

**Minutes of the Secunda X7, Erf 3535 (Proposed Residential Development)
 Public Participation Meeting held on 25 November 2015 at Kruik Lifestyle
 Centre, Secunda, Mpumalanga**

The meeting commenced at 15:00.

The attendance register was made available for completion by all participants. Please see attached.

Mr Willem Jacobs (proponent) opened the meeting and introduced Baoberry (and Ms Yolandi Schoeman as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner – EAP) as the appointed Environmental Assessment Practitioner facilitating the Environmental Authorisation Process for the proposed Secunda X7, Erf 3535 residential development.

The EAP welcomed all present and presented slides on the Environmental Authorisation process and project detail pertaining to the proposed Secunda X7, Erf 3535 development. Following the presentation, a question and answer session was opened.

The sections in bold below includes questions and comments received from participants at the meeting.

	Question and Answer session	Action taken / Comments
1	<p>Some people already submitted comments on the project, what will happen to the comments already submitted?</p> <p>The EAP responded by saying that all comments will be addressed and recorded in an Issues and Response Report (IRR) that will also be made to all registered Interested and Affected Parties. Comments were already received in the Registration phase of Interested and Affected Parties. All comments will be included in the IRR.</p>	
2.	<p>What type of residential development is planned for the area?</p> <p>Afriplan responded by saying that the type of development planned is medium density residential development.</p>	
3.	<p>Has the decision been taken to proceed with the development?</p> <p>The EAP responded by saying that the decision to approve the environmental authorisation lies with the competent authority (CA). Further, the EAP explained that we are still in the public participation process. After the commenting period has closed, documentation will be submitted to the CA to take a decision.</p> <p>So, the decision has not been taken yet. What about alternative properties to proceed with the development? We cannot say there is no alternative. People enjoy the</p>	<p>The competent authority is the Mpumalanga Province: Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs.</p>

	<p>green areas. Sasol looks after it. There are other places available for this development. There are also service infrastructure challenges in the area.</p> <p>The EAP responded by saying that Secunda X7, Erf 3535 is part of a sales transaction between the Govan Mbeki Local Municipality (GMLM) and the proponent. The municipality commenced a couple of years ago with its own process to close this portion. There are other sites where this type of development can be established, however Secunda X7, Erf 3535 forms part of a sales transaction and hence there not being any other (property) alternatives.</p> <p>The EAP explained that there was an earlier separate process undertaken by the GMLM to invite comments on the closure of Erf 3535, Secunda X7. This included a public participation process with a commenting period.</p>	
4	<p>A concern: In the draft report it is stated that why no alternatives where considered is because of a sales transaction. In the draft report there is also no objection from the EAP against the development.</p> <p>The EAP responded by saying that no environmental flaw was identified existing on the site currently.</p> <p>So, you have made the conclusion that it will go through?</p> <p>The EAP responded by saying that a recommendation is made based on the environmental impact assessment findings.</p> <p>So what is this meeting for? Can we still stop the process?</p> <p>The EAP responded by saying that we are currently in a public participation process where comments will be collated and presented in a final report that will be submitted to the CA.</p> <p>If the community rejects it?</p> <p>The EAP responded by saying that all comments of (registered) Interested and Affected Parties (I and APs) will be included in the final documentation to be submitted to the CA.</p>	
5	<p>You mention that you also received comments from the community members supporting the development (more than 50%). Please provide proof.</p> <p><i>(The EAP handed a file to the participant with all comments and registrations received to date. The participant refused to look at the file)</i></p>	

6	<p>Who makes the final decision to proceed with the development?</p> <p>The EAP responded by saying that the CA makes the decision. The office is located in Ermelo. The CA considers all information submitted to their office to take an informed decision.</p>	
7	<p>(SASOL) Sasol is an objecting party. Your process must be objective. Sasol continues with ongoing upkeep of green areas around Secunda. It is factual that the municipality plans to sell of more green belt areas?</p> <p>The EAP responded by saying yes.</p> <p>(Sasol) needs more information from the municipality on which other greenbelt areas will be sold for development.</p> <p>Sasol will submit further comments on the uniqueness of the Secunda area. And we object to the development of green belt areas.</p> <p>The EAP also added by saying that it is important not to cloud the process with other issues as the current application for an Environmental Authorisation is applicable to Secunda X7, Erf 3535. The EAP suggested that Sasol engage also with the municipality to discuss the further development of other greenbelt areas. This application is only for an area totalling 1.4 hectares (ha) and not for the development of the entire greenbelt area of Secunda.</p>	<p>EAP forwarded subsequent information (as received by the GMLM) to Sasol pertaining to future plans of the GMLM.</p>
8	<p>One of the main drivers why GMLM wants to get rid of the particular piece is because of a maintenance problem. Due to the sales transaction there should not be maintenance by Sasol anymore. There is a contradiction in the report.</p> <p>The EAP responded by saying that it is documented in municipal documents that the municipality encounters maintenance challenges of greenbelt areas. This is confirmed. It is documented in public documents.</p>	
9	<p>The report available is dependent on floodlines. The floodline is incorrect. The floodplain is not correct. The calculation is incorrect. The spillway has not been included in the floodplain.</p> <p>The EAP responded by saying that a follow up will be made with the Consulting Engineer that calculated the floodline.</p>	<p>The floodline was recalculated and drawings were revised to display the recalculated floodline.</p>
10	<p>(Availability of land). There are 1024 houses for sale in the area. A farm is available on a stand in Secunda. There is no shortage of houses.</p>	

