

Media Statement:

Oasis Development - Rocklands Villa, Woodstock

Monday, 10 May 2010.

In respect of the Oasis development in Roodebloem Road, Woodstock, the Council of Heritage Western Cape decided at its scheduled meeting held on 5 May 2010, after extensive deliberations, that the developers must take the necessary steps to ensure that:

1. the remaining walls of the Rocklands Villa are retained, protected, secured and incorporated into the proposed reconstruction of the Villa; and
2. an application for a permit in terms of section 34(1) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999), indicating how the remains of the historic structure will be incorporated into the reconstructed villa be submitted to Heritage Western Cape;

Subject to the submission of the application and related documentation, the issuing of a permit by Heritage Western and any other approvals that may be required by the City of Cape Town, the stop works order issued by HWC will be revoked.

The original Rocklands Villa, a landmark late Victorian / early Edwardian building situated at the axis of Roodebloem Road, was built in 1905, and widely regarded as having high cultural significance to the inhabitants of the surrounding area. While Heritage Western Cape supports development, it has a legal mandate to ensure that heritage resources are protected.

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