

**INTEGRATED BASIC ASSESSMENT AND WASTE MANAGEMENT LICENCE APPLICATION
PROCESS FOR THE DECOMMISSIONING AND REHABILITATION OF THE STELLENBOSCH
LANDFILL SITE IN STELLENBOSCH, WESTERN CAPE**

Notes of the Focus Group Meeting

With

STELLENBOSCH LANDFILL SITE: RESIDENT'S MONITORING COMMITTEE (RMC)

Date: 19 September 2014

Time: 12h30 – 13h30

Venue: Le Berger Farm, Devon Valley

Apologies

None

Attendance

Name	Representing
Sonja Pithey (SP)	Project Public Participation Specialists
Gillian Swart (GS)	Chair of the Residents Monitoring Committee (RMC)
Chris Harvie (CH)	Member of the RMC
Sue Harvie (SH)	Resident & Member of the Animal Welfare Society

Summary of Key Issues Raised and Discussed

Comment/Issues	Project Action Notes
1. GS and the RMC fully support the written submission made by Rupert van der Merwe to the project via the BID commenting period. Rupert only supports the planting of indigenous vegetation as an end-use option. (Rupert email attached as Annexure 1).	Support indigenous vegetated end-use
2. GS tabled a letter of support for a 'Green hill' covered with fynbos or visibly appealing vegetation from the Devon Valley Farms Association. (Scanned letter dated 19 September 2014 attached as Annexure 2).	Support vegetated hill
3. Concerns were expressed about the informal development "Slab Town" and the temporary transition town of wendy houses that was established in the landfill site and wastewater treatment plant's buffer zone. Crime and theft was reported to have increased in the valley. It was further reported that the local metal dealer on the site, works for the Municipality.	Slab Town: Illegal occupation within two buffer zones Increased Crime Illegal metal dealing from municipal official
4. The RMC and the Devon Valley Farmers Association (DVFA) are not in favour of any end-use that will allow access on to the rehabilitated landfill site.	RMC/DVFA do not support any future access onto rehabilitated site or use that will allow access.

5. GS has written letters to the Municipal Manager (MM) to ask the Housing Department to become involved with the informal housing problem.	Slab Town: MM/Housing involvement has been requested by RMC with no response
6. Burning of cables to extract copper on Land fill Site (LFS) contributes to fires. This was the cause of a fire last weekend(12/13 September on the LFS. It was reported that there are no telephone cables left in the valley, and that they have all been stolen.	Cable theft/burning: fire risks
7. The RMC reported that perimeter access to site remains a huge problem and that the access road should be moved to Adam Tass Road.	Perimeter Access issue Support access road to be moved to Adam Tass Rd
8. RMC wants to get involved in tree planting planning in the area and tabled a diagram (status unknown) of an Entrance Tree Planting Plan by Gibbs Saintpol (Plan attached as Annexure 3)	Tree Planting planning underway – Project team to link up with this project
9. A copy of an email dated 9 June 2004 from Katharine Berger to a Mr Cronje regarding evictions of people from the farm Seaton was tabled as proof of ongoing engagement related to the housing problem in the area.	Previous evictions at farm Seaton in May 2004. (not directly related)

Notes by:

