NOTICE OF LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION IN THE STELLENBOSCH MUNICIPAL AREA

APPLICATION FOR THE REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIVE TITLE DEED CONDITIONS ON ERF 3862 STELLENBOSCH, SITUATED AT 12 UNIE ROAD, STELLENBOSCH

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Application number: LU/12818

Reference number: Erf 3862 Stellenbosch

Property Description: Erf 3862 Stellenbosch

Physical Address: 12 Unie Road, Unipark, Stellenbosch

Description of proposal:

a) Application is made in terms of Section 15(2)(f) of the Land Use Planning By-Law for the removal of the restrictive title deed conditions contained in Title Deed No. T15103/2021: Clauses 6(a),(b),(c) and (d) applicable to Erf 3862, Stellenbosch.

Notice is hereby given in terms of the said Bylaw that the above-mentioned application has been submitted to the Stellenbosch Municipality for consideration. The application is available for inspection on the Planning Portal of the Stellenbosch Municipal Website for the duration of the public participation process at the following address: https://www.stellenbosch.gov.za/planning/documents/planning-notices/land-useapplications-advertisements. If the website or documents cannot be accessed, an electronic copy of the application can be requested from the Applicant.

Written comments, which must include the reference to the application, the name, contact details and physical address of the person to submit the comments, the reasons for the comments, and the interest of the person in the application, may be submitted in terms of Section 50 of the said Bylaw to the Applicant by electronic mail as follows: **Arch Town Planners (Marike Bolz)**, marike@archtownplanners.co.za. By lodging an objection, comment or representation, the person doing so acknowledges that information may be made

available to the public and to the applicant. The comments must be submitted within 30 days from the date of this notice to be received on or before the closing date of 27 September 2021.

For any enquiries on the Application or the above requirements, or if you are unable to write and /or submit your comments as provided for, you may contact the Applicant for assistance at the e-mail address provided or telephonically at 072 480 5838 during normal office hours.

KENNISGEWING VAN GRONDONTWIKKELINGSAANSOEK IN DIE STELLENBOSCH MUNISIPALE GEBIED

AANSOEK VIR DIE VERWYDERING VAN BEPERKENDE TITELAKTE VOORWAARDES OP ERF 3862 STELLENBOSCH TE UNIE LAAN 12, STELLENBOSCH

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Eiendomsbeskrywing: Erf 3862, Stellenbosch

Fisiese Adres: 12 Unie Laan, Unipark, Stellenbosch

Beskrywing van aansoek:

a) Die aansoek vir oorweging is 'n aansoek ingevolge artikel 15(2)(f) van die Stellenbosch Munisipaliteit: Verordening op Grondgebruikbeplanning vir die opheffing van die beperkende titelaktevoorwaardes vervat in Titelakte Nr. T15103/2021: Klousules 6(a), (b), (c) en (d) van toepassing op Erf 3862 Stellenbosch.

Kennis word hiermee gegee in terme van die genoemde Verordeninge dat bovermelde aansoek by die Stellenbosch Munisipaliteit ingedien is vir oorweging. Die aansoek is beskikbaar vir insae op die Beplannings Portaal van die Stellenbosch Munisipaliteit se Webtuiste vir die tydsduur van die publieke deelname proses by die volgende adres: https://www.stellenbosch.gov.za/planning/documents/planning-notices/land-use-applications-advertisements. Indien die webtuiste of tersaaklike dokumente nie toeganglik is nie, kan die Aansoeker versoek word om 'n elektroniese kopie beskikbaar te stel.

Skriftelike kommentaar, wat besonderhede ten opsigte van die verwysings nommer van de aansoek, die name, fisiese adres en kontak besonderhede van die persoon wat die kommentaar lewer, die redes vir die kommentaar, en die belang van die persoon wat die kommentaar lewer in die aansoek, kan ingedien word in terme van Artikel 50 van genoemde Verordeninge aan die Aansoeker by wyse van elektroniese pos as volg: (Herhaal naam van Applikant en e-pos adres vir stuur van kommentaar). Deur 'n beswaar, kommentaar of vertoë te rig, erken die persoon wat dit doen dat inligting aan die publiek en aan die aansoeker beskikbaar gestel kan word.

