeer
- Is ander terriene oorweeg vir 'n amfiteater
- Wie is die teikenmark wat die terrein gaan besoek
- Watter tipe konserte gaan aangebied word
- Hoe gaan klankbeheer toegepas word
- Hoe gaan die beligting in en om die terrein bestuur word

FROM :

- Daar is geen volledige planne van die voorgename struktuur nie: die hoogte kan nie bepaal word nie en watter invloed gaan dit uitoefen op die uitsig van die omliggende eiendomme
- Wat is die planne in verband met Verkeersvloei
- Wat is die planne in verband met Parkering
- Wat is die planne in verband met Riolering
- Wat is die planne in verband met Sekuriteit
- Wat is die verwagte inkomste van die amfiteater en hoe gaan dit aangewend word
- Is die belastingbetalers van Hermanus genader in verband met die ontwikkeling aangesien dit ontwikkeling met belastinggeld gefinansier gaan word

Graag verneem ek u respons in die verband.

Die uwe,



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Ons bevestig hiermee dat u as Belanghebbende Party geregistreer is wat verder by die omgewingsinvloedbepalingsproses omtrent die opgradering betrek sal word. Ons het die aspekte waarvoor u duidelikheid verlang wat op die munisipaliteit betrekking het (geraas, teikenmark, tipe en frekwensie van konserte, beligting, verkeer, parkering en sekuriteit) na die Overstrand Munisipaliteit verwys vir kommentaar, aangesien die idee vir die ontwikkeling van die munisipaliteit af kom en ons sal u mettertyd dienooreenkomstig inlig.

U verwysing na die drooglê van die vleiarea is foutief. Die doel is juis om 'n gedeelte van die oorspronklike vleiand wat lank gelede droog gelê is weer as vleiand te herstel deur die verwydering van die vulmateriaal. Verder moet daarop gelet word dat daar geensins enige melkhoutbome beskadig of bedreig gaan word nie, intendeel deel van die voorgestelde ontwikkeling is juis om nog bome en fynbos aan te plant. Die omgewingsafdeling van die munisipaliteit is deel van die beplanning rondom die opgradering en is ondersteun die plan heeltemal. Die uiteindelige doel is om die hele Piet se Bos area in te lyf by die bestaande Fernkloof Natuurreserveat. Die ontwikkeling sal dus nie die ekologie bedreig nie maar juis bydrae tot die uitbou van biodiversiteit.

Die doel met die ontwikkeling was nie om 'n terrein te soek waar 'n amfiteater gevestig kan word nie, maar om die spesifieke terrein te ontwikkel. Die area kan nie as "'n rustige vakansie gebied" gesien word as die aantal besoekers en gebruikers op mooiweersdae en vakansie periodes in aggeneem word nie. In gesprekke met die munisipaliteit is die volgende uitgewys. Daar moet kennis van geneem word dat die area onder bespreking 'n openbare munisipale area is wat reeds geweldig deur die inwoners van die groter Overstrand area asook besoekers benut word. Dit is 'n belangrike ekonomiese inspuiting

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vir die Overstrand area waar juis toerisme een van die grootste dryfvere vir die area is. Daar is nie enige ander soortgelyke area in die Hermanus omgewing nie en dus is dit vanselfsprekend dat die gebruiksdruk op hierdie area sal toeneem, veral gesien in die lig van die afgelope tyd se beperkings op die voertuigtoegang tot die kuslyn. Vervolgens met die ekonomiese opheffing van die histories agtergeblewe groeperings van die Suid Afrikaanse bevolking, neem die druk op toegang tot ontspanningsgebiede soos die Piet se Bos en Grottostrand area ook deur hierdie gemeenskappe toe. Die Wet op Geïntegreerde Kusbestuur vereis juis van munisipaliteite om die areas onder hulle bestuur meer toeganklik vir alle gemeenskappe te maak. Dit is ook in lyn met die Blouvlag Strand konsep.

