

05 January 2023
Claire Abrahamse
Via email: claire@claireabrahamse.co.za

Comment on the Heritage Impact Assessment for the Proposed Densification and Upgrades to the University of Zululand Main Campus, Empangeni, KwaZulu Natal.

Dear Claire

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the University of Zululand Main Campus densification and upgrade proposal, and for making us aware of the Modern buildings within the campus.

Heritage significance

Docomomo SA generally agrees with and supports the proposed heritage gradings assigned to the individual buildings and the campus as a whole. Of the larger, imposing buildings, the King Bhekuzulu Hall deserves a grading of IIIA, in forming the campus gateway with the Admin building to the main movement spine, and a counterpoint to the post-modern Library Building. Although many of the earlier buildings lining the main movement spine are relatively modest typologies, they are significant in the context of the historical development of the campus and the broader social and political informants of the time (for example the 1959 Extension of University Act, which enforced segregation not only by race but by ethnicity). The 1950s to 1960s saw huge investment in and the rapid development of new and existing university campuses in South Africa but also in Africa, as countries gained their independence. Modernism was the chosen architectural language to embody notions of power and aspiration on these campuses, for example, locally, the University of Pretoria, the Rand Afrikaans University and UNISA, and abroad, the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (Kumasi, Ghana, 1952/1961), the University of Lagos (Lagos, Nigeria, 1962), and the University of Nigeria (formerly Nigeria College of Arts Science and Technology) (Nsukka, Nigeria, 1950s). It is therefore significant to compare the University of Zululand with its contemporaries, and observe the intentional toned-down scale and cultural appropriation of ethnic motifs (in the patterned brise-soleils and curved wall enclosures) applied in the architectural language of the bulk of the university buildings.

Development and upgrade proposal

We support the proposed heritage-related development indicators and proposed adjustments to the densification plan. It is important to retain the proposed "curtilages" along the main spine to retain the legibility of the low-rise "bungalow" teaching spaces lining the spine and provide appropriate forecourt spaces to the Hall, Admin and Library buildings. Similarly, we agree that the densification of the campus must not detract from the campus's connection to its setting within the broader landscape, and therefore suggest that densification and bulk is prejudiced towards the southeast of the campus rather than around the northern and northwestern edges and/or for new buildings along these edges to be placed so as to allow views over or through new blocks.

Furthermore, the photographs included in the report show that there are many fence-types and -placements (for example heavy, visually obscuring palisade fences) that detract from the legibility of the campus public spaces. It is proposed that the HIA includes heritage guidelines for the review/upgrade of fencing to address visual permeability, setbacks, material consistency and compatibility with the predominant screen-wall typologies.

Lastly, we request that any Modern buildings earmarked for demolition are recorded photographically beforehand, and that Docomomo South Africa may access these photographs and drawings (where available) to support our records of modern movement sites in the region.

We request to be kept informed of AMAFA's decision on the application and any significant developments to the proposal affecting the identified modernist heritage buildings on the campus.

Thank you and kind regards

SvdMerwe

Sandra van der Merwe

On behalf of Docomomo-SA, written in partnership and in discussion with Docomomo-SA members.

Contact details:	Ilze Wolff (Co-chair)	Sandra van der Merwe (Co-chair)
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Invitation to Comment: Heritage Impact Assessment for the Proposed Densification and Upgrades to the University of Zululand Main Campus, Empangeni, KwaZulu Natal.

The Spatial Design and Development Framework for the planned densification and upgrades to the UniZulu campus, including new academic and residence buildings, has triggered the need for a heritage impact assessment. The HIA has identified heritage resources on the campus, and assessed potential impacts to them.

UniZulu staff and students are now invited to comment on this document prior to its final submission to AMAFA.

The draft heritage impact assessment report can be accessed here:


<https://www.dropbox.com/s/edyrhtwijnbdu1xf/University%20of%20Zululand%20HIA%20-%20Submission%20-%20November%202022.pdf?dl=0>.

