Email: municipal.manager@stellenbosch.gov.za

Date: 18 October 2022

Friends of Stellenbosch Mountain P.O.Box 3218 Matieland 7602

Attention: Mr HC Eggers

Per email: heggers@pm.me

Dear Mr Eggers,

FEEDBACK ON WRITTEN SUBMISSION: IDP PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD SEPTEMBER 2022

1. COURT CASE 9140/2021: DEON GARDEN AND CONSTRUCTION VS MUNICIPALITY

Your question posed on Thursday, 22 September 2022, during the Online IDP Public Participation meeting for wards 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 22 and 23 and the written submissions made refer.

The allegations made for the reasons the tender was cancelled is untrue. The tender was cancelled because of suspected illegal activities that was uncovered by an ex – employee after which the grant funding was taken back by Provincial Government. Both the disciplinary process and current Labour Court Litigation is flowing from this situation. The municipality have explained that the matter is sub – judice and will not be further commented on. The municipality is acting within its legal right and is of the view that it is in the best interest of the municipality.

The case of Deon Garden Services is also sub – judice and the municipality had to defend the matter as the applicant is claiming money not owned to him and that he is not entitled to. The municipality is acting within its legal rights and in the best interest of the municipality. Unfortunately, no further comment will be made at this stage.

The same applies to all other legal matters reported in the municipality's financial statements. Stellenbosch Municipality act on the advice of its attorneys and defend the interest of the municipality and is not prepared to comment on any of the sub – judice matters other than what is mentioned in this response.

2. COMPREHENSIVE INTEGRATED TRANSPORT PLAN (CITP)

With reference to the document "Follow-Up and Questions on the period 2017–2022 (Fourth Review of the Stellenbosch IDP) and Input for the impending Fifth Review of the Stellenbosch IDP" Item 2.1 (a) – (f), see below the responses on the questions posed related to the Comprehensive Integrated Transport Plan (CITP):

- a) The 2016 2021 Comprehensive Integrated Transport Plan (CITP) including its updates is currently being superseded. Therefore, any figures listed in the document were thus only forecasts and calculated estimates at the time. A more detailed cost estimation will be undertaken for budgeting purposes.
- b) In most cases in the document, it is actually full costs which are being compared. At present, a full review / (update) of the 2022 2027 CITP is currently being finalised. New project lists are being compiled, budget forecasting and categorisations are also being improved to ensure updated interpretations of the CITP projects are being planned and budgeted.
- c) The municipality has followed all required legislative prescripts and processes in the 2021 CITP document and processes. The municipality is of the view that all the necessary legal aspects have been complied with.
- d) The CITP flows from the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and Spatial Development Framework (SDF) strategic documents as well as taken through the municipality's master planning, transport modelling and public consultation processes. Discussions were held with the team and changes will be brought about, such as budget forecasting and categorisation will be updated and improved during the compilation of the 2022 2027 CITP.
- e) No, the 2022 2027 CITP is a completely new review / overhaul of the document. The current CITP will remain in effect until the review process of the 2021 CITP is completed and the new 2022 2027 CITP document is formally adopted.
- f) At the time of the 2016 2021 CITP update in 2019, the Adam Tas Corridor (ATC) was proposed in the draft SDF (2019) and was also highlighted in the 2019 CITP update.

Sincerely yours,

GERALDINE METTLER MUNICIPAL MANAGER 8 10 909

DATE