

**Approved Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Impact Assessment Committee
(IACOM)
of Heritage Western Cape (HWC) held via Microsoft Teams
at 12H00 on Wednesday, 16 August 2023**



1. Opening and Welcome

Note: Due to the Chairperson, Mr. David Gibbs, being unable to attend the meeting and tendering apologies, Ms Waseefa Dhansay presided over the election of an Acting Chairperson in terms of the rule 12(5) of the Rules of Order and Conduct at Meetings of HWC. The Committee elected Ms Sarah Winter to chair the meeting.

The Acting Chair, Ms Sarah Winter, officially opened the meeting at 12:00 and welcomed everyone present.

2. Attendance

Members

Mr John Wilson-Harris (JWH)
Mr Dave Saunders (DS)
Ms Sarah Winter (SW)
Ms Katie Smuts (KS)
Ms Samantha Lee (SL)
Mr Chefferino Fortuin (CF)

Staff

Ms Waseefa Dhansay (WD)
Ms Stephanie Barnardt (SB)
Mr Olwethu Dlova (OD)

Observers

None

Visitors

None

3. Apologies

Mr David Gibbs

3.1. Absent

None

4. Approval of the Agenda

4.1 Agenda dated 16 August 2023

The Committee resolved to approve the agenda dated 16 August 2023 without changes.

5. Disclosure of Interest

None

MATTERS DISCUSSED

6 SECTION 38(8) NEMA FINAL COMMENTS ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

6.1 Proposed M3 Road Widening and Pedestrian Bridge, UCT: MA HM/CAPE TOWN METROPOLITAN/UCT/M3

Case No: 21062507SB0920E

Ms Stephanie Barnardt introduced the case.

DISCUSSION:

Amongst other things, the following was discussed:

- The location of the ramp in relation to Mostert's Mill is similar to the existing ramp.
- The recessive nature of the design of the bridge crossing is similar to the existing bridge and therefore is supported. However, any change in the recessive nature of this design will need to be submitted to HWC for further comment.
- The location of the bridge is similar to the location of the existing bridge. However, it was queried whether the bridge could possibly be located to the south of the existing bridge and away from the ridge line in order to reduce visual impacts on views towards the Mill from the M3.
- The proposed embankment to the rear of the Summer House is supported in principle subject to clarification and an amendment to address concerns.

FINAL COMMENT:

The Committee endorses the HIA dated 24 May 2023 and prepared by Bridget O'Donoghue Heritage Consultant as having satisfied the requirements of S.38(3). Endorsement of the HIA and the M3 upgrade proposals is subject to the following:

1. The final design of the bridge must follow the recessive nature of the existing bridge and any amendments to this design approach must be submitted to HWC for approval.
2. The opportunity to locate the bridge to the south of the existing bridge and further down the slope away from the ridge line must be explored in order to determine whether this is a more desirable alternative in terms of reducing visual impacts on views towards the mill from the M3 travelling in a southern direction. This concern relates specifically to the backdrop provided by the bridge to the Mill.
3. While the proposed embankment is endorsed there are two areas which need to be addressed. The toe of the embankment must follow the toe of the existing embankment and this must be clarified on the drawings. Furthermore, the height of the concrete barrier on the eastern side must be reduced by increasing the slope and the height of the embankment in order that the extent of the exposed concrete is no lower than the lip of the upper portion. Revised drawings must be submitted to HWC for approval.

The Committee endorsed the recommendation for the Landscape Plan and a Method Statement.

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7 Adoption of decisions and resolutions

The Committee agreed to adopt the decisions and resolutions as recorded above.

8. CLOSURE:

The meeting adjourned at 13:30

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:13:

23 August 2023

MINUTES APPROVED AND SIGNED BY:

CHAIR:



DATE: 23 August 2023

SECRETARY:



DATE: 23 August 2023