Comments can be emailed to Claire Abrahamse and Mishkah Collier using the address claire@claireabrahamse.co.za, before the 10th February 2023.

Watermark: Image from the Spatial Design and Development Framework by Ludwig Hansen Architects and Urban Design.



— Build-to edges
— Green Edge

From: Claire Abrahamse claire@claireabrahamse.co.za 

Subject: Re: Invitation to Comment: Heritage Impact Assessment for the Proposed Densification and Upgrades to the University of Zululand Main Campus, Empangeni, KwaZulu Natal.

Date: 05 January 2023 at 13:27

To: Paul Bigala paul@bokang.africa

Cc: Mishkah Collier mishkahc@gmail.com, Sandisiwe Matole sandisiwe.matole@amafainstitute.org.za, Ntombenhle Bokako BokakoN@unizulu.ac.za

CA

Dear Dr. Bokang,

Happy new year! This is just a final reminder that comments on the HIA are due today. We look forward to receiving your comment.

Best regards,
Claire

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On 13 Dec 2022, at 08:55, Claire Abrahamse <claire@claireabrahamse.co.za> wrote:

Dear Dr. Bokang,

In light of this busy time of year, we have spoken to our case officer at AMAFA and managed to extend the commenting deadline to Thursday the 5th January 2023 for any comments you may wish to make on the draft University of Zululand HIA. Comments can be received on or before this date.

Best regards for a safe festive season,
Claire and Mishkah.

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On 16 Nov 2022, at 16:26, Claire Abrahamse <claire@claireabrahamse.co.za> wrote:

Dear Dr. Bokang,

Yes - absolutely no problem. You can send comments to us up until (and including) the 15th December.

We look forward to receiving your feedback.

Best regards,
Claire

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On 16 Nov 2022, at 11:32, Paul Bigala <paul@bokang.africa> wrote:

Dear Claire,

I trust this email finds you well. Please give us until next week Monday to provide our comments as we are busy with pressing commitments now. I hope this is okay.

Kind regards

Paul

From: Claire Abrahamse <claire@claireabrahamse.co.za>

Sent: Tuesday, 15 November 2022 17:12

To: Paul Bigala <paul@bokang.africa>

Cc: mishkah@claireabrahamse.co.za; Sandisiwe Matole

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Subject: Re: Invitation to Comment: Heritage Impact Assessment for the Proposed
Densification and Upgrades to the University of Zululand Main Campus, Empangeni,
KwaZulu Natal.

Dear Dr. Bokang,

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the document: [https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/eaum2fdq3alp2ezryo/h?
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Have a wonderful evening.

Best regards,
Claire

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On 15 Nov 2022, at 17:00, Claire Abrahamse
<claire@claireabrahamse.co.za> wrote:

Dear Dr. Bokang,

We hope you are well. We got your contact details from your colleagues at University
Properties, as they noted that you are the representative from the University of Zululand who
liaises with the Zulu Royal Household. We tried to introduce ourselves in person when we
were last at UniZulu, but unfortunately you were not on campus at the time.

**Re: Invitation to Comment: Heritage Impact Assessment for the Proposed Densification and
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As a result, a heritage impact assessment has been prepared in order to identify heritage
resources and assess impacts, and your organisation is invited to comment on this document
prior to its final submission to Amafa.

The proposed development involves upgrades to the campus in terms of a Spatial Design and
Development Framework, which proposes new academic spaces as well as new university
residences.

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the Ward Councillor, and Docomomo (the organisation for the Documentation and
Conservation of Modern Movement buildings, sites etc.). If you are aware of any other
heritage bodies who may have a specific interest in the attached documentation, please send
us their contact details so that we can approach them.

Please could you ensure that comments are sent to us on or before the 15th December 2022?

Our case officer at Amafa, Ms. Sandisiwe Matole, is also copied herewith.

