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RE: MEMORANDUM:ABAHLALI BASEMJONDOLO OF THE WESTERN CAPE - 29 JULY 2009

A memorandum was received from Abahlali Basemjondolo of the Western Cape wherein certain demands are made in respect of the various informal settlement areas in Khayelitsha.

It should firstly be noted that the City has 223 informal settlements which need to be managed in a transparent, equitable and fair manner. In order to accomplish this, these informal settlements were prioritised in terms of the City's Informal Settlements Master Plan. It is in this regard that it be borne in mind that the City will be unable to address all the concerns and demands as reflected in the memorandum.

It is further advised that there is a shortage of suitable land within the boundaries of the City either to build new housing or for relocation purposes.

Communities are also encouraged to utilise the City's existing political structures such as its Councillors, Subcouncils and Ward Forums to air their concerns.

QA Section

In terms of the Master Plan, QA Section ranks No. 170.

It comprises of 53 dwellings. The density is very high therefore dedensification is required in future.

Current Services

Sanitation

Currently, there are 7 concrete single cast full flush toilets, 3 of which need repairs. A further 4 toilets are required when space is made available.

Water

2 standpipes were installed.

Planning

In terms of the Master Plan, the City is currently addressing those informal settlements ranked 91 to 120 between July 2009 and December 2009. The City will try to provide toilets on condition that space is made available.

VV Section

In terms of the Master Plan, VV Section is not registered therefore it is not ranked.

It comprises of 50 dwellings and is located on the corner of Alian Drive and Ciko Street. The density is very high and needs dedensification.

Current Services

Sanitation

There are currently no toilets and 10 flush toilets are required.

Water

There is one stand pipe and 1 additional standpipe is required.

Planning

10 full flush toilets, 2 gulleys and 2 standpipes need to be installed when the Section gets registered on the Master Plan and when space is available.

It should be noted that there is currently no solid waste services taking place in this section as the Khayelitsha Development Forum (KDF) and the Ward Forums are refusing to allow the City's contractors to go ahead with the employment of labour in accordance with the City's policy. A number of meetings have been held to try and unblock the problem but to date to no avail. Solid Waste confirms that the City together with its contractors are ready to deliver a door to door refuse collection and cleaning service as soon as the KDF and Ward Forums stop blocking the service delivery.

TT Section

In terms of the Master Plan, TT Section ranks 81.

TT Section is located along Bangisa Street close to the community hall called Andile Msizi and is made up of 600 dwellings. The density is very high therefore dedensification is required prior to further services being installed.

Current Services**Sanitation**

14 existing pour full flush toilets have been converted to full flush toilets which were completed in December 2008.

21 chemical toilets were provided which are serviced twice a week. The existing ablution block is currently under repairs therefore it is closed.

Water

10 existing standpipes.

Planning

50 full flush toilets, 7 gulleys and 7 standpipes will be installed and completed by the end of September 2009.

QQ Section

In terms of the Master Plan, QQ Section is ranked 21. It is illegally located under high voltage overhead electricity power lines along Lansdowne Road. It comprises of 1364 dwellings. Dedensification is required.

Current Services**Sanitation**

There are currently no toilets. The Water and Sanitation Department proposed porta potti toilets but this proposal was not accepted by the Ward Councillor as she advised that the community wants full flush toilets and houses.

Water

13 existing standpipes.

Planning

There are currently no plans for this area because of the high density and location of the settlement.

Macassar Village Evictees

With reference to the concerns raised regarding the Macassar Village evictees, it is advised that:

- The City acted in terms of counter spoliation in removing the structures and have refuted all claims against it in terms of affidavits submitted to the Court;
- It should be noted that the community collected their material 10 days after the demolition took place.

UT Section Egadini

In terms of the Master Plan this section is ranked 82. It comprises of 400 dwellings and is located and is located on the corner of Sigwele and Thandazo Streets close to the Andile Msizi Community Hall.

Current Services**Sanitation**

16 new flush toilets were installed which were completed at the end of June. The existing ablution block is currently being repaired and is thus closed.

Water

There are 6 existing standpipes.

Planning

23 additional full flush toilets to be installed to be completed by August 2009.
3 standpipes and 3 gulleys to be installed with a completion date of August 2009.

WA Section

In terms of the Master Plan, WA Section is not registered and is therefore not ranked. This section comprises of 61 dwellings and is located on the corner of Lanzela and Citabatwa Streets. The density is very high which means that dedensification is required.

Current Services**Sanitation**

There are no toilets.

Water

There is 1 standpipe.

Planning

12 flush toilets, 2 gulleys and 2 standpipes are required. This will be installed when the Section gets registered on the Master Plan and when space is available.

RR Section

This section is ranked 12 on the Master Plan and it comprises of 2683 dwellings. It is located close to major road and transport routes and potential business opportunities.

Current Services**Sanitation**

There are 119 full flush toilets, 100 chemical toilets and 175 Porta Pottis. The existing ablution block which has been vandalised was upgraded and divided into male and female sections with showers.

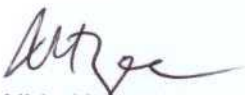
Water

There are 61 standpipes.

