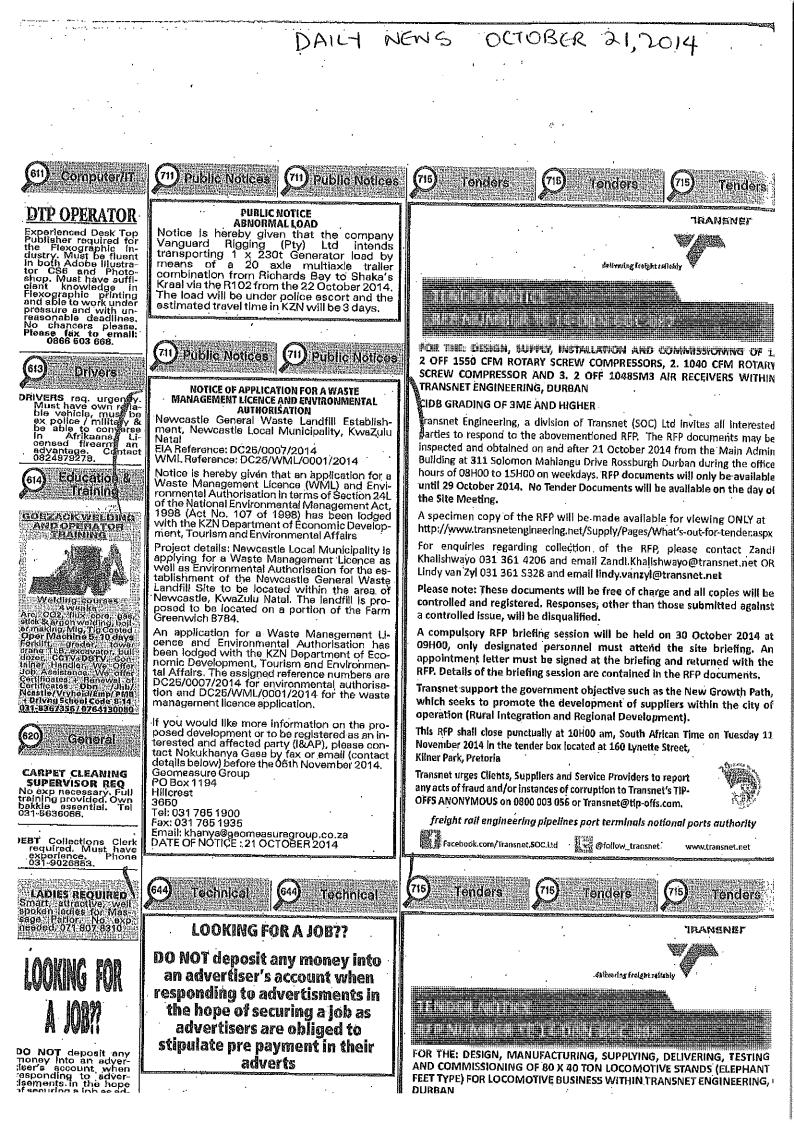
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENTS

PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEWCASTLE GENERAL WASTE LANDFILL SITE, NEWCASTLE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

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Purpose

The purpose of this document is to:

- Inform Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) about the proposed project
- Provide brief background details and purpose of the proposed project
- To offer I &APs an opportunity to register and comment/raise any issues relating to the proposed development

Background

The Newcastle Municipality is under significant pressure to construct a new landfill site in the area due to the existing landfill site rapidly reaching the end of its design life. This is due to the closure of the Madadeni and Osizweni Landfill Sites by the Department of Water Affairs (DWA – previously known as DWAF) as a result of non-compliance with the Minimum Requirements for Solid Waste Disposal. This event resulted in an influx of solid waste to the existing landfill site, which in turn further reduced its anticipated design life.

Consequently, a regional site is urgently required for the disposal of domestic, commercial and non-hazardous waste. According to the Newcastle Municipality Integrated Development Plan (IDP), the municipality has initiated a process towards the identification and establishment of a new landfill site, whilst simultaneously addressing the closure and rehabilitation of the existing site.

The proposed landfill site will ensure that waste is properly disposed, minimising the existence of illegal dumping, especially in informal areas where there are usually limited refuse removal services.

Trigger activities

Geomeasure has been appointed by Envitech Solutions (representing the Newcastle Local Municipality) to carry out an Environmental Impact Assessment which will be undertaken as per the 2010 EIA Regulations issued in terms of section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) ("NEMA").

The application triggers the requirement for a waste management licence which will be undertaken following the requirements of EIA processes as per the requirement for listed activities under Category B of Section 20(b) of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (No. 59 of 2008), Activity (8) and (10) i.e.:

(8) "the disposal of general waste to land covering an area in excess of 200 m^2 and with a total capacity exceeding 25 000 tons"

(10) "The construction of a facility for a waste management activity listed in Category B of this Schedule (not in isolation to associated waste management activity)"

The proposed development also triggers Category A and Category C of the waste management listed activities:

Category A (3) " the recycling of general waste at a facility that has an operational area in excess of 500m², excluding recycling that takes place as an integral part of an internal manufacturing process within the same premises".

Category C (5) "the extraction, recovery or flaring of landfill gas".

In addition to the waste management licence, the development will also require environmental authorisation for the construction of the landfill access road. Therefore activity 22 of Listing Notice 1 (R544) of the 2010 EIA Regulations is triggered:

(22) The construction of a road, outside urban areas,

(i) with a reserve wider than 13,5 meters or,

(ii) where no reserve exists where the road is wider than 8 metres, or

(iii) for which an environmental authorisation was obtained for the route determination in terms of activity 5 in Government Notice 387 of 2006 or activity 18 in Notice 545 of 2010.

EIA Process

The application will consist of two phases, namely Scoping and EIA. The Scoping phase will identify I&APs, discuss potential impacts (positive and negative), identify project alternatives which will be explored during the EIA phase as well as identify specialist studies that will be undertaken during the second phase of the project.

I&APs will be given the opportunity to be part of the process from the early stages of the project, hence achieving transparency and sharing of ideas. All reports generated as part of the EIA process will be available for comment by relevant stakeholders before being submitted to the KZN Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (EDTEA) for review and comment.

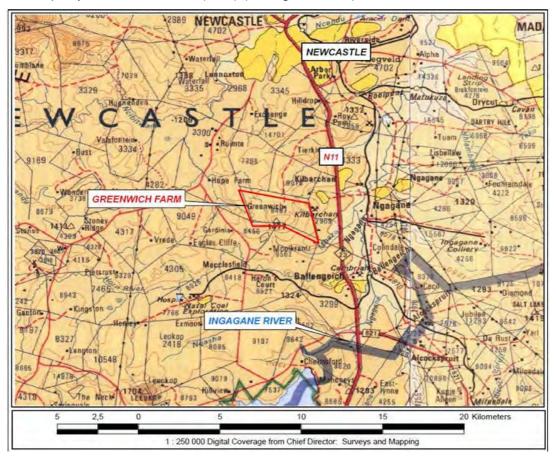
Regular consultation with EDTEA will be maintained to ensure that environmental legislation and regulations are complied with throughout the process.

Continuous consultation with all Interested and Affected Parties (neighbours, NGOs, local conservancies, authorities, public etc.) and assessment of all potential environmental impacts associated with the development will be undertaken as part of the whole assessment process.

<u>Where</u>

The proposed general waste landfill site is to be established within the province of KwaZulu Natal on vacant land in the area of Newcastle. The preferred site is located on a portion of the Farm Greenwich 8784 and the proposed footprint of the actual landfilling area is 80 hectares.

Site coordinates are 27° 50'53.6" S and 29° 55' 12.2" E and the site is located approximately 11 km south of Newcastle Local Municipality in the Amajuba District Municipality of KwaZulu Natal (KZN) (see figure below).



Receiving Environment

The farm Greenwich, on which the proposed candidate landfill site is located, varies in altitude from 1300 m to 1470 m AMSL. Drainage occurs radially away from a central high located in the southern portion of the site, whilst the topography varies from gently to moderately undulating.

The soils in the study area are derived from weathering of the underlying geology, with the outcrops of Quaternary Sands along river beds the most recent addition to the soil profile. With respect to vegetation and bioclimatic zones, the region falls into the transition between the Sour Sandveld and Tall Grassland zones. The vegetation varies from fine Kakuei grasses to scattered shrubs and small tress, which generally resembles a savannah landscape.

Key stakeholders identified:

KZN Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (EDTEA) Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) Newcastle Local Municipality Amajuba District Municipality KZN Department of Health Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife WESSA KZN Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs Department of Transport AMAFA Neighbouring landowners

Next step in the process:

A two week registration period will be allowed for individuals to formally register their full details and thereafter a public meeting will be scheduled in order to discuss the proposed development in detail and further offer the opportunity for interested and affected parties to express their issues and concerns regarding the proposed landfill site.

YOUR INVITATION TO COMMENT

You are invited as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) to register and comment on the proposed establishment of a general waste landfill site to be located in Newcastle. Please return the completed registration form to Nokukhanya Gasa before **05** November 2014.

PLEASE NOTE - IF YOU DO NOT REGISTER AS AN I&AP, YOU WILL NOT AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT

Ms. N Gasa

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COMMENTS

Kindly forward us details of I&APs that you think might have interest in the proposed development. Thank you for your participation.

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Okthoba 2014

Inhloso yokubhalwa kwaleliphepha

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- Ukwasiza kabanzi amalunga omphakathi neminyango ka Hulumeni ngaloku okuhlongozwayo endaweni lapho kuzokwakhiwa khona indawo yokulahla imfucuza;
- Ukunikeza ulwazi olufingqiwe ngesicelo esifakwe emnyangweni wezeMvelo wakwaZulu Natali;
- Ukunikeza umphakathi nabanye abanesifiso sokwazi kabanzi ngalesi siphakamiso sendawo yokulahlwa kwemfucuza kanye nokuthi kube nethuba lokuthi babeke imibono yabo noma babuze imibuzo lapho bengacaciselekile khona.

<u>Isindlalelo</u>

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Isicelo esifakiwe

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Lesi sicelo siding ukuba kutholakale I layisensi yokuphathwa kwadoti (waste licence) ezokhishwa ngumnyango wezeMvelo wakwaZulu Natali, ukufakwa kwesicelo kuzokwenziwa ngokulandela imithetho yama 2010 EIA Regulations, njengokusho kwa Category B womthetho wokunganyelwa kwadoti owaziwa nge National Environmental Management: Waste Act.

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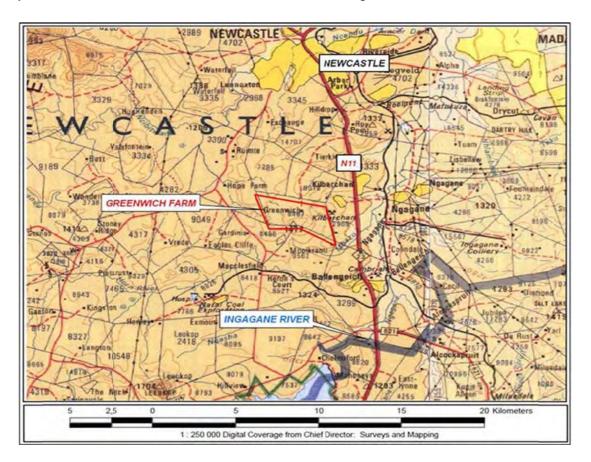
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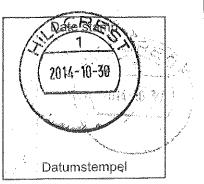
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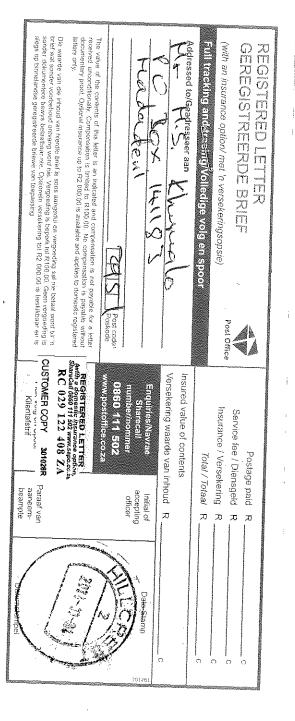
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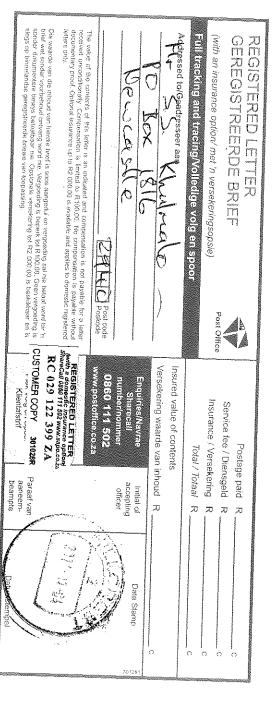
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Date of comment	Raised by	Comment/concern	Response
27 August 2014	Landowners	 Petition against the establishment of a municipal dump site on the farm Greenwich which borders: Hilldrop area Hofina Poultry Newcastle farmer's association Various other farms 	
		 The Newcastle Municipality have acquired the Farm Greenwich with the intention of establishing a municipal dump/refuse site. Should the dump site be established it will have the effect of: Reducing the value of all properties in the greater surrounding area; Make it close to impossible to sell properties in the area; Cause pollution in the area both through windborne odours and refuse as well as contaminating groundwater and streams (the proposed site is situated on the rainfall catchment area for feeder streams that lead into the Ncandu and Horn rivers); Animal eating the wind borne plastic will perish; Squatters will establish housing in the surrounding area with the obvious resultant increase in crime; The area is the natural habitat for various endangered local species including the Oribi which will either be hunted to extinction or perish through 	The impacts likely to result from the establishment of the landfill have been identified during the current scoping process. However, the EIA phase of the process will include specialist studies that will investigate and report in detail on the impacts that the landfill will have on the environment, property as well as the community. Thereafter, mitigation and management measures will be recommended in order to minimise the identified negative impacts, hence having minimal impact on the environment and its surroundings. The competent Authority will make a decision at the end of the process with regard to whether the landfill will be authorised or not. This decision will be taken based on the findings of the EIA, regardless

PROPOSED NEWCASTLE GENERAL WASTE LANDFILL SITE- COMMENTS AND RESPONSES REPORT

		 loss of habitat, Other not mentioned The signatures appended below represent the names of people/organisations who are opposed to the establishment of the refuse site on what is currently pristine land in the midst of productive farm land and adjoining the upmarket residential are of Hilldrop (please refer to Appendix C for signatures). 	of whether the Municipality own the property or not.
23 October 2014	DT Pretorius	I would like to be registered as an affected party. I want more information and a map of the farm Greenwich 8784 where you are planning to make a waste landfill.	The I&AP was registered and the map of the proposed landfill site was forwarded.
28 October 2014	Mr C Peterson	We own land adjoining the proposed site (Carrick Farm) and are in the process of establishing commercial acquaculture. The run off from the dump site will enter into and pollute our streams/dams. In addition, we have identified a site to erect or house which fares onto the proposed landfill site. I strongly object to the establishment of the site.	It must be noted that as part of the landfill design, there will be a leachate management system as well as a stormwater system in place. These systems will ensure that any contaminated runoff and leachate is properly managed and contained within the boundaries of the landfill and ensure that no contamination takes place offsite. Please refer to Section 7.4.9 of the report for the preliminary leachate treatment facility's design.
28 October 2014	KwaZulu Natal Agricultural Union	The KwaZulu Natal Agricultural Union would be grateful if you could let us have a copy of this application for our perusal.	A background Information Document was forwarded through an email and briefly described the proposed development.
01 November 2014	Dr Regina Hurley	As a resident of Hilldrop Drive I am writing to discuss the problems with the proposed placement of a general waste landfill.	

