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PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT OF OUDE MOLEN: INVITATION TO A VISIONING WORKSHOP AT OUDE MOLEN HALL

We received notification about above process and must at the outset indicate that it was quite haphazard and does not imbue us with confidence. The new Executive Committee of the Oude Molen Eco-Village Tenants Association has been elected a few weeks ago and is in the process of sorting ourselves out. We must indicate that the notification of your session took us a bit by surprise as there was such a previous consultation process undertaken by a company on behalf of the Western Cape government, the outcome of which we are still to hear.

We are in the process of developing our vision and objectives for the village and will be engaging with the villagers about it. Once we are ready will it be shared with the relevant parties including the Western Cape government.

We need to indicate that at our recent AGM it was unanimously agreed that any interaction with the Province won't be on an individual basis but the Executive Committee will put together a negotiating team that will represent all the tenants. It thus follows that all communication and engagements with the tenants of Oude Molen Eco Village must be via the EXCO of the Tenants Association, in particular our Chairman and Secretary.

We have become aware that you have been contacting people individually by sending out e-mails to certain people from a database that Public Works gave you. We also became aware that you are consulting with some of the "First Nations" groups separately. We can guarantee you that such an approach is certainly a recipe for conflict. We wish to underscore that it is of paramount importance that we be made aware of all separate meetings as not doing so goes against our efforts to build a community.

It is crucial that we understand what this consultation process is about and how different is it to the previous one. Furthermore we need to understand what Framework are you developing in terms of public participation? It is non-negotiable that there be a PROPER consultation and engagement process and we as a community must be integrally involved in the CO-DESIGN of this unique precinct that has immense heritage, environmental and developmental value.

We request that you share all documents and presentations upfront so that we can come to future meetings prepared and not caught off guard.

We are thus taking part in today's meeting merely as a listening exercise and not a meaningfully consultative way as required by the relevant legislation, regulations and policy.

We are sure that you are aware that the whole TRUP area of which OUDE MOLEN is a precinct is still subject to a national and provincial Heritage Grading process that is currently underway. We are also keen to know what is the state of the Heritage and Environmental Impact Assessments.

We are keen to know what your mandate is and how far are we in the proposed development process of this area?

In conclusion we object to how this process is unfolding and these meetings have been arranged and do not consider this to be meaningful engagement.

We respectfully submit this whilst reserving all of our rights.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dan Neser", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is somewhat stylized and cursive.

for Dan Neser

Chairman: Oude Molen Eco Village Tenants Association