

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NOTIFICATION FOR BASIC ASSESSMENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) PROCESS: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF 19 RESIDENTIAL UNITS ON ERF 511, OTTERY, CAPE TOWN, WESTERN CAPE.

Dear Interested and Affected Party

The applicant proposes to develop a residential development on Erf 511, Wetton, Cape Town. The proposed development entails the establishment of 19 residential units. The proposed site is approximately 4362m² in extent.

Location of the Site

The location of the site is shown in **Figure 1** below.



Figure 1: Location of Erf 511, Wetton, Cape Town (Source: Cape Farm Mapper, 2021).

Summary Description of Proposed Development

The proposed development entails the establishment of 19 residential units on Erf 511, Wetton, Cape Town. The property is situated between the Old Strandfontein (west) and New Strandfontein Road (east) and is accessed via Bloemhof Avenue.

A wetland is located in the centre of the proposed development site. Stormwater from the properties located north of Erf 511 enters the site and flows through a channel towards the eastern boundary of Erf 511. The loss of the wetland on site will be offset by constructing an artificial wetland/ stormwater pond in the eastern corner of the site. The wetland will form part of the stormwater management for the area and contribute to fulfilling the ecological functions of the lost wetland area.

In summary, the following is proposed:

- 19 residential units of approximately 80m² each.
- An open space/ stormwater management area of 1080m²
- Refuse room of 18m²

Water Reticulation

A 100mm ø watermain is located on the western verge on Old Strandfontein Road with a 50mm ø leading off this main into Blomhof Avenue, it is proposed that the 50mm ø line be replaced with at least a 100mm ø to service the proposed development of ERF 511.

Sewer Reticulation

There are two (2) sewer connection points, in Old Strandfontein Road and Thistle Road, however the cover levels of these existing manholes, are higher than the average height of Erf 511. To provide adequate sewer drainage the ERF needs to be filled to a maximum ±0.5m along the northern boundary to ±1.0m along the southern boundary. Retaining structures are required along the northern and western boundaries.

Sillito Environmental Consulting (“SEC”) has been appointed by the Applicant to undertake an application for an Environmental Authorisation for the proposed upgrade development. The proposed upgrade triggers the following activities which are listed in terms of the 2014 EIA Regulations, as amended, published under the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998 (NEMA), and therefore requires an application for Environmental Authorisation and a Basic Assessment EIA Process:

- ***Listing Notice 1, Activity 14.***
- ***Listing Notice 3, Activity 12.***

The application process for Environmental Authorisation is a Basic Assessment process (Environmental Impact Assessment Process) as defined in the 2017 NEMA EIA Regulations contained in *Government Notice No. 326 of 2017*.

Public consultation is a component of the Basic Assessment process. As such, you are hereby notified of the public participation process and of the availability of the **Pre-Application Draft Basic Assessment Report and Environmental Management Programme** for your review and comment.

Please note that due to COVID-19 and the Directions issued by DEFF on the 05th of June 2020, all correspondence must preferably be provided electronically as signed letters (sent via email). If you would like to

register as an I&AP, or comment on the Pre-Application Draft Basic Assessment Report and Environmental Management Programme, please provide your correspondence **in letter format that contains your signature**, to Chantel Müller at SEC, giving your name and contact details as well as an indication of your interest in this matter and of any direct business, financial, personal or other interest that you may have in relation to this proposal. Please quote the SEC Project Number, **021015**, in all correspondence. The report is available electronically for review and download on the SEC website: www.environmentalconsultants.co.za.

If you do not have internet access to view the report, please contact SEC (contact details given below) who will make alternative arrangements to provide the I&AP with a hardcopy of the report or an electronic copy, depending on accessibility. Furthermore, please note a summarized version of the Pre-Application BAR, as a data saving alternative, is available at the website link given above.

Please note that the commenting period is from the 17 August 2021 to 15 September 2021.

Registering as an I&AP should please be undertaken in electronic letter format (**with signature provided**) and sent via email, with correspondence addressed to:

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Please be advised that any comments should be received by SEC no later than **15 September 2021**.

Yours sincerely

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