## **Amozelle Lambrechts**

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**Cc:** Hanlie Connan

**Subject:** Oude Molen Precinct objection

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed development at Oude Molen Precinct. While I understand the necessity for growth and development in our community, I believe that this particular project would compromise the unique farm ambiance and historical significance of the area, particularly the historic farm building where Zulu King Cetshwayo was exiled.

The Oude Molen Precinct is not just a piece of land; it embodies a rich heritage that deserves preservation. The history associated with this site is invaluable, and it would be a disservice to future generations to lose such an integral part of our culture. Instead of high-density housing developments, which we have seen in projects like the Conradie and Amazon developments without adequate infrastructure upgrades, I propose that we focus on utilizing this area for institutional purposes that promote education and heritage.

Transforming the Oude Molen Precinct into a center for education and heritage would not only preserve the historical significance of the site but also create a vibrant space for community engagement and learning. This approach would honor the legacy of King Cetshwayo and ensure that our history is not forgotten amidst rapid urbanization.

I urge you and your organization to reconsider the plans for high-density housing in the Oude Molen Precinct and explore alternatives that align with preserving our historical heritage and enhancing educational opportunities for our community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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