Do not hesitate to contact us with any queries you may have, or if you have any difficulty
accessing the information. We would be most happy to assist.

Best regards,
Claire and Mishkah.

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From: Claire Abrahamse claire@claireabrahamse.co.za 
Subject: Re: Invitation to Comment: Heritage Impact Assessment for the Proposed Densification and Upgrades to the University of Zululand Main Campus, Empangeni, KwaZulu Natal.
Date: 05 January 2023 at 13:28
To: MhlongoMS@umhlathuze.gov.za
Cc: mishkah@claireabrahamse.co.za, Sandisiwe Matole sandisiwe.matole@amafainstitute.org.za

CA

Dear Mr. Mhlongo,

Happy new year! This is just a final reminder that comments on the HIA are due today. We look forward to receiving your comment.

Best regards,
Claire

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On 13 Dec 2022, at 08:54, Claire Abrahamse <claire@claireabrahamse.co.za> wrote:

Dear Mr. Mhlongo,

In light of this busy time of year, we have spoken to our case officer at AMAFA and managed to extend the commenting deadline to Thursday the 5th January 2023 for any comments you may wish to make on the draft University of Zululand HIA. Comments can be received on or before this date.

Best regards for a safe festive season,
Claire and Mishkah.

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On 15 Nov 2022, at 17:11, Claire Abrahamse <claire@claireabrahamse.co.za> wrote:

Dear Mr. Mhlongo,

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<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/eoaum2fdq3alp2ezryo/h?dl=0&rlkey=n6ss4qzwwgkmp2gop4y8hc8ew>

Have a wonderful evening.

Best regards,
Claire

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On 15 Nov 2022, at 16:48, Claire Abrahamse <claire@claireabrahamse.co.za> wrote:

Dear Mr. Mhlongo,

We hope you are well since we last spoke in June of this year.

Re: Invitation to Comment: Heritage Impact Assessment for the Proposed Densification and Upgrades to the University of Zululand Main Campus, Empangeni, KwaZulu Natal.

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The organisations that have been invited to comment are: your organisation (the uMhlathuze Local Municipality), the Gallery and Museum at Empangeni, the Zululand Historical Museum, University Properties and University academics, the Ward Councillor, and Docomomo (the organisation for the Documentation and Conservation of Modern Movement buildings, sites etc.). If you are aware of any other heritage bodies who may have a specific interest in the attached documentation, please send us their contact details so that we can approach them.

Please could you ensure that comments are sent to us on or before the 15th December 2022? Our case officer at Amafa, Ms. Sandisiwe Matole, is also copied herewith.

Do not hesitate to contact us with any queries you may have, or if you have any difficulty accessing the information. We would be most happy to assist.

Best regards,

Claire and Mishkah.

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From: Docomomo South Africa info@docomomo-sa.org
Subject: Re: Invitation to Comment: Heritage Impact Assessment for the Proposed Densification and Upgrades to the University of Zululand Main Campus, Empangeni, KwaZulu Natal.
Date: 13 December 2022 at 15:14
To: Claire Abrahamse claire@claireabrahamse.co.za
Cc: Sandra van der Merwe sandra@visionplan.co.za, info@wolffarchitects.co.za, ilze@wolffarchitects.co.za, mishkah@claireabrahamse.co.za

DA

Thank you, Claire, we'll comment prior to the January deadline.

Kind regards

Sandra

On Tue, 13 Dec 2022, 08:53 Claire Abrahamse, <claire@claireabrahamse.co.za> wrote:
Dear Sandra and Docomomo,

In light of this busy time of year, we have spoken to our case officer at AMAFA and managed to extend the commenting deadline to Thursday the 5th January 2023 for any comments you may wish to make on the draft University of Zululand HIA. Comments can be received on or before this date.

Best regards for a safe festive season,
Claire and Mishkah.



On 15 Nov 2022, at 17:33, Sandra van der Merwe <sandra@visionplan.co.za> wrote:

Hi Claire, thank you.

