

Myrna Staal

From: Jan Koornneef <jan@kunsenvliegwerk.co.za>
Sent: Wednesday, 28 June 2023 15:19
To: Myrna Staal
Cc: 'Anton Conradie'
Subject: Communications Tower in Klaasvoogds

Dear Municipality,

Thank you for your invitation to respond to the report by Highwave Consultants in relation to the potential erection of a communications tower in Klaasvoogds.

After a rather careful reading of the report, in summary it appears to me that:
SBA Communications will lease an area from Anton Conradie to erect a (35m) tower with "9 triband antennae" and "4 transmission dishes" which will be made available to (further unspecified) wireless operators. With respect to specific services that will be provided to the (Klaasvoogds) area, the report is silent except that "... there are no reasons to be concerned with regards to 5G cellular infrastructure" [sic].

In order to appease the area's inhabitants that this tower will be really helpful (rather than just an eyesore), more detail would be in order. For example, no information is provided with respect to timescales, triband frequencies (3.5GHz, ...?), voice-, fixed wireless- & data- (4G, LTE, 5G, ..) services, or potential/committed providers (Rain, Vodacom, MTN, Hero, IP Wireless, ...). As such there is no indication in the report that SBA Communications is motivated beyond their own interests, rather than by an intent to enable effective and competitive facilities to the Klaasvoogds population.

It is perfectly clear to me that the wireless communications landscape evolves, and that precise predictions (let alone pricing!) are challenging. Nevertheless, the prospect of an (American) company building communication towers in South Africa for ("if you build it they will come") profit appears rather daunting. Alternatives?

Kindly yours ... Jan Koornneef ...
Kuns & Vliegwerk, Klaasvoogds

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From: Susjan Wentzel <susjan@parkdev.co.za>
Sent: Friday, 14 July 2023 12:56
To: Myrna Staal
Cc: Admin - JHR Consultants; 'Jana'; KOOS Wentzel
Subject: Re: VOORGESTELDE VERGUNNINGSGEBRUIK EN AFWYKING - RIETVALLEI 323 ROBERTSON RD

Goeiedag,

Ek het die voorgestelde vergunningsgebruik en afwyking aansoek bestudeer en alles klink aanvaarbaar. Dit is ook so dat hierdie installasie hopelik 'n voordeel sal inhou vir die inwoners in die onmiddellike omgewing.

Die enigste onsekerheid is wat die visuele impak van so 'n struktuur sal wees. Ek lees in die verslag dat konstruksie alternatiewe oorweeg word om die impak te minimaliseer, maar ek vermoed dat enige 35m hoog struktuur 'n impak gaan he, veral ook omdat dit op die hoogste punt in die omgewing opgerig word.

Dit is nie die eerste keer dat so 'n toring opgerig word nie. Is daar nie enige voorstelle hoe hierdie stuktuur hanteer kan word om meer in die omgewing in te smelt nie? 'n Alleenstaande bloekomboom wat baie hoog is, is nie 'n ongewone gesig in die omgewing nie. Is dit 'n moontlikheid om die toring so te laat lyk? Indien wel, moet die nou adresseer word as deel van die vergunningsgebruik aansoek?

Ek ontvang graag terugvoer op hierdie skrywe.

Groete,

Susjan Wentzel
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From: Myrna Staal <mstaal@langeberg.gov.za>
Date: Wednesday, 28 June 2023 at 12:33
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Subject: VOORGESTELDE VERGUNNINGSGEBRUIK EN AFWYKING - RIETVALLEI 323 ROBERTSON RD

Goeie dag

Vind asb aangehegte aansoek vir u aandag en kommentaar.

Vriendelike groete / Kind regards

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Tracy Brunings

From: Milne Kriel <info@mpkv.co.za>
Sent: Monday, 07 August 2023 11:48
To: Boitumelo Ashley Tlhapi; Tracy Brunings
Subject: Re: OPPOSING THE 35mlattice comm mast THE FARM RIETVALLEI No 323

Dear Boitumelo,

Thank you for your below comments I do however strongly emphasise that it would be an eyesore for the community and area.

I further suggest that you come and stay here for a weekend that you can get a feeling for the surroundings so that you can have a different perspective hereto.

Please consider that such a mast could be erected as per my previous correspondence closer to the road leading to Ashton.

The whole idea of guesthouses and the benefit of tourism in this area is to get a way from the city and taking in the beautiful surrounds and nature.

Please consider the above.

Kind regards,

Milne Kriel

From: Boitumelo Ashley Tlhapi <eap@ace-env.co.za>
Date: Friday, 04 August 2023 at 13:06
To: Milne Kriel <info@mpkv.co.za>
Subject: RE: OPPOSING THE 35mlattice comm mast THE FARM RIETVALLEI No 323

Good day Milne Kriel,

Thank you for responding to the site notice. I do comprehend the concerns provided by yourself and they are well received.

Perhaps an improved network connection may be of a benefit to the guesthouse that you will be building. The countryside would also require some sort of connectivity to remain connected. I have attached a coverage plot of the extent of the coverage to be received by Klaasvoogds.

Perhaps various design alternatives of the mast may be considered to suit the area better. Please see attached two different types of mast designs that are common in areas where people reside.

Please do know that I am acting independently on the project and I am not for nor against the proposed development. I am solely presenting the project to the surrounding neighbours and open to engage on all matters in this regard, and I will then present these to the client as they are.

Thank you.

Kind Regards,



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Sent: 04 August 2023 10:07

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Subject: OPPOSING THE 35mlattice comm mast THE FARM RIETVALLEI No 323

Dear Ace,

Please consider the following in regards to the 35 m lattice Telecommunications Mast at the Farm Rietvallei No 323.

We will be directly effected by the Mast since it is directly next to our property. We are opening selfcatering units by the end of August 2023, as guesthouse purposes as well as for tourism for the Klaasvoogds community.

The Mast will be in direct contrast for the purpose of people travelling to the countryside in order to get away from the city by having a Mast in their direct view even looking at it, at night instead of the stars.

It is placed exactly in the view of the one house as well as the cabins which whole idea is to be secluded.

Further to this it will be a big I sore for the Klaasvoogds community and all people living around this area.

It will also lower the value of our property which has been increasing ,because of the location and nature surroundings.It will be detrimental for all future purposes and the only person benefitting is the owner of the property who will probably get paid a sum of money each month.

We urge you to try for another location please , maybe closer to the main road going towards Ashton.

Kind regards,

Milne Kriel