Sonja Pithey

Public Participation Specialists

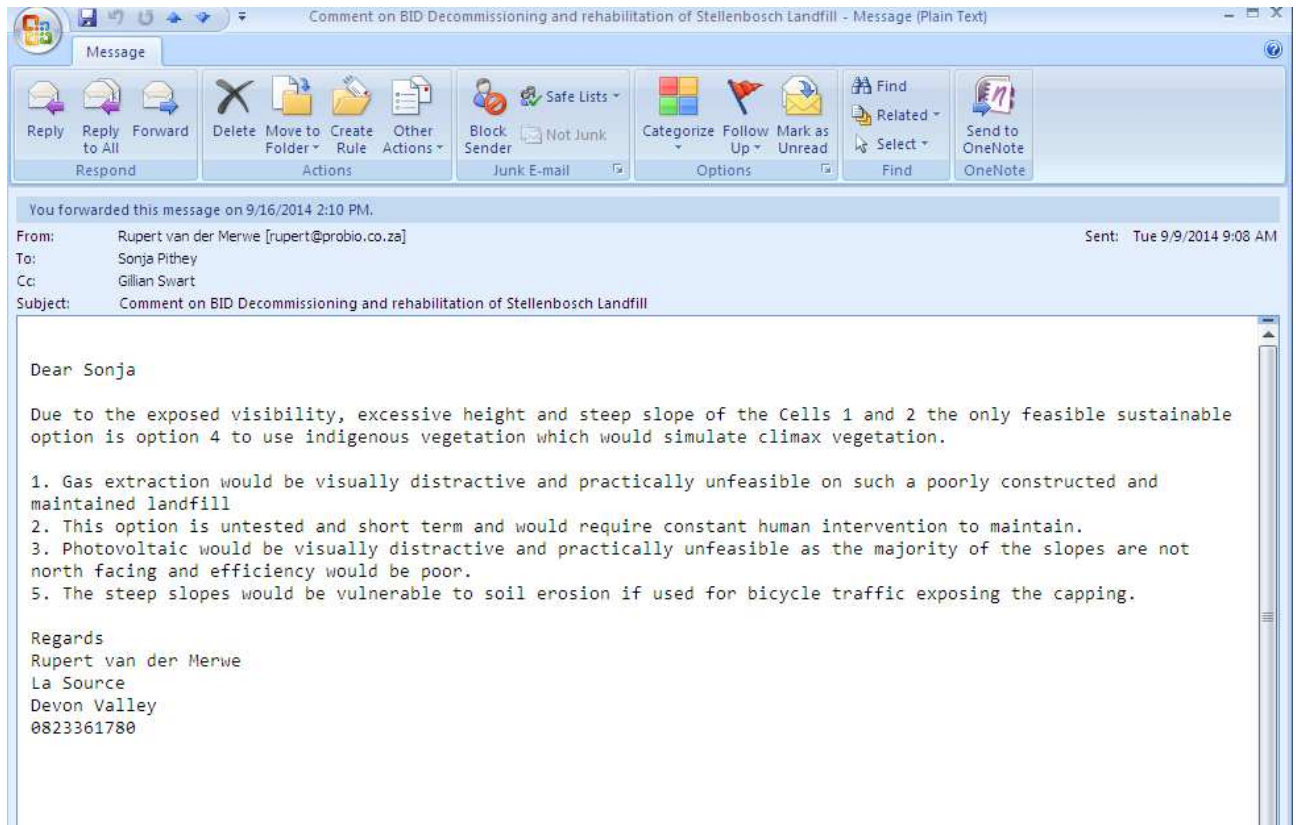
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Annexure 1

Comments from Rupert van der Merwe submitted via email on 9 September 2014.



Annexure 2

Devon Valley Farms Association Comment on BID and End Use

DEVON VALLEY FARMS ASSOCIATION

C/O LE VERGER

DEVON VALLEY ROAD

STELLENBOSCH

SEPTEMBER 2014

CLOSURE AND DECOMMISSIONING OF CELLS 1 & 2 STELLENBOSCH LANDFILL SITE ON DEVON VALLEY ROAD

The Interested and Affected members of the above Association have all received the BID document as supplied by Aurecon; they have been given the opportunity to respond to this company or the Association.

The general consensus of opinion is that the members would prefer to have, as a final result, a 'Green' hill preferable covered with Fynbos, or visibly appealing vegetation, therefore option 2 seems to best fit the Valley requirements.

The one concern is that this area is in danger of becoming a glorified Squatter zone as this problem exists on the boundaries at present, which we understand is illegal; being in the 'buffer zone' of a landfill site and sewerage works, hopefully some security arrangements would be put in place and monitored.