This is an informal response just to let you know of some developments within Docomomo.

We have recently registered as an I&AP with AMAFA on another application, and we are in the process of transitioning to a new email, info@docomomo-sa.org copied in this message. So please look out, we'll be responding from that address.

It's a pity, we just had our last meeting for the year last Friday. We'll do our best to comment within the timeframe and within the end-of-year rush, as we are eager to expand our footprint and MoMo 'awareness' to other areas of the country.

Kind regards

Sandra

From: Claire Abrahamse [<mailto:claire@claireabrahamse.co.za>]
Sent: Tuesday, 15 November 2022 17:11
To: sandra@visionplan.co.za
Cc: info@wolffarchitects.co.za; mishkah@claireabrahamse.co.za; Sandisiwe Matole <sandisiwe.matole@amafainstitute.org.za>
Subject: Invitation to Comment: Heritage Impact Assessment for the Proposed Densification and Upgrades to the University of Zululand Main Campus, Empangeni, KwaZulu Natal.

Dear Sandra and Docomomo,
We hope you are well.

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assessment has been prepared in order to identify heritage resources and assess impacts, and your organisation is invited to comment on this document prior to its final submission to Amafa.

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You will see that the campus is a very interesting collection of Modernist buildings, and thus we thought you may have members in KwaZulu Natal who may be interested in commenting. If so, please could you forward this on to them?

The other organisations that have been invited to comment are: the Zululand Historical Museum, the Gallery and Museum at Empangeni, the uMhlathuze Local Municipality, University Properties and University academics and the Ward Councillor. If you or any of your KZN-based members are aware of any other heritage bodies who may have a specific interest in the attached documentation, please send us their contact details so that we can approach them.

Please could you ensure that comments are sent to us on or before the 15th December 2022? Our case officer at Amafa, Ms. Sandisiwe Matole, is also copied herewith.

Do not hesitate to contact us with any queries you may have, or if you have any difficulty accessing the information. We would be most happy to assist.

Best regards,

Claire and Mishkah.

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From: Claire Abrahamse claire@claireabrahamse.co.za

Subject: Re: Invitation to Comment: Heritage Impact Assessment for the Proposed Densification and Upgrades to the University of Zululand Main Cape, Empangeni, KwaZulu Natal.

Date: 05 January 2023 at 13:27

To: emptour@microweb.co.za

Cc: Sandisiwe Matole sandisiwe.matole@amafainstitute.org.za, Mishkah Collier mishkahc@gmail.com

CA

Dear Empangeni Art and Cultural Museum,

Happy new year! This is just a final reminder that comments on the HIA are due today. We look forward to receiving your comment.

Best regards,
Claire

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On 13 Dec 2022, at 08:56, Claire Abrahamse <claire@claireabrahamse.co.za> wrote:

Dear Empangeni Art and Cultural Museum,

In light of this busy time of year, we have spoken to our case officer at AMAFA and managed to extend the commenting deadline to Thursday the 5th January 2023 for any comments you may wish to make on the draft University of Zululand HIA. Comments can be received on or before this date.

Best regards for a safe festive season,
Claire and Mishkah.

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On 15 Nov 2022, at 18:14, Mishkah Collier <mishkahc@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Madam/Sir

I hope you are well.

Invitation to Comment: Heritage Impact Assessment for the Proposed Densification and Upgrades to the University of Zululand Main Cape, Empangeni, KwaZulu Natal.

The proposed development of the above properties triggers Section 41 (1)(c)(i) of the Kwa-Zulu Natal Amafa and Research Institute Act (Act No 5 of 2018), due to the size of the site. As a result, a heritage impact assessment has been prepared in order to identify heritage resources and assess impacts, and your organisation is invited to comment on this document prior to its final submission to AMAFA.

