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Attention: Euonell Visagie
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Dear Euonell

Fourth Draft Basic Assessment Report for the Proposed Durbanville Gardens Assisted Living Residential Development, Erven 56RE, 4144, 4145, 15763 & 10853, Durbanville, Cape Town (DEA&DP ref: 16/3/3/6/7/1/A5/20/2174/17)

CapeNature would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the application 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 application.

Following on from our comments on the Third Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR), the comments and response report indicates that there is more green open space in the revised site plan. However, a comparison of the site plans dated 30 October 2018 and 10 April 2019 reveals the same layout, although we do take note that the landscaping plan indicates that the seepage wetland within the area designated as detention pond will be retained as a seepage wetland, which would be supported. The detailed designs of the detention pond would need to ensure that this can be attained, with no disturbance or earthworks taking place within the area designated as seepage wetland. It must also be ensured that if the application is authorised, that this is accurately reflected and enforceable.

A wetland rehabilitation plan has been included in the Fourth Draft BAR, which is not supported by CapeNature. The proposed planting activities will result in generic fynbos landscaping and is not appropriate for the restoration of the riparian zone of the Upper Uitkamp Wetlands and therefore CapeNature objects to the proposed planting activities, however we do support the proposed alien clearing activities. The only supplementary planting activities that should take place, should be sourced from plant material from the Greater Uitkamp Wetland and must only be undertaken in consultation with the City of Cape Town: Biodiversity Management Branch. The proposed planting will result in the

creation of an artificial habitat and could also result in genetic contamination through the introduction of generic nursery stock and hybrids.

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

For: Manager (Conservation Intelligence)

cc. Pat Titmuss, City of Cape Town: Biodiversity Management Branch