Die kommentaar moet binne 30 dae vanaf die datum van hierdie kennisgewing gestuur word en moet ontvang word voor of op die laaste dag van die sluitings datum van 27 September 2021.

Indien daar enige navrae op die aansoek of bovermelde vereistes vir die Iewer van kommentaar is, of indien dit nie moontlik is om geskrewe kommentaar te Iewer of die kommentaar op die wyse te Iewer soos voorsienning gemaak is nie, kan die Aansoeker geskakel word vir bystand by die vermelde elektroniese pos adres of telefonies by 072 480 5838.

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIVE TITLE DEED CONDITIONS

ERF 3862, UNIE ROAD STELLENBOSCH



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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background Information

Erf 3863 Stellenbosch (hereafter referred to as 'the application site') is a conventional residential erf, within the Stellenbosch Municipal area. The owner of the property seeks to replace the existing carport with a new garage. The Title Deed conditions of the property places restrictions on the street and common boundary building lines of the property which is more restrictive than that of the Stellenbosch Municipality Zoning Scheme By-Law, 2019 (hereafter referred to as 'the Zoning Scheme'). This results in the inefficient and costly use of space. As with most of the erven in Unie Park, the Title Deed conditions which was attached to this erf, is considered to be outdated and constricting optimal land use of the site.

1.2 Planning Brief

In light of the above information, Arch Town Planners (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by the owner of the application site to prepare and submit the required land use application to the Stellenbosch Municipality to remove the relevant restrictive title deed conditions.

Please refer to the attached Power of Attorney (Annexure A).

1.3 Applications to Stellenbosch Municipality

Arch Town Planners (Pty) Ltd hereby officially applies, in terms of Sections 15(2)(f) of the Stellenbosch Municipality Land Use By-Law, 2015 (hereafter referred to as 'the By-Law') for the following:

- i. The removal of restrictive title deed conditions from Deed of Transfer No. T15103/2021, which read as follows:
 - C.6 (a) dit mag nie onderverdeel word nie
 - (b) Slegs een woning, tesame met die buitegeboue wat gewoonlik verband daarmee gebruik word, mag op die erf opgerig word;
 - (c) Nie meer as helfte van die oppervlakte daarvan mag bebou word nie;
 - (d) Geen gebou of struktuur of enige gedeelte daaarvan, behalwe grensmure en heinings, mag nader as 20 voet van die straatlyn wat een of meer grense van hierdie erf uitmaak, opgerig word nie, asook nie binne 10 voet van die agtergrens of sygrens geneem daarvan e naan 'n aangrensende erf nie.

This report serves as motivation for the above-mentioned application. The official application form is attached to this report as **Annexure B**.

2. PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

2.1 Ownership Details and Title Deed

Property Details	Ownership	Erf size	Title Deed	Restrictive Title Deed Conditions
Erf 3862, Stellenbosch	Carel en Lindie van Wyk	1 263m²	T15103/2021	C.6(a) - (d)

Table 1 Property Details

Please refer to **Annexure C** for a copy of the Title Deed. As listed under Section C. 6, the following conditions are restricting the proposed and future development of the property and therefore needs to be removed to be in line with the applicable Stellenbosch Zoning Scheme:

- C.6 (a) dit mag nie onderverdeel word nie
 - (b) Slegs een woning, tesame met die buitegeboue wat gewoonlik verband daarmee gebruik word, mag op die erf opgerig word;
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2.2 Locality and Context

Please refer to Figure 1 below for the locality of the application site. The site is situated directly east of Unie road, in Unie Park, Stellenbosch. (also refer to **Annexure E** attached). Unie Park is one of the older residential suburbs in Stellenbosch with predominantly conventional residential erven. The application site is within walking distance from both Stellenbosch Primary and High Schools. Access to the application site is currently gained from Unie Road.



