

Eco Route

Dear Janet
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Thank you for your presentation to the Knysna Water Catchment Forum last week.

There are many issues which we know you took note of. Will a 'need and desirability' study be undertaken?

We would like to comment as follows.

1. The area is so degraded: alien removal and rehabilitation of the site should be the first phase so that delineation of the various areas can be properly determined
2. The open space/conservation area must be sacrosanct: no later owners should be able to add more structures to that area
3. The open space should be properly designated to protect the conservation area
4. From long experience we know that developers like to squeeze in as much as they can: Hotel and apartment units should have enough space around them to accommodate properly sufficient parking and space to manoeuvre vehicles. No overflow of vehicles onto the conservation area must be allowed.
5. Roads on site should be wide enough to accommodate walkers, cyclists etc. Pedestrian walkways if necessary in the conservation area should be sensitively planned
6. Traffic circle and ingress/egress as well as the George Rex/N2 interchange: this does not appear to have been planned sufficiently and must be properly investigated to inform the planning stage. The Howard Street exit must not impinge on the conservation and wetland area
7. Storm water management: as this area has a high water-table all storm water removal must be properly planned. Rain water storage tanks are necessary for all roof surfaces and water to be used satisfactorily so that the demand on municipal water supply is reduced
8. Waste water treatment: has an alternative method been investigated so that the sewage piped to the WWTW is minimized? Any unexpected overflow from the WWTW onto this site must be planned for. Artificial wetlands should be part of the planning. Grey water should be used for garden irrigation
9. The siting of sports fields and a pool must take the high water-table into consideration

We await the revised EIA and the opportunity to comment later

Many thanks

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