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The organisations that have been invited to comment are: The Zululand Historical Museum, Empangeni Art and Cultural History Museum, the UMhlatuze Local Municipality, University Properties and University academics, the Ward Councillor and Docomomo (the organisation for the Documentation and Conservation of Modern Movement buildings, sites and so on). If you are aware of any other heritage bodies who may have a specific interest in the attached documentation, please send us their contact details so that we can approach them.

Please could you ensure that comments are sent to us on or before the 15th December 2022?

Do not hesitate to contact us with any queries you may have, or if you have difficulty accessing the information. We would be happy to assist.

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Best regards,
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From: Gcina Nhleko NhlekoG@unizulu.ac.za

Subject: Re: Invitation to Comment: Heritage Impact Assessment for the Proposed Densification and Upgrades to the University of Zululand Main Cape, Empangeni, KwaZulu Natal.

Date: 17 February 2023 at 19:11

To: Claire Abrahamse claire@claireabrahamse.co.za

Cc: Jeneen Grimsley GrimsleyJ@unizulu.ac.za, Mishkah Collier mishkahc@gmail.com

GN

Dear Claire

No comments were received, thank you

Gcina

From: Claire Abrahamse <claire@claireabrahamse.co.za>

Sent: Friday, February 17, 2023 1:07 PM

To: Gcina Nhleko <NhlekoG@unizulu.ac.za>

Cc: Jeneen Grimsley <GrimsleyJ@unizulu.ac.za>; Mishkah Collier <mishkahc@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: Invitation to Comment: Heritage Impact Assessment for the Proposed Densification and Upgrades to the University of Zululand Main Cape, Empangeni, KwaZulu Natal.

Dear Ms. Nhleko,

I hope you are well.

I just wanted to do a final check-in with you that no comments on the UniZulu HIA were received from the website notice? I know my email address was given, but I have not received anything. Before I finalise I just want to "dot every i and cross every t", so want to make sure nothing was sent to you?

Many thanks,
Claire

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On 16 Jan 2023, at 08:31, Claire Abrahamse <claire@claireabrahamse.co.za> wrote:

Morning Ms. Nhleko,

I hope you had a good weekend.

I am just following up again: when will the link to the HIA be put on the UniZulu website? I was just on there and couldn't find it. Perhaps I am not looking in the right places?

Many thanks,
Claire

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On 12 Jan 2023, at 13:27, Claire Abrahamse <claire@claireabrahamse.co.za> wrote:

Dear Ms. Nhleko.

Just checking that all is in order with the website notice of the HIA? I have just been on the website but can't see it up yet.

When it is published, please could you send me the URL?

Many thanks,
Claire

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On 10 Jan 2023, at 14:18, Claire Abrahamse <claire@claireabrahamse.co.za> wrote:

Many thanks Ms. Nhleko.

I do understand. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can assist in any way. I will prioritise my response to any of your queries to assist in getting the information up on the website as quickly as possible, while ensuring the correct process is followed.

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Best regards,
Claire

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On 10 Jan 2023, at 14:11, Gcina Nhleko <NhlekoG@unizulu.ac.za> wrote:

Dear Claire

Thank you for the information, I will have to go through everything in ensuring that it adheres to our communication protocol and that the information is precise.

I only received this request yesterday and documents therefore whilst I understand urgency necessary steps still needs to be followed.

Kind Regards;
Gcina

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [Claire Abrahamse](#)

Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2023 2:08 PM

To: [Jeneen Grimsley](#); [Gcina Nhleko](#)

Cc: [Mishkah Collier](#)

Subject: Re: Invitation to Comment: Heritage Impact Assessment for the Proposed
Densification and Upgrades to the University of Zululand Main Cape, Empangeni, KwaZulu
Natal.

Dear Ms. Nhleko.

Please could the draft HIA be placed on the website, with the following text (attached in PDF and MS Word format)? We must submit the document for the February AMAFA meeting, and so it is critical that the information is uploaded to the website this week (today ideally) as comments need to be in before the 10th February. Ideally we'd give the staff and students a month to comment on the document.

