

Proposed “Lakeside Industrial” on Farm Blythdale 17461 Public Participation Report

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1 Introduction

Phelamanga was appointed to assist Confluence in particular with the public participation requirements for the EIA process for the Royal Shaka Property Group (PTY) Ltd proposed “Lakeside Industrial” on Farm Blythdale 17461. As the project is still in its initial stages, only some of the public participation has been undertaken to date. This has included, a letter drop notification, and placement of multiple notices of activity in the area. This report will detail these activities to date. The report will be updated as the commenting period progresses and the project continues.

2 Letter drop

2.1 Planning and Preparation

During the initiation meeting it was confirmed that Confluence would provide Phelamanga with a notice document for distribution see paragraph 5.1 on page 7.

Confluence in discussion with Phelamanga agreed on the letter drop route and area to be covered. This was then provided in .KMZ files to assist with the route planning by the Phelamanga team, see image of route at paragraph 5.2 on page 8.

The ward councillors within or neighbouring the proposed project area were contacted by email and WhatsApp in advance of the site visit by Confluence and the confirmation provided to Phelamanga (see Supporting documents paragraph 5.3 on page 8 for screen shot of WhatsApp communication). The interaction with the councillors was done in advance; as the letter drop was focused on residents potentially directly affected by the proposed project.

2.2 Letters drop to properties

The Phelamanga team went out to the proposed project site area and neighbouring residential area on Tuesday 16 March 2022. The route as agreed using the aforementioned .KMZ files was used to ensure all the identified neighbouring residents were informed and provided an opportunity to register as an I&AP and make any comments they may have had at the time.

2.3 Site Notices

Phelamanga and Confluence agreed on the siting of the Notices of Activity during the initiation meeting. The sites for the notices were confirmed and shared via a .KMZ file with the Phelamanga team. See paragraph 5.5 on page 10 for location of site notices.

This was used to ensure site notices were placed not only at the entrance to the proposed sites but also within the neighbouring residential area. The site notices was an enlarged version of the notice provided to residents during the letter drop. See Figure 7 on page 11 for photographs of the signboards.

2.4 Registers

Registers were used to capture the details of property owners to whom letters were handed. These registers will form the initial drafts of the I&AP registers for the project. As per POPIA Registers and specific I&AP identifying information will not be made available, the team will make use of the information captured to communicate with I&APs during the project.

In some instances property owners declined to provide their contact details and this was respected. Further to this where property owners were not available to receive the letters; they were placed in post-boxes or visible places for the property owners to notice. See Supporting Documents on page 7 for example of letter left in visible place for property owners.

When asked if they would like to be registered some I&APs provided comment to the project, as captured below see paragraph on page.

2.5 Challenges

The following challenges were recorded during the letter drop:

- Dogs that were not kept within their properties and would chase after the team.
- Property owners not being available to receive the letters.
- Severe rains in the preceding days made some roads unpassable – dirt tracks.

2.6 Positives

- A number of the property owners engaged with the team and appeared positive and grateful that they had received notification.
- The Phelamanga team worked well together and got the required property visits completed in the anticipated timeframe.
- Property owners directed us to contacting other key I&APs

2.7 Outcomes

The I&AP notification drop and sign post placement was completed.

3 Additional supporting Public Participation Activities

Phelamanga has placed the project details and information on their website, to increase access to information and encourage I&APs to register. The “back-end” of the website provides insight as to how many times the article has been accessed.

