

## City of Ekurhuleni

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# Comment and Response Report for the Draft Basic Assessment Report

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#### 1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The City of Ekurhuleni has been granted environmental authorisation by the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD) to develop the proposed Delmore Park Extension 8 housing development in Boksburg (Reference number GAUT 002/18-19/E2183). The proposed development requires bulk services, including water and sewer lines. Prior to construction of these pipelines, environmental authorisation and a Water Use Licence need to be applied for.

The proposed bulk services project entails the construction of a bulk sewer pipeline and bulk water pipeline to provide services to the approved Delmore Park Extension 8 Development. The proposed Delmore Park Extension 8 Development is situated on the farm Driefontein 85 IR, portion 394, 397 and 521, in Boksburg, Gauteng Province. The development will consist of 2930 low-cost residential units in multiple-storey buildings and other uses such as educational, business, health, public transport and community facilities. The proposed bulk services pipelines will, where possible, run on the road reserve, or on open spaces.

The proposed bulk water supply line will be 1 600 m in length and will run from Main Reef Road (R29) in a southern direction along Station Road, underneath the railway line where it will connect with the Delmore Park Extension 8 pipe network.

The sewer line will include a new bulk sewer line (Delmore Park Main Branch) and replacement of a section of the existing Lilianton Main Outfall Sewer.

The new sewer line will be 2 000 m in length and will run from the existing Manhole 13 on the Lilianton Main Outfall Sewer, where it will cross a wetland and run along the eastern edge of Delmore Park Extension 7 and 2 in a northerly direction, make a west turn along the northern edge of Delmore Park Extension 2 and continue in a westerly direction to the north east point of Delmore Park Extension 1. This new Delmore Park Main Branch will collect sewerage from Delmore Park Extensions 1, 8, 2 and 7.

The section to be replaced on the Lilianton Main Outfall Sewer is 600 m in length and runs from Manhole 6 on the Lilianton Main Outfall Sewer in a southerly direction to Manhole 14.

The stakeholder engagement process associated with the environmental authorisation process focused on obtaining comments and concerns regarding the proposed project from stakeholders. These include authorities, landowners, adjacent landowners as well as interested and affected parties. This document contains all comments received from stakeholder, as well as the relevant responses.

#### 2 COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

Throughout the environmental authorisation process, stakeholders were invited to raise comments and concerns for evaluation. Opportunities were provided for stakeholders to comment by completing and returning comment sheets, emails or verbally by phone.

Comments received and concerns raised by stakeholders throughout the process are captured in this Comment and Response Report (CRR).

The following table captures comments received and noted from stakeholders during the pre-announcement consultation during December 2020.

Comments received and responses to those comments are captured in Table 1.

Table 1: Comment and Response table for the Delmore Park Extension 8 Bulk Services Project

Nr.	Comment/Question	Commentator	Organisation/Community	Date	Source	Response
1.	Water Use authorisation to be obtained.	Pieter Ackerman	Department of Water and Sanitation	11/12/2020	Email	A Water Use Licence Application has been lodged with the Department of Water and Sanitation on their e-WULAAS website.
2.	I am Herbert Remley living in Delmore Park ext2. I hereby represent all of us living on Erf 85 and Bonito crescent.	Herbert Remley	Resident – Delmore Park Extension 2	18/12/2020	Email	Thank you so much for your email, we appreciate your input.
	We do find this development pathetic. This area is a wetland and our houses is a disaster. This is a place with shale gas.					Kindly note that the current environmental authorisation process involves the bulk
	You as Environmental Consultants should know the health effects methane gas can have on human beings.					water and sewage pipelines to service the proposed Delmore Park Extension 8
	We were supposed to be relocated to another area long ago. We do experience sinkholes with water seeping out of it.					development, and not the residential development itself.
	Ekurhuleni Municipality as well as NHBRC (National Home Builders Registration Council) is corrupt with do not care attitudes of where or how we live.					Comments were forwarded to the ward councillor, Ashley Hood.
	We had a flooding in the year 2001 from underground water, everyday sewerage blockage etc.					
	Our lifespan here is +- 60years. We are dying here of respiration problems and other illnesses caused by methane gas.					
	I hereby invite you to contact me so that I can take you around the area.					

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3.	I am not approving the proposal of Delmore Ext 8. You can't build any more house at Delmore because we are still waiting to be relocated as the place has sink hole and not safe for people's to live in. The place is dangerous and not good for people as it's wetland.  I don't want you to put more people into dangerous area like this. John Rauch told me on the 28th February 2018 that he knows that people were not suppose to reside in the area  The place has two perennial rivers under the houses. When you sleep at night you need to drink water and the eyes feels pain. The place is full of acid.	Daniel MukWevho	Resident – Delmore Park Extension 2	20/12/2020	Email	Thank you so much for your email, we appreciate your input.  Kindly note that the current environmental authorisation process involves the bulk water and sewage pipelines to service the proposed Delmore Park Extension 8 development, and not the residential development itself.  Comments were forwarded to the ward councillor, Ashley Hood.
4.	Good day Suzanne.  I Mr GA Flanagan residing at 55 Candirus Crescent Delmore Gardens Ext2 is totally against the proposed Ext8 development as I'm currently living on a wet land with sink hols on my property so I don't see how Ext8 is approved for human settlement or residential housing When As is Delmore Gardens Ext2 was not suitable for development but we as residents are living here no go regards	Gregory Flanagan	Resident – Delmore Park Extension 2	21/12/2020	Email	Thank you so much for your email, we appreciate your input.  Kindly note that the current environmental authorisation process involves the bulk water and sewage pipelines to service the proposed Delmore Park Extension 8 development, and not the residential development itself.  Comments were forwarded to the ward councillor, Ashley Hood.