 The wind will blow debris on top of the house below. The smell will permeate the air of th residents/pollute The trucks will destroy the road into Hilldrop, dro waste along the road Reduce property value Health risk to the residents of Hilldrop Will also pollute the Newcastle Mall and th Blackrock Casino- 2 attractions for Newcastle Rainwater runs downhill from Hilldrop will b polluted and contaminated. 	e 2. e 3. 4.	A mesh wire fence will be installed around the boundary of the landfill to ensure that no windblown litter exits the site. The waste will be compacted on a daily basis and cover material be placed over it in order to avoid negative odour impacts. As part of the design, an access road will be established and be used by the trucks for delivering waste A socio-economic assessment will be undertaken during the second phase of the process to investigate the potential impact that the establishment of the landfill will have on the properties in the area. No adverse health risks are anticipated for the residents as the landfill will be constructed and managed according to the Minimum Requirements for Waste Disposal by Landfill, 2 nd Edition, 1998 and relevant waste management legislation. Waste management activities will be confined to the landfill area and it is unlikely that the landfill will pollute the mentioned attractions.
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		7. Stormwater runoff will be managed as part of the stormwater management system which will also separates clean water from contaminated water.
Dr Ahmed Jamaloodeen	increasing liability to Municipality of Newcastle.	A traffic impact assessment will be undertaken during the EIA phase in order to assess possible traffic impacts that may occur during the construction and operation of the landfill site.
	The health risk to residents will open municipality to litigation.	No adverse health risks are anticipated for the residents, as the landfill will be constructed and managed according to the National Norms and Standards compiled by the Department of Environmental Affairs as well as the relevant waste management legislation.
		The EIA phase (second phase of the assessment) will involve specialist studies which will be undertaken to assess and investigate in detail the impacts the landfill is likely to result on, the studies will also recommend management and mitigation measures in order to minimise the significance of each negative impact.
	Drop property value in exclusive neighbourhood municipality will be exposed to lawsuit directly.	As mentioned above, a socio-economic assessment will be undertaken during the EIA phase of the process to investigate the potential impact that the establishment of the landfill will have on the properties in the area.
	Dr Ahmed Jamaloodeen	Jamaloodeen increasing liability to Municipality of Newcastle. The health risk to residents will open municipality to litigation. Drop property value in exclusive neighbourhood

		Newcastle who will be exposed to pollution from landfill.	in the EIA phase and will assess in detail the aspects the landfill development has potential to impact on, if the landfill will result in pollution for visitors in the area, the social impact study will identify the aspect as well as offer management measures required.
03 November 2014	Dr Hyder Seedat	The landfill site will affect the underground water table of the area. At present, the water supply of many of the farms in the area depends on natural spring water for both domestic and agricultural use. This area (i.e. proposed landfill site) is one of the catchment areas for the underground water supply. It will cause health problems to the local community i.e. the farm dwellers and the inhabitants of Kilbarchan, Tigerskloof and surrounds like Hilldrop.	The landfill design requirement states that a landfill must be lined with a 150 mm base preparation layer, 600 mm compacted clay liner, 100 mm protection layer of silty sand or a geotextile of equivalent performance 1,5 mm HDPE Geomembrane in order to prevent the pollution of underground soils and groundwater. The location of the landfill is also chosen at areas with the appropriate geology which further reduces the risk of pollution. During the operation of the landfill, the surface and groundwater will be monitored and findings be incorporated into a report which will be available for public and authority review. The analysis will be for determinants specified in the waste licence and if there are signs of contamination, the results will immediately reflect this and mitigatory action can be undertaken.
		Our children and grandchildren already have chest problems due to the proximity of the Karbochem Chemical Plant. Your proposed landfill sit will further aggravate these existing health problems.	

		Rodents, flies, mosquitos will further add to other health problems.	of Waste to Landfill as well as National Norms and Standards for the Storage of Waste and relevant waste management legislation. EIA etc. As part of the daily operations, the waste will be compacted and covered with soil material in order to avoid the occurrence of pests and dispersion of odour. A well managed landfill site should not attract these pests.
		South Africa is a dry country by world standards and every drop of underground water is precious. Please don't aggravate this situation by interfering with our catchment area.	Noted. See above.
		Due to proximity of the landfill site to the Ingagane River, there is a very strong possibility that contamination of the river can and may take place. The effects on the wildlife in the area will be disastrous. Contamination will be in the form of seepage.	The construction of the landfill site is in accordance to the relevant waste and environmental management regulations. The possibilities of contamination to the nearest water resources are very low, and it will be ensured that the operations of the site are undertaken in an acceptable manner.
		Another foreseeable problem is the value of property in the area will be drastically affected. Will homeowners be compensated for potential loss of value on their properties?	A socio-economic assessment will be undertaken during the EIA phase of the process to investigate the potential impact that the establishment of the landfill will have on the properties in the area.
04 November 2014	Kirsten Phillips	I am living on a farm which is in close proximity to the "waste landfill" site proposed location. I am not prepared to have the air I breathe in everyday completed polluted by the waste landfills site, certain plastic will be burnt and can produce toxic substances- which I and many others will	There will be no burning permitted on the landfill. An air quality and health risk assessment will be undertaken as part of the EIA phase

04 November 2014	Lloyd Phillips	have to be living with. Air pollution which is effected can contribute to acid rain which can ruin and damage certain crops being planted in the area close to the landfill site. It is not fair to place such an establishment so close to the farms and farmers which work so hard to produce crops which most of us eat. I am not happy with future food I put into my mouth being dangerous. As vice Chairman of the Newcastle Farmers Association I feel it is my duty to express my concerns about the proposed landfill site. Firstly, badly managed landfill sites may attract vermin and cause litter which is a problem to our environment especially as many neighbours have live stock on their farms. Secondly, waste eventually rots and causes a terrible smell in the air and may generate methane gas which is explosive, which is putting people close by the waste landfill site in danger.	of the project. This will determine whether air emissions could be a problem for surrounding residents. However, it should be noted that this is a general landfill site and therefore emissions of dangerous toxins are unlikely. It is the intention of the applicant to manage the landfill in an acceptable manner and in compliance with the relevant legislative requirements. The operation of the site will also be monitored in order to identify any impacts that might be taking place as a result of the landfilling operations. Gas produced as result of the landfilling process will be captured using the prescribed methods in the Standards for Extraction, Flaring or Recovery of Landfill Gas 2013, this serves to both reduce risks and odours associated with the methane. An air quality assessment has been proposed during the EIA phase in order to detail the landfill area's receptors and the scenarios to which the operations at the landfill will impact the community in terms of odour.
04 November 2014	Michael Phillips	I am an owner of a fully functional Dairy stud farm which is the closest affected farm to the waste landfill site. I object to any further establishment as certain bacteria from the	Access to the site will be strictly controlled with guardhouses at the access gate and a perimeter fence will ensure that no access

10 November	Ahmed Randeree	 landfill site will be carried and will contaminate the milk we produce as well as our cattle. We will then in turn have a bad effect on the production of the milk and we are most concerned about the health of our cattle on our farm. There will be stray dogs visiting the site which carry diseases and they can also be a problem to other neighbouring animals. I object to landfill site being so close to my home (Hilldrop). 	of stray dogs and scavengers takes place. The potential impacts on the dairy operation will be assessed in the EIA report.
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08 May 2015	Craig Peterson	I cordially invite you and your team of experts to my farm which borders the proposed landfill site in order that I can show you in situ, the environmental disaster that will take place if you choose to ignore my previous advices. Please contact me to arrange a mutually convenient time.	A focus group meeting in addition to the EIA meeting may be arranged with you and interested parties after the different specialists have visited the area as the specialist studies will be undertaken after the acceptance of the Final Scoping Report by the Dept. Having the recommended studies undertaken will assist in the detailing of the site's environmental characteristics as well as potential impacts likely to occur on site as well as on the surrounding properties. A discussion at that particular time will be favourable as there would have been specialist involvement as well. May we request that you forward your concerns/comments in writing regarding the foreseen environmental impacts so they can be incorporated in the specialist assessments still to be undertaken during the EIA phase.
01 June 2015	Craig Peterson	I have already put most of my concerns in writing via the signature of a petition which is attached to your scoping	Off-site water courses / streams / wetlands / aquaculture dams / boreholes were

		report. I have analysed your final site ranking contained in paragraph 7.3.3 and it is clear that whoever has prepared the report has not ventured further than the Greenwich farm boundaries. My concern is that further tax payers money will be wasted if the process continues without first getting the neighboring land owners to point out the downstream water courses/stream/wetlands/aquaculture dams/boreholes and other sensitive areas which seem to have been ignored in the report. Where this is most evident to me is that "your" buffer zones happen to be over my and neighboring property and incorporates my largest dam that has been municipality planned and approved, constructed as part of an 8 dam commercial aquaculture business at great expense. Surely a buffer zone should not incorporate wetlands, dams and river courses?	considered at a desktop and partially site walkover level, however it is part of the I&AP process to engage with surrounding land owners to aid in this process too. Note that additional studies looking at some of these issues (such as wetland delineation exercises) have been planned. According to the Minimum Requirements for Waste Disposal by Landfill as written DWAF in 1998, for such a sized landfill as this, there is not a set buffer zone size. Rather, the size is determined by all prevailing factors in accordance with the relevant government departments. Furthermore, note that nothing is explicitly stated about certain water sources not forming part of the buffer zone, but rather, at the discretion of the relevant stakeholders, certain developments / infrastructure / items can be allowed within the buffer zone.
18 May 2015	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) appreciates the opportunity given to review and comment on the Draft Scoping Report dated 7 May 2015. DAFF is the authority mandated to regulate activities affecting natural forests and tree species in terms of the National Forest Act (Act 84 of 1998). Based on the findings of the Ecological Report collated in the DSR, the proposed site is considered to offer moderate	Noted
		the DSR, the proposed site is considered to offer moderate to low levels of botanical diversity, also there are no definitive ecological factors that would preclude the	

		development of a waste landfill within the site. The Ecological Specialist did not record any natural forest and tree species protected in terms of the National Forest Act, 1998 within the proposed landfill site. Given the above, DAFF will not object to the proposed general waste landfill development on this particular site provided that the Environmental Management Plan provides feasible mitigation measures for the indigenous	Noted
		trees recorded on the site. Should protected trees be encountered (during the search and rescue stage) within the landfill site during construction phase, DAFF should be alerted prior to any activities commencing that could potentially negatively affect the protected trees.	
17 June 2015	AMAFA /Heritage KwaZulu Natal	Thank you for informing us about this development and giving us an opportunity to comment in terms of the heritage legislation. The information that you submitted has been reviewed and it is noted that the greater part of the proposed landfill site falls within the very high palaeo- sensitivity zone. The archaeological database also indicates that the general Newcastle area is associated with Late Stone Age, Rock Art, Late Iron Age and Historical cultural material. For this reason an impact assessment of the proposed developmental site is mandatory.	Noted, the Heritage Impact Assessment will be undertaken during the EIA phase of the development.
		Considering the heritage value of the area of proposed development, a Heritage Impact Assessment is required for the above proposed project. This must include the field- based palaeontological and archaeological component (Phase 1) and any other applicable heritage components. Amafa KZN Heritage therefore requires the appointment of an Amafa accredited Heritage Practitioner to assist in the	

		provision of recommendations and mitigation procedures.	
23 June 2015	Bapela Cave Klapwijk	Figure 2, Site Plan (pg8) the diagram shows in green the area to be investigated (94ha) and an ultimate inferred footprint that has been identified for future expansion. Why is the future ultimate inferred footprint not being investigated as part of this EIA? All phases of a project must be assessed simultaneously.	The green area shows the area that was investigated during the geotechnical, geohydrological and ecological assessment. The design of the landfill (including additional infrastructure) falls slightly outside of this "green area", the extent of the area not initially investigated will therefore the assessed during the EIA phase simultaneously with the other assessment. The initial investigations could not assess further than 94ha as farm owner only gave permission for this portion of land and no other additional land. The site plan has been updated to display the proposed landfill footprint.
		Trigger Activities (pg9) Why is the access road not listed as a trigger activity? The road should form part of the EIA	Kindly note that page 10 of the Draft Scoping report included the construction of the access road as a trigger activity, the report states that the access road will require authorisation in terms of the 2010 EIA Regulations hence the integrated application for a waste management licence as well as environmental authorisation. Preliminary designs of the access road have been provided in Appendix E of the report.

Issues and Comments Raised (pg 13) It is stated by the EAP that the purchase of the Greenwich Farm site is not directly related to the EIA process and must be taken up directly by the community with the municipality. It is our opinion that this is directly linked to the EIA. The land was purchased or in the process of being purchased for the sole purpose of establishing a wastefill site as this process was initiated prior to the EIA process. It is inferred that the EIA is simply a formality (going through the motions) in the process of establishing a wastefill site on the farm.	Please note that the purchase of land does not form part of the EIA process, hence it is being dealt by the applicant which is the Newcastle Municipality. The EIA is serving the purpose of identifying potential impacts related to the proposed development, and therefore offer the relevant mitigation and management measures to reduce/minimise the impacts on the surrounding environments. The decision to grant the environmental authorisation is unaffected by the purchase of the land. The purchase of the land is at risk, as the EDTEA could decide, on the basis of the impact assessment, to refuse authorisation. The two issues are therefore not related.
Alternative Locations Considered (pg 23). The Scoping Report states that Geomeasure Group investigated 14 possible sites. A limited invasive investigation was undertaken on the three most favourable sites. Two of these appeared suitable but were ruled out due to mining rights and the unwillingness of the owners to sell. Three more sites were then investigated where the land owners were prepared to sell. These sites (Schaap Vlakte, Tiger Kloof and Knockbrex) proved not to be suitable because the owners would not give their consent and were thus discarded as this being regarded (incorrectly) as a fatal flaw.	The Schaap Vlakte, Tiger Kloof and Knockbrex farms were considered fatally flawed due to the condition which reads, "Any area characterised by any factor that would prohibit the development of a landfill except at prohibitive cost", since the landowner did not give consent for the on- site investigations. The expropriation of the land for landfill development could have been regarded as a prohibitive cost. With regards to the drainage lines / intermittent steams, these factors would still

 The Municipality then began the process of buying a farm where the owner was prepared, namely Greenwich Farm, as a last resort it appears. The sale process initiation occurred before any site investigations were done. A Final Site Ranking matrix was done for Greenwich Farm (Table 2 pg 26) where, amongst others, all water related aspects are ranked as 'good' or 'ideal' positive. This was done notwithstanding the fact that the site occurs directly over two drainage lines/ intermittent streams that feed into the lower catchment to the north of the farm. There are no matrices for the discarded site options and thus no comparison can be made to determine if this site is more suitable that any of the others that were put on the table as options. It is not possible to evaluate all sites equally or objectively. It appears that the only reason that Greenwich Farm was investigated was that the land owner sold the farm to the municipality. If for some reason the site is not approved by KZN DEA the sale will be regarded as wasteful and fruitless expenditure by the municipality. 	be investigated during the other specialist studies to form part of the EIA and Scoping. These issues would be covered by the specialist studies to be undertaken during the EIA phase, which would include a Wetland Delineation study as well as a Hydrological study. With regards to the site ranking of the Schaap Vlakte, Tiger Kloof and Knockbrex farms, the site ranking is contained in the report by Geomeasure Group entitled, :"Newcastle Municipality New Landfill Investigation – Desk Study and Analysis of Additional Candidate Landfill Sites", dated March 2013.
Geotechnical investigations show that a large area of the study area is underlain by ferricrete which is usually an indicator of a fluctuating water table (see Figure 9 pg 39). The question is it best practice to locate a waste landfill site over an area with a fluctuating water table? This site condition does not concur with the matrix table.	From detailed geohydrological and geotechnical investigations it is known that the groundwater table is not present on-site at such shallow depths. During the sampling undertaken in May 2014, BH NL 1 had a static water level of 16 meters below ground level (m bgl), whilst in April 2015, it

	had a SWL of 21.72 m bgl. Whilst BH NL 2 was dry during the May 2014 sampling, it had a SWL of 24.07 m bgl during the April 2015 sampling event. These SWL are not regarded as shallow. Whilst the water table may fluctuate on site, it occurs at a depth which would not affect the potential to develop a landfill.
The surface water diagram (Figure 10 pg 4) shows two drainage lines that run through the site. From a Google Earth image review of the site it appears that the soils in the study area could be seasonally wet indicating a seasonal wetland. A 32m buffer development zone should be specified either side of the drainage lines, as is required by law, and should be indicated on the diagram.	It is not possible to determine seasonally- wet soils from a Google Earth image review, whilst only "moist" soils were logged during the typically wetter summer months in the soil profile. Furthermore, these are non-perennial drainage lines that, even during the wetter summer months, do not appear to contain water. It is likely that they may only contain water after high intensity rainfall events. Regardless, many landfill sites are located in proximity to / over such drainage lines, with strict engineering controls used to ensure the diversion / control of surface water, thereby ensuring environmental protection. The specialist studies to form part of the EIA phase will provide detailed information regarding the status of the surrounding environment and will detail the impacts of the landfill in terms of social and environmental aspects.

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The Groundwater investigation has only looked at existing borehole data. No investigation has been done on the depth of the water table or determined the presence of potential perched water tables. The Plan of Study does not include for Geo-hydrological studies to determine the ground water conditions. The hydrological assessment must include the drainage on site and include a climate assessment to determine potential rainfall patterns that may have an impact on the seasonality of the streams.	The detailed geohydrological investigation, as well as the most recent round of groundwater sampling, has assessed these points. A geohydrological investigation has been completed, as previously detailed. Drainage on-site and the rainfall in the area has been addressed, in some of the previous investigation reports, whilst the landfill design plan will also aid in controlling drainage / storm water issues.
 General Comments: There are several wetlands/sponge areas on the farm Norseland fed almost exclusively by water from the Greenwich farm. This farm includes 3 boreholes used for drinking and serves approximately 100 people. Aquaculture dams have been established on the Norseland Farm, one spill from the proposed waste site will result in significant loss in terms of fatalities and monetary Wind is a major factor on top of the hill and it seems strange that the waste facility would be located where litter will be windswept onto neighbouring farms to be potentially ingested by commercial animals leading to loss The streams from Norseland Farm (fed by runoff from Greenwich Farm) run into the Ncandu River which provides drinking water to Newcastle. A toxic spill will have disastrous consequences. 	It must be noted that the specialist studies due to be undertaken during the EIA phase will provide detailed information regarding the status of the surrounding environment as well as detail potential impacts that the landfill is likely to have on the social and environmental aspects. It will be at that particular time that the impacts will be known and provision of management/mitigation will be offered to minimise significance of the identified impacts. Regarding wind scatter, a mesh wire fence will be installed around the boundary of the landfill to ensure that no windblown litter exits the site.