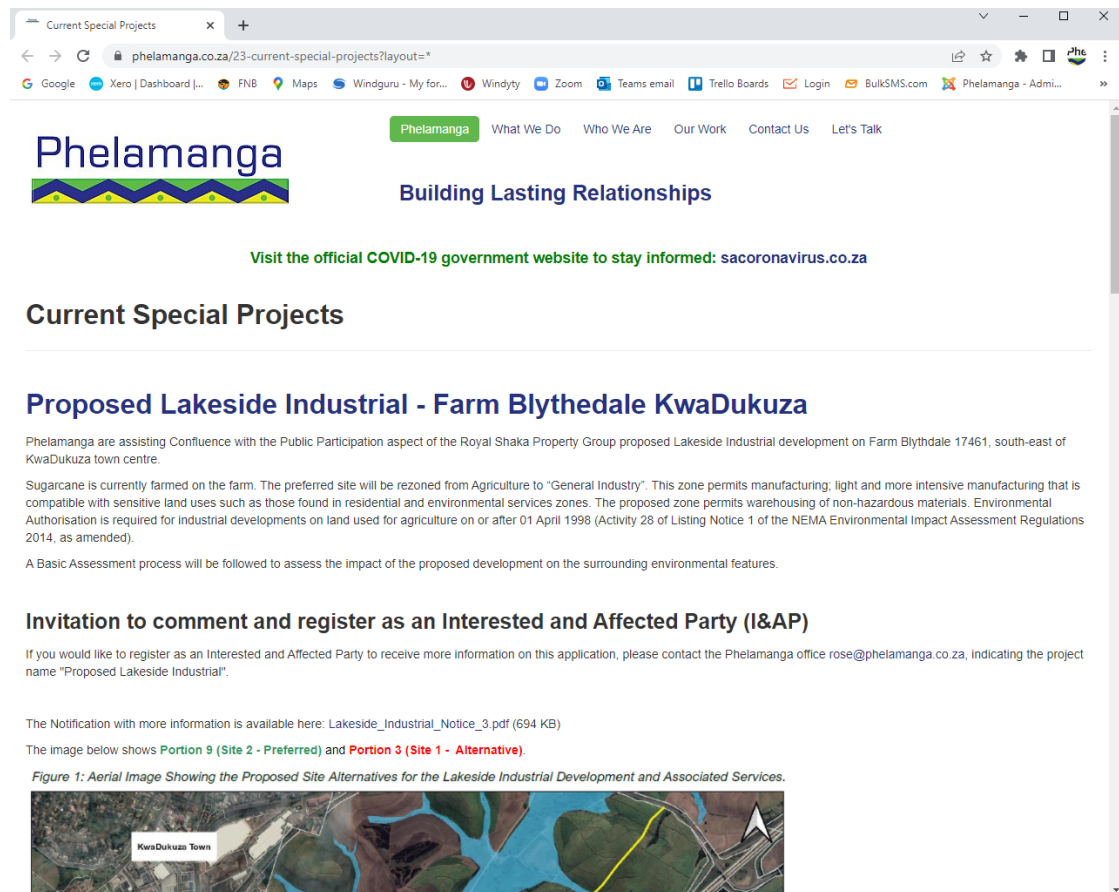


Figure 1 Web article

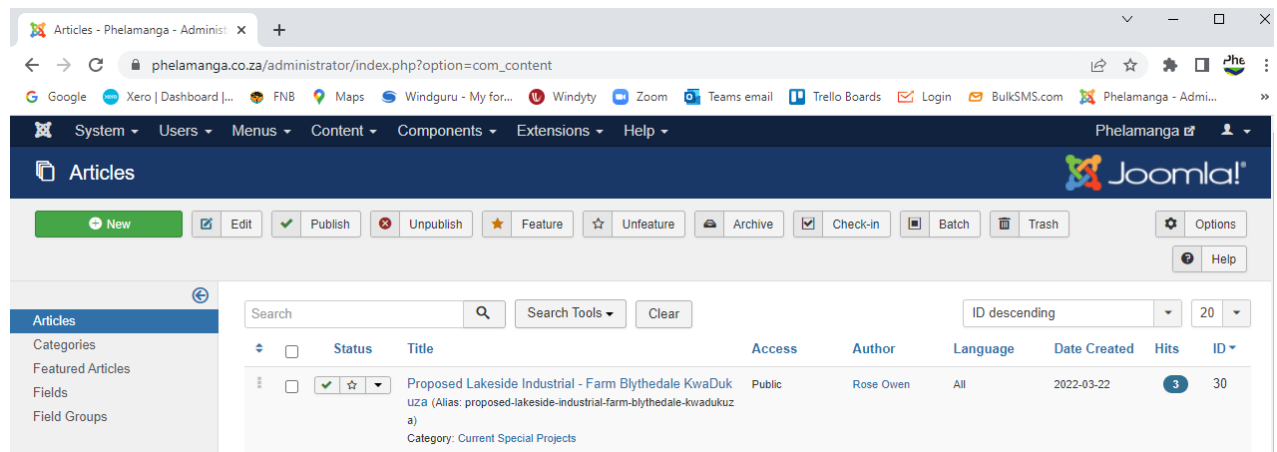


Figure 2 Back end Web article information

4 Conclusion

There are a number of interested parties who have requested further information, to be included in any communications and to be registered as I&APs. Community knowledge of the area will be useful to the various specialists as they undertake their studies.

The public participation process will continue throughout the Basic Assessment process, it is envisaged to be responsive and if required to include draft scoping report public meetings, and draft EIR public meetings. In addition, any comments received for the duration of the project will be noted and communicated to the applicant, or relevant consultant for response.

4.1 Comments and Issues register – Email notification and Letter drop Summary

During the notification drop it was expected that there would be some community members with initial concerns, queries or comments regarding the project. The following is a summary of the comments received during the notification drop and prior. The project team is asked to please take note of the concerns / comments and respond as necessary for onward communication to the relevant I&AP.

Issue	Name	Email / In Person / Tel	Date	Comment	Response / follow up
Not in support of development	N/A I&AP asked not to be identified	In Person	16 March 2022	Expressed she is in no support of any development in the area therefore refused to sign nor give out contact details. She said she would rather forward her comments and complaints through to the details given on the letter handed out to her.	Noted