Figure 1 Locality of Application Site



Figure 2 Aerial view

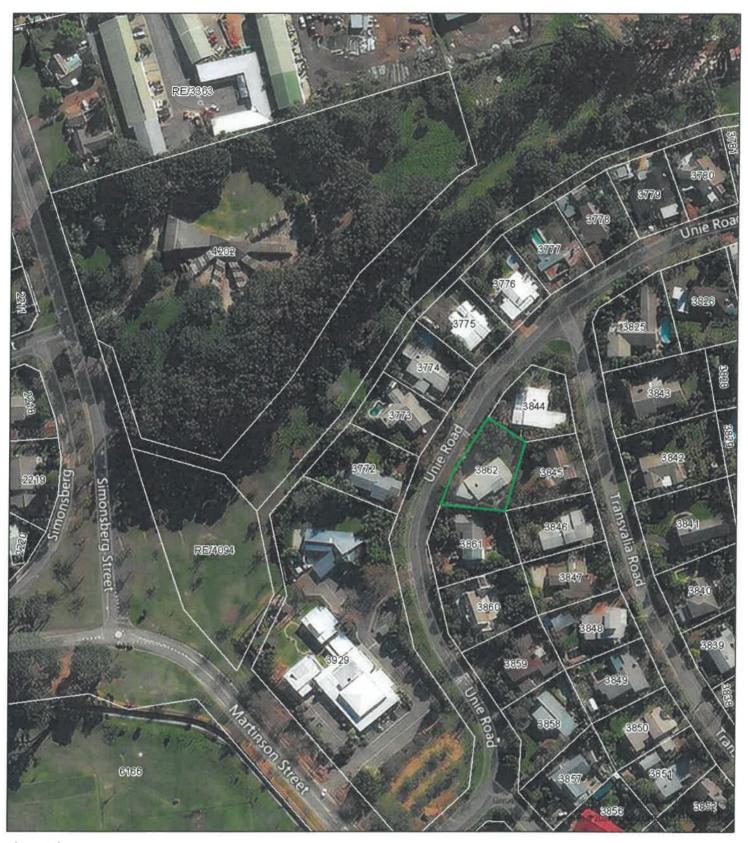
2.3 Current Zoning and Land Use

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The zoning of properties is regulated in terms of the Stellenbosch Municipality Zoning Scheme By-Law, 2019. According to the zoning scheme the site is zoned as **Conventional Residential Zone**, which allows for the following land uses on the site:

Primary Uses	Additional Uses (not exceeding threshold in this chapter and subject to technical approval)	Consent Uses (application required)
Dwelling house	Bed and breakfast establishment	Commune
	Home day care centre	Extramural facility
	Home occupation practice	Group housing
	Home lodging	Guest house
	Second dwelling	House shop
	Occasional use (one event/year)	Occasional use (>one event/year)
	Private road	Tourist dwelling unit
		 Additional uses exceeding
		parameters in this chapter

Table 2 Summary of land uses



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Erf



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Date created: August 26, 2021





The following building development parameters area applicable to Conventional Residential zoned erven:

Area of Land Unit	Street Boundary Building Lines	Common Boundary Building Lines	Coverage	Height
501m² - 1 500m²	4m and 1m for garage	2.5m and 0m for garage	621m²	2 Storeys

Table 3 Building development parameters

As can be seen from the above two tables and the title deed conditions listed under Section 2.1 above, the title deed conditions are much more restrictive than the Zoning Scheme.

3. DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

3.1 Overview

The proposed development entails replacing the existing carport with a new garage (approximately 91m² in size). Please refer to Figure x below for a schematic representation of the proposed garage extension indicated in red:

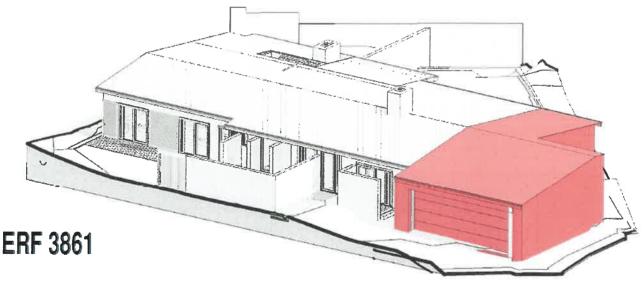
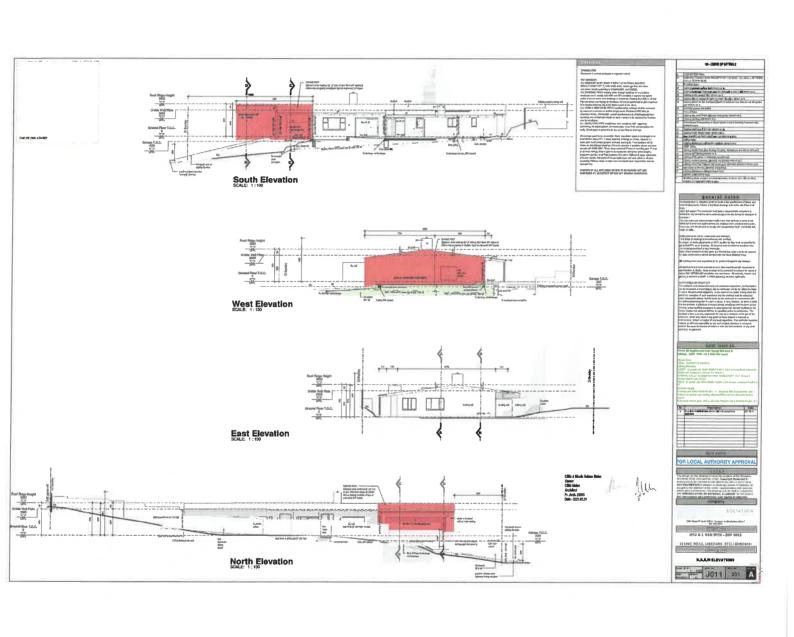
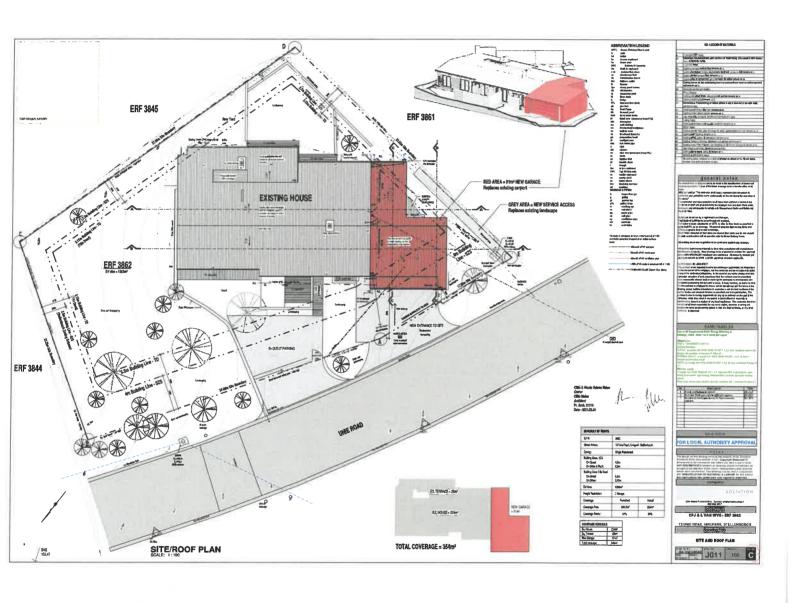


Figure 3 Proposed garage

The proposed garage will be set back approximately 1m from the street and between 1m - 2m from the southern common boundary, as allowed for in the Zoning Scheme. The proposed garage will increase the coverage on the site to $354m^2$ (28%) which is well below the allowable coverage of $631m^2$. Please refer to Annexure G for a copy of the proposed Site Development Plan and Elevation drawings.