I have looked at the website, and perhaps the "Notice Board" section might be appropriate for something like this?

Please could this be dealt with as a matter of urgency? We have been asking for the information to be put onto the website since the 15th November last year, and if it doesn't go up now then the project managers are unlikely to be able to accommodate a further delay.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Best regards,
Claire

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On 09 Jan 2023, at 16:33, Claire Abrahamse <claire@claireabrahamse.co.za> wrote:

Thank you Ms. Grimsley.

Ms. Nhleko, we would greatly appreciate having the document available on the University's website for students and staff to review and to provide comment should they wish to do so. What would I need to provide you? A copy of the documentation, presumably, and a cover letter explaining how to comment.

perhaps? Please confirm.

Best regards,
Claire

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On 09 Jan 2023, at 08:35, Jeneen Grimsley <GrimsleyJ@unizulu.ac.za> wrote:

Good day Claire,

I trust this email finds you well. Our ED, Mr Thabani Mncwango, has indicated that Ms Nhleko, as copied on this email, will be the relevant person to contact with regards to publishing the Heritage Study for comments at UniZulu. Please contact her on the CC'd email address.

Kind Regards

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Please could you ensure that comments are sent to us on or before the 15th December 2022?

In addition to the organisations mentioned above, we would like to add an advert to the university website as part of the public participation process. Would you be able to please put us in touch with somebody from the university who will be able to assist us with that?

Do not hesitate to contact us with any queries you may have, or if you have difficulty accessing the information. We would be happy to assist.

Best regards,
Claire and Mishkah.

From: Claire Abrahamse claire@claireabrahamse.co.za 
Subject: Re: Invitation to Comment: Heritage Impact Assessment for the Proposed Densification and Upgrades to the University of Zululand Main Campus, Empangeni, KwaZulu Natal.
Date: 05 January 2023 at 13:27
To: zhm@umlalazi.org.za
Cc: mishkah@claireabrahamse.co.za, Sandisiwe Matole sandisiwe.matole@amafainstitute.org.za

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Dear Zululand Historical Museum,

Happy new year! This is just a final reminder that comments on the HIA are due today. We look forward to receiving your comment.

Best regards,
Claire

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2nd Floor, Wale Street Chambers, 38 Wale Street, Cape Town, 8001
E: claire@claireabrahamse.co.za T: 021 426 2668 M: 083 718 1919

On 13 Dec 2022, at 08:54, Claire Abrahamse <claire@claireabrahamse.co.za> wrote:

Dear Zululand Historical Museum,

In light of this busy time of year, we have spoken to our case officer at AMAFA and managed to extend the commenting deadline to Thursday the 5th January 2023 for any comments you may wish to make on the draft University of Zululand HIA. Comments can be received on or before this date.

Best regards for a safe festive season,
Claire and Mishkah.

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On 15 Nov 2022, at 17:12, Claire Abrahamse <claire@claireabrahamse.co.za> wrote:

Dear Madam/Sir,

Further to the email below, please use this link in order to also access the annexures to the document:
<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/eoaum2fdq3alp2ezryo/h?dl=0&rlkey=n6ss4qzwwgkmp2gop4y8hc8ew>

Have a wonderful evening.

Best regards,
Claire

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On 15 Nov 2022, at 16:56, Claire Abrahamse <claire@claireabrahamse.co.za> wrote:

Dear Madam/Sir

We hope you are well.

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The proposed development of the above university campus triggers Section 41 (1)(c)(i) of the Kwa-Zulu Natal Amafa and Research Institute Act (Act No 5 of 2018), due to the site of the site. As a result, a heritage impact assessment has been prepared in order to identify heritage resources and assess impacts, and your organisation is invited to comment on this document prior to its final submission to Amafa.

The proposed development involves upgrades to the campus in terms of a Spatial Design and Development Framework, which proposes new academic spaces as well as new university residences.

