

**Proposed new KZN Museum (Revised proposal) at 96 Jabu Ndlovu Street, Pietermaritzburg**

**Interim Comment**

**IN TERMS OF SECTION 34(1), 38 OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT (ACT 25 OF 1999) AND SECTION 37, 41(1) OF THE KWAZULU-NATAL AMAFA AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE ACT (ACT 05 OF 2018)**

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**Proposed new KZN Museum at 96 Jabu Ndlovu Street, Erf 2822, Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu Natal, DWGS : Architects' Concept Proposal dated 2023-04-19**

The applicants were given the opportunity to present the revised proposal for the site at a HOC meeting held on the 10 May 2023. Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- The applicants presented a revised proposal and noted that the development had to be curtailed due to cost factors. The new proposal included the demolition of all existing buildings, except Blocks A and C (the old hospital wards and the nuns convent).
- The Committee was concerned about the extent of the interventions on fabric that was previously destined to be protected in the development. As this proposal differed to such a large extent from the previous proposal, a new Development application (Form J) was required to be submitted. This application would be handled in conjunction with the Form A application submitted for the proposed demolition work.
- The proposed demolitions and replacement proposal were motivated by the function of the proposed museum as well as the additional cost of the restoration of the derelict buildings.
- As the proposal had changed to such an extent and the demolition of original fabric had increased, Public Consultation would be needed to be conducted on the revised proposal: the Institute would place an advert in the Witness newspaper and contact the previously identified interested and affected parties.
- The Committee noted that the site contained buildings of high social and architectural significance that were situated within an environment that contained several listed and permanently protected heritage sites and resources. It was resolved to grade the site Grade IIIa.

Interim Decision:

- A new application Form J was required to be submitted, together with the fee and all the required documentation, including the presentation made to the committee.
- Public Consultation: The committee required that the application be subjected to a public participation process that would involve the KZN Amafa and Research Institute placing an advertisement in the Witness newspaper and contacting the previously identified interested and affected parties.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully



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