3.2 Development Parameters

Table 4 below provides a comparison between the prescribed development parameters (for a garage) of the zoning scheme and those specified in the Title Deed:

CONVENTIONAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE (GARAGE) VS TITLE DEED:					
	Permissible		Proposed	Applications Required	
Development Rule	Zoning Scheme	Title Deed		Zoning Scheme	Title Deed
Street Boundary Building Lines	1m	6.3m	1m	Compliant	Remove
Common Boundary Building Lines	Om	3.15m	1m	Compliant	Remove
Coverage	631m ²	50% (631 m ²)	28% (354m²)	Compliant	Compliant
Height	2 Storeys	n/a	2 Storeys	Compliant	n/a

Table 4 Compliance of Proposed Garage with Land Use Parameters

The proposed development complies with all the development parameters of the Zoning Scheme, but it extends beyond the building lines prescribed in the Title Deed. Though the proposed development complies with the title deed conditions in terms of coverage and number of dwelling units (being only one) it is proposed to remove all the restrictive title deed conditions which is more restrictive than the Zoning Scheme. This will enable the owners to develop the application site in line with the latest land use management legislation, in the foreseeable future. Any future additional development of the application site, will however, be subject to building plan scrutiny and approval.

4. MOTIVATION

It is important to note that prior to the existence of zoning schemes, title deeds where used to govern and guide the development (by way of various conditions) of properties. Title deed conditions were used to regulate and protect the existing rights of all property owners. Without arguing that restrictive title deed conditions are redundant, it is motivated that Zoning Schemes and Municipal Policies now replaces the need for title deeds to govern the development of properties.

It should be noted that the application only involves the removal of restrictive title deed conditions to allow for the proposed garage to be built on the building lines as allowed for in the Zoning Scheme. Though the proposed garage does not impact on or contravene the restrictions referring to coverage, only one building and no subdivision of the erf, it is motivated that these conditions should also be removed as part of this application, to allow for future development (if any) to be in line with and governed by the applicable Zoning Scheme. The removal of restrictive title deed conditions is a very costly and lengthy application process, and it is sensible for the landowner to address all issues in this application. This application is

therefore merely to align the development rights of the application site with the more relevant and current Zoning Scheme and Policies of the Stellenbosch Municipality.

Even with the approval of the removal of restrictive title deed conditions, any further development on the application site will still be regulated by the development parameters of the Conventional Residential zone a (as listed in Tables 2 and 3 of this report).

Section 65(1) of the By-law, sets out certain criteria which needs be met in consideration of an application by the decision- making authorities. In line with this section, Table 5, below, sets out the criteria and assesses the application accordingly:

Section 65(1) Criteria	Assessment of Proposal
a. Application submitted in	The application is submitted in terms of Sections 15(2)(f) of the By-law.
terms of the By-law.	
b. Procedure followed in	To be decided. The proposed development was presented to the Municipality by
processing the application.	means of pre-application consultation. See Annexure G for feedback received during
	the pre- application scrutiny process. All relevant and required documentation are
	attached to this application and motivation.
c. Desirability of land use	The applications for the removal of restrictive title deed conditions will not affect the
	existing or future land use of the site. The land use will stay as is, being conventional
	residential. It is further motivated that:
	- The approval of the application will not have a negative impact on the
	surrounding properties as it is in character with similar developments in the
	immediate and surrounding residential neighbourhood.
	- The approval of this application will not result in an unusual advantage for the
	owners of the application site. Any future development will have to comply with
	the provisions of the applicable Zoning Scheme.
	- The proposed garage, resulting in a marginal increase in coverage is still way
	below the permissible coverage and will not result in the overdevelopment of
	the site. It is appropriate in the context of the area.
	- The existing rights of the surrounding neighbours will not be impacted in a
	negative way if the title deed restrictions are removed.
	 The removal of the title deed restrictions will have no impact on any of the infrastructure services in the area.
d. Comment in response to	The application to be advertised in accordance with the Stellenbosch Municipality's
public participation.	requirements.

