


## PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

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## **Public Participation on Subdivision & Rezoning of Portion 181, Gobabis Townlands**

**Date:** 8 December 2025

**Location:** On-site tent, Gobabis Townlands

**Facilitator:** Ritta Khiba (Town & Regional Planner)

**Attendees:** Community members from adjacent erven, municipal representatives

### **1. Purpose of Meeting**

To inform the community about the proposed subdivision of Portion 114 into Portion 181 and rezoning of Portion 181 from “undetermined” to “education,” and to gather public input.

### **2. Community Comments & Concerns**

#### **Initiative**

- Community welcomed the school project, noting it would reduce the distance children must walk to attend school.
- General support expressed for the initiative.
- Questions raised about whether local residents would be employed or if workers would be brought in from outside.
- Concerns about fairness and transparency in recruitment.
- Clarification requested on the type of school (confirmed as a secondary school for high school learners).
- Questions about whether boarding facilities would be included (confirmed: only a day school).
- Concerns about lack of services in surrounding areas (Kanaan C and Turiyangera).
- Requests for settlement planning and extension of services to nearby residential areas.

#### **Safety & Surveillance**

- Concerns about proximity of the school to the border post and risks to children.
- Requests for surveillance measures to protect learners.
- Fears that exposure to drugs and alcohol in the area could affect learners.
- Suggestions that hostel facilities might help protect vulnerable children, especially San children living nearby.

- Current use of land as a natural relief area raised concerns about sanitation once construction begins.
- Requests for extension of services to address sanitation needs.

### **Community Engagement**

- Some residents noted past disappointments with authorities and expressed skepticism.
- Requests for more dialogue and transparency moving forward.

### **3. Project Team Responses**

- Project Team: Confirmed the school will be a secondary school without boarding facilities. Employment and surveillance concerns will be raised with the Ministry of Works and Transport.
- Community Feedback: Acknowledged as valuable input to guide planning and ensure inclusivity.

### **4. Key Requests & Action Points**

- Ensure employment opportunities are fairly distributed, with preference for local residents.
- Consider surveillance and safety measures due to border post proximity.
- Explore provision of hostel facilities to protect vulnerable learners.
- Extend services (sanitation, settlement planning) to surrounding residential areas.
- Maintain ongoing dialogue with the community to build trust.

### **5. Closing**

The community expressed cautious optimism, appreciating the initiative but emphasizing the need for safety, services, and fair employment practices.