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Attention: Carina Nel

1ST DRAFT (PRE-APPLICATION) BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT (BAR): PROPOSED DUALLING OF MAIN ROAD 201, PAARL (DEADP Ref No: 16/3/3/6/7/1/B3/28/1156/19)

Reference is made to the 1st Draft (Pre-Application) Basic Assessment Report (BAR) for the proposed dualling of a section of Main Road 201, which starts approximately 145 metres south of the N1 roadway and terminates approximately 320 metres south of Kliprug Minor Road.

The Environmental Management Division (EMD) circulated the 1st Draft (Pre-Application) Basic Assessment Report to the following departments/divisions for comment: Engineering Services Department: Infrastructure Management; Electro-technical Services; Planning and Development: Heritage.

Comments were received from the following departments/divisions:

Planning and Development: Heritage Section – Zwelibanzi Shiceka (Annexure A)

The Heritage Section offers no objection to the proposal. However, the applicant needs to take note of the following:

- In terms of the Drakenstein Municipal Zoning Scheme Bylaw 2018, the proposal falls inside a Scenic Route Overlay Zone and will not be subject to the provisions of that overlay zone.
- In terms of the Drakenstein Heritage Survey 2013, the proposal falls within a Heritage Overlay Zone as outlined in the Heritage Western Cape approved survey.

Environmental Management Division: Planning and Sustainability Section – Lauren King

Having reviewed the 1st Draft (Pre-Application) Basic Assessment Report (BAR) the Environmental Management Division requires clarity on the following, and comments as follows.

While this Division agrees with the recommendations and mitigation measures put forth by the freshwater specialist and botanist, the following must be addressed with more clarity in the 2nd Draft BAR:

- The freshwater specialist recommends the creation of a low-lying area for water to pond as a mitigation measure for the impact on and loss of a portion of wetland. What will the implications of this be if this newly shaped area will be located on private land?
- The proposed Wetland Rehabilitation Plan must be included in the 2nd Draft BAR.
- The Alien Vegetation Management Plan recommended by the freshwater specialist must be included in the 2nd Draft BAR.
- Please stipulate who will be responsible for the monitoring and removal of alien species proliferating in the area until such time as vegetation has recovered sufficiently.
- Please stipulate who will be responsible, i.e. the Department of Public Works or Drakenstein Municipality, for the proposed monitoring of all energy dissipating structures, which should be undertaken after each high flood period to ensure proper functioning and to mitigate erosion.
- Please stipulate the proposed site for relocation of the threatened *Leucadendron corymbosum* species.
- The area of alien invasive plants to be removed must be clearly specified on a map. Simply stating “near vicinity of the road” is not clear enough.
- Clarity with regards to the feasibility of drainage towards the natural area adjacent to the New Kliprug Minor Road intersection must be provided.
- The proposed Rehabilitation Plan for terrestrial vegetation must be included in the 2nd Draft BAR.
- Sensitive areas in close proximity to the construction area, but where no movement will be required during construction must be clearly demarcated as no-go areas in order to minimize the impact of construction activities on the surrounding environment.

The recommendations and mitigation measures put forth by the two specialist must be included under the relevant sections of the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr).

Conclusion

Having reviewed the application and circulated it to the relevant departments/divisions for comment, the above application is in order, subject to the above matters being addressed in the following report.

Please note that this letter does not include any comments pertaining to services provision for the above mentioned development. The 1st DBAR was circulated to the Civil Engineering Services (CES) Department for comment. However, the Department did not have a chance to meet to discuss the application prior to the National Lockdown due COVID-19, which started on the eve of 26 March 2020.

This Division has not received any comments or further correspondence in this regard from CES. The EAP will have to liaise directly with the Civil Engineering Services Department of this municipality to confirm this.

Should you wish to discuss the above comments, please do not hesitate to contact Lauren King (see above for contact details).

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Winter', written in a cursive style.

C. WINTER
MANAGER: ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Annexure

Annexure A: Planning and Development: Heritage Section – Zwelibanzi Shiceka

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