

NOTICE

BASIC ASSESSMENT AND WATER USE AUTHORIZATION PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN BRYANSTON EXT.3, CITY OF JOHANNESBURG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY, GAUTENG PROVINCE

Notice is hereby given that the Gauteng Department of Human Settlement (GDHS) is proposing to construct affordable housing in Bryanston Ext. 3. The Notice is in terms of Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended. It is also in terms of Section 41(4) of the National Water Act No 36 of 1998, read with Regulations 17 to 19 of the Regulations Regarding Procedural Requirements for Water Use Licence Applications and Appeals in GNR 267 published in Government Gazette 40713 of 24 March 2017. The project is part of the Gauteng Rapid Land Release Programme (RLRP) which was launched in 2018. One of the key objectives of the RLRP is to address the housing backlog in the Gauteng Province while catering for social and economic development. The type and number of the housing units as well as the list of beneficiaries for the proposed housing will be confirmed at a later stage of the project.

The proposed project site is located within Ward 104 of the City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality. The site, which occupies 1.9 Hectares is located on Erven 3975, 3976, 3977 and 3978 in Bryanston Ext. 3 and is within the boundaries of the Ferndale Valley Arboretum. It is bounded by Spruce Street to the north and the broader Ferndale Valley Arboretum and the Bryanston River on the east. The broader Ferndale Valley Arboretum is also located south of the site and Cork Avenue runs on the west of the site. The approximate centre coordinates of the site are 27°58'55.6"S; 26° 4' 4.6 "E. Refer to the site's aerial image in **Figure 1**.

The development of housing and associated infrastructure will result in the clearance of indigenous vegetation. According to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2014, as amended, a Basic Assessment (BA) is required for the project based on the following triggered activities:

Listing Notice 1, Activity 27

The clearance of 1 hectare or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation, except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for-

- (i) the undertaking of a linear activity; or
- (ii) maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan.

Listing Notice 3, Activity 12

The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of indigenous vegetation except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan in:

c. Gauteng

ii. Within Critical Biodiversity Areas or Ecological Support Areas identified in the Gauteng Conservation Plan or bioregional plans.

Due to the location of the proposed site in close proximity to the Bryanston River, this watercourse will be impacted by some activities which will trigger a Water Use Authorization. These triggered activities are Section 21 (c) and (i) of the National Water Act (NWA), 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998). These are as follows: *(c) impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse; (i) altering the bed, banks, course or characteristic of a watercourse.* Any other triggered activities will be confirmed after consultation with the Department of Water and Sanitation.



Figure 1: Aerial Image of the Bryanston Ext 3 housing site (Google Earth, 2019)

In terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, and the Regulations Regarding the Procedural Requirements for Water Use License Applications and Appeals (2017), all Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) must be provided with an opportunity to participate in the EIA Process for the proposed project. All parties who wish to participate in the process by commenting, registering as I&APs or obtaining more information on the proposed project can contact **Ntsebo Mkhize** on: **Tel:** 011 312 2537, **Fax:** 011 805 1950, **E-mail:** ntsebom@gaenvironment.com, or environment@gaenvironment.com or **Post:** P.O Box 6723 Halfway House 1685.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST IN THE PROJECT BY NO LATER THAN 28th FEBRUARY 2020