14 June 2015	Department of Water and Sanitation	 Page 28 Section 7.4.1 Proposed landfill infrastructure indicates that there will be construction of access, weighbridges, administration buildings, leachate treatment plant, recycling centre, incineration, amongst others The applicant is required to superimpose actual positioning of all proposed infrastructure onto the map requested in 2 below indicating the watercourses and their buffer zones. 	Noted, the proposed positioning of the landfill infrastructure is included in appendix E which contains all the preliminary design drawings.
		Page 41 of the DSR indicates that "the closest, desktop delineated (SANBI BGIS), wetland system to the site is located to the immediate north east". This page further states that there are other wetland systems located within and/or around the site of interest. Furthermore, page 41 Figure 10: Surface water receptors, as identified in the ecological assessment, also confirm that there are drainage lines and wetland systems within and/or around the proposed site. The applicant is required to provide this office with a colour	The undertaking of the specialist studies will provide further information relating to the water resources located in the proximity of the project site as well as confirm their functionality characteristics. The map will therefore be drawn up once the specialist assessments have been undertaken and will be attached in the Draft EIA Report
		map of high resolution of not less than A2 size, depicting the site of interest, all watercourses (rivers and/or streams) on site including all drainage lines with their buffer zones of either 100m horizontal distance or 1:100 year flood line (whichever is greatest) and all wetland systems that can potentially be impacted by this development with their delineated boundaries as well as a buffer zone of 500 m radius from the delineated boundary of each wetland.	
		Page 41 of the DSR states that "a wetland delineation and hydrology and baseline water quality studies will be	Noted

undertaken in order to identify if the site consists of wetlands" This Department looks forward to such assessments, their results and recommendations thereafter. The representation of wetlands on site should form part of map 2 above.	
With regards to the presence of the watercourses mentioned in 2 and 3 above (as well as others that might be discovered from further assessments), the applicant is required to include a detailed analysis of the impacts and mitigation measures that the proposed landfill development might have on these watercourses.	Noted, potential impacts likely to result from the proposed development will be detailed and assessed in the environmental impact table. In addition, an Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) which will identify potential impacts and offer management/mitigation measures will be compiled and attached to the report.
Page 8 of the Geohydrological Investigation Section 8: Water Quality sampling states that water quality sampling was attempted at two boreholes (BH NL1&2) and two streams (stream 1&2), however only one borehole (BH NL1) was successfully sampled. This Department looks forward to the recommendations that an additional sampling event should be undertaken during wetter months.	The follow up sampling event was then undertaken on the 16 th April 2015, the full report is attached in Appendix F.
Pages 77-83 of the DSR Section 11 Plan of study for EIA indicates that a number of specialist studies will be undertaken in order to further investigate potential environmental impacts likely to result from the establishment and operation of the proposed development. The section further indicates that mitigation and management measures will also be provided. These	Noted, all specialist studies undertaken during the EIA phase will be attached in the Draft EIA Report which will be circulated for comment. Need to add comment that impact assessment and EMPr will deal with all phases of the project, including decommissioning.

assessments should, however, include impacts and management measures during and after decommissioning of this development. This Department looks forward to the Hydrological Assessment, River Health Assessment, Wetland Delineation amongst others.	
 The applicant should include the assessment of the sustainability of water provisions for this development. Such assessment should include, but not limited to: The source of potable water (and dust suppression) 	Noted
 water) and subsequently the type of waste water provisions to be used. The names of the water treatment works and the waste water treatment works that will serve this development. 	
• The design as well as operational capacities of the works mentioned above. Such information should include a written confirmation by a qualified engineer that the said works will have sufficient capacities to cater for this upcoming development.	
The applicant is reminded that if the development, any part of it or any of its infrastructure is located within the regulated area then the project must be authorised by this Department prior to commencement of the activity. Therefore the applicant will be required to apply for a Water use Licence prior to commencement of the activity as the activity will not be a permissible water use as stipulated in section 22 of the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998	Noted, the requirement for a water use licence as well as water use activities that need to be licenced will be confirmed after the findings of the planned specialist studies (wetland delineation and hydrology assessments).

		A regulated area is an area within 1:100 year floodline or 100m of a river (whichever is greatest) in terms of the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998 and an area within 500m radius from a delineated boundary of a wetland in terms of the General Authorisation No 1199 of 18 December 2009.	
07 July 2015	Department of Transport	With reference to your application dated May 2015, in connection with the abovementioned proposed general waste landfill site application, I have to inform you that the Minister as the Controlling Authority as defined in the KwaZulu Natal Roads Act No 4 of 2001, has in terms of Section 21 of the said Act, no objections to the proposed application as represented in the Draft Scoping Report reference no. 2012/328 and DC25/0007/2014 as follows: In terms of Section 10 of the KwaZulu Natal Provincial Roads Act No 4 of 2001, access to the site shall be taken via the Internal Road Network;	Noted
		As the property concerned is also affected by National Route 11-3, the matter must in terms of the National Roads Act No 7 of 1998, be referred, by you, to the Regional Manager KwaZulu Natal, South African National Roads Agency Limited, P.O. Box 100410, Scottsville, 3209, for his consideration and recommendations and from whom you shall receive a reply in due course. This correspondence does not grant authorization or exemption from compliance with any other relevant and applicable legislation.	Noted, SANRAL has been included as the commenting authority and a copy of the Amended Scoping Report will be forwarded for comment.
15 January	Amajuba District	This proposed site has been assessed mainly as a result of	The site is not the only site that was

2016	Municipality-Municipal	the owner of the land emigrating and it being offered to the	assessed for suitability of the proposed
_0.0	Health Services	municipality so as to liquidate the asset without	development, there were 17 other sites that
		dependence on normal market forces. Having left the	were investigated, due to identified fatal
		country, the current owner has no interest in how the land	flaws and unwillingness to cooperate from
		is used or how the neighbours are affected.	the landowners, these sites could be
			considered for the landfill development.
		Wherever a solid waste disposal unit is sited the	The neighbours were notified regarding the
		neighbours will object for obvious reasons. A site must	proposed development and their concerns
		urgently be found. Objections need to be seen in this	recorded in this report.
		context. This does not infer that they should be ignored.	·
		Rather, the need to minimize and/or eliminate impacts	As mentioned above, concerns raised will
		cannot be over-emphasised. Any failures will result in	be further investigated during the next
		litigation with massive implications for the rate payers of	phase of the process where detailed
		Newcastle.	specialist studies will be taking place thus
			informing the process of the potential
			impacts and how they should be managed.
		There has been a clearly demonstrated trend towards the	Noted, the socio-economic assessment
		development of the urban area of Newcastle in a Southerly	planned for the development will offer detail
		direction. Topographic, hydrologic and climatic reasons	on the level of the possibility that residential
		make this inevitable. Greenwich farm has the potential to	land value will decrease.
		be high value residential land in the foreseeable future.	
		This disposal site will negatively impact on that potential.	
		It is obvious that if this site is to be used as a landfill then	Noted, the applicant will be advised to
		only non-recyclables must be brought onto the site. This	consider the recommendation given.
		could be as little as 25% by volume of what is currently	
		being dumped at the existing site. Logically, the existing	
		site is ideal for the segregation of waste even after the	
		dump has been closed. The success of any recycling	
		system depends on readily available and dependable local	
		buyers for the materials. This is a big factor in favour of the	
		existing site continuing to be used for waste management	
		If only non-recyclables are interred at the proposed site, it	

		 is logical to expect the toxicity of that waste to be greatly more concentrated than is currently the case. The state and this district municipality will have to be very vigilant regarding the construction and execution of this site in perpetuity. This office is satisfied that the proposals regarding the engineering and construction of the landfill are adequate at this stage. Diligent revision of this plan will be necessary during the entire life of the site. 	Noted
11 December 2015	Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife	The Draft Scoping Report for the Proposed establishment of a general waste landfill site in Newcastle has been screened by Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife as part of a Rapid Screening Process.	Noted
		Ezemvelo does not anticipate that the proposed activity would result in significant negative impacts upon local biodiversity, provided that best practice mitigatory measures are implemented during the construction and operational phase.	Noted
		Please be informed that Ezemvelo does not require additional documentation with regards to this project, except when additional biodiversity information becomes available and/or additional biodiversity impacts, which are not presented in the abovementioned report, are identified. Should this occur, it is requested that the presence of new	Noted
		biodiversity information is highlighted in the cover letter of any further reports.	

27 October	Department of Water	The locality map labelled Figure 1on point 1.2 (proposed	•
2016	and Sanitation	landfill site location) is small and not legible. The applicant is required to provide this office with a colour map of high	
		resolution not less than A2 size. The map should further	
		reflect all watercourses (rivers, streams, drainage channels	
		and buffer zones of either 100m horizontal distance or	
		1:100 year flood line (whichever is the greatest) and all	
		wetland systems that can potentially be impacted by this	
		development with their delineated boundaries as well as	
		buffer zone of 500m radius from the delineated boundary	
		of each wetland.	
		Page 28 of the document indicates that "surface	
		water/streams sampling points would be required in the	
		event of this site being developed as a landfill site. This	
		Department requires that the applicant must include further	
		and rationale details of the sampling points in an	
		Environmental Impact Assessment document to be submitted.	
		Page 52 "preferred candidate site 1 and site 2 analysis	-
		summary" indicates that two (2) groundwater resources	
		and one (1) surface water source may negatively be	
		impacted upon should a landfill be developed. Detailed and	
		specific mitigation measures particularly with reference to	
		the water sources should be tabulated in the EIA report to	
		be submitted.	
		Page 68, proposed landfill infrastructure: stormwater	1
		management system-this Department requires an applicant	
		to be sure if the drainage, dams and ponds will be	
		designed for collection and storage of clean stormwater for	
		possible dust suppression. The details of such drawing	
		designs, size and capacity of the holding facility,	
		anticipated volume of storm water and the actual area to	

be dust suppressed must be specified.	
Design drawing and lining method of the pollution control	
dam mentioned in page 68 should form part of the EIA	
 report.	
Should the discharge of leachate into a sewage works be	
chosen as an appropriate management option for leachate,	
the following details will be necessary:	
 Name of the wastewater treatment works 	
b. Design and operational capacity of the waste water	
treatment plant	
c. Ability of the waste water treatment plant to treat	
the quality of leachate.	
This Department takes note of point one and three of	
mitigation and management requirements on page 86 of	
the document; however clarity on point two must be	
tabulated in the EIA Report to be submitted.	
Mitigation and management requirements mentioned on	
page 90 of the document must be expanded and specified	
in the upcoming EIA report to be submitted.	
This Department is looking forward in receiving the river	
health assessment report entailing everything that has	
been tabulated in the final scope of work of river health	
assessment on page 123 of the document.	
 This Department is also looking forward in receiving the	
detailed wetland delineation assessment as mentioned in	
page 125 of the document.	
 This Department is looking forward in receiving the	
Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) as	
mentioned in page 130 of the document that " the EMPr	
will be attached as an Appendix of the draft EIR"	

		The desk study and analysis of additional candidate landfill sites attached brings confusion to this Department as it is	
		titled as Newcastle/Emnambithi Municipality new landfill	
		investigation. This must be clarified on the upcoming EIA	
		report as Newcastle and Mnambithi are two different areas	
		which are located in two different district municipalities.	
		The applicant is reminded that if the development, any part	
		of it or ant of its infrastructures is located within the	
		regulated area then the project must be authorised by this	
		Department prior to the commencement of the activity.	
		Water use triggered by this activity requires a water use	
		licence prior to the commencement of the activity as the	
		activity will not be a permissible water use as stipulated in	
		Section 22 of the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998.	
		A regulated area is an area within 1,100 year floodling ar	
		A regulated area is an area within 1:100 year floodline or horizontal distance of 100m from a river (whichever is	
		greatest) and an area within 500m radius from a delineated	
		boundary of a wetland.	
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11 November	Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife	Thank you for forwarding the abovementioned application	Noted
2016		to Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife for review and comment.	
		Ezemvelo will not be providing comment on this	
		application, but trust that all significant biodiversity related	
		concerns have been clearly identified and made known in	
		this assessment together with appropriate measures to	
		safeguard the ecological integrity (viz. avoid, mitigate and	
		thereafter ameliorate) of the developable area.	
		Please be advised that the potential impacts upon diversity	
		will be evaluated by the Competent Authority who may,	
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		upon receipt, refer the application to this organisation for evaluation and advice prior to making a decision. In such case, the environmental principles prescribed in the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998, the objectives of the National Environmental Management Biodiversity Act 10 of 2004 and best practise will be applied.	
04 November 2016	Amajuba District Municipality	Socio-economic Impacts: Again the question of how will the vulnerable community or the marginalized be able to access this site for recycling and other initiatives is posed. The site location makes it difficult to impact positively on Local Economic Development especially to the previously disadvantaged.	As part of the landfill development, recycling as one of the waste hierarchy considerations is planned to take place on site. As mentioned on Section 7.4.5 of the report, the recycling area will comprise a hard stand/surface area for the stockpiling of recyclables and a steel portal frame roof structure for the sorting and storage of recyclable materials under all weather conditions.
			It must be note that access to site is currently not believed to be a challenge as the proposed access road will allow easy access to and from the site.
		Integration of waste handling in the district is vital for the environment and economy of the district. The majority of the population which is located in the MBO, Mdozo, JBC, Osizweni and uMdakane area which leads to the towns of Utrecht and Dannhauser are un-serviced and the landfill site should have been designed so as to service these areas where a lot of waste is generated. This should have	A number of candidate landfill sites were investigated as discussed in report, most of them were not pursued due to fatal flaws and unwillingness to cooperate from the landowners. The proposed development site will promote sound waste management in the greater area of Newcastle and the

been integrated with waste water treatment and feedlots so	surroundings.
as to have enough biomass and biogas to produce electricity.	
Land Use Management & Biodiversity	
The proposed site is located in a pristine area of Newcastle which is known for its biodiversity rich environment and many carbon sequestration sources. For infrastructure to be developed that will enable the site to operate efficient a lot of these natural assets will have to be destroyed. There is significant agricultural potential that will be lost due to land development that will occur in the area. Trees play an important ecosystem function and are also being used for economic enticements in the area.	According to the ecological assessment undertaken by Williams Environmental in February 2014 as well as data received from Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife, the site is located in an area identified to have low biodiversity value as the vegetation on the site has been subject to transformation as a consequence of previous anthropological activities which has resulted in a reduction in species diversity.
	This however does not allow site development activities to be undertaken in a manner that does not consider environmental protection. The environmental management programme which will form part of the Draft EIA Report will detail mitigation and management activities required to ensure that potential negative impacts are managed.
Renewable Energy and Climate Change and Air Quality:	
The proposed site is situated at a relatively elevated position in relation to the residential area of Kilbarchan and with the winter predominant wind direction being west, air quality might be compromised during winter where also many temperature inversions occur. This coupled with	Noted, an Air Quality Assessment will be undertaken during the EIA Phase of the development in order to assess the potential impacts likely to occur in relation to air quality. Detailed findings of the report will be

pollution migrating from Newcastle CBD, Chemical park and industrial areas especially in early morning might mean compromised air quality and will bring about the need to monitor the area due to being possibly a hotspot. Pollution will be further exacerbated by the heavy motor vehicles that will be operating in the area. This project must be viewed as one of the key climate change projects in the district due to its ability to be a mitigation and an adaptation project or initiative. Proper site planning would actually mean having a regional site to prevent there being FOUR(Including Newcastle old) waste sites in the district as opposed to one big and smaller transfer centers. Having this one big waste site would enable feasibility of energy generation in future and a smaller footprint on the district land achieving mitigation in that regard. By ensuring that the vulnerable community achieves financial gain and reducing impact on biodiversity and land degradation, adaptation would be achieved as part of climate change initiatives which makes for significant initiatives.	
<u>Water and Groundwater:</u> One of the criteria used in selecting a location is that the area must not have a steep gradient and it must not be a groundwater recharge zone. This office recommends careful investigation of this as the areas on the other side of the N11 are relatively low lying with a steep gradient coming from the site meaning there might be great potential for the area to be a groundwater recharge zone.	Noted

CONCERNS RAISED BY VAN DER MERWE & ASSOCIATES REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEWCASTLE LANDFILL SITE

Correspondence dated 19 September 2014 was received from van der Merwe & Associates (who are representing a group of interested and affected parties), the following main concerns were raised:

- Availability of waste management licence documentation for public perusal
- Acquisition of land (Greenwich farm)
- Filing of the Draft Basic Assessment Report on the National Environmental Authorization System
- Request for copies of the Basic Assessment Report including the Environmental Management Plan (EMP)
- Request for documentation relating to the appointment of the Environmental Assessment Practitioner
- Request for copy of the Background Information Document and copies of plans, locality maps and diagrams indicating the coordinates and any possible affected areas
- Documentation pertaining to the appointment of specialists, engineers and scientists
- Proof of compliance with the requirements of the public participation process
- Copies of documentation pertaining to alternative sites considered

In response to the above, the Newcastle Municipality prepared correspondence stating that the Municipality had not commenced with the public participation process at the time the letter was received. The letter also made mention that the EIA application for the proposed development had been submitted to the KZN Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs and that all necessary processes pertaining to public participation would follow.