e. Applicants response to	To be submitted as part of the Portfolio of Evidence upon conclusion of the Public
comments received.	Participation Process.
f. Investigations in terms of	Not Applicable.
other laws.	
g. Written assessment by	To be done by the Stellenbosch Municipality.
planner	

h. Impact municipal None engineering services. i. The IDP and SDF Stellenbosch Municipality recently approved a new MSDF, which is used to guide land use decisions in both the short and long term. This document conceptualizes seven core principles. While not all these principles are of pertinence to this application, the relevant principles are indicated below. Maintain and grow the assets of Stellenbosch Municipality's natural environment and farming areas: This application will not have any impact on the Municipality's natural environment and farming areas as the proposed development is located well within the urban edge. Respect and grow cultural heritage: In line with the Stellenbosch Municipality's SDF, the proposed development will contribute to sensitive densification of an established conventional residential area. Clarify and respect the different roles and potentials of existing settlements: As identified throughout this report, the application site is located within an area earmarked for conventional residential development. By allowing for the removal of the restrictive title deed conditions, the approval thereof will contribute to realising the potential of the conventional residential property to be sensitively densified. Ensure balanced, sustainable communities: It is required that future development within Stellenbosch take cognisance of the fact that the municipality is experiencing increased congestion. The removal of the title deed restrictions could allow for a second dwelling unit to be developed on the erf (with Council's consent). As per the SDF, development and densification must be prioritised within a radius of 1km of residential areas. It is important that the sensible densification in Stellenbosch should be supported to allow for the optimal use of land, services and infrastructure (including public transport). Furthermore, some of the main principles of the SDF relevant to this application includes:

- The principle of appropriate densification,
- Development approvals should be guided by the need to achieve the settlement densities needed to make the public transport system financially and operationally viable.
- Subdivisions, second dwellings, sectional title, re-development of existing lowdensity areas, infill and brownfield land opportunities should be prioritized over greenfield sites, as guided by the SDF.

The application promotes all the above highlighted principles of the SDF.

j. IDP and SDF of district	In line with this applicable plan and framework.
Municipality.	
k. IDP and SDF of local	Discussed and addressed under i and j, above.
Municipality	
Applicable structure plans	N/A
m. Applicable policies for	Aligned.
decision making	
n. Provincial spatial	The application is in line with the Municipal and District SDF and IDP, which is informed
development framework	by the provincial IDP and SDF which all promotes densification. Thus, the application
	is in line with the provincial SDF.
o. Regional spatial	N/A
development framework.	NVA
p. National policies, norms, and criteria.	N/A
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q. Section 42 of the Spatial	The application is considerate towards the requirement and provisions of Section 42 of
Planning and Land Use Management Act.	the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act.
r. Chapter VI of the Land Use	Spatial Justice: Aligned. The proposal includes an opportunity of a second dwelling
Planning Act	within proximity of various schools, health facilities and other points of interest.
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	Considering the location of the property, it may be justified that the property owner
	deserves the opportunity of developing the property to its maximum potential, whilst
	being sensitive towards the character of the area.
	Spatial Sustainability: Aligned. The proposal complies with this principle by ensuring
	that the development of the property will create a more compact Stellenbosch. It will
	also contribute to the promotion of land development in a location that will limit urban
	sprawl.
	Efficiency: Aligned. This application entails the utilisation of existing infrastructure on
	an optimal level. The proposal will allow for the efficient utilisation of land.
	Good Administration: The approval of this application will be in the best interest of the
	Stellenbosch Municipality.
	Spatial Pacificance: Through the approval of this application, there will be an array
	Spatial Resilience: Through the approval of this application, there will be no negative
	impact on the surrounding area; nor would there be any additional risk to the resilience of human residents in the area.
	or name in concents in the area.

s. Applicable provisions of the	As discussed, the proposed development is in line with the provisions of the Zoning
zoning scheme	Scheme.
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Table 5 Assessment of Application in terms of Section 65 of the By-law

5. CONCLUSION

The approval of this application is argued to be favourable, considering the nature of this application, the applicable policies and frameworks of the Stellenbosch Municipality and the legislation in terms of land use regulation. In light of the above information, Council is respectfully requested to favourably consider the application for the following:

- i. The **removal of restrictive title deed conditions** from Deed of Transfer No. T15103/2021, which read as follows:
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