	Johnny	In Person	16 March 2022	Refused to sign register or give contact details; is frustrated with development near his home that was proposed to be one thing and was built as something different. Doesn't trust development processes, expressed concern that if he signed anything it would be taken as him giving permission or agreeing to something he is not in agreement with.	Noted – EAP is encouraged to use various means to share information with the community as the project proceeds.
Supportive of Development	Charlene Zubek	In Person	16 March 2022	Noted it would be good to have some development behind the residential area.	Noted
	Govindammal Govender (Councillor)	Email	10 March 2022	Supportive of development, economic growth and partnership	Noted
Ancestral Grave Sites	Mr Potgieter	In Person	16 March 2022	The project won't go ahead there are ancestral Indian Gravesites in the proposed project area.	Heritage Specialist to follow up and confirm sites.
	Robbie Couve	Email	10 March 2022	The farm manager informed the heritage specialist about an Indian ancestral graveyard on the property	
More Information requested	Ms P Reddy	Email / In Person	10 and 16 March 2022	Requested further information regarding possible water extraction and or discharge to the Umvoti River	EAP to follow up and schedule one on one interview
	Mr Naidoo	In Person	16 March 2022	Requested more information and access to the relevant reports for any BA or EIA related to the project.	Has been registered as an I&AP.

5 Notice drops supporting documents

5.1 Notice distributed



NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

An application for Environmental Authorisation will be submitted to the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (EDTEA). The application will be submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act No. 107 of 1998 as amended (NEMA).