	<p>The EAP responded by saying that the availability of stands is limited where there are plenty of houses available.</p> <p><i>The participant requested some time to show a slideshow and to do a presentation. (Please see attached).</i></p> <p>The EAP allowed time for the participant to do a presentation and the participant proceeded with her presentation.</p>	
11	<p>Who can provide comments on the report that is available up to 13 January 2016?</p> <p>The EAP responded by saying that Registered Interested and Affected Parties can only provide comments.</p>	
12	<p>(Ward Councillor) Many questions asked today were answered in the (re-zoning) objections hearing. Most questions were already answered by Afriplan in the (re-zoning) objection hearing and a good document was produced how various aspects will be impacted on. Perhaps the Afriplan document can also be made available?</p> <p>The EAP responded by saying that it will be followed up on.</p>	
13	<p>Not allowed to build over the sewer line</p> <p>Afriplan responded by saying that a revised layout is in the process of being completed.</p>	
14	<p>Is there a recourse of (Secunda) residents to oppose the development if not registered?</p> <p>The EAP responded by saying that a public participation process of 30 days was made provision for as per the regulations. Everyone (and their comments) that submitted comments will be included in the IRR.</p>	
15	<p>The green areas in Secunda is unique to the town. It draws people to Secunda and was a selling point to get people to Secunda. It is not to the benefit of the town and Sasol to sell off green belt areas for development by the Municipality.</p> <p>The EAP suggested that perhaps a forum be established where issues can be taken up with the municipality to discuss the future development of the greater green strips area.</p> <p>Most people are not really worried about this small portion (Erf 3535, Extension 7). It is the larger green strip area that is off concern with regards to development. People utilise green strips for recreation, especially in the afternoons.</p>	
16	<p>How many people saw the advertisement of GMLM concerning park closure? (the resident emphasised no</p>	

	<p>participation and frustration with the GMLM). Started in 2013 before any assessment was done. Land was sold by the municipality. In 2013 we saw markings of stands. We tried to stop it. We wrote a letter to the GMLM. In 2013, December, we were informed that the park was closed. Some stage fighting developments. Park closing was news to me. Concerns about selling of green strips areas. When we tried to object, they told us they did not receive it. Question the municipality's objectivity.</p> <p>Although this is only a small portion the community rejects it.</p> <p>The park is used for various activities: jogging, dog walking, kids play area, recreation and community events. It will affect Secunda and surrounding residents when green strips get sold off. It is also a parking area. Social community requirement.</p> <p>The EAP responded by saying that the process followed by the Municipality cannot be assessed by Baoberry. The Environmental Authorisation process can only be conducted by Baoberry (as per mandate) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA).</p>	
17	<p>(Ward Councillor) The issues you as the public are raising was part of the (re-zoning) objection process with the Municipality. The (re-zoning) hearing took place and only myself and one member of the public attended. To make the case all of the issues were discussed at the (re-zoning) hearing.</p>	
18	<p>The EAP requested all again to remember to complete the attendance register before leaving.</p>	

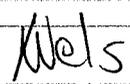
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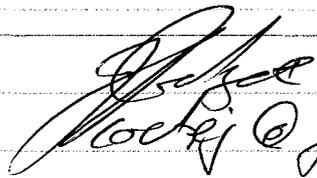
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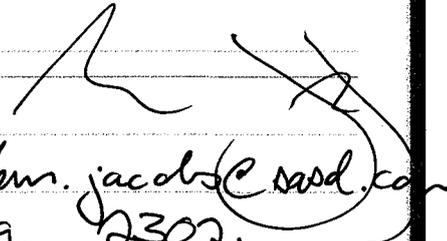
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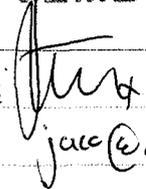
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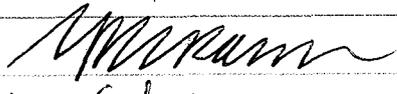
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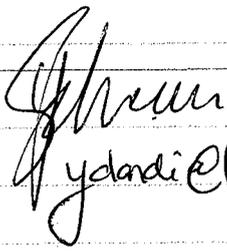
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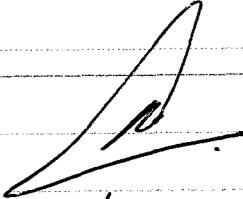
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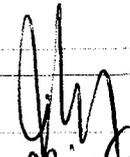
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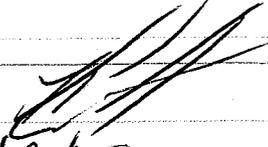
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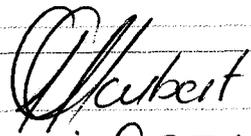
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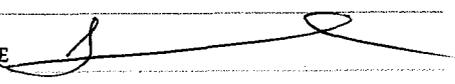
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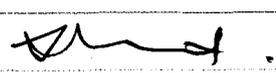
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