Die voorgestelde ontwikkeling is wyd onder die aandag van verskeie belangegroepe gebrink soos byvoorbeeld Dept van Waterwese, Kaap Natuur, Hermanus Belastingbetalersvereniging, Erfenis Weskaap, ensovoorts.

'n Deursnit van die voorgestelde ontwikkeling is in die proses om voor berei te word en sal beskikbaar gestel word sodra dit ontvang word.

Beste groete



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The municipality reiterated that it must be noted that the Piet se Bos and Grotto Beach under jurisdiction of the Overstrand Municipality has been used as a recreational area for a very long time and is also indicated as such in the Spatial Development Framework. It is also a highly utilized area during the summer holidays, over weekends and public holidays when the weather is good and with this the associated noise, vehicular and pedestrian traffic is to be expected during such periods.

From information that we have obtained from the Overstrand Municipality, they have indicated that Hermanus has as its prime focus to be an excellent tourist destination. Thus with the increasing growth of tourism in the area, increased affluence among a large sector of the Overstrand community and a younger population who requires amenities and activities according to their needs, the public utilization of areas such as the Grotto area has increased and will continue to increase in future. It is also one of the few areas in Hermanus where visitors and patrons can access the beach and have the opportunity to enjoy the restaurant and bar facilities that go with such public places.

Question:

I have read under "Project Location & Description" what is intended in regard to the Upgrade of Wetlands. I would like to know what has motivated this Wetlands upgrade – what is wrong with what is there now and what is its budgeted cost?

Answer: Overstrand Municipality have an environmental management section that oversees the conservation in the municipal area and plan which areas need to be rehabilitated to improve biodiversity. The present state of the area was compromised many years ago when the original wetland area was filled in. The current system is dysfunctional and does not ensure proper filtering of the river that enters the Blue Flag beach, which is one of the requirements for the implementation and retention of a Blue Flag Programme. The Overstrand Municipality is currently

busy with an Environmental Management Plan for Fernkloof Nature Reserve and the municipality is of the intention to include this area into the management plan and Environmental Framework for the municipality.

The upgrade is in the planning stage and once environmental authorization is obtained can the upgrade process be put out to tender and only then will the costs be known.

Question:

What exactly is the idea behind the establishment of an Amphitheatre. I was under the impression that Hermanus has a site where such open air theatre functions can be held. Is that not so?

Answer: There is an increase in the growth of tourism in Hermanus as well as a younger population who requires amenities and activities according to their needs. The Forest Theatre is situated in the Hemel-and-Aarde valley within a rural area which caters for specific events such as single performances.

Question:

What were the reasons why the Municipality has decided to use this area so close to a Blue Flag Beach for use for an Amphitheatre? It seems that possibly a consideration was that it was a way to use the rubble and builders material that will be removed during the "upgrade" of the Wetland re-establishment. Is that correct?

Answer: The existing rubble that was used to fill in the original wetland will be removed to restore the current function of the system and only suitable rubble will be used, where necessary, with the development of the amphitheatre. Unsuitable rubble will be removed to the most suitable landfill site. The removed material could also be used for a number of other fill applications in the area, for instance to rehabilitate the washed away banks of the Grotto car park at the Kleinrivier Lagoon. We are sure that there are other uses for the excavated material as well, but the Municipality has decided that to use it for an amphitheatre offers an enhanced use of the area from which income can be generated to offset the cost of registering a Blue Flag Beach. Note that the use is in keeping with the concept of the Blue Flag Beach.

Question:

What alternative locations have been considered by the Municipality to cater for such events and what process was followed to proceed with the development in this location

Answer: There are no suitable sites available with existing facilities. The municipality is not looking for an area where an amphitheatre can be constructed, but is looking at the upgrading and rehabilitation of the Piet se Bos area. A feasible option that the municipality has come up with is an amphitheatre that will meet the requirement under the Integrated Coastal Management Act, which requires that coastal areas be made more accessible to the general public.

Question:

To what specific type of event has the Municipality in mind to be staged in this proposed Amphitheatre. This will give an idea of the additional facilities that have to be provided for such events.

