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Case ID: 23909

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## Letter

### In terms of Section 27 of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Western Cape Government Department Of Infrastructure: Directorate: Programme – Special Projects with POA granted to applicant  
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SAHRIS Site: 38385

Thank you for submitting your application to the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) Built Environment Unit (BEU) for comment as an Interested & Affected Party (I&AP) for the proposed development at the Oude Molen Precinct. The proposed development is within close proximity to a National Heritage Site, the South African Astronomical Observatory (SAAO) and falls within the greater area of the Two Rivers Urban Park (TRUP), which was nominated to the SAHRA for assessment for Grade I status.

The Oude Molen Precinct has been identified by the Western Cape Government, custodian of the site, as a potential site for re-development. The concept proposal is for a large scale, sustainable, residentially led, mixed-use development, integrating education, affordable housing, public facilities and open spaces, while providing equitable access to cultural heritage and natural reserves. The following documents were uploaded to SAHRIS:

- 1. Response to HWC Further Requirements Oude Molen Draft Nov 2025
- 2. HIA Rev2 Oude Molen 5 November 2025
- Annexure B1 Historical Background
- Annexure B2 A historical background of Oude Molen Pinelands
- Annexure C SOCIO-HISTORICAL STUDY, OUDE MOLEN, Feb 2025
- Annexure D1 Oude Molen VIA Final Report UPDATED FINAL (2025-03-03)
- Annexure D2 77306\_Cape Town Ouden, Molen Precinct\_Tree Catalogue Survey Report Rev C\_January 2025\_Resized (1)
- Annexure E2 2020 12 11\_OMP\_Building Due Diligence\_SVA & O'Donoghue



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- Annexure F Oude Molen AIA final Feb 2025
- Annexure H2 2025 11 04 Dev Proposal for Heritage Assessment
- Annexure H3 77306 OMP-PLP-XX-XX-DR-LA-0002\_Precinct Landscape Plan (Rev-D, Oct 2025)
- Annexure H4 77306\_Oude Molen Landscape Guidelines\_Rev A\_06112025
- Annexure I Oudemolen Socio-economic impact report-7 March 2025

#### Case decision:

Following SAHRA's comment of 30 October 2024, the revised Heritage Impact Assessment presents a more balanced and inclusive proposal, with reduced massing, improved recognition of primary heritage resources and their surrounds, preserved visual connections, softened edges, and measures to retain living heritage and cultural practices. SAHRA further recommends the development of appropriate conservation and disaster risk planning documentation, together with interpretation signage to communicate the site's significance and strengthen linkages to the wider context, ensuring the safeguarding and meaningful appreciation of the identified resources.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

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