

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT & EXTENSION OF THE MUSLIM CEMETERY IN NEWCASTLE.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Challenge

- The currently existing Muslim Cemetery is nearing capacity
- Therefore there is an urgent need for additional burial ground

Response to the challenge

- Newcastle Local Municipality appointed Udidi Environmental, Planning and Development Consultants to manage the environmental authorization process for this development
- Such a project requires environmental studies to be undertaken in accordance with EIA Regulations
- Public participation forms a crucial part of the proposed extension

STUDY AREA

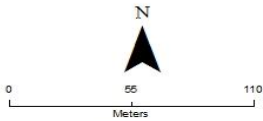


Newcastle Municipality
Erf Re/ 1A Muslim Cemetery

Legend

-  Streets
-  Study Area
-  cadastral_R-1A

A 29° 56' 55.746"E 27° 45' 23.248"S
 B 29° 56' 59.894"E 27° 45' 24.078"S
 C 29° 56' 59.176"E 27° 45' 26.359"S
 D 29° 56' 55.023"E 27° 45' 27.132"S
 E 29° 56' 54.918"E 27° 45' 24.543"S
 F 29° 56' 55.537"E 27° 45' 24.607"S




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Description of Study Area:

- It is located on Municipal owned land
- Adjacent to the existing Muslim Cemetery on Firlkirk Street property Re/1A,
- Approximately 1,136 hectares
- Currently being used as an illegal dumping site
- Surrounded by light industrial activities

ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORIZATION PROCESS

- The establishment of a cemetery is a listed activity in need of a Basic Environmental Impact Assessment as detailed in the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Government Notices R543 and R544 in terms of Section 24 (5) as promulgated under the National Environment Management Act , (Act no. 107 of 1998)
- Requires provincial authorization from the Department of Agricultural and Environmental Affairs

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POTENTIAL ISSUES IDENTIFIED

Biophysical

Excavation may be a problem due to:

- The presence of certain rock types
- The illegal dumping of rubble which has occurred over the years
- Contamination of ground and surface water sources
- It has been noted that most of the natural vegetation has already been disturbed by illegal dumping of rubble

Socio-economic

- High potential cost relating to the excavation
- The size of suitable land available

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Purpose & importance of the Public Participation Process

- To identify Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP's)
- To inform and provide information of the proposed project to the I&AP's
- Give the public the opportunity to raise concerns and also provide input into the project
- To allow those interested to register as Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP's)

Public announcements

➤ Notice board

- Notices were placed on site on the 29th of June 2012
- They provided details of the proposed development
- Provided details on how any Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP's) can register

➤ Press announcement

- Press notice was advertised in Ilanga Newspaper & Newcastle Advertiser on 29th of June 2012
- This was meant to inform the public of the proposed development & requested them to register as Interested & Affected Parties

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS CONT.

COMPILE & DISTRIBUTE BID



PLACE MEDIA & SITE NOTICE



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CAPTURE ISSUES RAISED BY
I&AP'S



COMPILE REPORT&SUBMIT
TO THE DAEA FOR APPROVAL

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INTERESTED & AFFECTED PARTIES REGISTRATION

Registration process:

- It is still open to those who may still want to register if you wish to receive future reports and correspondences
- Last day of registration will be on the 15th of August 2012

Contact details

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WAY FORWARD

- All issues and comments raised by I&AP's during public participation meeting will be documented in the Basic Assessment Report to be submitted to the Department of Agriculture and Environmental Affairs (DAEA).
- Copies of Basic Assessment Reports will then be circulated to all registered I&AP's once available.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME



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