The draft heritage impact assessment report can be accessed here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/edvrhtwinbdu1xf/Universitv%20of%20Zululand%20HIA%20->

[%20Submission%20-%20November%202022.pdf?dl=0](#).

The organisations that have been invited to comment are: your organisation (The Zululand Historical Museum), the Gallery and Museum at Empangeni, the UMhlatuze Local Municipality, University Properties and University academics, the Ward Councillor, and Docomomo (the organisation for the Documentation and Conservation of Modern Movement buildings, sites etc.). If you are aware of any other heritage bodies who may have a specific interest in the attached documentation, please send us their contact details so that we can approach them.

Please could you ensure that comments are sent to us on or before the 15th December 2022? Our case officer at Amafa, Ms. Sandisiwe Matole, is also copied herewith.

Do not hesitate to contact us with any queries you may have, or if you have any difficulty accessing the information. We would be most happy to assist.

Best regards,

Claire and Mishkah.

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On 15 Nov 2022, at 16:45, Claire Abrahamse <claire@claireabrahamse.co.za> wrote:

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From: Claire Abrahamse claire@claireabrahamse.co.za 
Subject: Re: Invitation to Comment: Heritage Impact Assessment for the Proposed Densification and Upgrades to the University of Zululand Main Cape, Empangeni, KwaZulu Natal.
Date: 05 January 2023 at 13:26
To: Ntombenhle Bokako BokakoN@unizulu.ac.za
Cc: Mishkah Collier mishkahc@gmail.com

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Hi Ntombe,

Happy new year! This is just a final reminder that comments on the HIA are due today.

Best regards,
Claire

P.S. Please confirm if the HIA was on the University's website?

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On 13 Dec 2022, at 08:57, Claire Abrahamse <claire@claireabrahamse.co.za> wrote:

Dear Ntombe,

Would it be possible to put the HIA on the University's website over the holidays? We would really like to try and reach the student body. I'm not sure if this has already been done, but we would really appreciate it if the link could be shared, inviting students to comment on or before the 5th January 2023.

Best regards,
Claire

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On 13 Dec 2022, at 08:55, Claire Abrahamse <claire@claireabrahamse.co.za> wrote:

Dear Ntombe,

In light of this busy time of year, we have spoken to our case officer at AMAFA and managed to extend the commenting deadline to Thursday the 5th January 2023 for any comments you may wish to make on the draft University of Zululand HIA. Comments can be received on or before this date.

Best regards for a safe festive season,
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On 15 Nov 2022, at 18:13, Mishkah Collier <mishkahc@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Ntombenhle

I hope you are well.

Invitation to Comment: Heritage Impact Assessment for the Proposed Densification and Upgrades to the University of Zululand Main Cape, Empangeni, KwaZulu Natal.

The proposed development of the above properties triggers Section 41 (1)(c)(i) of the Kwa-Zulu Natal Amafa and Research Institute Act (Act No 5 of 2018), due to the size of the site. As a result, a heritage impact assessment has been prepared in order to identify heritage resources and assess impacts, and your organisation is invited to comment on this document prior to its final submission to AMAFA.

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The organisations that have been invited to comment are: The Zululand Historical Museum, Empangeni Art and Cultural History Museum, the UMhlatuze Local Municipality, University Properties and University academics, the Ward Councillor and Docomomo (the organisation for the Documentation and Conservation of Modern Movement buildings, sites and so on). If you are aware of any other heritage bodies who may have a specific interest in the attached documentation, please send us their contact details so that we can approach them.

Please could you ensure that comments are sent to us on or before the 15th December 2022?

In addition to the organisations mentioned above, we would like to add an advert to the university website as part of the public participation process. Would you be able to please put us in touch with somebody from the university who will be able to assist us with that?

Do not hesitate to contact us with any queries you may have, or if you have difficulty accessing the information. We would be happy to assist.

Best regards,
Claire and Mishkah.