

Alterations to the Pietermaritzburg Railway Station for the Business Express waiting lounges

Our Ref: 10/3/Kz225/02 12/489 Permit 12-395a issued on the 20 March 2013 through the hard copy system

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Letter

In terms of Section 33(1) of the KwaZulu-Natal Heritage Act (Act 4 of 2008) and the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa
Private Bag X101
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Proposed alterations to the Pietermaritzburg Railway Station for the Business Express waiting lounges, Msunduzi Municipality

The permit application in respect of the above, received on the 13 February 2013, and deviation submissions reviewed by the Amafa Built Environment Committee on the 20 January 2014 refers. Please be advised as follows:

The Committee reviewed the material submitted in mitigation of the decision taken by the professional team to order a fibre glass replica of the cupola for erection on the building adjacent to the main station building and stood by its previous decision that the original cupola must be reinstated.

This decision was taken on the basis of information supplied. Mr Osborne's investigation of the roof structure and the condition of the existing cupola did not support the claims made that the roof structure had weakened to the extent that it could no longer take the weight of the existing cupola. The information supplied did not prove the claims made and the Committee applied the conservation principle that as much of the original material as possible must be retained when taking its decision. The significance of this important complex was taken into account when applying the highest conservation standards.

The professional team's claim that they would be responsible for the cost of the replica was not taken into consideration since the Committee and Amafa staff had been involved in the project and it was considered that there was adequate opportunity for the professional team to have consulted either Committee members or Amafa staff before taking the decision to order a replica. This action was in contravention of the conditions of the permit and Amafa had not been supplied with minutes of site meetings, which was further contravention of the permit conditions.

Written responses/requests for reviews of decisions must be received within 30 days of the date of this letter or the decision will be considered final. Six months from the date of the original submission is allowed for the submission of revised drawings.

THIS LETTER DOES NOT CONSTITUTE FORMAL APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO AMAFA AKWAZULU-NATALI. UNAUTHORISED WORK CARRIED OUT ON THE ABOVE SITE WILL BE IN



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CONTRAVENTION OF THE KWAZULU-NATAL HERITAGE ACT (4 of 2008).

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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ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/110633>

Terms & Conditions:

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to Amafa immediately.
3. Amafa reserves the right to request additional information as required.



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