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<p>Date: 18.11.2021 E Mail “ M Reilly</p>	<p>I would like to be advised of all further plans for developments at The Hole in the wall with dates of start and estimated dates of completion.</p> <p>On further study of your communication I note that future plans for Hole in the Wall and Coffee bay areas are available for inspection at both above destinations.</p> <p>Please explain, are these the suggested plans which have not as yet been approved/sanctioned by a government department! This decision will then be made after all comments/suggestions by interested parties are taken into consideration?</p> <p>Who might the competent authority be to whom the plans/comments/suggestions are forwarded to?</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment. Please note that the draft layout plans have been submitted to KSDLM for approval. Acer (Africa) Environmental Consultants (ACER) was appointed to undertake the Basic Assessment and Water Use Licence application for the proposed developments and KSDLM will be responsible for the planning/ implementation of the project.</p> <p>Any comments related to the contents of the Basic Assessments may be forwarded to ACER, any further comments regarding the layouts/ proposals for future development may be forwarded to KSDLM for consideration.</p>
<p>Date: 22.11.2021 E Mail - Godfrey Mkhululi Mchithakali - DFFE - Environmental Management Enforcement: Oceans and Coast</p>	<p>Please include the following person on your database:</p> <p>Mrs Thandeka Mbambo xxxxxxx She works for the section that does commenting in Department. I am from the Enforcement directorate Oceans & Coast and we don't do commenting on behalf of the Department as part of our job.</p>	<p>Thank you for your mail received , we will add her to the database.</p>
<p>Date: 02.11.2021 E Mail Margo Reilly – I & AP</p>	<p>As an interested & concerned party I would like the following points raised and minuted on 26 November meeting. Sadly 2.1/2 days' notice does not allow me to attend.</p> <p>PLEASE CONSIDER SUGGESTIONS BELOW BEFORE SPENDING A LOT OF MONEY ON PICNIC SPOTS ETC. ONCE THESE POINTS ARE ATTENDED TO THERE SHOULD BE NO OBJECTION TO FURTHER UPGRADES.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. THE ABLUTION BLOCK. Built many years ago, never used, vandalised and refurbished twice at great cost. At present goats and rats inhabit this building and it is a health hazard with broken glass, Rubbish and animal faeces everywhere. Money spent on upgrading should be directed to supplying water to service this building and only then refurbishing it. The main reason for it not being used was no water supply. The water point is approximately 300m above building! When and if ablution Block is once more repaired and has municipal water Cleaners must be employed to look after the facilities. PROPER, CLEAN FUNCTIONING TOILETS ARE ESSENTIAL - BEFORE ANY OTHER IMPROVEMENTS ARE 	<p>Thank you for your comments, please refer to the responses below:</p> <p>During the construction phase of the development, a dedicated parking area will be positioned directly next to the existing ablution facilities. At the site visit undertaken on 27 January 2022, the Eastern Cape DEDEAT advised that the Municipality should commission the existing facility for public use as the developments within the area will rely on its functionality.</p>

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	<p>UNDERTAKEN.</p> <p>2. THE STREAM. Running alongside above building is overgrown/choked with Inkberry, (Cestrum) an invasive alien small tree. Builder's rubble, glass and garden refuse are being dumped into and alongside stream obstructing its flow, Money might be better spent in clearing this once clean stream, which years ago used to be a water source for locals! There are also 4 filthy, unusable, vandalised toilets within 1m of this stream, soak off runs onto swimming beach!</p> <p>3. CAR PARK. Was never completed as the contractor absconded before completion. This is an eyesore. As municipality does not provide a place for refuse a plan was made by residents to deposit rubbish in old tanks which however is collected by municipality. Upgrade money would be well spent on providing a suitable fenced place in a discrete location. It is unsightly to see this vandalised building, toilets with no doors, a polluted stream and old tanks holding household rubbish. All this is the first thing you see when arriving at HIW. Not to mention the fact that the entire area is a health hazard for animals and people.</p> <p>4. VANDALISM. Is a big problem at HIW and many other spots on coastline. Can't think how many times benches, tables, braai and dustbins have been destroyed and replaced. If you visit the 'picnic' spot above beach you will find glass, braai bones, bottle tops and all kinds of paper and plastic lying about. All this on the left of path that leads to the forest and Hole..</p> <p>5. CORDONED OFF AREA. An area alongside bottom of approach road, (with permission) was cordoned off many years ago to stop vehicles from driving over the grassy hill. It had taken years to allow the grass to regrow. These posts are repaired and replaced by cottage owners. When these proposed upgraded are undertaken it is imperative that these be kept in place in order to protect the hill from vehicular use.</p> <p>6. There are jobless young men who sit around at the bottom of the road and mob visitors. In the past visitors have been threatened/robbed. Why not spend money on employing, training these youths, provide some sort of uniform which would identify them as guides, car guards, ghilies and watchmen to check on littering etc. This would give them a job and pride in the work they do and it would encourage them to keep an eye out for vandalism and littering.</p>	<p>Unfortunately, this area falls out of the proposed development at Hole in the Wall. However, the municipality will be advised to promote continuous alien vegetation removal and ensure that the facility is maintained frequently.</p> <p>The proposed development will include two new dedicated parking areas and both parking areas will include waste receptacles for the collection and storage of general waste. The municipality will be approached to ensure that funds are made available for the operational phase of the development (which will include regular waste removal).</p> <p>Vandalism is an ongoing issue and this will need to be addressed at a grassroots level. The municipality will be required to undertake cleaning operations and workshops on the importance of maintaining the areas along the coastline.</p> <p>The proposed development at Hole in the Wall includes the introduction of bollards/ barrier caps to prevent vehicles from accessing the coastal grassland. The appointed contractor must ensure that these structures are suitable positioned to prevent vehicular access.</p> <p>The municipality, with support from the community must allow for the training and regulation of tour guides in the area. The proposed development within the area has the potential to unlock and promote economic growth and this will most often create more jobs for jobless individuals. The municipality is therefore urged to engage with the local community to identify more socio-economic issues which needs to be addressed.</p>

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