Answer: The municipality has in mind plays, classical performances or suitable musical events as per request, under strict conditions such as suitability, time limits and conditions of the temporary removable infrastructure that has to be put in place by the individual organisers

Question:

Who is the target market to which these events will be directed. What is the proposed entrance fee for a typical event.

Answer: The broader community spectrum. The entrance fee will be determined by the individual organisers and dependent on the event.

Question

What is the budgeted cost of the Amphitheatre and what is the anticipated income that is to be generated from the staging of events.

Answer: The cost of the amphitheatre can only be determined when the tenders for the upgrading of the area have been finalised. The anticipated income to be generated will be dependent on the type of event and agreements reached between the municipality and individual organisers.

Question:

How often is it intended to be put to use (no of uses per month over each month of the full year)

Answer: This can only be determined once requests for use of the amphitheatre are submitted by individual organisers.

Question:

What are the proposed operating times and on which days of the week will such events be staged

Answer: This will once again be dependent upon request, but all performances will end before 12:00 pm.

Question:

What is the MAXIMUM no of visitors that are to be accommodated (seated and standing) in this Amphitheatre.

Answer: An absolute maximum of 340 persons (250 seated and 90 standing).

Question:

How is it proposed that such visitors will arrive, park there

Answer: The existing road network is deemed adequate and the current parking at the Grotto area makes provision for all types of vehicles.

Question :

How will such additional persons be accommodated in the existing parking areas, when such available parking as is currently there has already proven to be quite tight during the high season

Answer: The existing parking is deemed adequate and when necessary, Overstrand municipal traffic officials will deal with the traffic flow.

Question:

What considerations have been given to the existing road system being able to handle the additional traffic

Answer: The existing road network is deemed adequate and the current parking at the Grotto area makes provision for all types of vehicles. The existing parking is deemed adequate and when necessary, Overstrand municipal traffic officials will deal with the traffic flow.

Question:

What loudspeaker and amplification system is envisaged – location, height and direction of loudspeakers and wattage

Answer: This is not known at the moment as it will be dependent on the individual event and organiser requirements, but will be approved by the municipality for each event.

Question:

What lighting system is envisaged – location, height and direction of all spot lights and their type and wattage

Answer: The municipal lighting will be flood lighting. The individual lighting is not known at the moment as it will be dependent on the individual event and organiser requirements.

Question: _

How is it envisaged to attenuate the sound emanating for events being held in the amphitheatre and to what extent

Answer: This will only be attended to in detail once the business plan for the amphitheatre is drawn up

Question:

How will the sewerage be disposed – I hope not into the sea at Grotto beach!

Answer: It will be linked to the existing sewage reticulation system in the Grotto area and in addition portable toilet facilities may also be a condition in individual instances for organisers of events, depending on the requirement.

Met betrekking tot die deursnit wat u na verwys het in u brief, het ons 'n topografiese opmeting van die area bestudeer en gevind dat die vlak van 10^{de} Straat onmiddellik bokant die middel van die amfiteater geleë is op 27.0 meter bokant gemiddelde seevlak, terwyl die onderste vlak van die amfiteater geleë is op die huidige grondvlak van die piekniek area op 6.5 meter bokant gemiddelde seevlak. Die bokant van die hoogste punt van die pergola bo-op die agterste wal van die amfiteater is ~12.5 meter bokant gemiddelde seevlak. 'n Deursnit is aangeheg vir u inligting.

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*Transactional view attached to original
(See copy on 86.)*

From: Martin Louw [<mailto:Martin.Louw@psg.co.za>]
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Subject: EnviroAfrica Overberg (Piet se Bos) REF NO 16/3/1/1/E2/14/2026/13
Importance: High

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Due to the very close proximity of the proposed upgrading of Piet se Bos and Grotto Beach area, we wish to register as an **Interested and Affected Party.**

Please confirm successful registration to contact detail below, preferably by e-mail.

Kind regards

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Dear Mr Louw

**16/3/1/1/E2/14/2026/13: PROPOSED UPGRADE OF PIET SE BOS AND GROTTO BEACH AREA,
HERMANUS**

Our telephone conversation on 29 April 2013 refers.

