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Dear Mrs A Hayes

Please find my response to the The Oude Molen Precinct (OMP) also known as the Oude Molen Eco VILLAGE BY THE LOCALS AND TENANTS is located within the bigger [Two Rivers Urban Park \(TRUP\)](#) Area.

The property is connected via Alexandra Road to the N2 and M5 to the south, and via Berkley Road and the Black River Parkway to the N1 on the north.

A more thorough and authentic study is needed that considers the following in greater detail:

1. The major point overlooked by the HIA is the current and living heritage as experienced by countless individuals over a period of 100 years at Oude Molen Precinct.
2. The Oude Molen Village has historical significance to Cape Town's past and the context as it has a positive story even during the apartheid years
3. The blatant disregard for the tenants and the rights they hold as citizens of the Western Cape is not even mentioned as a living and ongoing Heritage
4. The educational and mental health contribution of the stakeholders in bringing people of all walks of life together and the potential to heal Cape Town of its bleak racist past is overlooked
5. The Tenants do not wish to be displaced like the 1970s style forced removals acts now reworded under the guise of a DEVELOPMENT will not be leaving any type of positive legacy for Cape Town
6. It is a much needed recreational space for people who cannot afford to go to expensive resorts is also not a factor as part of building and maintaining the memories of those who have visited the pool area, horses, schools and play areas. All these experiences and positive childhood memories will be erased.
7. The animals and wildlife will be severely impacted by any type of extensive housing development as the footprint of the buildings and traffic are increased dramatically. Less buildings would make the project run at a loss and it is obvious that in order to make a profit the developer would have to maximise the land use for new buildings
8. Buildings that have been used for over 30 years will be demolished in the process of maximising profits
9. Units deemed low cost housing and subsidised housing traditionally turn into a slum after a few years as the type of person buying the house would then bring the low end culture with them further exacerbating the poor conditions prevalent in the neighbouring Garden village
10. The development at a high end cost would cause gentrification for neighbouring properties and unrest might ensue
11. The Oude Molen Precinct has been overlooked for over 30 years and the neglect shows which indicates a failure of the city officials to act timorously as one wall that collapsed and posed significant danger as never re

paired despite the appointment of contractors. This waste of city and provincial funds is leaving an impact on the heritage of all of Cape Town as it has not been showcased, and used as an educational facility.

12. A place for people to learn about the heritage and communities of Cape Town will be destroyed as we ablate build a modern Khoi and san Village, showcase the first Millstone of Cape Town, tell the Zulu history and make people aware of the significance of the two rivers that played a pivotal role in the shaping of Cape Town

The obvious comparison is that the Rondebosch common has zero visible landmarks and traces of heritage yet is declared as a an empty piece of land to be protected for use by the public. NO USE TO DATE EXCEPT FOR THE PAVEMENTS SURROUNDING IT IS USED

In stark contrast The Oude Molen Precinct has long been abandoned and neglected by the government of the Western Cape despite numerous request by a living heritage group on the property who has taken their personal time and money to make it into a landmark for the public.

Kind Regards

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