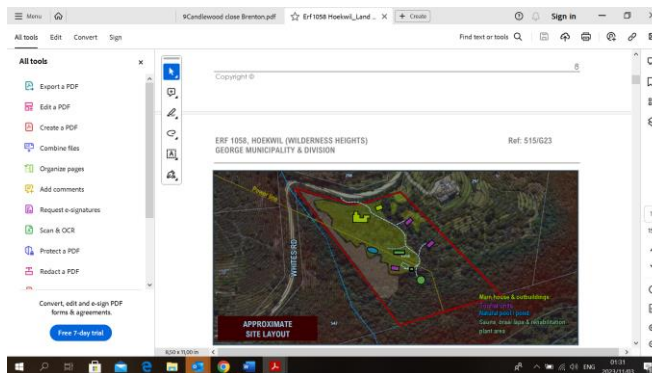


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**COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED REZONING ON ERF 1058, WHITES ROAD, HOEKWIL:**

- 1 Forestry is responsible for the implementation and the enforcement of the National Forest Act (NFA), Act 84 of 1998 as amended and the National Veld and Forest Fire Act, Act 101 of 1998 as amended (NVFFA). Thank you for giving Forestry this opportunity to comment on above application.
- 2 Forestry studied the supporting documents for the above mentioned application and the following points related to Forestry's mandate i.e. the implementation of the NFA are applicable
  - a. The above proposed application is to rezone the property to Open Space Zone III (nature conservation area) and to develop a primary dwelling and tourist accommodation (3 units). The property: is currently zoned as Agriculture zone II; has a moderate slope downward from north to south-east that becomes very steep and undevelopable towards the southern and western edges; is mostly infested with alien vegetation with single standing indigenous trees as well as also indigenous forest patches occurring throughout the property (Forest thorn, Camphor bush, Milkwood, Ironwood, Sage); towards the bottom (south) an indigenous forest strip occur



- b. Forestry request that:
      - i. Indigenous forest strip at the bottom of property be retained and indicated as no-go area
      - ii. That indigenous trees as well as indigenous forest patches be incorporated in proposed layout as no-go areas- be GPS'd and cordoned off in order to be retained
      - iii. That units be designed/ placed around the indigenous trees as well as indigenous forest patches in order to accommodate- be placed in disturbed areas
      - iv. That layout be redesigned where placement of units accommodate indigenous trees as well as indigenous forest patches- and be recirculated for comment to IAP
    - c. Indigenous forest as well as protected trees are protected under the National Forest Act (NFA) (Act No. 84 of 1998) as amended.
    - d. This letter is not a NFA licence.
- 3 Forestry reserves the right to revise initial comment based on any additional information that may be received

Yours Faithfully



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