We wish to confirm that we have registered as an Interested and Affected Party.

During the telephone conversation you mentioned that you had no issues that you wanted to raise and in general think that the proposed upgrade and amphitheatre is a good proposition. If you wish to raise any issues, concerns or impacts, please do so before the deadline of 3 May as well will be discussion these with the Overstrand Municipality immediately after this closing date for comment.

Yours sincerely

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ATTENTION : Mr Charel Bruwer

Dear Sir

Thank you for registering us as an Interested and Affected Party.

As mentioned, we have no substantive objections save that the usage of the amphitheatre should be limited to **low impact noise** activities like classical music concerts, recitals and theatre. Rock- and pop- and dance events should be prohibited. We understand from our conversation last week that this is in any event the objective.

Kind regards

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My wife and I spend much of our retired lives at our house at 218 10th street ,Hermanus just above Grotto and are thus interested and affected parties regarding the proposed upgrade.

My main concern is the Amphitheatre. I doubt whether it is intended to be used for the plays of Euripides, the strings of a chamber ensemble or cosy talks about the environment. I fear it would more likely be used to pump up the the volume of visitors to Hermanus through pumping up the volume of electric guitars, drum sets and vocalists microphones to create as much noise as possible.

Upon visiting a large classical amphitheatre in Greece I was told the actors could easily be heard even in the back rows. Imagine what sound modern day amplification could bring, especially as the grotto area rising up to the houses above forms a natural extension of the amphitheatre. This is perhaps the reason that I have been identified as one of the "Interested and Affected Parties" but all the people on the beach are ultimately in the same category: The swimmers, the dog walkers, the bat and ball brigade and the families who enjoy having conversations with others. Grotto beach has a very special ambience.

An official notice on the beach proclaims NO RADIOS. Lets continue keeping the peace.

Mike Cloete

April 29, 2013

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Dear Mr Cloete

**16/3/1/1/E2/14/2026/13: PROPOSED UPGRADE OF PIET SE BOS AND GROTTA BEACH AREA,
HERMANUS**

Your letter fax received on 30 April 2013 with regard to the abovementioned project refers.

We herewith wish to confirm your registration as Interested and Affected Party and can respond to the issues, concerns and impacts raised in your letter as follows

It must be noted that the Piet se Bos and Grotto Beach area belongs to the Overstrand Municipality and has been used as a recreational area for a very long time and is also indicated as such in the Spatial Development Framework. It is also a highly utilized area during the summer holidays, over weekends and public holidays when the weather is good.

From information that we have obtained from the Overstrand Municipality, the amphitheatre will not be used for shows by rock bands that make music in to the early hours of the morning, but rather for stage productions and more classic and chamber music performances that will not last late into the night. The only cover that will be allowed will be temporary tented cover that would have to be removed once the event is finished. The events will be in keeping with the recreational character of a seaside recreational area and will not be an everyday occurrence, but rather intermittent. It should not impact on the "tranquility" of walks on the beach. If there is a "no noise" requirement for walks on the beach, there will be ample periods where there will be no activity at the amphitheatre, especially during daytime.

We have referred the issue of noise and more specific information on the type of events and their frequency to the Overstrand Municipality, whose idea it is to propose the use of the area for an amphitheatre, for more detailed comment. This will be communicated to you once this becomes available.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Mr Bruwer

Please register me as an interested and affected woman with regard to the proposed upgrading of the Piet se Bos and Grotto Beach area, Hermanus.

Ref no: 16/3/1/1E214/2026/13

I am an elderly female, ID 3912110003087, and the owner of 218 Tenth Street, Erf 6280 consisting of 2 consolidated plots between 9th and 10th streets, the latter of which overlooks Piet se Bos.

Whereas I support the proposed upgrading in principle, a number of aspects are cause for concern the major one being the construction of the amphitheatre in the Grotto Beach Blue Flag precinct which could detrimentally affect its Blue Flag status. My specific concerns follow in a separate letter.

M.L. Cloete

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