

# GEM VALLEY X17 – X27 TOWNSHIP DEVELOPMENT

ON PART OF RE/PORITION 7 AND PART OF PORTION 128 OF THE FARM LEEUWVONTEIN 299-JR AND PART OF PORTION 74, PART OF PORTION 75, PORTIONS 76-77, RE/PORITION 80, PART OF RE/PORITION 83, PART OF RE/PORITION 84 AND PART OF RE/PORITION 86 OF THE FARM FRANSPOORT 332-JR

CITY OF TSHWANE METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY, GAUTENG PROVINCE

## COMMENTS & RESPONSES REPORT

### Confirmation of Public Participation Process Followed

The process followed in the Public Participation Process undertaken for this project involves the following:

#### Phase 1 Initial Advertising Process

##### Compilation of a Register of Interested & Affected Parties

A complete list of Key Stakeholders and Interested & Affected Parties was compiled and is being maintained throughout the entire project period.

##### Notification Letters

Notification letters were hand delivered on 9 November 2022 to the adjacent landowners whose contact details could not be sourced due to the POPi Act. Emails and letters by registered post were sent on 10 November 2022 to I&APs notifying them of the project and their option to register. A 30 day period was allowed.

##### Onsite Notification

Two laminated A2 onsite notification had been placed on site on 9 November 2022. A 30 day advertising period for registration as a stakeholder was stated on the notices.

##### Newspaper Advertisement

A newspaper advertisement was placed in the Citizen on 9 November 2022 with an invitation to register as a stakeholder. A 30 day period was allowed.

#### Phase 2 Scoping Phase

- Distribution of the Draft Scoping Report for comment will be done via e-mail to everyone on the Register of Interested & Affected Parties.
- Should any of the stakeholders not have access to e-mails and the internet, they will be notified telephonically of the availability of the Draft Scoping Report at a publicly accessible venue close to the proposed development site. This venue will, if relevant, be identified in cooperation with the relevant Ward Councillor(s).
- A 30 day will apply for comment on the Draft Scoping Report.

#### Phase 3 EIR Phase

- Distribution of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for comment will be done via e-mail to everyone on the Register of interested & Affected Parties.
- Should any of the stakeholders not have access to e-mails and the internet, they will be notified telephonically of the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Report at the publicly accessible venue at the previously public accessible confirmed venue.
- A 30 day will apply for comment on the Draft EIR.
- All communication received on the **Draft EIR** will be included in the **Final EIR** to be submitted to GDARD for their consideration for Environmental Authorisation. Only if significant changes that change the recommendations made in the Draft EIR are relevant, will it again be communicated and/or circulated for comment to the relevant stakeholders.

### **Notification of Environmental Authorisation**

All registered Interested & Affected Parties will be informed of the decision of the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD) as soon as Environmental Authorisation had been received. All stakeholders will also be notified of the relevant appeal procedure.

### **Proof of Actions taken**

Documentation of the relevant info and actions taken are included in Appendix E of the Scoping and EIR Reports as follows:

#### **Appendix E: Public Participation Programme**

- E(1) Register of Interested & Affected Parties
- E(2) First Phase Notification Letter and Proof of Distribution
- E(3) Onsite Notice and Proof of Placement
- E(4) Newspaper Advertisement and Proof of Placement
- E(5) Written Correspondence during Initial Advertising Period
- E(6) Proof of Distribution of the Draft Scoping Report (*Will be included in the Final Scoping Report*)
- E(7) Written Correspondence on the Draft Scoping Report (*Will be included in the Final Scoping Report*)
- E(8) Proof of Distribution of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (*Will be included in the Final EIR*)
- E(9) Written Correspondence on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (*Will be included in the Final EIR*)
- E(10) Comments and Responses Report

All comments and responses thereto are summarised and addressed on the following pages under the following headings:

- Communication resulting from the Initial Advertising Period
- Communication resulting from the distribution of the Draft Scoping Report
- Communication resulting from the distribution of the Draft Environmental Impact Report
- Communication on the Final EIR (if applicable)

## **Communication resulting from the Initial Advertising Period**

Initial comment on the project was received from the following stakeholders and adjacent landowners:

- ❖ Gauteng Department of Roads and Transport (GPDRT)
- ❖ SANRAL
- ❖ Mr Setjhaba Nkoala
- ❖ Mr Matsobane Mokomane

### **Gauteng Department of Roads and Transport (GPDRT), Ms Itumeleng Moresele (dated 14 November 2022)**

- Ms Itumeleng Moresele, Directorate Transport Infrastructure Planning confirmed that the notification was received by the Department.
- It must further be noted that the Gauteng Strategic Road Network namely, provincial roads K14 (known as R513) and PWV17 are potentially affected. An application for a township establishment or change in land use must be lodged in terms of the Gauteng Transport Infrastructure Act, 2001 (Act No 8 of 2001).

#### ***Response from EAP:***

- *The Applicant has been informed of the requirements by the Department.*
- *This Scoping Report (with all the relevant appendices) will be communicated with the GPDRT during the stakeholder communication which forms part of the application for environmental authorisation.*

### **SANRAL, Ms Ria Barkhuizen (dated 25 November 2022)**

- Ms Ria Barkhuizen supplied the contact details of the relevant official, Tiyiselani Mashale (012 426 6269, mashelet@nra.co.za) and confirmed the response period in terms of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act (Act No 16 of 2013) as well as the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act (Act No 3 of 2000).

**Response from EAP**

- The I&APs register was updated with the contact details.
- The mentioned Acts are not relevant to comment requested in terms of NEMA since this is not an official access and wayleave approval application which will be handled by the engineers responsible for the project.

**Mr Setjhaba Nkoala (dated 9 November 2022)**

- Mr Setjhaba Nkoala requested via email to be registered as an I&AP. He also supplied all the relevant contact details.

**Response from EAP**

*He was added to the I&APs Register and the Draft Scoping Report will be submitted once compiled.*

**Mr Matsobane Mokomane (dated 28 November 2022)**

- Mr Matsobane Mokomane requested via email to be registered as an I&AP. He also supplied all the relevant contact details.

**Response from EAP**

*He was added to the I&APs Register and the Draft Scoping Report will be submitted once compiled.*

**Communication resulting from the distribution of the Draft Scoping Report**

Comment on the Draft Scoping Report will be communicated below once the 30-day commenting period has expired.

**Communication resulting from the distribution of the Draft Environmental Impact Report**

Comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report will be communicated below once the 30-day commenting period has expired.

**Communication on the Final Environmental Impact Report**

If significant comment is received on the Draft Environmental Impact Report which will change the findings and recommendations in the report, the Final Environmental Impact Report will again be circulated for comment. If no additional significant comment had been received, it will be submitted without further public consultation.

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