CORRESPONDENCE AFTER THE PUBLIC MEETING WAS HELD

A public meeting was held on the 25th November 2014 to discuss the proposed development and to which interested and affected parties were invited to attend. On the 26th November 2014, a letter was received from van der Merwe & Associates and mentioned the following main concerns:

- No recording apparatus and concern that the minutes produced will be extremely inaccurate;
- Request for clarity on why the other investigated sites were rejected;
- Concern that answers provided by the representatives of the Newcastle Municipality; Geomeasure Group and Envitech Solutions were not forthcoming;
- Concern relating to the purchasing of land for the development of the landfill

It must be noted that issues relating to the acquisition of land for the proposed development is being dealt with by the Newcastle Municipality. In terms of the public participation process as defined in Section 54-57 of the 2010 EIA Regulations, GNR543, the public participation consultant is not obliged to respond directly or immediately to issues raised by I&APs. The

purpose of the public meeting that was held on Tuesday, the 25th November 2014 was for notifying the interested and affected parties regarding the proposed development and allow the opportunity for concerns to be raised and recorded so that they are identified at the early stages of the development, have them assessed and then provide relevant management and mitigation measures.

Queries relating to the circulation of the reports for public comment, notification of the interested and affected parties, proposed design specifications were all responded to at the meeting. Questions relating to the alternative sites considered for the development and the reasons why the Greenwich site was chosen as the preferred site were clearly explained. In addition, the criteria used for identifying sites suitable for landfill development were clearly explained.

Public meeting minutes were prepared and circulated to all interested and affected parties; no requests for additions or corrections of the minutes were received.

COMMENTS RECEIVED ON DRAFT SCOPING REPORT

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Dear Khanya and other affected parties,

I have already put most of my concerns in writing via the signature of a petition which is attached to your scoping report.

I have analysed your final site ranking contained in paragraph 7.3.3 and it is clear that whoever has prepared the report has not ventured further than the Greenwich farm boundaries. My concern is that further tax payers money will be wasted if the process continues without first getting the neighboring land owners to point out the downstream water courses/stream/wetlands/aquaculture dams/boreholes and other sensitive areas which seem to have been ignored in the report. Where this is most evident to me is that "your" buffer zones happen to be over my and neighboring property and incorporates my largest dam that has been municipality planned and approved, constructed as part of an 8 dam commercial aquaculture business at great expense. Surely a buffer zone should not incorporate wetlands, dams and river courses???

So my suggestion is again, before you bring in more "specialists" let us "normal" landowners point out some logic based layman observations, which need to be taken into consideration.

Regards

Craig Petersen

Norseland farm

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Subject: RE: Newcastle General Waste Landfill Site Draft Scoping Report for comment

Morning

A focus group meeting in addition to the EIA meeting may be arranged with you and interested parties after the different specialists have visited the area as the specialist studies will be undertaken after the acceptance of the Final Scoping Report by the Dept. Having the recommended studies undertaken will assist in the detailing of the site's environmental characteristics as well as potential impacts likely to occur on site as well as on the surrounding properties.

A discussion at that particular time will be favourable as there would have been specialist involvement as well. May we request that you forward your concerns/comments in writing regarding the foreseen environmental impacts so they can be incorporated in the specialist assessments still to be undertaken during the EIA phase.

Kind Regards

Khanya

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Subject: Re: Newcastle General Waste Landfill Site Draft Scoping Report for comment

Dear Khanya, and all in copy.

I cordially invite you and your team of experts to my farm which borders the

proposed landfill site in order that I can show you in situ, the environmental disaster that will take place if you choose to ignore my previous advices.

Please contact me on 071 221 6146 to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Regards

Craig Petersen Norseland Farm (incorporating portions of Carrick and Hope farms)

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Subject: RE: Newcastle General Waste Landfill Site Draft Scoping Report for comment

Dear Interested and Affected Party

Kindly find link below for the Draft Scoping Report for the proposed Newcastle General Waste Landfill Site, to download the report, click the link below, then "download tab" and choose "direct download".

Please note that a hardcopy of the report will be available at the Newcastle Library (Scott Street) as well as the Ingagane Library (located at 08 Third Lane, Ingagane) as from Tuesday, the 12th May 2015.

Interested and affected parties are reminded of the 40 day comment period, please forward your comments by fax to 031 765 1935 or email to khanya@geomeasuregroup.co.za

Kind Regards

Khanya

From: Khanya Gasa via Dropbox [mailto:no-reply@dropbox.com] Sent: 08 May 2015 10:37 AM To: khanya@geomeasuregroup.co.za **Subject:** {Disarmed} Khanya Gasa shared "Proposed Newcastle General Waste Landfill Site Draft Scoping Report.pdf" with you

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Attention: Nokukhanya Gasa

COMMENTS FOR THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A GENERAL WASTE LANDFILL SITE IN NEWCASTLE, NEWCASTLE MUNICIPALITY.

Ref No: DC25/0007/2014

The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) appreciates the opportunity given to review and comment on the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) dated 07 May 2015 (received by this Department on the 08th May 2015) for the above mentioned project. DAFF is the authority mandated to regulate activities affecting natural forests and tree species protected in terms of the National Forests Act, 1998 (Act No. 84 of 1998).

Based on the findings of the Ecological Report collated in the DSR, the proposed site is considered to offer moderate to low levels of botanical diversity, also there are no definitive ecological factors that would preclude the development of a waste landfill within the site. The Ecological Specialist did not record any natural forest and tree species protected in terms of the National Forests Act, 1998 within the proposed landfill site.

Given the above, the Department of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries will not object to the proposed general waste landfill development on this particular site provided that the Environmental Management Plan provides feasible mitigation measures for the indigenous trees recorded on the site. Should protected trees be encountered (during the search and rescue stage) within the landfill site during construction phase, DAFF should be alerted prior to any activities commences that could potentially negatively impact on the protected trees.

This letter does not exempt you from considering other environmental legislations. Should any further information be required, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours faithfully

Mr. Jeffrey Maivha

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Forestry Regulations & Support - KZN

Newcastle Landfill Development

Our Ref: SAH15/7654

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Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) and the KwaZulu-Natal Heritage Act (Act 4 of 2008)

Attention: Newcastle Local Municipality

The Newcastle Municipality is proposing to develop a new landfill site in the area due to the existing landfill site rapidly reaching the end of its design life. The proposed general waste landfill site is to be established within the province of KwaZulu Natal on vacant land in the area of Newcastle at coordinates 270 50'53.6" S and 290 55' 12.2" E

Thank you for informing us about this development and giving us an opportunity to comment in terms of the heritage legislation. The information that you submitted has been reviewed and it is noted that the greater part of the proposed landfill site falls within the very high palaeo-sensitivity zone. The archaeological database also indicates that the general Newcastle area is associated with Late Stone Age, Rock Art, Late Iron Age and Historical cultural material. For this reason an impact assessment of the proposed developmental site is mandatory.

Considering the heritage value of the area of proposed development, **a Heritage Impact Assessment is required for the above proposed project.** This must include the field-based palaeontological and archaeological component (Phase 1) and any other applicable heritage components. Amafa KZN Heritage therefore requires the appointment of an Amafa accredited Heritage Practitioner to assist in the provision of recommendations and mitigation procedures.

Please download our list of Heritage Practitioners from our website <u>www.heritagekzn.co.za</u>. and the website of the PSSA, <u>http://www.palaeontologicalsociety.co.za</u>.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

Bernadet Pawandiwa Senior Heritage Officer Amafa/Heritage KwaZulu Natal



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ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: http://www.sahra.org.za/node/269779 (EDTEA, Ref: DC25/0007/2014 and DC25/WML/0002/2014)

Terms & Conditions:

- 1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
- 2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to Amafa immediately.
- 3. Amafa reserves the right to request additional information as required.



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COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED GENERAL WASTE LANDFILL SITE, NEWCASTLE, NEWCASTLE MUNICIPALITY

1 Figure 2, Site Plan (pg8) the diagram shows in green the area to be investigated (94ha) and an ultimate inferred footprint that has been identifified for future expansion. Why is the future ultimate inferred footfrint not being investigated as part of this EIA? All phases of a project must be assessed simultaniously

2 Trigger Activities (pg9) Why is the access road not listed as a trigger activity? The road should form part of the EIA

3 Issues and Comments Raised (pg 13) It is stated by the EAP that the purchase of the Greenwich Farm site is not directly related to the EIA process and must be taken up directly by the community with the municipality. It is our opinion that this is directly linked to the EIA. The land was purchased or in the process of being purchased for the sole purpose of establishing a wastefill site as this process was initiated prior to the EIA process. It is inferred that the EIA is simply a formality (going through the motions) in the process of establishing a wastefill site on the farm.

4 Alternative Locations Considered (pg 23). The Scoping Report states that Geomeasure Group investigated 14 possible sites. A limited invasive investigation was undertaken on the three most favourable site. Two of these appeared suitable but were ruled out due to mining rights and the unwillingness of the owners to sell. Three more sites were then investigated where the land owners were prepared to sell. These sites (Schaap Vlakte, Tiger Kloof and Knockbrex) proved not to be suitable because the owners would not give their consent and were thus discarded as this being regarded (incorrectly) as a fatal flaw. The Municipality then began the process of buying a farm where the owner was prepared, namely Greenwich Farm, as a last resort it appears. The sale process initiation occurred before any site investigations were done.

A Final Site Ranking matrix was done for Greenwich Farm (Table 2 pg 26) where, amongst others, all water related aspects are ranked as 'good' or 'ideal' positive. This was done notwithstanding the fact that the site occurs directly over two drainage lines/ intermittent streams that feed into the lower catchment to the north of the farm. There are no matrices for the discarded site options and thus no comparison can be made to determine if this site is more suitable that any of the others that were put on the table as options. It is not possible to evaluate all sites equally or objectively.

It appears that the only reason that Greenwich Farm was investigated was that the land owner sold the farm to the municipality. If for some reason the site is not approved by KZN DEA the sale will be regarded as wasteful and fruitless expenditure by the municipality.

5 Geotechnical investigations show that a large area of the study area is underlain by ferricrete which is usually an indicator of a fluctuating water table (see Figure 9 pg 39). The question is is it best practice to locate a waste landfill site over an area with a fluctuating water table? This site condition does not concur with the matrix table

6 The surface water diagram (Figure 10 pg 4) shows two drainage lines that run through the site. From a Google Earth image review of the site it appears that the soils in the study area could be seasonally wet indicating a seasonal wetland. A 32m buffer development zone should be specified either side of the drainage lines, as is required by law, and should be indicated on the diagram

7 The Groundwater investigation has only looked at existing borehole data. No investigation has been done on the depth of the water table or determined the presence of potential perched water tables.

8 The Plan of Study does not include for Geo-hydrological studies to determine the ground water conditions.

9 The hydrological assessment must include the drainage on site and include a climate assessment to determine potential rainfall patterns that may have an impact on the seasonality of the streams.

10 General Comments

- There are several wetlands/sponge areas on the farm Norseland fed almost exclusively by water from the Greenwich farm. This farm includes 3 boreholes used for drinking and serves approximately 100 people.
- Aquaculture dams have been established on the Norseland Farm One spill from the proposed waste site will result in significant loss in terms of fatalities and monetary
- Wind is a major factor on top of the hill and it seems strange that the waste facility would be located where litter will be windswept onto neighbouring farms to be potentially ingested by commercial animals leading to loss
- The streams from Norseland Farm (fed by runoff from Greenwich Farm) run into the Ncandu River which provides drinking water to Newcastle. A toxic spill will have disastrous consequences.

June 2015



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14 July 2015

ATTENTION: Mr P. Moodley

Dear Sir

RE: DRAFT SCOPING REPORT (DSR) FOR THE PROPOSED GENERAL WASTE LANDFILL SITE IN THE NEWCASTLE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY WITHIN THE AMAJUBA DISTRICT.

Reference is made to the Draft Scoping Report (DBAR) with reference (Ref No: DC25/0007/2014), received by the Department of Water and Sanitation (Department) in June 2015. This Department has the following comments or concerns to be addressed during the subsequent stage(s) of this Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA):

(A) SPECIFIC COMMENTS

- 1. Page 28: Section 7.4.1: Proposed landfill infrastructure indicates that there will be construction of access, weighbridges, administration buildings, Leachate Treatment Plant, recycling centre, incineration, amongst others.
- 1.1. The applicant is required to superimpose actual positioning of all proposed infrastructure onto the map requested in 2 below indicating the watercourses and their buffer zones.
- 2. Page 41 of the DSR indicates that "the closest, desk top delineated (SANBI BGIS), wetland system to the site is located to the immediate north east". This page further states that there are other wetland systems located within and/or around the site of interest. Furthermore, Page 41: Figure 10: Surface water receptors, as identified in the ecological assessment, also confirm that there are drainage lines and wetland systems within and/or around the proposed site.

- 2.1. The applicant is required to provide this office with a colour map of high resolution of not less that A2 size, depicting the site of interest; all watercourses (rivers and/or streams) on site including all the drainage lines with their buffer zones of either 100m horizontal distance or 1:100 year flood line (whichever is greatest) and all wetland systems that can potentially be impacted by this development with their delineated boundaries as well as a buffer zone of 500m radius from the delineated boundary of each wetland.
- Page 41 of the DSR states that "...a wetland delineation and hydrology and baseline water quality studies will be undertaken in order to identify if the site consists of wetlands..."
- 3.1. This Department looks forward to such assessments, their results and recommendations thereafter. The representation of wetlands on site should form part of the map in 2 above.
- 4. With regards to the presence of the watercourses mentioned in 2 and 3 above (as well as others that might be discovered from further assessments) the applicant is required to include a detailed analysis of the impacts and mitigation measures that the proposed landfill development might have on these watercourses.
- 5. Page 8 of the Geohydrological Investigation : Section 8: Water Quality Sampling states that water quality sampling was attempted for two boreholes (BH NL1 &2) and two streams (streams 1&2), however, only one borehole (BH NL1) was successfully sampled. This Department looks forward to the recommendations that an additional sampling event should be undertaken during wetter months.
- 6. Pages 77 83 of the DSR: Section 11: Plan of Study for EIA indicates that a number of specialist studies will be undertaken in order to further investigate potential environmental impacts likely to result from the establishment and operation of the proposed development. The section further indicates that mitigation and management measures will also be provided. These assessments should, however, include impacts and management measures during and after decommissioning of this development. This Department looks forward to the Hydrological Assessment, River Health Assessment, Wetland Delineation, amongst others.
- The applicant should include the assessment of the sustainability of water provisions for this development. Such assessment should include, but not limited to :
- 7.1. The source of potable water (and dust suppression water) and subsequently the type of waste water provisions to be used.

- 7.2. The names of the Water Treatment Works (WTW) and the Waste Water Treatment Works (WWTW) that will serve this development.
- 7.3. The design as well as operational capacities of the works in 7.2. Such information should include a written confirmation by a qualified engineer that the said works will have sufficient capacities to cater for this upcoming development.

N.B. The applicant is reminded that if the development, any part of it, or any of its infrastructure is located within the regulated area then the project must be authorised by this Department prior to commencement of the activity. Therefore the applicant will be required to apply for a Water Use Licence prior to commencement of the activity as the activity will not be a permissible water use as stipulated in Section 22 of the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998.

A regulated area is an area within 1:100 year floodline or 100m of a river (whichever is greatest) in terms of the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998 and an area within 500m radius from a delineated boundary of a wetland in terms of the General Authorisation No 1199 of 18 December 2009.

Notwithstanding the above, the responsibility rests with the Applicant to identify any sources or potential sources of pollution from his undertaking and to take appropriate measures to prevent any pollution of the environment. Failure to comply with the requirements of the National Water Act 36 of 1998 could lead to legal action being instituted against the Applicant.

For ACTING CEO: PONGOLA-UMZIMKULU PROTO CMA



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Department: Transport **Province of KwaZulu-Natal** Street Address: 224 Prince Alfred St, Pietermaritzburg, 3200 Postal Address: Private Bag X9043, Pietermaritzburg, 3200 Tel: (27)(33) 3558600 Fax: (27)(33) 3423962

TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING SUB - DIRECTORATE

Geomeasure Group P.O. Box 1194 HILLCREST 3650 Enquiries: Mr R. Ryan Extension: 0570 Reference: T10/2/2/214/1088 Your Reference: 2012/328 DC25/0007/2014

ATTENTION: MS NOKUKHANYA GASA

Date: 7 July 2015

Dear Madam,

NATIONAL ROUTE 11-3 AND MAIN ROAD 209: DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A GENERAL WASTE LANDFILL SITE: SITUATE ON A PORTION OF THE FARM GREENWICH NO. 8487: SITUATE IN THE NEWCASTLE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY: SITUATE IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT PROVINCE OF KWAZULU-NATAL.

