

CHAPTER 6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

This chapter describes in detail the full extent of the Public Participation Process followed. It also includes the main issues and concerns raised during the public consultation process and comments received on the information distributed.

6.1 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

6.1.1 FIRST ROUND OF CONSULTATION

Engagement with the public and authorities commenced on the 29th of July 2015. During the first round of consultation, I&APs and Authorities were given an opportunity to register and submit comments/concerns on the Project for a period starting on 29 July 2015 and ending on 19 August 2015.

(i) Activities of Public Engagement

Tasks undertaken to date to ensure adequate public consultation are as follows:

- A pre-identified I&AP and authority database was compiled. A total of 37 I&APs and Stakeholders are included on the database (Appendix B1);
- An onsite notice was placed on the boundary fence of the site (Appendix B2);
- A notice was displayed at the offices of the Khomas Regional Council (Appendix B3);
- A public notice announcing the proposed development and request for registration as an I&AP was placed in the Namibian and New Era newspapers on 29 July 2015 and 5 August 2015 (Appendix B4);
- Notification letters (Appendix B5) were distributed via registered post (Appendix B6) to surrounding property owners on 30 July 2015;
- Notification letters (Appendix B7) were hand delivered to the applicable Authorities (Appendix B8) on 31 July 2015; and
- Notification letters were distributed via email on 3 August 2015 (Appendix B9) to all I&APs (Appendix B1).

(ii) Comments Received and Responses Provided

All comments and feedback received from I&APs and Authorities are summarised in Table 6.1 below and attached as Appendix G. The list of registered I&APs and authorities are indicated in Appendix B10.

Table 6.1 – Comments received and feedback given on initial PPP.

NO	DETAILS	COMMENTS	DETAILS	RESPONSE
1	<p>Date: 31 July 2015</p> <p>Names: Coleen Mannheimer</p> <p>Organisation: Botanist</p>	<p>Good day,</p> <p>Please register me as an I/AP for the Kuiseb Estate EIA.</p> <p>Many thanks,</p> <p>Coleen Mannheimer</p>	<p>Date: 31 July 2015</p> <p>Names: B van Zyl</p> <p>Organisation: Urban Green</p>	<p>Dear Coleen,</p> <p>Thank you. You have been registered and will be kept updated.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Brand</p>
2	<p>Date: 3 Aug 2015</p> <p>Names: Charles Tubalike</p> <p>Organisation: MRLGH</p>	<p>Dear Mr Van Zyl,</p> <p>This area falls under the Khomas Regional Council and the Ministry works through the Khomas Regional Council (in terms of the decentralisation Act) to assess your development proposal in Khomas Region laying outside the Municipal borders of Windhoek.</p> <p>Please obtain Khomas Regional Council comments in this regard.</p> <p>Charles</p>	<p>Date: 3 Aug 2015</p> <p>Names: B van Zyl</p> <p>Organisation: Urban Green</p>	<p>Dear Mr. Tubalike,</p> <p>We have contacted the Regional Council and obtained their info.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Brand van Zyl</p>

<p>3</p>	<p>Date: 7 Aug 2015</p> <p>Names: EAM de Paauw & Conrad M Lutombi</p> <p>Organisation: Roads Authority</p>	<p>Sir,</p> <p>Your letter of 30 July 2015 has reference:</p> <p>With regard to the proposed development kindly note the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) District Road 1418 has a 60m wide road reserve, measured 30m to each side of the centreline. 2) Application will need to be made to the Roads Authority for authorization for an access from the development onto the District Road. 3) The approved access road would need to be constructed to the standards and specifications of the Roads Authority and to no costs to the Authority. <p>Yours sincerely</p> <p>Conrad M Lutombi</p>	<p>Date: 7 Aug 2015</p> <p>Names: B van Zyl</p> <p>Organisation: Urban Green</p>	<p>Dear Mr. Lutombi,</p> <p>Noted, thank you.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Brand van Zyl</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Date: 14 Aug 2015</p> <p>Names: NP Du Plessis & Jolanda Murangi</p> <p>Organisation: NamWater</p>	<p>Dear Brand</p> <p>Please register NamWater as an I&AP.</p> <p>Please investigate the following concerns properly:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Risk of pollution to Friedenau Dam. 2. Risk of groundwater pollution. 3. Water demand and supply including capacities of infrastructure. 4. Waste management. 5. Increased traffic on the gravel road. 	<p>Date: 18 Aug 2015</p> <p>Names: B van Zyl</p> <p>Organisation: Urban Green</p>	<p>Dear NP,</p> <p>Thank you, Namwater has been registered and will be kept informed.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Brand van Zyl</p>

