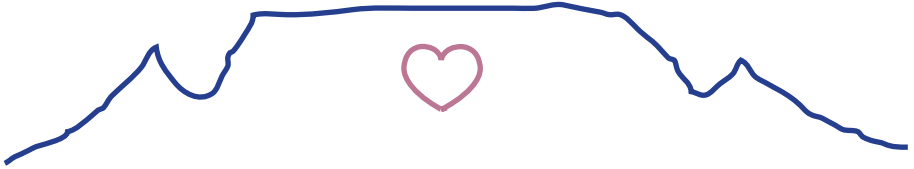




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# PROPOSED HOPE EXCHANGE SHELTER FOR HOMELESS ADULTS

The Western Cape Department of Social Development invites you to comment on the proposed establishment of the Hope Exchange Shelter for Homeless Adults, to be situated at **20 Christiaan Street, District Six.**

The shelter, if established, will accommodate 116 people, who will have dignified access to beds, meals, development plans and a social worker who will render psychosocial support, referrals to health or professional services, and family reunification and community reintegration services.

For more details, visit [www.westerncape.gov.za/dept/social-development](http://www.westerncape.gov.za/dept/social-development)

As part of the public consultation process, residents, stakeholders or interested groups may make written submissions to the Head of Department of Social Development on or before Friday, 14 July 2023, via e-mail to [melissa.abrahams@westerncape.gov.za](mailto:melissa.abrahams@westerncape.gov.za) or hand delivered to Union House, 14 Queen Victoria Street, Cape Town.





The need for the establishment of an additional shelter is due to the high number of people who live on the street and in informal structures in the area and surrounds. While there are two other shelters in District Six, the demand for shelter services remains higher than the existing 173 bed spaces. The aim of establishing this additional shelter is to support more people with the opportunity to improve their circumstances and to help them off the street.

The Western Cape Department of Infrastructure has identified the Hope Exchange site as the most appropriate and financially feasible option. This site provides sufficient internal and external space and based on the existing structure, is most suitable to be remodeled as a shelter.

**Plans and visual impact:** If the shelter is established, the outward appearance of the building will not be changed substantially. Most of the remodeling will take place inside of the existing building. These plans include the redesign of a kitchen, office space, bathroom facilities and dormitories that can accommodate 116 people.

**Noise:** The site is located just over 100 metres away from the nearest neighbouring residential accommodation, which will minimise possible noise pollution for residents during the refurbishment.

**Safety:** If the shelter is established, the external perimeter fence will be checked and repaired. Measures will be put in place to secure the site during the renovation phase, and once operational, to ensure the safety of the clients, and those visiting the premises.

If the shelter is established, the remodeling work will commence in or about October this year, and the duration estimated to last between five and seven months, with the shelter expected to be operational in 2024.