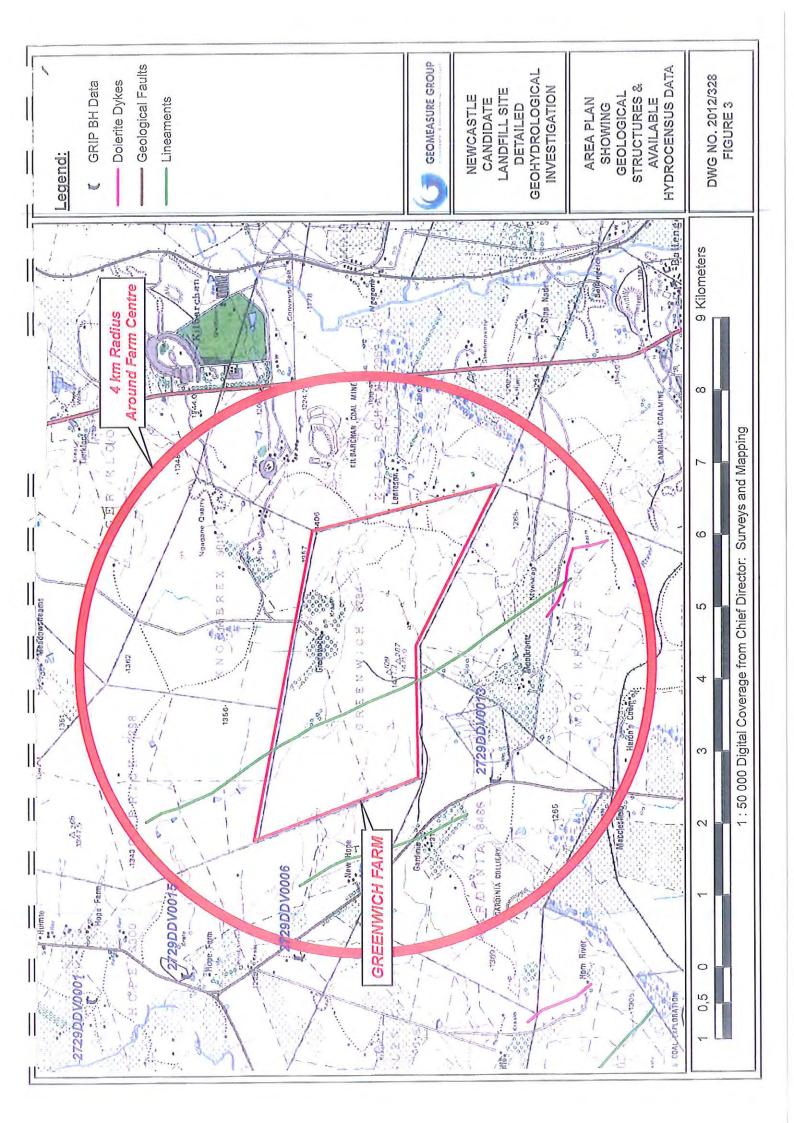
- 1. With reference to your application dated May 2015, in connection with the abovementioned proposed **GENERAL WASTE LANDFILL SITE** application, I have to inform you that the Minister as the Controlling Authority as defined in the Kwazulu-Natal Roads Act No. 4 of 2001, has in terms of section 21 of the said Act, no objections to the proposed application as represented in the Draft Scoping Report reference No. 2012/328 and DC25/0007/2014 as follows:
- 2. In terms of section 10 of the Kwazulu-Natal Provincial Roads Act No. 4 of 2001, access to the site shall be taken via the Internal Road Network.
- 3. As the property concerned is also affected by National Route 11-3, the matter must, in terms of the National Roads Act No. 7 of 1998, be referred, by you, to the Regional Manager Kwazulu-Natal, South African National Roads Agency Limited, P. O. Box 100410, Scottsville, 3209, for his consideration and recommendations and from whom you shall receive a reply in due course.
- 4. This correspondence does not grant authorization or exemption from compliance with any other relevant and applicable legislation.

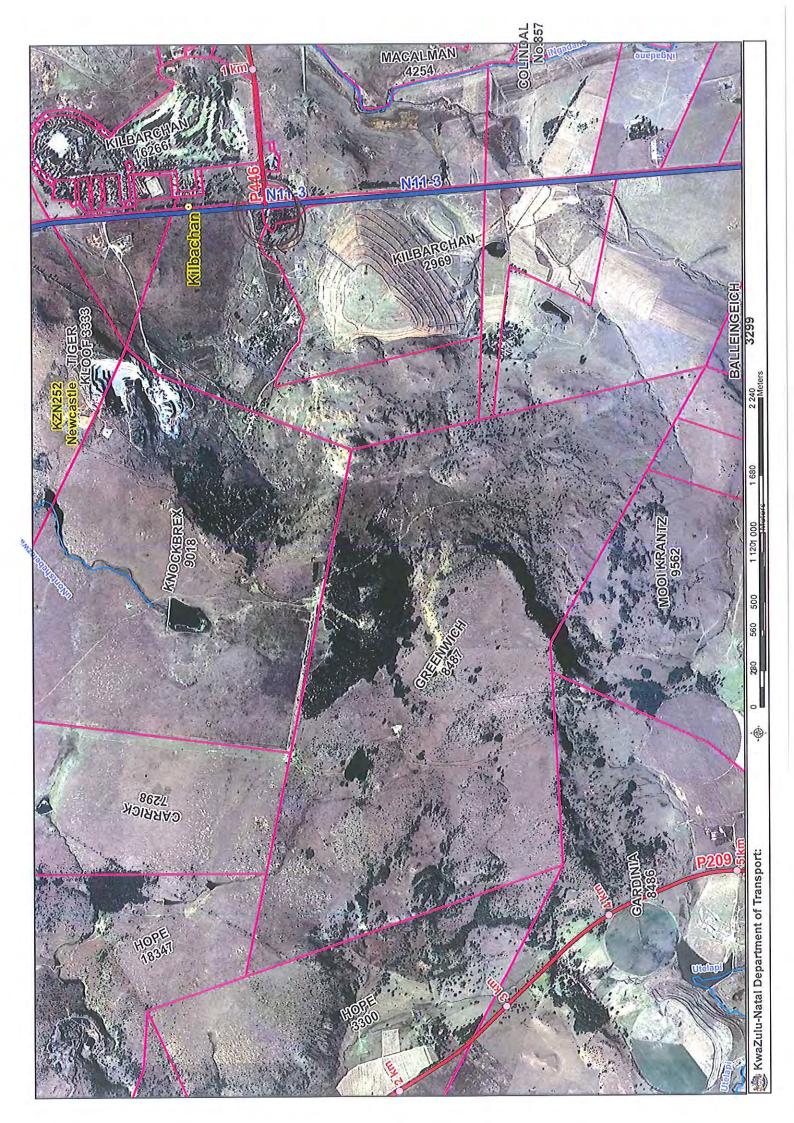
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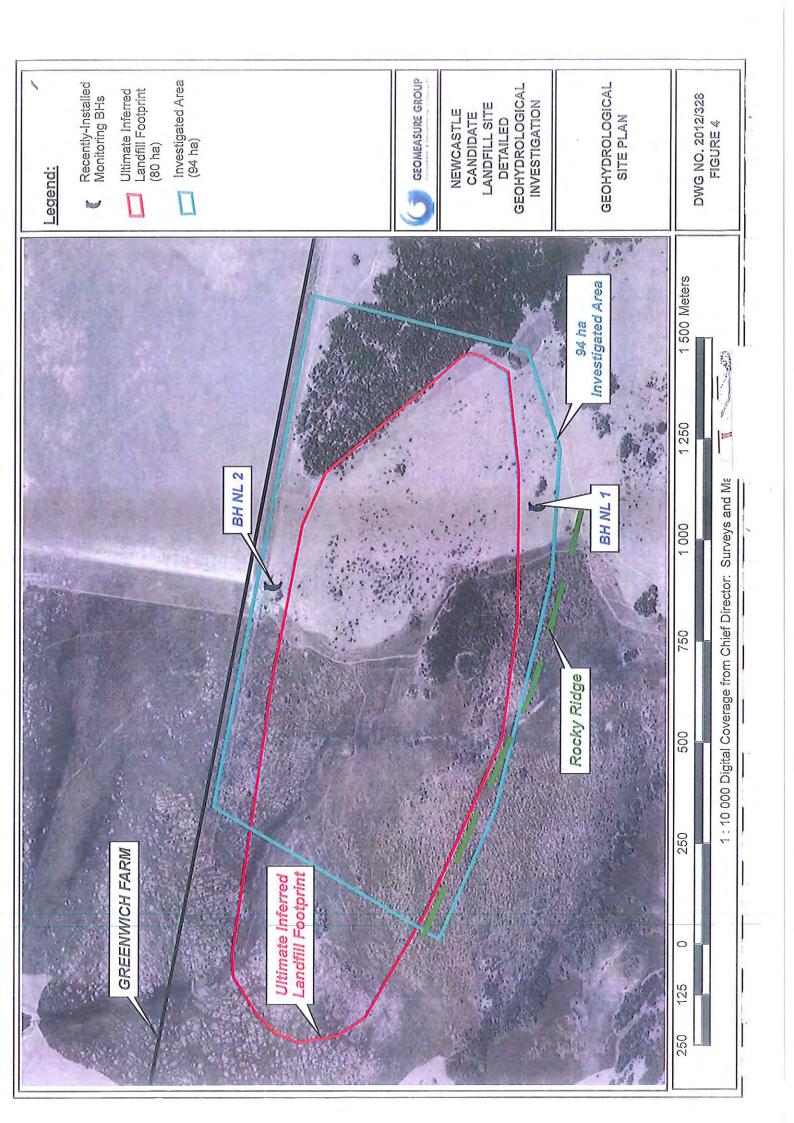
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Planning Division: IEM Section

Enquiries: Mr A Blackmore

Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife P O Box 13053 Cascades 3202 Your Ref: DC25/0007/2014

11 December 2015

Dear Nokukhanya

The Draft Scoping Report for the Proposed establishment of a general waste landfill site in Newcastle has been screened by Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife as part of a Rapid Screening Process.

Ezemvelo does not anticipate that the proposed activity would result in significant negative impacts upon local biodiversity, provided that best practice mitigatory measures are implemented during the construction and operational phase.

Please be informed that Ezemvelo does not require additional documentation with regards to this project, <u>except when</u> additional biodiversity information becomes available and/or additional biodiversity impacts, which are not presented in the abovementioned report, are identified. Should this occur, it is requested that the presence of new biodiversity information is highlighted in the cover letter of any further reports.

Yours sincerely

Manager Integrated Environmental Management For CEO: EZEMVELO KZN WILDLIFE

COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM CIRCULATION OF AMENDED SCOPING REPORT

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Department: Water and Sanitation



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Project Manager Geomeasure Group P. O. Box 1194 Hillcrest, 3610 Tel: 031 7651900 Fax: 031 7651900

27 October 2016

Attention: Nokukhanya Gasa

RE: AMENDED SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED GENERAL WASTE LANDFILL SITE, NEWCASTLE, NEWCASLTE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY.

Reference is made to the above mentioned document dated 03 October 2016, received by this office on the 04 October 2016. This Department has the following comments. It further requests that responses to these comments are incorporated into an Environmental Impact Assessment document to be submitted to this Department to make an informed opinion.

(A) SPECIFIC COMMENTS

- The locality map labelled Figure 1 on point 1.2 (Proposed landfill site location), is small and not legible. The applicant is required to provide this office with a colour map of high resolution of not less than A2 size.
 - The map should further reflect all watercourses (rivers, stream, drainage channels and buffer zones of either 100m horizontal distance or 1:100 year flood line (whichever is the greatest) and all wetland systems that can potentially be impacted by this development with their delineated boundaries as well as a buffer zone of 500m radius from the delineated boundary of each wetland.
- 2) Page 28 of the document indicates that "surface water/streams sampling points would be required in the event of this site being developed as a landfill site. This Department requires that the applicant must include further and rationale details of the sampling points in an Environmental Impact Assessment document to be submitted.
- Page 52 "preferred Candidate Site 1 and site 2 Analysis Summary" indicates that two (2) groundwater sources and one (1) surface water source may negatively be impacted upon should a landfill be developed.

Detailed and specific mitigation measures particularly with reference to the water sources should be tabulated in the Environmental Impact Assessment report to be submitted.

- 4) Page 68, proposed landfill infrastructure: Storm water management system- this Department requires an applicant to be sure if the drainage, dams and ponds will be designed for collection and storage of clean storm water for possible dust suppression. The details such as drawing designs, size and capacity of the holding facility, anticipated volume of storm water and the actual area to be dust suppressed must be specified.
- 5) Design drawing and the lining method of the pollution control dam mentioned in page 68 should form part of the Environmental Impact Assessment report.
- Should the discharge of leachate into a sewage works be chosen as an appropriate management option for leachate the following details will be necessary:
 - (a) Name of the Waste Water Treatment Works
 - (b) Design and operational capacity of the Waste Water Treatment Plant
 - (c) Ability of the Waste Water Treatment Plant to treat the quality leachate
- 7. This Department takes note of point one and three of mitigation and management requirements on page 86 of the document, however clarity of point two must be tabulated in the Environmental Impact Assessment report to be submitted.
- Mitigation and management requirements mentioned on page 90 of the document must be expanded and specified in the upcoming Environmental Impact Assessment report to be submitted.
- This Department is looking forward in receiving the river health assessment report entailing everything that has been tabulated on the final scope of work of river health assessment on page 123 of the document.
- 10. This Department is also looking forward in receiving the detailed wetland delineation assessment as mentioned in page 125 of the document.
- 11. This Department is looking forward in receiving the Environmental Management Programme (EMPR) as mentioned in page 130 of the document that "The EMPr will be attached as an appendix of the draft EIR"
- 12. The desk study and analysis of additional candidate landfill sites attached brings confusion to this Department as it is titled as Newcastle/ Emnambithi Municipality new landfill investigation. This must be clarified on the upcoming Environmental Impact Assessment report as Newcastle and Mnambithi are two different areas which are located in two different district municipalities.

N.B. The applicant is reminded that if the development, any part of it or any of its infrastructures is located within the regulated area then the project must be authorised by this Department prior to commencement of the activity. Water use triggered by this activity require a water use licence prior to commencement of the activity as the activity will not be a permissible water use as stipulated in Section 22 of the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998.

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For ACTING CEO: PONGOLA-UMZIMKULU PROTO CMA



Planning Division: IEM Section

Enquiries: Mr A Blackmore

Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife P O Box 13053 Cascades 3202 Your Ref: DC25/0007/2014

11 November 2016

ATTENTION: Nokukhanya Gasa

PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A GENERAL WASTE LANDFILL SITE IN NEWCASTLE District Municipality: Amajuba

Dear Ms Gasa

Thank you for forwarding the abovementioned application to Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife (Ezemvelo) for review and comment.

Ezemvelo will not be providing comment on this application, but trust that all significant biodiversity related concerns have been clearly identified and made known in this assessment together with appropriate measures to safeguard the ecological integrity (viz. avoid, mitigate and thereafter ameliorate) of the developable area.

Please be advised that the potential impacts upon biodiversity will be evaluated by the Competent Authority who may, upon receipt, refer the application this organization for evaluation and advice prior to making a decision. In such case, the environmental principles prescribed in the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998, the objectives of the National Environmental Management Biodiversity Act 10 of 2004 and best practice will be applied.

Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife wishes you well with your assessment.

Yours sincerely,

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04 November 2016

Geomeasure Group

Attention: Khanya Gasa

<u>COMMENTS ON FINAL SCOPING REPORT FOR PROPOSED GENERAL WASTE</u> <u>SITE FOR NEWCASTLE MUNICIPALITY REF 2012/36</u>

Socio-economic Impacts

- I. Again the question of how will the vulnerable community or the marginalized be able to access this site for recycling and other initiatives is posed. The site location makes it difficult to impact positively on Local Economic Development especially to the previously disadvantaged.
- II. Integration of waste handling in the district is vital for the environment and economy of the district. The majority of the population which is located in the MBO, Mdozo, JBC, Osizweni and uMdakane area which leads to the towns of Utrecht and Dannhauser are un-serviced and the landfill site should have been designed so as to service these areas where a lot of waste is generated. This should have been integrated with waste water treatment and feedlots so as to have enough biomass and biogas to produce electricity.

Land Use Management & Biodiversity

- I. The proposed site is located in a pristine area of Newcastle which is known for its biodiversity rich environment and many carbon sequestration sources. For infrastructure to be develop that will enable the site to operate efficient a lot of these natural assets will have to be destroyed.
- II. There is significant agricultural potential that will be lost due to land development that will occur in the area. Trees play an important ecosystem function and are also being used for economic enticements in the area.

Renewable Energy and Climate Change and Air Quality

- I. The proposed site is situated at a relatively elevated position in relation to the residential area of Kilbarchan and with the winter predominant wind direction being west, air quality might be compromised during winter where also many temperature inversions occur. This coupled with pollution migrating from Newcastle CBD, Chemical park and industrial areas especially in early morning might mean compromised air quality and will bring about the need to monitor the area due to being possibly a hotspot. Pollution will be further exacerbated by the heavy motor vehicles that will be operating in the area.
- II. This project must be viewed as one of the key climate change projects in the district due to its ability to be a mitigation and an adaptation project or initiative. Proper site planning would actually mean having a regional site to prevent there being FOUR(Including Newcastle old) waste sites in the district as opposed to one big and smaller transfer centers. Having this one big waste site would enable feasibility of energy generation in future and a smaller footprint on the district land achieving mitigation in that regard. By ensuring that the vulnerable community achieves financial gain and reducing impact on biodiversity and land degradation, adaptation would be achieved as part of climate change initiatives which makes for significant initiatives.

