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Attention: Renier Kapp
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Dear Renier

Draft Basic Assessment Report for the Proposed Haasendal Development and Kuils River Golf Course Re-Development on Erven 23580, 23579, 23582, 23583 and 23584, Farm 1339 and Portions 60, 64, 67, 87 and 106 of Farm 222, Kuils River, Cape Town (DEA&DP ref: 16/3/3/6/7/1/A5/11/2082/17)

CapeNature would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed development and would like to make the following comments. Please note that our comments only pertain to the biodiversity related impacts and not to the overall desirability of the proposed development.

CapeNature commented in detail on the Pre-Application Basic Assessment Report, which included a description of the desktop information and analysis of the specialist studies. Several issues were raised which we indicated should be addressed. A description of the project history and associated applications has been provided in the executive summary and clarified any related concerns.

In terms of terrestrial biodiversity we had requested that there should be an additional botanical specialist study for the area classified as Ecological Support Area 2 in the south eastern section. The response provided is that the City of Cape Town: Biodiversity Management Branch (CCT:BMB) had indicated that they did not have any concerns with the proposed layout, including development within this section. CapeNature is satisfied that no further botanical specialist studies are required provided there is written confirmation provided by CCT:BMB included within the report. Also, confirmation must be provided of the width of the corridor between the Haasendal Conservation Area and the Bottelary River.

CapeNature had requested that the project design should take into account a suitable interface with the Haasendal Conservation Area. CCT has provided more detailed comments in this regard which must be implemented. Most importantly, there should be a road along the boundary as this allows for surveillance and prevention of unsuitable activities occurring along the boundary such as waste dumping or criminal activities. This has not however been indicated on the preferred layout plan, which should be amended to indicate this recommendation.

CapeNature takes note of the explanation regarding the removal of the thicket clump, which must be taken into consideration by the competent authority.

The freshwater specialist has responded regarding the wetland which was mapped on the BioNet, however was not indicated in the freshwater specialist report. We are satisfied with the explanation provided that this area does not currently support wetland conditions, although it may have previously been an artificial wetland which has been removed through earth moving activities. The unnamed tributary in this location forms part of the corridor linking the conservation area and river referred to above.

In conclusion, CapeNature does not object to the proposed development, provided mitigation measures are implemented and the confirmations above are provided.

CapeNature reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any additional information that may be received.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rhett Smart', with a horizontal line underneath.

Rhett Smart
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