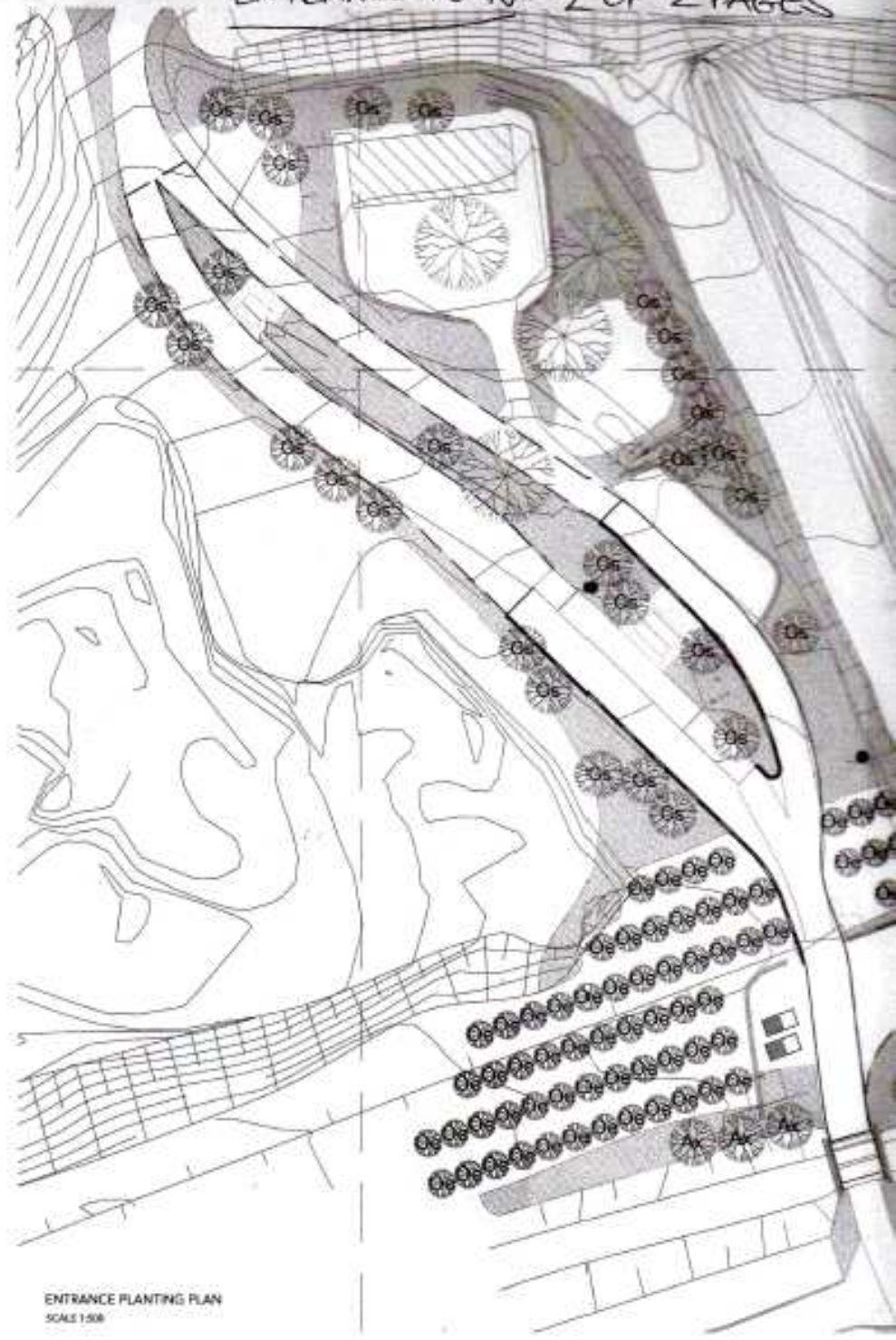
This area has been an 'eye-sore' for all the farms along Devon Valley for many number of years and the owners of these farms are looking forward to having the Landfill entrance moved to Adam Tas, Provincial permission has been granted for this, which hopefully will happen in the near future along with the Rehabilitation of the old cells.

Signed on behalf of the Devon Valley Association



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ENTRANCE PLAN: 2 OF 2 PAGES



ENTRANCE PLANTING PLAN
SCALE 1/8"

Annexure 4

Copy of email regarding evictions at Farm Seaton in May 2004

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Katharine

From: "Katharine" *SENT TO CLAUDE MARLOTIER*
To: <dlc@cm.law.za>
Sent: Wednesday, June 09, 2004 12:09 PM *4 FORWARDED TO LIONEL*
Subject: Seaton Farm. Evictions

Dear Mr Cronje

The following are the facts which we would like to have brought to the attention of Lionel at Eikestad Nuus. A non confrontational approach which we also thought you might consider, would be to contact him with the request that we send him these facts so that, in the event of his writing another follow-up article, he could utilize the correct information.

1. The number of people evicted was 14, from three, two-bedroomed units.
2. The evictions took place at the cottages known as "The Gaaitjie" on a portion of the farm "Kingsgate", grazing land which was bought by Leiberg Estates from the Blumberg family in 1996.
3. At the time that the land was bought, none of the people evicted were living there.
4. None of the people evicted were farm workers on Seaton.
5. In 1998 when Gilbeys was restructured some of their workers were retrenched and received a package with which to purchase a house. Some of these workers, together with other family members, subsequently entered into legal rental contracts, renewable annually, with Leiberg Estates for the three units in the "Gaaitjie" which had been upgraded and supplied with water and electricity.
6. Four months written notice was given in June 2003, instead of the 2 months stipulated in the rental agreement. A legal process was followed over the next 8 months, culminating in the Court issuing an order for their eviction in May 2004.

I hope this is helpful.

Kind regards
Katharine Berger