Water and Groundwater

I. One of the criteria used in selecting a location is that the area must not have a steep gradient and it must not be a groundwater recharge zone. This office recommends careful investigation of this as the areas on the other side of the N11 are relatively low lying with a steep gradient coming from the site meaning there might be great potential for the area to be a groundwater recharge zone.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office for clarification.

Yours faithfully

Celani Myeza

Director: Planning and Development

PUBLIC MEEETING PRESENTATIONS, MINUTES AND ATTENDANCE REGISTER

PROPOSED NEWCASTLE GENERAL WASTE LANDFILL SITE

Scoping Phase- Public Meeting 10:30 am, 25 November 2014 Newcastle Town Hall, Scott Street

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

- To meet and inform the I&APs regarding the proposed development;
- To discuss legislation that is triggered by the proposed landfill establishment;
- Give an overview of the proposed landfill design specification;
- Give I&APs an opportunity to raise concerns or comments after the presentation.

Agenda

- Applicant and EAP details
- Trigger activities (Waste Act and EIA Regulations)
- Activities undertaken to date
- Project Background
- Planned design specifications
- Issues identified already
- Question and answer session
- Next steps in the process
- o Closing

APPLICANT AND EAP DETAILS

- Project Applicant: Newcastle Local Municipality represented by Mr Phelelani Ntshingila
- Environmental Assessment Practitioner: Geomeasure Group represented by Ms Nokukhanya Gasa

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN TO DATE

- Application forms submitted to EDTEA;
- The application was advertised in English and isiZulu and appeared in the Daily News, Newcastle Advertiser and Isolezwe newspapers;
- Ongoing compilation of the Interested and affected party list;
- Site notices were placed at the site on the 21st October 2014;
- The Background Information Document was compiled and distributed to authorities and I&APs
- Drafting of Draft Scoping Report is underway

TRIGGER ACTIVITIES (WASTE ACT AND EIA REGULATIONS)

The application triggers the requirement for a waste management licence which will be undertaken following the requirements of EIA processes as per the requirement for listed activities under Category B of Section 20(b) of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (No. 59 of 2008), Activity (8) and (10) i.e.:

(8) "the disposal of general waste to land covering an area in excess of 200 m² and with a total capacity exceeding 25 000 tons"

(10) "The construction of a facility for a waste management activity listed in Category B of this Schedule (not in isolation to associated waste management activity)"

- It is currently estimated that the proposed landfill site will handle approximately 11 400 tons of general waste on a monthly basis.
- The landfill will also have associated infrastructure including access road, on-site roads, perimeter fence, guard house, weighbridge, stormwater management infrastructure, leachate management infrastructure, site offices, staff ablutions, canteen, workshop as well as groundwater monitoring boreholes.

In addition to the requirement of a waste management licence, the proposed development also requires environmental authorisation for the construction of the access road which will be used by the waste delivery vehicles. The application for environmental authorisation and the WML are taking place concurrently.

As part of the objectives of the national waste management strategy, it is expected that the landfill will have recycling programme in place to promote the reuse of materials and minimise the amounts of waste disposed, directly extending the landfill's life span.

As part of the operations at the site, the recovery of landfill gas may take place given that there is sufficient waste disposed at the site.

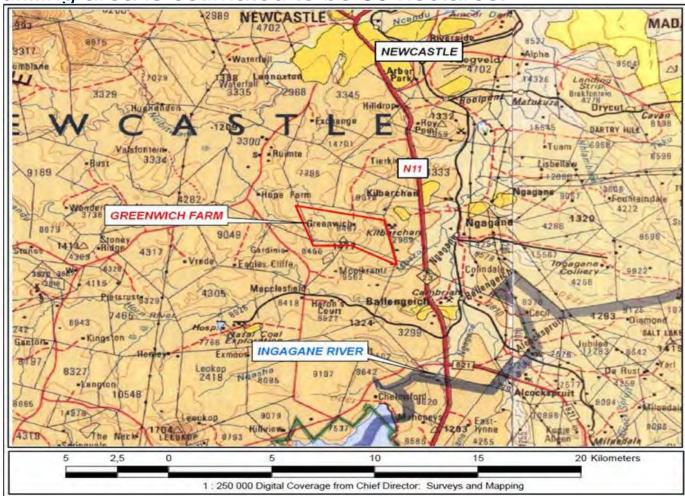
Leachate generated as part of the process will be managed as per the leachate management system which will be explained further as part of the planned design specifications.

Further details on the landfill and planned activities will be provided in detail in the Draft Scoping Report that will be available for public comment.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Newcastle Municipality is proposing to develop a new landfill site in the area due to the existing landfill site rapidly reaching the end of its design life. This is due to the closure of the Madadeni and Osizweni Landfill Sites by the Department of Water Affairs (DWS, previously known as DWA) as a result of non-compliance to the governing legislation. This event resulted in an influx of solid waste to the existing landfill site, which in turn further reduced its anticipated design life.

The proposed site for the development is located on a portion of the Farm Greenwich 8784 and the proposed footprint of the actual landfilling area is estimated to be 80 hectares.



- Greenwich Farm is approximately 844 ha in size, and is accessible via a gravel road off the N11 main road.
- Geohydrological, geotechnical and ecological assessments have been undertaken in order to further investigate the appropriateness of the site for the proposed development. Findings indicate that the site is indeed suitable for such a development.
- Full copies of these assessments will be attached with the draft Scoping Report which will be circulated to I&APs for review and comment for a period of 40 days.

PLANNED DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS

Envitech Solutions (Pty) Ltd to give presentation

ISSUES IDENTIFIED ALREADY

- Reduction of property value
- Contamination of groundwater
- Odour impacts
- Occurrence of scavenging activity
- Health risks
- Loss of habitat for species
- Occurrence of pests

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

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NEXT STEPS IN THE PROCESS

- Additional comments (in writing please) by 10 December 2014
- Comments can be forwarded via fax on 031 765 1935 or email khanya@geomeasuregroup.co.za
- Comments received will be incorporated into the Draft Scoping Report and the report will be made available to I&APs for review and comment (40 days)
- The Draft Scoping Report will include a Plan of Study detailing the tasks that will be done during the EIA Phase, as well include a list of the specialist studies will be undertaken.
- The Final Scoping Report (incorporating comments of the Draft Report) will be circulated for public comment (21 days) and then be submitted to the Department for review and comment.

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

envitech solutions

Identification, Planning, Permitting and Design of a Regional Landfill Site



Nash Dookhi, Pr Tech Eng, MSc. Eng.

envitech

25 November 2014





Brief Project Background

- Envitech Solutions were appointed by Newcastle Municipality in late 2009.
- · Commenced with candidate site selection in 2010.
- To date 18 sites have been considered during the desk studies investigations and limited geotechnical investigations were carried out on 4 of the sites.



Brief Project Background

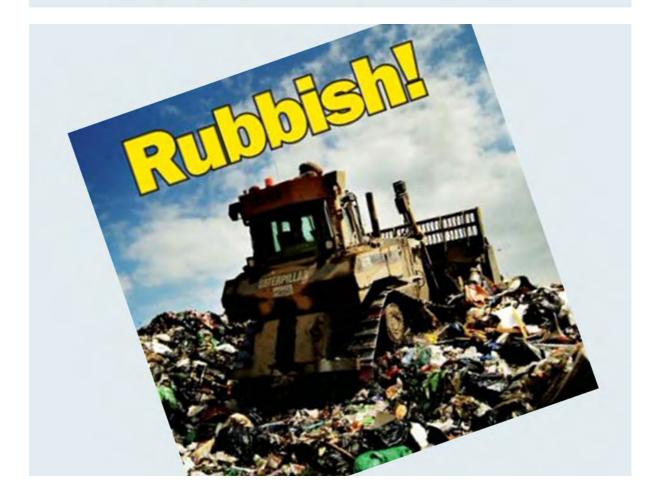


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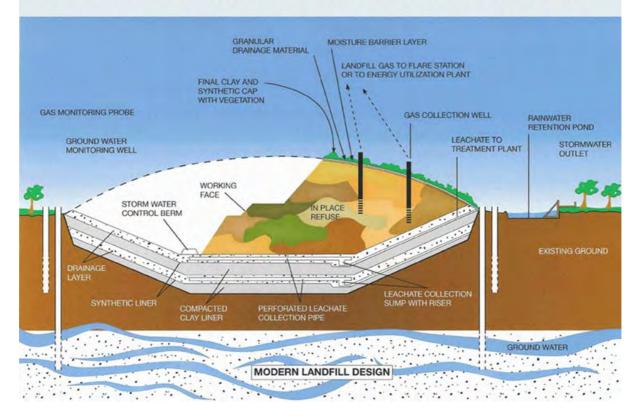
• The existing landfill site has reached capacity and has minimal airspace available.



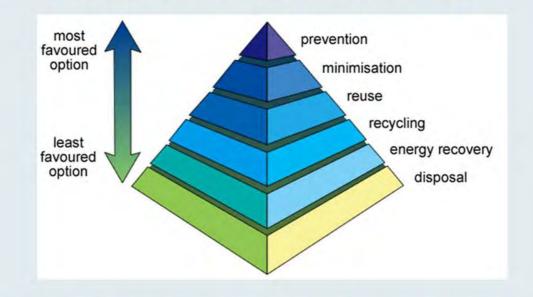
- There is an urgent need for a new landfill site.
- Some people may say a new "dump" but we say...



Modern Landfills are Engineered Facilities...



Modern Landfills also promote the...



WASTE MANAGEMENT HIERARCHY

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Section	Description	Legislation/Specification	Notes	
Access Roads	External access road from the NIII to the site. This road will be designed for heavy vehicles. Internal access roads for access to the active cell and site facilities.	TRH 14 – Guidelines for road construction materials TRH 15 – Subsurface drainage for roads TRH 16 – Traffic loading for pavement and rehabilitation design SAMS 1200 DM – Earthworks (Road, Subgrade) SAMS 1200 ME – Subbase SAMS 1200 ME – Subbase SAMS 1200 ME – Andiliary Road Works	The road surface will be determined during the detail design phase; It is envisaged that an asphati and/o concrete surfaced roa will be constructed since the expected design life of the landfill is 40 years. The current condition of the existing access road is not suitable for heavy vehicles and the hand does not currently belong to the still to be discussed and finalized.	
Access Control	 Security gates and guard facilities including guard houses. 	SANS approved supplier for the security gates SANS 10400XA National Building Regulations And Building Standards Act No. 103 Of 1977	Access control and security facilities will be required at the entrance to the site. This could either be boom gates and/or aluminium gates.	
Surveillance	 Security cameras and monitoring system. 	N/A	Specialised service.	
Weighbridge	 2 No weighbridges to enable accurate tariffs to be charged to landfill users and to allow the owner to mcorid and monitor the lacoming waste volumes. 	SANS 1200 G – Structural Concrete SANS 1200 H – Structural Steelwork	The installation of the weighbridges will be a specialised service but the foundation will be constructed using reinforced concrete.	
Administration Buildings	Landfill operations control room and building Offices for site staff Boardroom Kitchen/Canteen Ahution facilities	SANS 10400XA National Building Regulations And Building Standards Act No. 103 Of 1977	The size and layout of the buildings will be determined during the detail design.	

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Workshop Area	 Landfill Operation equipment service and laydown area. Wheelwash bay/s 	SANS 1200 G – Structural Concrete SANS 1200 H – Structural Steelwork SANS 1200 HB – Cladding and Sheeting	The workshop will be a structural steel structure on a concrete slab.	
Perimeter Fencing	 Concrete Pallsade fencing around the perimeter of the site to prevent any unauthorised access to the site. 	SANS 1200 G – Structural Concrete SANS 1200 H – Structural Steelwork	Supplier to provide Supplier to provide required quality test results for any materials cast on site. Clean stomwater needs to be separated from the landfill cell preventing contamination and reducing the amount of leachate and/or contaminated stormwater. The stormwater drains will be positioned and sized during the detail design. TypeJaph the drains will be constructed and/or lined with structural concrete. Phased landfill sizes to be confirmed during detail design. The site will be a GLB+ (Class B site for non-hazardous waste.	
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Construction &	ction & constructed in phases and will be lined according to the requirements	National Environmental Management: Waste Act 2008: National Norms and Standards for Disposal of Waste to Landfill Minimum Requirements for Waste Disposal to Landfill (DWAF) SANS 1200 D – Earthworks SANS 1200 L – Medium pressure pipelines SANS 1200 L – Bedding (Pipelines) SANS 1200 C – Site Clearance		
Leachate Management System	 System designed to collect, store and contain the leachate produced within the cell 	National Environmental Management: Waste Act 2008: National Norms and Standards for Disposal of Waste to Landfill	Hazardous leachate generated by the site must be contained and not contaminate the environment. The	

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	until it can be disposed using the approved disposal method.	SANS 1200 D - Earthworks SANS 1200 L - Medium pressure pipelines SANS 1200 LB - Bedding (Pipelines)	quantity and quality of the leachate can only be confirmed once the site is operational.
Leachate Treatment Plant	 Depending on the characteristics of the leachate generated by the landfill, a treatment plant could be used to treat the leachate to an acceptable standard were it could be reused for various purposes and/or discharged downstream of the site. 	SANS 1200 G – Structural Concrete SANS 1200 H – Structural Steelwork. SANS 1200 L – Medium pressure pipelines SANS 104000A National Building Regulations And Building Standards Act No. 103 Of 1977	
Landfill Gas extraction & flaring system	 Extract landfill gas from the landfill using a series of wells. This gas can be flared or used to create energy, depending on the quantity and quality. 	SANS 1200 D – Earthworks SANS 1200 L – Medium pressure pipelines SANS 1200 LB – Bedding (Pipelines)	Recovery and usage of the landfill reduces the carbon footprint of the landfill.
Litter Control Fencing	 Wire mesh fencing used to contain air blown litter 	SANS approved fence	The specification of the fence will be supplied by the supplier for approval.
Signage	 OHS signage and direction and road signage. 	SANS approved signage.	
Environmental Monitoring	 Boreholes for groundwater monitoring Surface water monitoring from adjacent streams, if applicable Gas monitoring probes for landfill gas migration monitoring 	Minimum Requirements for Waste Disposal to Landfill SANS Water Quality Monitoring for Drinking Water and Agricultural Water	Environmental monitoring of the liandfill site will be carried out at regular intervals to determine the environmental impacts of the landfill, and relevant mitigation measures will be carried out.

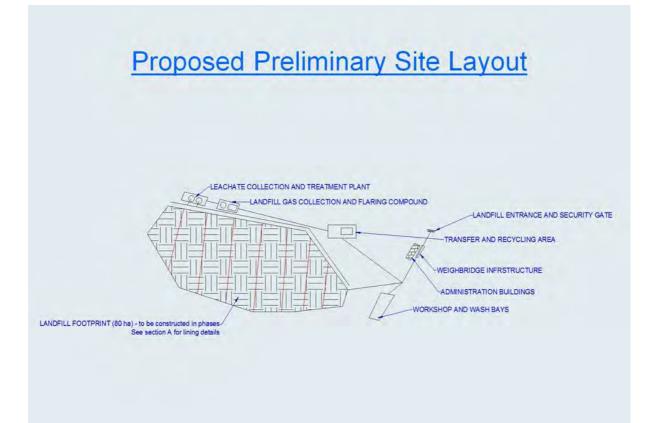
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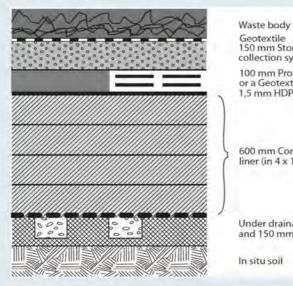
Chipper	 Turning garden 		Optional
	refuse into mulch that can be reused in the agricultural industry		(A Feasibility Study may be required)
Recycling Centre	 Material recycling facilities are used to separate recyclable material from the waste stream. These recyclables can then be sold to end users. 	•	Recommended (A Feasibility Study may be required)
Incineration	 Selected waste can be burnt in an incinerator, the residue that remains is fractionally smaller and this reduces landfill alrspace usage 		Optional (A Feasibility Study may be required)
AD plant	 Anaerobic Digestion Plant is a chemical biological process that uses organic waste to generate energy either in the form of heat of electricity. 		Optional (A Feasibility Study may be required)
Composting	 Organic waste can be used to create compost which can be reused in the agricultural industry. 		Optional (A Feasibility Study may be required)

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Proposed Containment Barrier Design



Geotextile 150 mm Stone leachate collection system 100 mm Protection layer of silty sand or a Geotextile of equivalent performance 1,5 mm HDPE Geomembrane 600 mm Compacted clay liner (in 4 x 150 mm layers) Under drainage and monitoring system and 150 mm Base preparation layer

Class B Landfill (Government Gazette, No. 36784, 2013)

