



BUSHMAN'S RIVER MOUTH / BOESMANSRIVERMOND

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Municipal Manager
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Sewerage system for new development at Entrance to BRM Village

Dear Sir,

Great concern has been expressed by residents in BRM about the sewerage system currently being installed in the new development at the entrance to BRM village. The plan was apparently for the sewerage system to be a co-operative system between two developments, one development at the entrance of BRM Village and the other on the Riversbend side of the R72. The development at Riversbend is now apparently not going to take place which leaves an incomplete system.

Several conservancy type tanks have been sunk in the ground close to the houses at the entrance to the village. No one is aware of any EIA regarding this installation. Residents and property owners adjacent to such like installations should have the opportunity to comments or raise their concerns.

Allied to the above concern is the current situation where there are no serviceable vacuum tankers in BRM at present and existing conservancy tanks are regularly overflowing into the streets and river. These include the Riversbend conservancy tanks, one near the river at the Sandbar and the other adjacent to Prestons. The conservancy tank that is even a greater problem is the one in front of the old municipal building which overflows every time that there are visitors at the caravan park.

The municipality has been officially informed of the conservancy tank problem on a least 6 occasions and it has been recorded in the Ward3 minutes on more than one occasion. No action has been taken. Added to the above listed problems is the Klipfontein sewerage system which is dysfunctional. The Klipfontein problem has also been reported officially to Ndlambe and recorded in the Ward3 minutes on several occasions.

Ndlambe Municipality cannot serve the existing population with regard to infrastructure, especially sewerage and unless new developments planning and installation of infrastructure can illustrate that they can operate without input from the municipality they should not be allowed or signed off.

Yours faithfully,

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