APPLICATION DETAILS

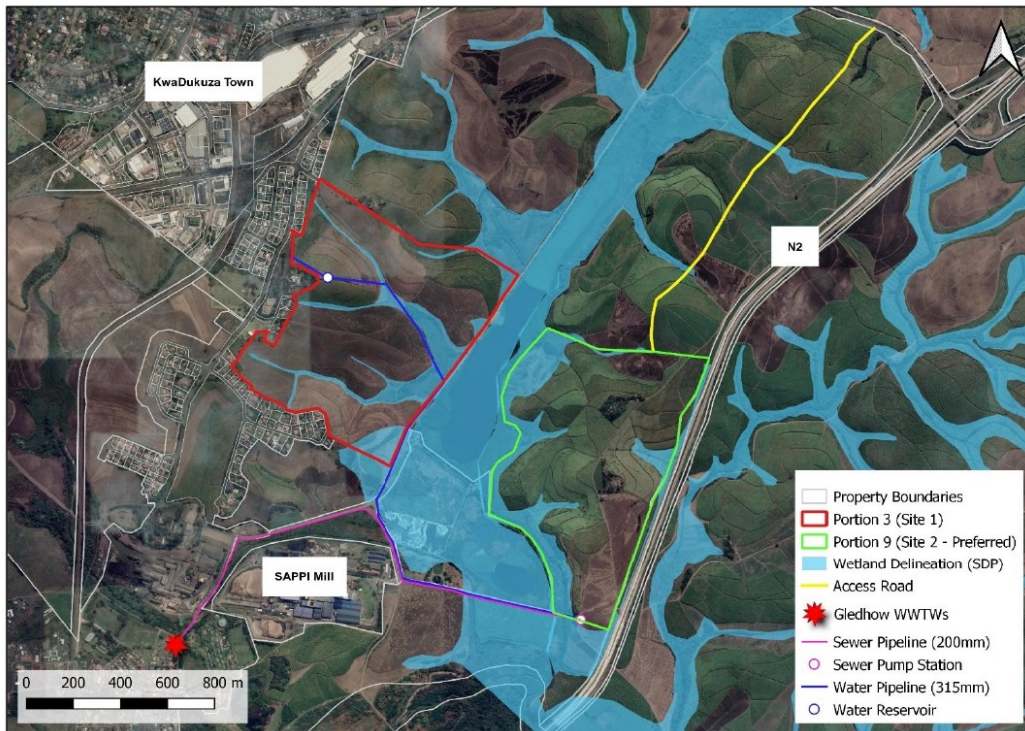
Royal Shaka Property Group (Pty) Ltd proposes to develop “*Lakeside Industrial*” on Farm Blythdale 17461, south-east of KwaDukuza town centre. Farm Blythdale 17461 is in the process of being subdivided. The preferred subdivision for Lakeside Industrial is proposed Portion 9 of Farm Blythdale 17461, 70 hectares in extent (centre of site: 29°21'32.45"S; 31°18'26.62"E; outlined in green in Figure 1). Proposed Portion 3 of Farm Blythdale 17461, outlined in red, will be assessed as a site alternative.

Sugarcane is currently farmed on the farm. The preferred site will be rezoned from Agriculture to “*General Industry*”. This zone permits manufacturing; light and more intensive manufacturing that is compatible with sensitive land uses such as those found in residential and environmental services zones. The proposed zone permits warehousing of non-hazardous materials. Environmental Authorisation is required for industrial developments on land used for agriculture on or after 01 April 1998 (Activity 28 of Listing Notice 1 of the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2014, as amended).

A new access road is proposed to service the development (yellow in Figure 1). There are existing municipal services available in the area however new bulk water and sewer pipelines will be constructed to connect the development to the municipal reticulation network. The construction of the access road and pipelines triggers Activities 12 & 19 of Listing Notice 1: development of infrastructure within 32m of a watercourse and the excavation and/ or infilling of material within a watercourse.

A Basic Assessment process will be followed to assess the impact of the proposed development on the surrounding environmental features. If you would like to register as an Interested and Affected Party to receive more information on this application, please send your contact details to the Environmental Assessment Practitioner whose details are provided below.

Figure 1: Aerial Image Showing the Proposed Site Alternatives for the Lakeside Industrial Development and Associated Services.



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5.2 Notice drop route

The figure below shows the outline of the route taken to drop off notifications at residential areas located within the proximity of the proposed land(s).