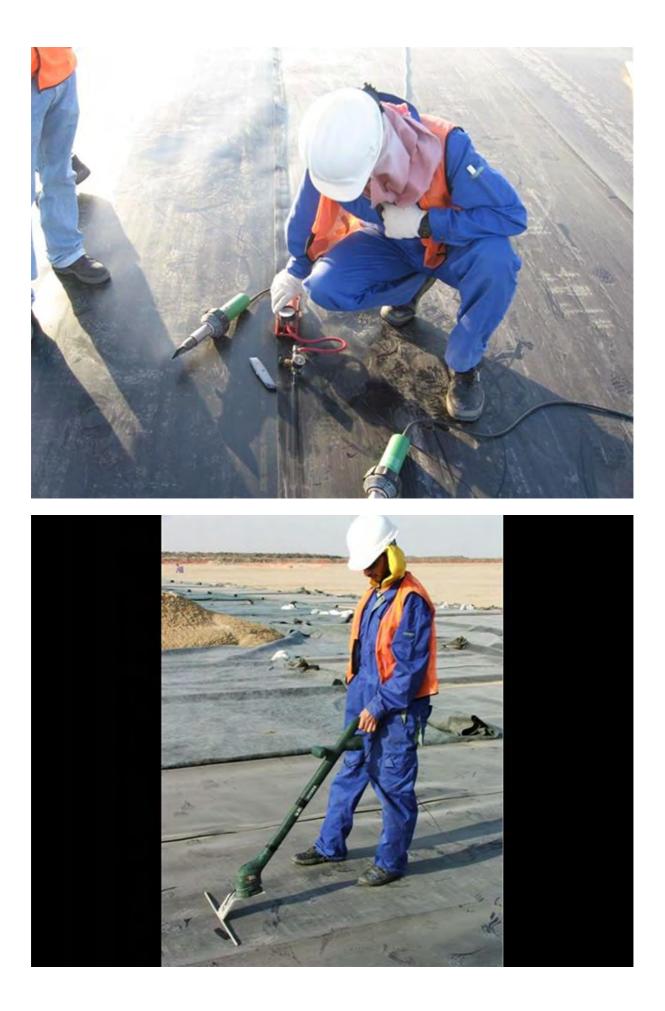






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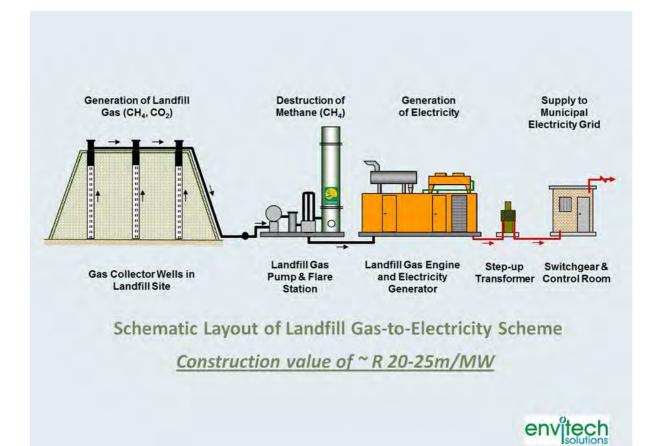
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- CQA laboratory testing services
- Leak detection services





Landfill Gas Management

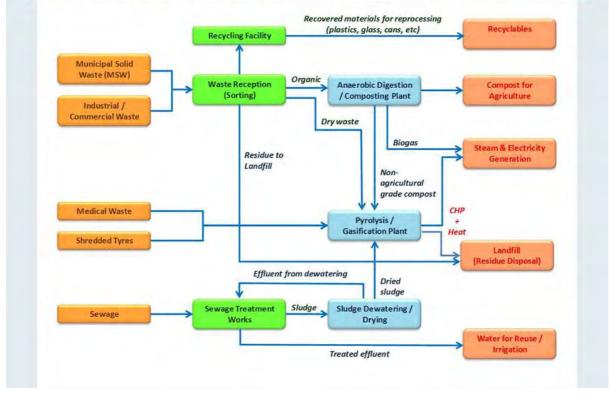
- Landfill gas monitoring
- Landfill gas modelling
- Landfill gas extraction & flaring systems
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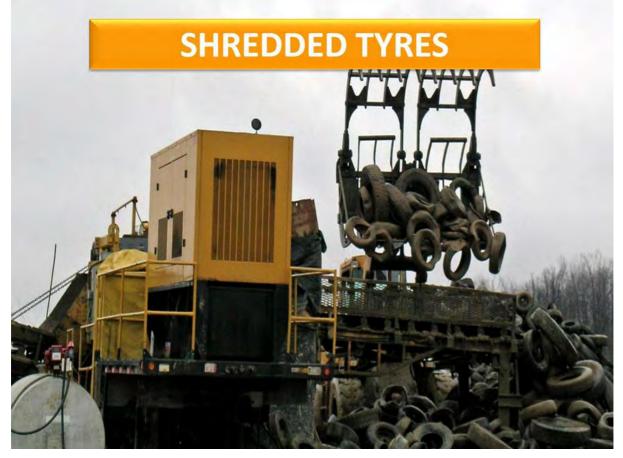
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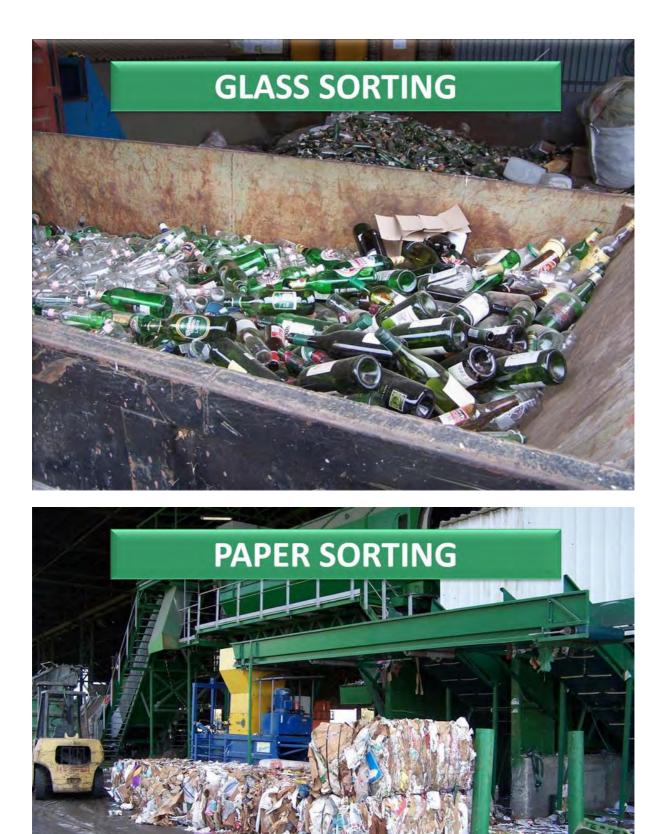






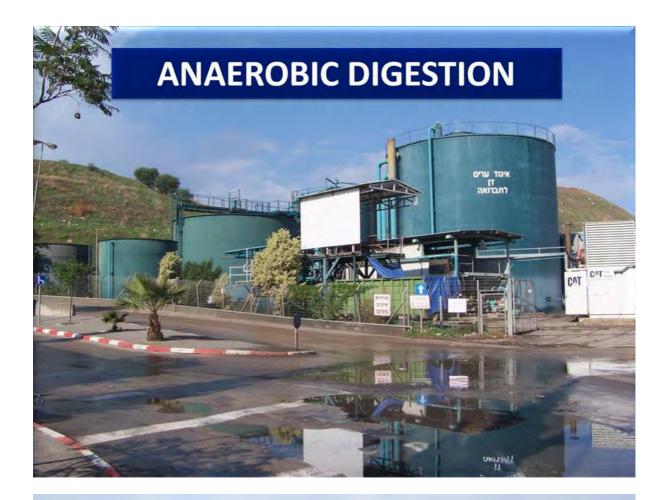










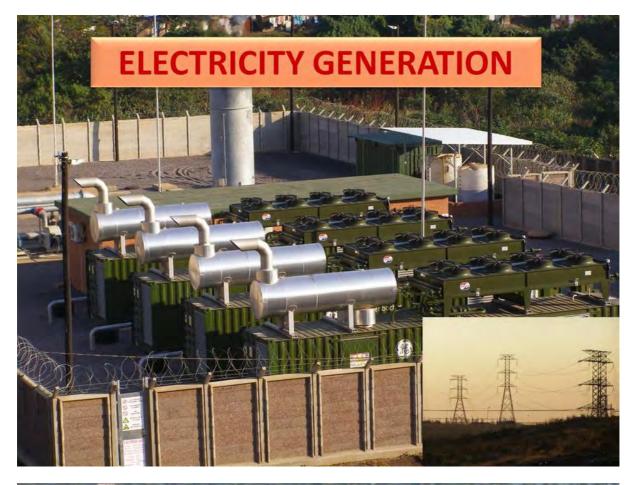


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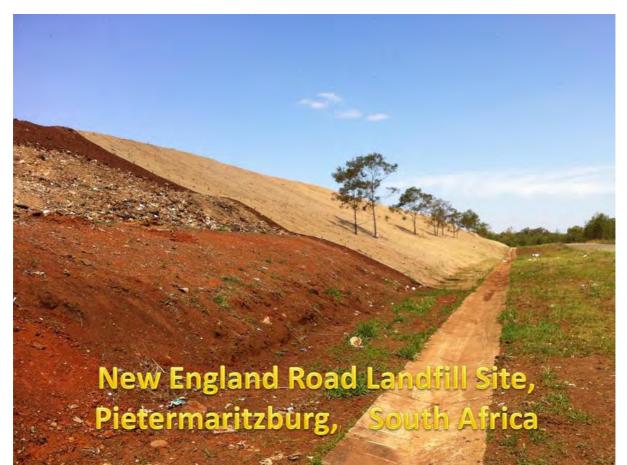


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Comments and Conclusions

- A new landfill site for Newcastle Municipality is required.
- · A "dump" site or an engineered landfill site???
- Work together towards a legally compliant, socially acceptable and environmentally friendly landfill site to promote sustainability.



Thank-you





PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A GENERAL WASTE LANDFILL SITE IN NEWCASTLE, EIA MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25/11/2014 AT 10H30 AT THE NEWCASTLE TOWN HALL

PRESENT

Nokukhanya Gasa Taryn Swales Michael Jaca Nash Dookhi Stephen Wade Bradley Wade Brigitte Lauterbach Danie Pretorius Dr H.A. Seedat Ahmed Randere Mohammed Docest Lloyd Phillips Sally Phillips Grant Collyer Herman Schoeman Gert Strydom **Julian Phillips** Gert van der Merwe N Swanepoel H.A. Scheepers Phelelani Ntshingila Thandiwe Gama Shabir Coga **Irshaad Peer** Amos Khumalo Meshack Nhlapho G.M. Gama Jessie Gcinile Madlala Thembi Mlethu Nomcebo Ngema Snethemba Smelane Sindisiwe Shabalala Zinhle Sithole Suliman Paruk Riaz Choonawaca Scelo Msomi Bongani Shabalala

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APOLOGIES

Mr Chris Fourie

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1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

The Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) Ms. Nokukhanya Gasa welcomed all present and thanked them for attending. Representatives from Geomeasure Group as well as Envitech Solutions were also introduced.

The EAP requested that all questions be raised during the question and answer session which will be provided for at the end of the presentation.

2. PURPOSE OF MEETING

The EAP explained that the purpose of the meeting was to meet with Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP's) and to capture any additional concerns and issues with the proposed development for discussion and inclusion in the Draft Scoping Report which will be circulated for public comment.

3. PROPOSED NEWCASTLE GENERAL WASTE LANDFILL PRESENTATIONS

The EAP proceeded to give a presentation on the proposed establishment of the general waste landfill site at Greenwich Farm in Newcastle, the presentation outlined the individuals involved in the application, overview of the proposed development, legislative framework, EIA activities which have been undertaken to date, planned design specifications (as presented by Mr. Dookhi), issues identified already as well as forthcoming activities under the process.

NB: Please see copy of the presentations attached.

4. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM PRESENTATION

Following the presentations given by the EAP and the consulting engineer, the EAP proceeded to open discussion on the proposed development to those present. The following concerns/issues were put forward:

Mr. Phillips requested Mr. Dookhi from Envitech to go back in his presentation specifically on the slide showing the proposed development site and its surroundings. Mr. Phillips then asked what Mr. Dookhi sees in the image.

Mr. Phillips then pointed out that the proposed development site is located next to his property which was impacted by the veld fire which originated on Greenwich Farm. He then mentioned that the planned landfill design specification presentation did not mention anything about firebreaks and how his property would be protected from future veld fires.

Mr. Dookhi responded that fire breaks are a requirement for inclusion in landfill design and that the final design specifications will offer detail in the development of fire breaks.

Mr. Phillips then queried the criteria for establishment of a landfill and requested to know if there were other sites considered. It was also mentioned that this area was prime agricultural land.

Mr. Dookhi requested Mrs. Swales from Geomeasure to mention the names of the 18 other sites that were investigated.

Mrs. Swales replied that the following sites were investigated since 2010: Kromellemboog, Vaalspruit, Vaalspruit East, Jobstown, Madadeni South, Braak Fontein, New Hope, Meadowstreams, Carrick, Meadowstreams West, Waterfall, Gordon, Wykhom, Dartry, Schaap Vlakte, Tiger Kloof, Knockbrex and Greenwich Farm were all investigated and were not suitable for the development when being compared against the criteria for site selection. It was mentioned that reports have been compiled for each of these investigations.

Mr. Peterson requested Mr. Dookhi to show an accurate google map displaying the footprint of the proposed landfill site.

Mr. Dookhi then displayed the map, from the map, Mr. Peterson highlighted that the area to which the landfill is proposed is a watershed.

Mrs. Swales responded that at the time of the investigations, no wet areas were identified within the site.

Mr. Peterson explained that the dams on his property were used for breeding fish and that any contamination from the site would migrate towards the ponds and result in fish deaths. He elaborated that this tributary was an important tributary which ultimately flowed into one of the major rivers in the area.

The elevation of the site was also mentioned as a concern especially as it was seen that it may cause wind pollution and odours to the surrounding community.

Mr. Peterson then highlighted that the EIA presentation made mention that the two landfill sites at Osizweni and Madadeni were closed due to non-compliance. He then queried why those sites are not being rehabilitated and be used again for disposal of waste as it is likely that the new proposed site will not be managed appropriately as well.

In response, Mr. Ntshingila from the Newcastle Municipality responded that he is not in a position to answer why the two sites are not being rehabilitated but mentioned that he will note the question and seek response from the Municipality's Community Services Section.

Mr. Collier then queried what will happen when plastic materials get blown onto his property and when his stud cattle ate the plastics, in instances where the waste is not covered.

Mr. Dookhi responded that normally waste should be covered on a daily basis but there may be occasional instances when it is not, in that event, litter control fences surrounding the landfill site will prevent windblown litter from escaping the site.

Mr. Peterson then queried how sure is the engineer that waste will be covered on a daily basis and how can they as the community be expected to accept the landfill if the municipality is failing to maintain the present one.

Mr. Dookhi responded that as part of their recommendations for the operation of the landfill site, they will advise the municipality to outsource the landfill operations and maintenance, so as to ensure that the operations are undertaken accordingly and environmentally compliant.

Mr. Wade queried why the other investigated sites were rejected.

Mrs. Swales responded that the site investigation began about 4 years ago and that 17 other sites were investigated; she then went through the list of aspects which contribute as fatal flaws, hence making a site not suitable for landfill development. She continued to mention that if a fatal flaw was identified on a site, it was immediately eliminated from the list; however, sites were also eliminated due to the landowners not giving consent to undertake the investigations on their land.

Mr. Scheepers mentioned that the statement that site selection investigations began four years ago is not correct.

Mr. Dookhi responded that reports for all site investigations undertaken were compiled and submitted to the Municipality.

Mrs. Swales added that the report she had just referenced was dated October 2010 and that the reports could be provided as proof.

It was then queried why so much money has been spent by the Municipality on buying the land.

Mr. Ntshingila responded that as far as he was aware the purchase of land had not been finalised but he promised to liaise with the Real Estates Section.

Mr. van der Merwe mentioned that an amount of R 3, 8 million was spent on acquiring the land; he then asked if the proposed development is a possibility or if it definite that the landfill will be established.

It was responded that the competent authority will make the decision of whether the site can be established or not.

Mr. van der Merwe then asked why the Municipality has paid the money if that is this the case.

Mr. Ntshingila responded that the purchase of land was not yet finalised.

Mr. van der Merwe then requested that they get an undertaking from the Municipality stating that land would not be purchased until final approval is received from the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs.

Ms. Gasa requested that all issues relating to the purchase of land be raised outside of the EIA process as the public meeting was for the proposed development in terms of the EIA and not to answer questions relating to the purchase of land.

Mr. van der Merwe responded by stating that he had written two letters to the Newcastle Municipality regarding the matter and received response stating that he must attend the public meeting in order to get answers regarding the land purchase. He then highlighted concerns that no senior management was available to answer the questions.

Mr. Phillips reiterated that the Newcastle Municipality should have sent Senior Management to answer their questions and considers the meeting closed.

Mr. Peterson queried why the landfill was being proposed on a hill.

Mr. Dookhi responded that the landfill site can be engineered making it possible to develop a site on a hill although the proposed landfill footprint is located on the lower lying area of the Greenwich Farm.

Mr. Peterson then requested that other appropriate sites be assessed as the proposed development site has many flaws not identified and can assure that there are better sites for a landfill establishment.

