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FILE NO: Erven 1938 & 2018 - 214
SCAN NO: 36
COLLABORATOR NO: 872617

Dear Mrs. Botha-Guthrie

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- It is apparently the intention to develop a commercial zone on the corner of Stil and Church streets. I have been told that Beach Club and others have raised their concern about potential spaza shops, taxi ranks and possibly free trading areas that could be developed there. How is this area going to be kept clean and clear of vagrants and rubbish and all types of unwanted elements that will negatively affect our complete residential zone? I herewith object to this potential development site unless written assurances are given that the development site will be kept in a pristine condition. I further require written assurances that we as affected property owners will be consulted about potential development plans of the site before decisions are taken, and thereafter provided information on the preferred development and a period to object to such a development if it is considered as having a potentially negative impact on the residential area.
- The Municipality apparently initially planned a formal SR1 zoned housing development on the site. This has now apparently been altered to cater for a Transit Area that may remain as such for a period of up to 5 years.
I object strongly to this strategy unless you can provide our community with written assurances of such a nature that we can take legal action against the municipality for failure to perform. These performance terms should cover commitments that the intended site will be kept clean, that regulations regarding noise be applied strictly, no informal trading be allowed anywhere along Church or Stil streets, no shacks or any form of extension to the initial housing structure be allowed, refuse be removed on at least the same regular basis as served on the rest of our residential community and that facilities be provided to the residents to enable them to keep the living area clean (waste bins) and that you contractually bind yourselves to manage the site according to rules and regulations as if it was a SR1 zoned property development (other than the transit occupational provision)

- I understand that you have committed that no double-storey units be constructed within the bottom half (i.e. the half towards Church Street). I wish to gain your commitment that this restriction will be placed in the title deeds when the houses are eventually transferred to the eventual owners and that until that time you undertake in writing that the houses will not under any circumstances be altered to accommodate double or any other form of multiple storey structure, and that only the owners and their immediate family members may occupy the units.
- Access road to Church Street:
 - I have been advised that Beach Club and other representatives objected to an intended access road from the proposed development onto Church Street – I have inspected the proposed access position and fully support their objection to any access road into Church Street. The intended access position is close to a blind bend with viewing further restricted by an abalone farm wall. Few of the intended residents have transport and even one access road to the site should surely be sufficient bar the fact that provision need possibly be made for fire safety reasons. Church Street provides the only access to the residential areas beyond that point and it would be unacceptable to create a potential risk area like this that can lead to the closing of the road to their development. I herewith state my objection to the access street to Church Street and lend my support to objections to the intended road already made by the other parties and support a proposal to a second access road from Stil Street if a second access point is indeed required.
- Wall enclosure

I understand that there is apparently now going to be provision made for a 1,8 metre wall around the perimeter of the development. This wall is apparently only going to be "bagged". I feel the height of the wall does not provide sufficient security for the residents and should be increased in height and the bagging of the wall does not enhance the area and will not prevent our property values from devaluing.

I was told that there are thoughts of increasing the height of the wall to 3 metres and to the plastering & painting of the wall and the placement of security lighting and gardens along Church

Street and possibly even the planting of a tree lane down Church Street from Stil Street onwards towards Beach Club.

This wall and garden area and the maintenance thereof (including the painting of the walls) need to be committed to in writing by the municipality.

I support an enhanced featured wall as referred to above and reject as inadequate the intended 1,8 metre bagged wall and state my total objection to the intended Transit Area.

- Toilet and washing facilities

I do not have clarity on the intended toilet and washing facilities and herewith object to any facility being created which is not intended to serve ONLY the occupants of the intended dwellings.

I need a written commitment from the Municipality which states that the washing facilities will be of such a nature that no petitioning or mass action can or will originate because of the nature or inadequacy thereof and a further commitment that there will be sufficient thereof to ensure that no resident needs to relieve him or herself in any other place and in so doing foul the environment and place the health of our community at risk. I need your commitment in writing that the toilet facilities will be kept in a clean and functional operational status at all times and that there will be sufficient water per living unit to adhere to washing, toilet and living requirements.

- Objections

I have recorded my objections and acceptance terms above and wish to state that should these acceptance terms not be considered as achievable by yourselves then any apparent acceptance that may be considered as being derived from the content of this document of objection of mine be considered as withdrawn and a blanket objection to the intended development be considered as in its stead.

I understand the need to provide housing for people and have no argument in that regard. However, I do not understand and it does not make sense at all why, after the initial plans were drawn up in September 2014 (information gained from Mrs G Bücken, 106 Canterbury Street) for permanent built housing, the Municipality wants to take this route. Surely the permanent structures can be built and then the people who qualify for them can be moved directly into the houses, and the areas in Zwelihle where they vacate from can then be upgraded? I state that where such a development is very likely to materially affect property values, safety and living standards of myself, my family and friends then our needs and rights need to be given serious attention and if not attended to then you should expect my serious objection and expect repercussions as a result thereof.