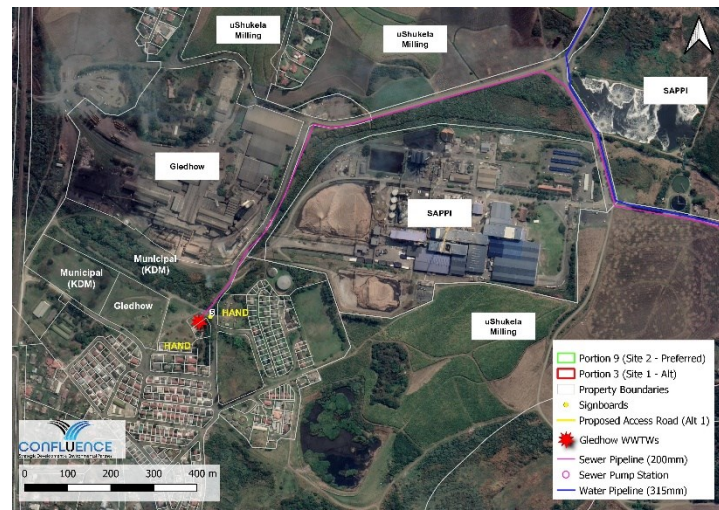
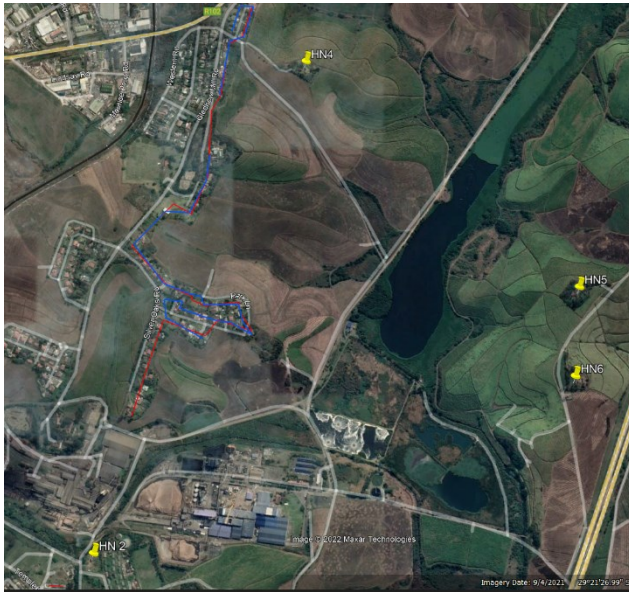
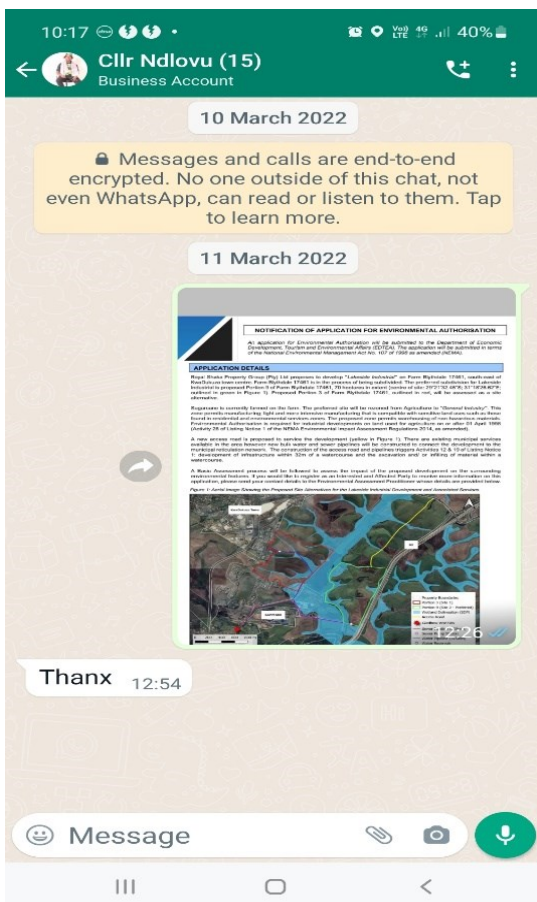


Figure 3 Residential route

Figure 4 Adjacent Properties

5.3 Screenshot of WhatsApp

A WhatsApp was sent to the ward councillor.



5.4 Evidence of notices in property owners gate

Letter was inserted at the top of the gate away from any dogs that may try and take it. It was secured and ensured it would not blow away.