Planning

There are currently no plans for upgrading in this section.

Yours truly,



Alida Kotzee

Director: Strategy, Support and Coordination

MEMORANDUM

ABAHLALI BASEMJONDOLO OF THE WESTERN CAPE.

As people who are residing within the informal settlement we would like to bring the list of our demands to your attention for your immediate response. We are concerned with the conditions at which our people are living under off and with the city's lack of proper intervention.

We therefore demand that the city to look at conditions of each area and come up with relevant planning for each an every area.

And to come up with a city wide housing planning for all people who are living at informal settlement and backyards.

Further more we would like the city of cape town and its anti land invasion unit to adopt a different attitude than the one that they are carrying when it comes to the public land which is unused.

we demand response from your office within 14 days of receiving this memorandum and we want you to convey a meeting with all the relevant city officials and affected communities to further discuss these issue

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ABM-WC

Chairperson.

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Subm. tt ead.

DATE: 20/7/07

QA

1. Residents of QA demand land.
2. Drains must be cleaned regularly
3. Street in between
4. Municipal waste collection
5. Clean Water
6. Adequate Toilets

VV

VV informal settlement is more than 21 years old, and residents still does not have municipal essential services.

We therefore demands: Proper toilets, clean water, waste collection and we want to know what are cities future plans for VV informal settlement in terms of houses.

K. Mathiwane 072 512 4025

T.T.

We want the city to recognize the number of years that we have been staying here at Tt section, therefore we demand that this area be upgraded where it is, we don't want to be housed elsewhere and we are saying to the city of Cate Town in the meant time people of tt must be provided by basic services.

Bulelani Cornelius Mfaco

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Demands for Q.Q SECTION

- 1.
2. The city must stop fooling our people
3. We want to be relocated as the city promised us with relocation to Bardel Farm
4. We need time frames for relocation

MACASSAR VILLAGE evictees

As people of Macassar village we note with great concern that.

1. The city's demolition of our structures that we have built to shelter our selves was illegal and the city acted in a manner in which was shocking to it's residents.
2. The city's stealing of our building material was out of the question, as a result of that, people at Macassar are homeless due to the city's criminal act.
3. And we are saying Dan Plato must stop undermining people of Macassar village,
4. We therefore demand: our building material (that was stolen by the law enforcement) back as soon as possible
5. That the city must look for alternative accommodation nearby not to the dumping site, Delft TRA.

Andiswa Kolanisi 073 699 1839

Theliwe Macekiswa 083 248 1658

Nomsa Molongana 078 6872 292

MEMORANDUM FROM U.T SECTION EGADINI

1. There is a density of houses in such a way that when there is a fire, fire fighters has no access to do their job so we need streets in order to do that you must remove some residents and allocate them to a serviced land. Another reason we want street is that according to our culture when someone passed away we must take the coffin inside the house before we bury the corpse which is impossible in our area.
2. We need water taps that are strong enough to last long because the one that we have are common when they are broken we fix ourselves nobody is helping us, only four taps is serving four hundred households.
3. We need a tall lamp at the middle of the area so that the whole place can be brighter for our security from the criminals.
4. We also need a proper sanitation because when there are heavy rains the place is full of water.
5. We are the people of U.T Section Egadini we want to know that where do we go from here , Yes we do have light we want to know about the houses.

B. Gumata 072 6738486

M. Mpondo 082 5440 100

V. Ntontela 071 1136 764

W.A

WA informal settlement was established 1986 and the area is a home to 61 families, and does not have even a single toilet and we all depend at 1 water

tap and the area is very dense

We therefore demand that if the city cant provide us with essential services because of the area in which we are situated at, then the city must provide us with alternative piece of land with all the basic services within Khayelitsha or nearby Khayelitsha

PHAMBILI NGABAHLALI BEMBACU, PHAMBILI. PHANTSI NGABANTU
ABANGAFUNI KUSINIKA MHLABA, PHANTSI.

Ivy Mbotshelwa 083 8960 537

Luntu Mene 078064 7113

RR SECTION

ATTENTION

As RR we are saying people of this city must not only be recognized when it comes to the elections and neglected after them. Political parties must stop using the poor for their own benefits.

OUR DEMANDS:

1. Our houses are flooded because the area in which they are situated at is at flood prone area
2. We don't have electricity
3. We are saying no to city's chemical toilets, we demand proper toilet
4. We want to be relocated

Bobhala Thembelani

Secretary

P.J.S COMPLAINTS

SINGABAHLALI BAKO P.J.S SINEMINYAKA EYI 21
SIHLELI EBUGXWAYIBENI.ISIKHALO SETHU
SIFUNA UMHLABA.SIHLALA KWINDOWO
EHLALA INAMANZI EMDAKA,ITOILET ZABLOKA
KUDALA,IDRAINS ZIPAHAKATHI KWEZINDLU
IZIFO ZIYANWENWA.ABANTU BAYAGULA
SIHLALA PHAKATHI KWENKUNKUMA
ENGAPHELIYO.UMHLABA WAKO P.J.S WANELE
NGAMANZI,SINGENELWA NGAMANZI EZI NDLINI
YONKE LEMINYAKA SIHLELI APHA.

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