Mr. Schoeman mentioned that the land had been previously undermined for coal and stated that he had documentation to prove this. Mrs. Swales responded that no information of the sort was forthcoming from the land owner. However, core samples had been discovered on site during her investigation and these cores were identified as sandstone. She also added that no coal was intersected during the drilling of the up-gradient and down-gradient boreholes on site and pointed out the locations of these boreholes on the map. Mrs. Swales requested Mr. Schoeman to forward her the information regarding the previous mining on site.

The issue of road access to the site was also raised and the Municipality was asked to provide clarity of where the road was to be situated and whether the costs associated with the access road had been estimated as yet.

Mr. Ntshingila responded that the route of the access road could not be confirmed at that stage, but explained that they had already visited the site to get an idea of the access road route.

Mr. Dookhi added that the length of the possible access road is approximately 4 kms but that this alignment and length has not been confirmed.

Mr. Schoeman stated that he had calculated an estimated cost in the region of R5 million.

Mr. van der Merwe then asked the attendees if there was any single person that received a sufficient answer to the questions asked.

The attendees replied no.

Mr. Nhlapho then mentioned that their questions as the community were not being answered and that he is of the opinion that he should not ask any further questions because they will not be answered.

Mr. van der Merwe then queried when the responses to their questions should be expected.

Ms. Gasa replied that it is impossible to state at the meeting the exact dates responses would be received because most of the responses would have to come from the Municipality.

It was therefore suggested that the appointed consultants do not continue with the work until the transfer of land issue has been clarified and it was requested that at the next meeting the Municipality should send a representative from Senior Management.

Mr. Peterson mentioned that the process of notification to landowners was not done properly.

Ms. Gasa responded by stating that the Background Information Documents were given to the landowners residing on the farm, but that due to the unclear access to the farm located across from the site, the English BIDs were given to Mr. Gama to share with the farmers. She also added that requests for landowners wishing to register as Interested and Affected parties for the process were received.

Mr. Dookhi queried if the landowners were opposing the proposed landfill site because the site is not suitable to be developed as a landfill or because the landowners were not notified prior to land purchase.

Mr. Peterson responded that both scenarios were applicable as the site was not technically suitable for the development and that they as landowners were not notified of the process.

5. CLOSURE

Ms. Gasa proceeded to thank the attendees for attending the meeting and assured them that all relevant issues and concerns will be in incorporated into the Draft Scoping Report which will be circulated for comment for a period of 40 days.

The meeting concluded at 12:42 pm

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1. The landfill site will affect the underground water table of the area. At present, the water supply of many of the farms in the area depend on natural spring water

for both domestic and agricultural use. This area (i.e. the proposed lanfill site) is one of the catch ment areas for the underground water supply.

2. It will cause health problems to the local community i.e. the farm dwellers and the inhabitants of Kilbarchan, Tigerskloof and surrounds like Hilldrop.

3. Our children and grandchildren already have chest problems due to the proximity of the Karbochem Chemical Plant. Your proposed landfill site will further aggravate these existing health problems

4 Rodents, flies, mosquitos will further add to other health problems.

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water is precious. Please don't aggravate this situation by interfering with our catchment areas.

6. Due to the proximity of the landfill site to the Ingagane River, there is a very strong possibility that contamination of the river can and may take place. The effects on the wildlife in the area will be disastrous. Contamination will be in the form of seepage.

7. Another foreseeable problem is that the value of property in the area will be drastically affected. Will homeowners be compensated for this potential loss of value on their properties'?

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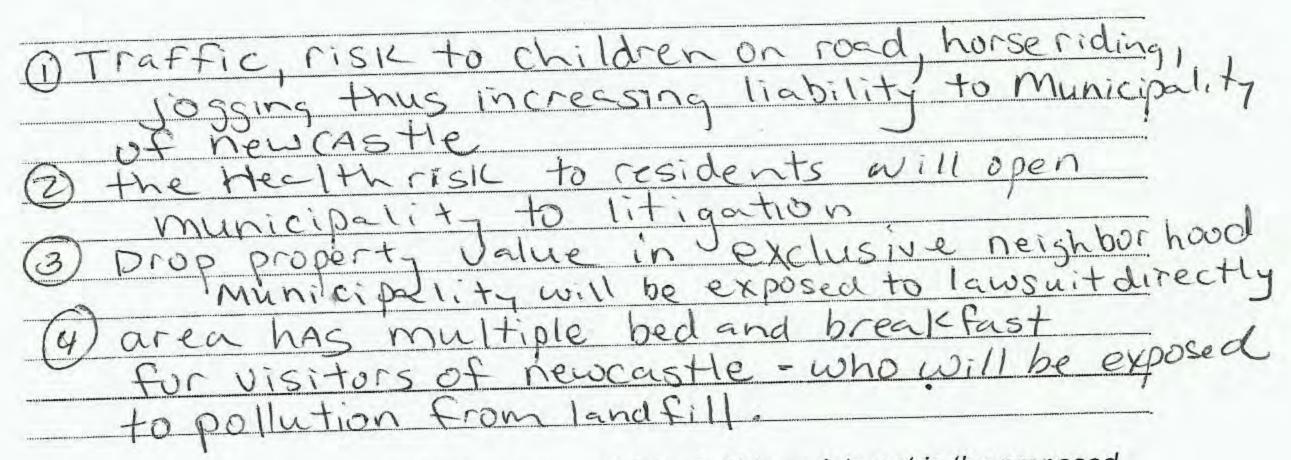
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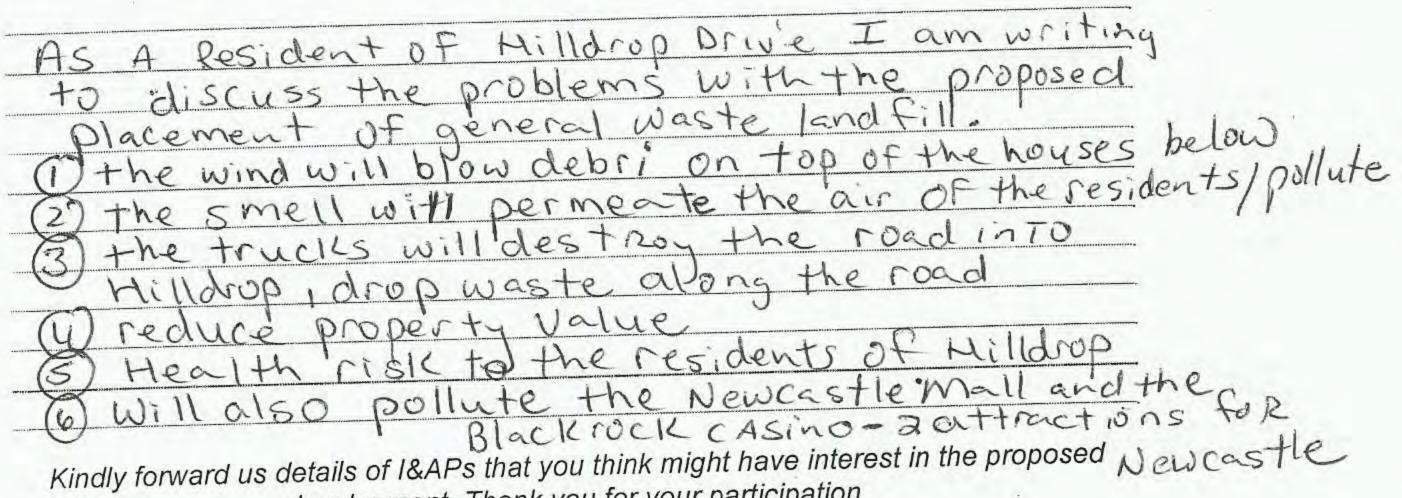
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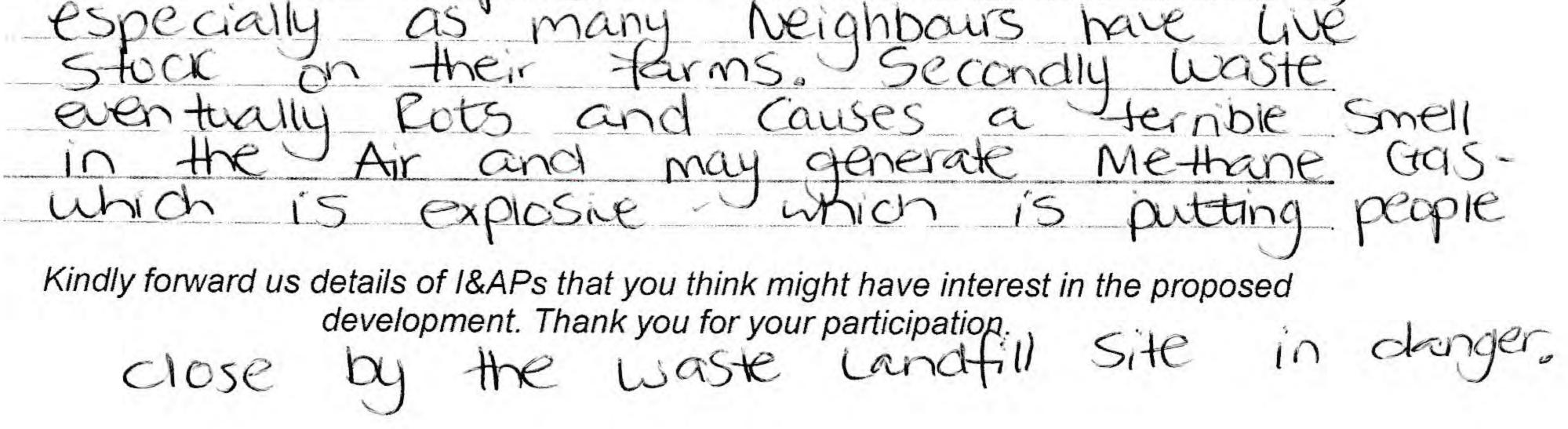
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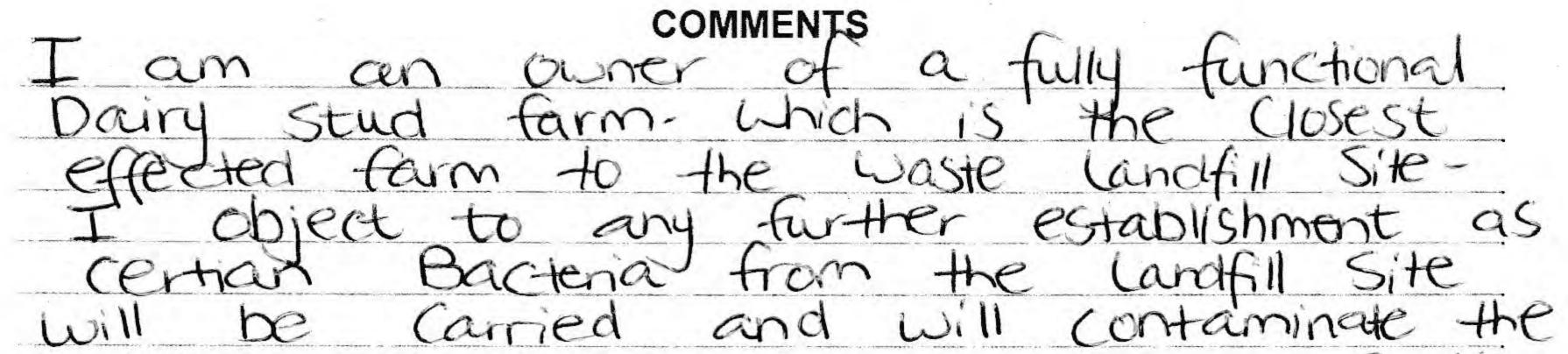
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Title: Mr First name: Michael	Surname: Phillips Initials: M.L.
Organisation: Sunflower estates	Designation: Dairy Farmer.
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From:	Ethel Von Abo <ethel@kwanalu.co.za></ethel@kwanalu.co.za>
Sent:	28 October 2014 01:49 PM
To: Subject:	khanya@geomeasuregroup.co.za Application for a waste management license and environmental authorization: Newcastle

Importance:

High

Dear Khanya

The KwaZulu Natal Agricultural Union would be grateful if you could let us have a copy of this application for our perusal.

Kind regards Ethel

Ethel von Abo Kwanalu P O Box 100123 3209 Scottsville

Tel. 033-3429393 Fax. 033-3457141 Website. <u>www.kwanalu.co.za</u> email: <u>ethel@kwanalu.co.za</u>



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From:Esmeralda Visser <adminnf@normandien.co.za>Sent:27 October 2014 10:48 AMTo:khanya@geomeasuregroup.co.zaSubject:EIA (Environment Impact Assessment) Waste Management LicenseAttachments:EIA Notice.pdf

Good day

Normandien Farms (PTY) LTD would like to register as an Interested and Affected Party for the attached notification. How do I proceed with the registration?

Thank you Kind Regards,

Esmeralda Visser Normandien Farms (Pty) Ltd Office: +27 (0) 87 285 0845 / +27 (0) 34 31 49800 Extension: 312 Fax: +27 (0) 34 314 9802 Fax to Email: 086 202 0171 Email: adminnf@normandien.co.za Physical: P39 Road, Normandien; Newcastle Forestry | Sawmilling | Manufacturing | Logistics



khanya@geomeasuregroup.co.za

From: Sent: To: Subject: dtpretorius@yahoo.com 23 October 2014 04:22 PM khanya@geomeasuregroup.co.za DC25/0007/2014. DC25/WML/0001/2014

Hi

I would like to be registered as an AFFECTED party. I want more information and a map of the farm Greenwich 8784 where you are planning to make the waste landfill.

Pls confirm that I am registered. Dankie

DT Pretorius 0835399774

Sent from my BlackBerry® wireless device

From:	Irshaad Peer
To:	khanya@geomeasuregroup.co.za
Cc:	Shabir Goga
Subject:	Newcastle Landfill
Date:	23 October 2014 02:14:42 PM
Attachments:	104052506530696Business CARDS IRSHAAD 2012-1.jpg
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Good day

Please provide additional information on the site/develolment and register the following as interested and affected persons:

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Kindly conform receipt if this email.

Regards Irshaad

Irshaad Peer CA(SA)



From:	Hofina
To:	khanya@geomeasuregroup.co.za
Subject:	Proposed landfill site Newcastle
Date:	27 October 2014 02:35:52 PM

Please register me as an effected party.

I am a owner of two neighbouring farms, Carrick and Meadowstreams.

PO Box 2869 Newcastle 2940

Herman Schoeman 0828007818

Boomzicht Landgoed t/a Hofina Poultry

Tel no.: 082 882 0107 Fax no.: 086 600 9289 Cell no.: 082 800 7818

From:	norselandfarm
To:	gert@designdesk22.co.za; khanya@geomeasuregroup.co.za; Peet Liebenberg; Chris Fourie
Cc:	<u>Sanette Viljoen; Herman Schoeman; New Norseland (Pty) Ltd</u>
Subject:	Re: Registration as Interested Party: Newcastle General Waste Landfill Establishment
Date:	27 October 2014 11:31:42 AM
Attachments:	RAW.dat

Dear Sir/Madame

Please also register me as an effected party.

I own one of the neighbouring farms and would appreciate you advising me why I have not been approached directly?

Regards Craig Petersen Norseland Farm (incorporating Carrick and Hope)

------ Original message ------From: Gert Strydom <gertstrydom22@gmail.com> Date:27/10/2014 09:51 (GMT+02:00) To: khanya@geomeasuregroup.co.za, Peet Liebenberg <investormail@telkomsa.net>, Chris Fourie <chris@afriforum.co.za>, norselandfarm@yahoo.com Cc: Sanette Viljoen <sdejager.dejager@gmail.com> Subject: Registration as Interested Party: Newcastle General Waste Landfill Establishment

Geomeasure Group POBox 1194 Hillcrest 3650

Dear Nokukhanya,

EIA Reference: DC25/0007/2014 WML Reference: DC25/WML/0001/2014

Please ensure that Afriforum Newcastle are registered as an Interested & Affected Party in the Application for a Waste Management License and Environmental Authorization process. Contact person: Gert Strydom to the details below.

Also please forward me the exact location (GPS / Google Earth Coordinates) of the proposed development on the farm Greenwich 8784. and the proposed layout drawing in PDF format

Regards

Gert Strydom

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From:	Ansa Serfontein
To:	khanya@geomeasuregroup.co.za
Subject:	Waste Management (I&AP)
Date:	27 October 2014 11:06:10 AM
Importance:	High

Good day

Please register me on above matter as interest party.

J H Serfontein 082 808 2602

SIGNED PETITION AGAINST THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEWCASTLE GENERAL WASTE LANDFILL

Petition against the establishment of a Municipal dump site on the farm Greenwich which borders:

- Hilldrop area;
- Hofina poultry;
- Newcastle farmers association;
- Various other farms.

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- Make it close to impossible to sell properties in the area;
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- The area is the natural habitat for various endangered local species including the Oribi which will either be hunted to extinction or perish through loss of habitat;
- Other not mentioned.

The signatures appended below represent the names of people/organisations who are opposed to the establishment of the refuse site on what is currently pristine land in the midst of productive farm land and adjoining the upmarket residential area of Hilldrop.

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L. P.W. Phillips	Gardenia Farm New castle	0767223345	mp

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