Figure 5 Letters left at owners' post boxes and on the gate

5.5 Signboards

Signboards were put in various positions at intersections where it will be visible to motorists and pedestrians to see when entering or exiting the areas. Figure 5 shows the location of the signboards on the map and Figure 6 shows the pictures of the signboards in these locations



Figure 6 Location of signboards marked by yellow pins



Figure 7 Signboards at intersections

6 I&AP database

The current database of I&APs registered for the proposed Lakeside Industrial is shown below. As per POPIA no personal contact information is provided in the report. The EAP and Public Participation practitioner hold this information and use it only for the duration of the project. In the event any contact details are required a request should be made to the EAP and or the Public Participation Practitioner.

Interest	Name	Contact Person	Designation	Number	Email	Address
Provincial Authority	EDTEA	Malcolm Moses	Control Environmental Officer: Impact Management			
Ward Councillor	Ward 15 Councillor	Bhekuyise Ndlovu	Councillor			
Ward Councillor	Ward 19 Councillor	Govindammal Govender	Councillor			
District Municipality	iLembe	Masupha Mathenjwa	Enviro Specialist			
Local Municipality	KwaDukuza	Thembeke Mthuli	Planning & Development			
Organ of State	Dept. of Water & Sanitation	Khethiwe Methula	KwaDukuza Area Contact			
Organ of State	AMAFA	Bernadet Pawandiwa	Archaeology Research and Compliance / Permits			
Organ of State	Department of Transport	Judy Reddy	Manager : Road Infrastructure Develop & Management			
Organ of State	Department of Transport	Chris DuPlessis	KZN DOT Road Control division			
Organ of State	Department of Agriculture	TBC				
Interested Party	Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife	Nerissa Pillay	Development Planner			
Landowner	uShukela Milling	Paul de Jongh	Mandate Group			
Landowner	uShukela Milling	Vijay Naidoo	Administrations Manager			
Occupier		Robbie Couve	Leasing Land from uShukela Milling			
Adjacent landowner	SANRAL	Nqobile Mabaso				
Adjacent landowner	SAPPI	Pravashni Reddy	SHEQ Manager			
Adjacent landowner	SAPPI	Ms Geraldene Pillay				

Interest	Name	Contact Person	Designation	Number	Email	Address
Adjacent landowner	Gledhow Suagr Company	Andrew Francis	General Manager			
Adjacent landowner		Mduduzi Clement Sithole	SHERQ Manager			
Adjacent landowner		Dhanesh Matabadal	SHERQ Department			

Adjacent landowner	Adam	Adam	Agri&Industrial			
Adjacent landowner	Mrs Sanji Appadu	Appadu	Resident			
Adjacent landowner	Ashley	Ashley	Resident			
Adjacent landowner	Premi Chettu	Chettu	Resident			
Adjacent landowner	Mr Alan Govender	Govender	Resident			
Adjacent landowner	Kimesh Hanitt	Hanitt	Resident			
Adjacent landowner	Mr Ralph Hooper	Hooper	Resident			
Adjacent landowner	Johnny	Johnny	Resident			
Adjacent landowner	Ms Krystal	Krystal	Resident			
Adjacent landowner	Merlen	Merlen	Resident			
Adjacent landowner	Mr Chris Moonsamy	Moonsamy	Resident			
Adjacent landowner	Mr D Boysie Mtshali	Mtshali	Resident			
Adjacent landowner	Zabule Mwandla	Mwandla	Resident			
Adjacent landowner	Mr Kenny Naidoo	Naidoo	Resident			
Adjacent landowner	Nando	Nando	Resident			
Adjacent landowner	Dr Dr Parikh	Parikh	Resident			
Adjacent landowner	Mrs N Pillay	Pillay	Resident			
Adjacent landowner	Mr Johan Potgieter	Potgieter	Resident			
Adjacent landowner	Sugen Raman	Raman	Resident			
Adjacent landowner	Mr G Ramathar	Ramathar	Resident			
Adjacent landowner	Mr Sammy	Sammy	Resident			
Adjacent landowner	Senzeni	Senzeni	Resident			
Adjacent landowner	Ms Charlene Zubek	Zubek	Resident			