

BOSCHENDAL FARMLANDS HIA PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS

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Prepared for Submission to the SAHRA ad hoc Permit Committee
Dated 14th September 2006

First Notification of Process: April 2005

Notification sent out: 25 April 2005

Notification included:

Adverts: Die Eikestad Nuus (22 April 2005)
Cape Times (22 April 2005)
Die Burger (22 April 2005)
Paarl Post (22 April 2005)

Posters: Local Shop in Kylemore, Lanquedoc and in on Pniel Main Road – 6 posters

Letters: Sent by registered mail to 90 people on the database

Mail drop: Adjacent properties – Lanquedoc, Pniel and Kylemore (approximately 150)

Meetings: 10 May 2005: PC Pieterse Primary School, School Road, Kylemore
11 May 2005: Pniel Municipal Offices, Main Road, Pniel
Attendance at these meetings: 39

Written comments from:

- Vernacular Architecture Society of South Africa
- Cape Institute for Architecture
- Drakenstein Heritage Foundation
- Ruben Williams, local resident
- Dr Antonia Malan, Historical Archaeology Group
- Johan Adenhoff, Stellenbosch Interest Group
- Ms K A Schmidt, local resident
- Quinton Fortuin, local resident, Pniel
- Mr Brandt, local resident, Kylemore
- Anonymous, Concerned citizen
- Gill Sutton
- Jo-Anne Peterson

Summary document of all comments sent to all on database

Discussion sessions and one-on-one interviews:

The heritage scoping process included discussion sessions with:

- Boschendal Museum staff
- Cape Institute for Architecture
- Local community members involved in the project 'Farm Lives', a historical archaeological research project undertaken by Gavin Lucas between 1999 and 2002.
- Anglo American Farms
- Boschendal Interim Forum

As part of the social-history study, additional one-on-one interviews were held with 12 interviewees.

Note: The abovementioned discussion sessions/interviews should be viewed in conjunction with the historical research (including oral history interviews) already undertaken as part of the Farm Lives project. It is also supplementary to the community based heritage study undertaken by the National Monuments Council in 1998.

Second Notification re Draft HIA: August 2005

Notification sent out: 26 August 2005 re availability of the Draft HIA

Notification included:

Adverts: Die Eikestad Nuus (2 September 2005)

Cape Times (29 August 2005)
Die Burger (29 August 2005)
Paarl Post (1 September 2005)
Posters: Local Shop in Kylemore, Lanquedoc and in on Pniel Main Road
Letters: Executive summaries of the Draft HIA were sent by registered mail to 138 people on the database
Mail drop: Adjacent properties – Lanquedoc, Pniel and Kylemore (approximately 150)
Report: Executive summaries of the Draft HIA in English, Afrikaans and Xhosa were placed at the local shop in Lanquedoc and at the Kylemore Primary School
Copies of the HIA were placed at the Pniel Library. CD's of the full report made available.

Written comments on the draft HIA from: The Cape Institute for Architecture
Drakenstein Heritage Foundation
Franschhoek Conservation Trust
Dwars River Valley Community Forum
Pniel Ratepayers & Tenants Association

Detailed letters of response submitted to each respondent and included in the final HIA report.

Third Notification re Final HIA: January 2005

Notification sent out 16th January 2006 re availability of Final HIA & 30-day comment period
Notification included:

Adverts: Die Eikestad Nuus (2 September 2005)
Cape Times (29 August 2005)
Die Burger (29 August 2005)
Paarl Post (1 September 2005)
Posters: Local Shop in Kylemore, Lanquedoc and in library on Pniel Main Road
Letters: Executive summaries of Final HIA were sent by registered mail to 138 people on the database
Full report to: Cape Institute for Architecture
Drakenstein Heritage Foundation
Franschhoek Conservation Trust
Dwars River Valley Community Development Forum
Pniel Ratepayers & Tenants Association
Boschendal Interim Forum

Site meetings arranged: Drakenstein Heritage Foundation
Franschhoek Conservation Trust

Numerous attempts were made by the heritage consultants to contact the Dwars River Valley Community Development Forum & Pniel Ratepayers & Tenants Association in order to arrange a discussion session to discuss their respective concerns raised in response to the draft HIA. There was no response from either of these organizations prior to the final HIA report.

Written comments from: Cape Institute for Architecture
Drakenstein Heritage Foundation
Franschhoek Conservation Trust
Dwars River Valley Community Development Forum
Pniel Ratepayers & Tenants Association
Boschendal Interim Forum
Dennis Moss Partnership

Response document dated 16th January 2006 submitted to the SAHRA Permit Committee

Fourth Notification of SAHRA Permit Committee Decision: 15 March 2006

Notification re SAHRA's decision dated 15 March 2006

Notification included:

Letters: to all on database
ROD: Cape Institute for Architecture
Drakenstein Heritage Foundation
Franschhoek Conservation Trust
Dwars River Valley Community Development Forum
Pniel Ratepayers & Tenants Association

Subsequent to SAHRA Permit Committee Decision: March 2006

- Participation in site-meeting with CIA representatives.
- Further numerous attempts made to contact Dwars River Valley Community Development Forum and Pniel Ratepayers & Tenants Association to discuss their respective concerns. Telephonic response from Mr De Jager, Secretary of the Dwars River Community Development Forum, was received on the 13th September. He was invited to attend the SAHRA Permit Committee meeting on the 15th September 2006.
- Followed up claim from Franschhoek Conservation Trust regarding community dissent and the fact that local community representatives had been in contact with the Trust and the Franschhoek Aesthetics Committee regarding its concerns with the proposed development and representivity of the BIF. After numerous requests for the sources and nature of concern to be clarified, a letter of response was received on the 12 September. The letter highlighted the concerns regarding public participation but did not clarify the source and nature of dissent referred to by the FCT.

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