



BASIC ASSESSMENT AND WATER USE LICENCE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED MPUSHINI PARK SUBSIDISED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE UMLALAZI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

Purpose of this Document

The purpose of this Background Information Document (BID) is to provide Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs) with background information about the proposed project and introduce the Basic Assessment (BA) process to be followed. It also aims to inform IAPs on how to fully participate in the Basic Assessment process and encourages response to documents distributed for review and active attendance at meetings.

What is Proposed and Where?

The uMlalazi Local Municipality proposes the construction of the Mpushini Park Subsidised Housing development comprising of low-cost houses, middle and high income serviced residential stands located in Wards 7, 11 and 12 of the municipality.

Why is a Basic Assessment Required?

In terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (No. 107 of 1998) [NEMA], as amended, and associated Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations published in 2014 and amended in 2017, an **Environmental Authorisation** must be obtained from the relevant competent authority, the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (EDTEA), prior to the commencement of certain listed activities that may result in potential negative impacts on the environment.

Further, in terms of the National Water Act (No. 36 of 1998), a Water Use Licence will need to be obtained from the Department of Water Affairs prior to construction commencing. Any Environmental Authorisation obtained through the Basic Assessment Process will be used in support of the Water Use Licence Application.

Public Participation Process (PPP)

The PPP aims to inform a wide range of IAPs about the proposed development and the environmental process to be followed. It is a tool to allow the public to exchange information and to express their views and concerns on the proposed development for which the Basic Assessment process is being conducted. The PPP assists in identifying potential issues and concerns that need to be addressed in the impact assessment by highlighting relevant information to be included in the assessment. PPP enables more accurate and descriptive analysis and helps to focus and enhance decision-making.

The Basic Assessment process will be open and transparent to the public through this process with all registered IAPs continuously updated on events throughout the process. All contributions from IAPs will be fully documented, evaluated and responded to in the Final Basic Assessment Report.

Activities of the PPP

The public is invited to register as an IAP and take part in the PPP through:

- Media Notices placed in newspapers;
- Distribution of the BID (this document);
- Site notice boards;
- Public meeting and Stakeholder meetings (if necessary); and
- Submission of comments on the media notices, BID and Draft Basic Assessment Report.

How to Register as an Interested and Affected Party?

IAPs may forward their written comments along with their name, contact details and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which they have in the application by telephone, post, fax or email, as per the attached Registration and Comment Form.



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REGISTRATION AND COMMENT FORM

WE WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Please complete this form and return it to the Public Participation Officer below:

<p><u>EAP:</u> Miss Kuda Zhandire Baboloki Geohub, 110 Signal Hill, 45 Nienaber Road, Prestbury, Pietermaritzburg, 3201 Cell: 079 962 1987 Email: babolokigeohub@gmail.com</p>

DATE:

NAME			
ADDRESS			
TEL. NO.: ()		CELL NO.:	
E-MAIL OR POSTAL ADDRESS			

COMMENTS (You are welcome to use a separate sheet if required)

The following environmental, social and economic impacts must be addressed during the BA:

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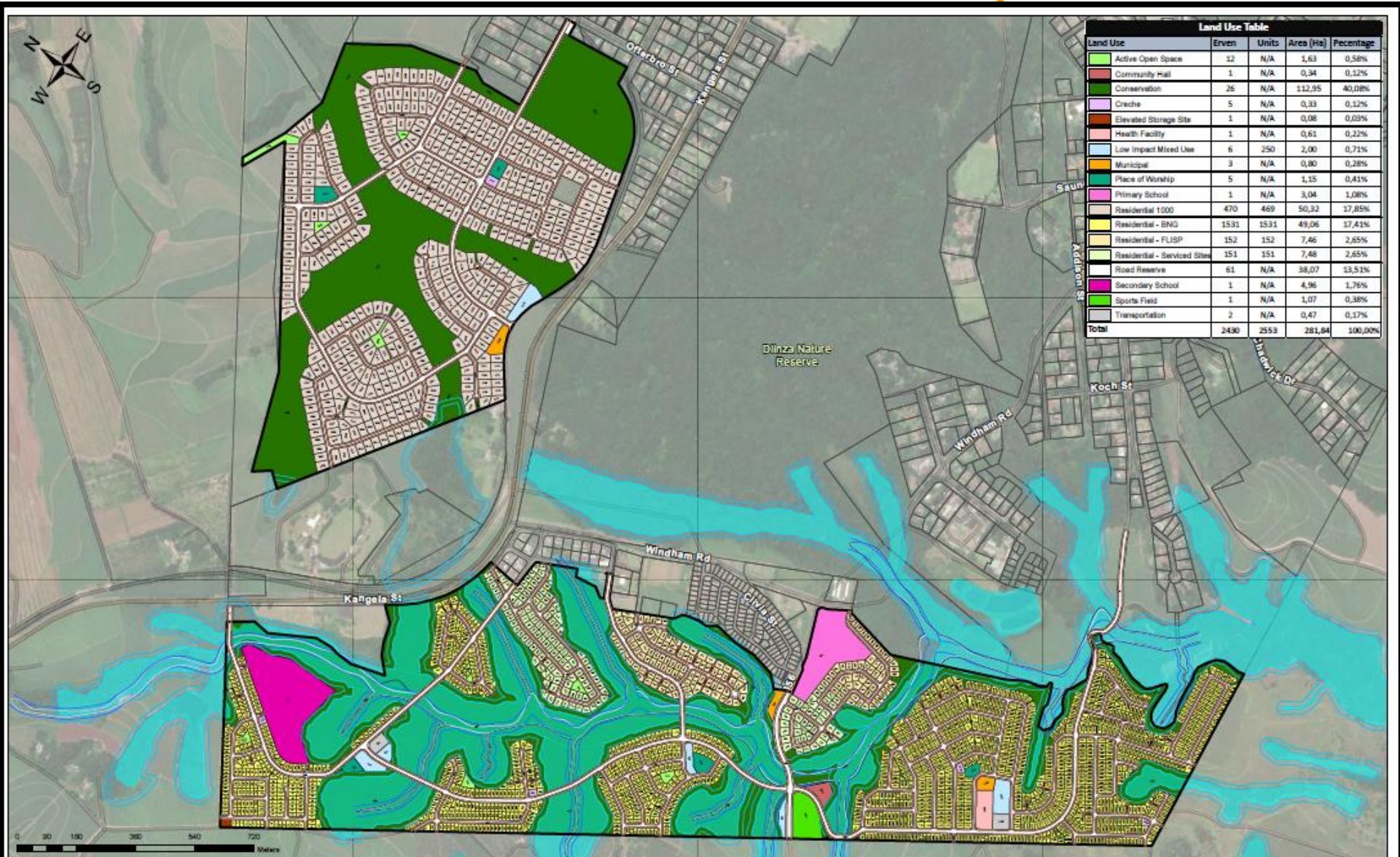
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Please add the following of my colleagues / friends / neighbours onto your mailing list:

Name:		Organisation:	
Contact details:			
Address:			
Tel.:	Fax:	Cell:	
E-mail:			

IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO RECEIVE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THIS PROPOSED PROJECT, AND PREFER TO BE REMOVED FROM THE PROJECT'S DATABASE, PLEASE SIGN BELOW AND RETURN THE FORM TO THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION CONSULTANT WHOSE CONTACT DETAILS ARE PROVIDED ABOVE.

Yes, please delete my contact details from the project's database	SIGNATURE:
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Land Use Table				
Land Use	Erven	Units	Area (Ha)	Percentage
Active Open Space	12	N/A	1,63	0,58%
Community Hall	1	N/A	0,34	0,12%
Conservation	26	N/A	112,95	40,08%
Creche	5	N/A	0,33	0,12%
Elevated Storage Site	1	N/A	0,08	0,03%
Health Facility	1	N/A	0,61	0,22%
Low Impact Mixed Use	6	250	3,00	0,71%
Municipal	3	N/A	0,80	0,28%
Place of Worship	5	N/A	1,15	0,41%
Primary School	1	N/A	3,04	1,08%
Residential 1000	470	469	50,32	17,85%
Residential - BNG	1531	1531	49,06	17,41%
Residential - FLISP	152	152	7,48	2,65%
Residential - Serviced Sites	151	151	7,48	2,65%
Road Reserve	61	N/A	38,07	13,51%
Secondary School	1	N/A	4,96	1,76%
Sports Field	1	N/A	1,07	0,38%
Transportation	2	N/A	0,47	0,17%
Total	2430	2553	281,84	100,00%

- Legend**
- Mpushini Park Project Boundary
 - Surrounding Cadastral
 - Wetland delineations
 - Road Line
 - 15m Wetland Buffer
 - Floodline
 - 0-100
 - 0-30
 - 0-50

NOTES:

1. RESIDENTIAL - BNG MINIMUM ERF SIZE = 300M
2. RESIDENTIAL - FLISP & SERVICED SITES MINIMUM ERF SIZE = 450M
3. RESIDENTIAL 1000 MINIMUM ERF SIZE = 1000M
4. LOW IMPACT MIXED USE YIELDS 150 UNITS AT 40M PER UNIT ONLY SECOND FLOOR.
5. NO CONSTRUCTION WITHIN 15M WETLAND BUFFER.
6. NUMBERING OF ERVEN IS PRELIMINARY.

UMLALAZI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

MPUSHINI PARK URBAN

DRAFT LAYOUT OPTION 3

SCALE: 1:10 500

DATE: SEPTEMBER 2020

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