		Regards NP		
5	<p>Date: 17 Aug 2015</p> <p>Names: Sonja Loots</p> <p>Organisation: National Botanical Research Institute</p>	<p>Good Day,</p> <p>I would like to be registered as an Interested and Affected Party on behalf of the National Botanical Research Institute.</p> <p>Please forward to me any background documents that you may already have available.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Sonja Loots</p>	<p>Date: 18 Aug 2015</p> <p>Names: B van Zyl</p> <p>Organisation: Urban Green</p>	<p>Dear Sonja,</p> <p>Apologies, find attached a letter containing information on the proposed development that was send to I&APs.</p> <p>Should you have any further questions/comments please let me know?</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Brand van Zyl</p>
	<p>Date: 18 Aug 2015</p> <p>Names: Sonja Loots</p> <p>Organisation: National Botanical Research Institute</p>	<p>Dear Brand,</p> <p>Thank you for the documents. I have just two comments.</p> <p>The first one regards the building of the access roads. I see that the road will be paved or tarred and this is good, but I suppose you will need to get gravel from somewhere near to build the road. I have recently witnessed the destruction of an entire population of <i>Lithops</i> due to thoughtless quarrying of gravel for construction access roads to such an estate as the one that you are planning.</p> <p>It seems that the EIA covers the actual road that will</p>	<p>Date: 18 Aug 2015</p> <p>Names: B van Zyl</p> <p>Organisation: Urban Green</p>	<p>Dear Sonja,</p> <p>Thank you for your comments, I will include it into the assessment and propose the necessary mitigations.</p> <p>Can you please provide me with a list of indigenous species that we can recommend for inclusion into the Home Owners Association's Agreement?</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Brand van Zyl</p>

		<p>be built, but not the sourcing of gravel, which can have a devastating impact on vegetation.</p> <p>The second comment is about your statement that gardening will be restricted to indigenous plants.</p> <p>I think you will have to make sure that your occupants really know which plants are indigenous, or they will plant Cacti, Agave and other non-indigenous succulents that can become invasive. I am concerned about this because it is already happening at other country estates.</p> <p>Best wishes,</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Sonja Loots</p>		
	<p>Date: 25 Aug 2015</p> <p>Names: Sonja Loots</p> <p>Organisation: National Botanical Research Institute</p>	<p>Dear Brand van Zyl,</p> <p>I include a list of trees and shrubs that are generally suited for the Windhoek area to serve as a guide for you. It is always best to plant the species that thrive naturally in any given area, so you may want to look around the estate site to see what species occur frequently.</p> <p>If the area is frost sensitive, then one should obviously take care to plant species that are frost-hardy (see the list).</p> <p>I hope this information helps but you can also get gardening advice from Silke Rugheimer, she is the head of the Botanical Gardens here.</p>	<p>Date: 25 Aug 2015</p> <p>Names: B van Zyl</p> <p>Organisation: Urban Green</p>	<p>Dear Sonja,</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Brand van Zyl</p>

		<p>silker@nbri.org.na and she knows a lot about indigenous gardening.</p> <p>Best wishes,</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Sonja Loots</p>		
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6.2.2 SECOND ROUND OF CONSULTATION

During the second round of consultation, I&APs and Authorities were given an opportunity to comment on the Draft Scoping Report from 23 October 2015 to 30 October 2015.

(i) Activities of Public Engagement

Tasks undertaken to inform all I&APs of the availability of the Draft Scoping Report for review are as follows:

- All pre-identified I&AP (Appendix B1) and registered I&APs (Appendix B10) were informed via email (Appendix B11) of the availability of the Draft Scoping Report for review;
- Proof of successful delivery of the invitation email is attached as Appendix B12.

(ii) Comments Received and Responses Provided

No comments were received from any of the I&APs. All correspondence is attached as Appendix G.