Please acknowledge receipt of my objections and I request your confirmation of your willingness to place your commitment to ensure our safety and property values in writing.

Yours in objection,



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Dear Mrs. Botha-Guthrie

Intended Low-cost Housing Development

Cnr. Still and Church Streets, Hermanus

I am an owner of a property at Whale Rock Estate.

We recently had our Annual General Meeting at which stage I heard for the first time about the intention to create a Low-Cost Housing Development on the corner of Still and Church Streets.

To ensure that the correct facts were relayed to us during the AGM and to give you the opportunity to rectify any incorrectly relayed information, I herewith include some relevant items discussed during the meeting.

We were advised at our AGM that:

- o A member of the Whale Rock Estate Executive (supported by other affected persons) initiated an information gathering meeting with the municipal executive regarding the proposed development.
- o This meeting was the first formal exposure that any of the New Harbour Precinct residential owners (comprising Whale Rock Estate, Whale Bay Cascades and Hermanus Beach Club) had regarding the intended development.
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- o The following transpired at the informative meeting:
 - o The informative meeting was opened and chaired by yourself.
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 - The executive was advised that this request would be "looked at".
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 - The requested funding is to be supplied by provincial government
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- It was clearly stated that there can be no guarantee that the wall will be constructed before the start of the development or even within the first year or before the end of the three year provisional housing project period or in fact ever.
- o Property value safeguard
 - Throughout the meeting as well as in closing of the meeting those present were advised that the Municipality had considered all aspects of the development and that our interest as property owners will not be affected.

I have made a very material investment in my property and pay a substantial amount of rates and taxes on a monthly basis which you, our municipality, employ in the provision of services, not only to Whale Rock Estate but other areas of Hermanus as well, including that of the less fortunate communities in our region.

Over and above the rates and taxes, I pay a substantial monthly levy towards the upkeep and development of Whale Rock Estate to ensure the sustainability and investment growth of my property.

I am sure that given the above you will understand that it was with shock, disbelief and concern that I took note at our Annual General Meeting of the Municipality's intention to construct the referred to low-cost housing development without having afforded me the opportunity of raising objections or stating concerns or the gaining of prior assurances that the development will not disintegrate into an unsightly informal development site over time and destroy my property value.

This municipal-targeted development site is situated at the ONLY access road to our development and once developed has the potential to destroy the investment that I have made over the years. I accordingly feel aggrieved at the lack of direct communication with myself as an affected party.

I have always considered the Hermanus Administration as one that holds the interest of ALL of their citizens at heart and one that will not wittingly damage the property value of investors that have faithfully for years and years been contributing to the upkeep of Hermanus as a whole. I now I have raising concerns that my trust in the administration was ill founded.

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It concerns me that it appears as if the Overberg Municipality has taken it upon themselves to place my property value and potential for future growth at risk without even having consulted with me or any of the other property owners in Whale Rock Estate **at all**.

I am told that it is the Municipality's belief that the correct procedures were followed in the decision-making and execution process. In my view all of those processes are subservient to my constitutional rights:

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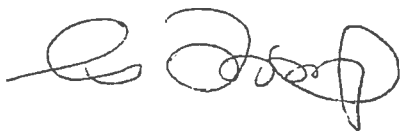
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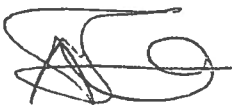
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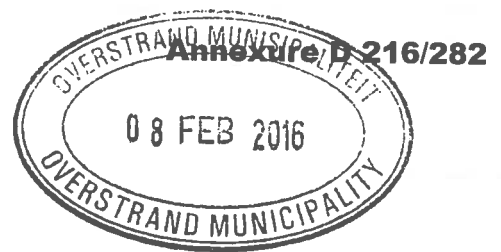
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- Access road to Church Street:
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to the residential areas beyond that point and it would be unacceptable to create a potential risk area like this that can lead to the closing of the road to their development. I herewith state my objection to the access street to Church Street and lend my support to objections to the intended road already made by the other parties and support a proposal to a second access road from Stil Street if a second access point is indeed required.

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I understand that there is apparently now going to be provision made for a 1,8 metre wall around the perimeter of the development. This wall is apparently only going to be "bagged". I feel the height of the wall does not provide sufficient security for the residents and should be increased in height and the bagging of the wall does not enhance the area and will not prevent our property values from devaluing.

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This wall and garden area and the maintenance thereof (including the painting of the walls) need to be committed to in writing by the municipality.

I support an enhanced featured wall as referred to above and reject as inadequate the intended 1,8 metre bagged wall and state my total objection to the intended Transit Area.

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- Objections

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Please acknowledge receipt of my objections and I request your confirmation of your willingness to place your commitment to ensure our safety and property values in writing.

Yours in objection,



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