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RATEPAYERS' AND RESIDENTS' ORGANISATION CONCERNED WITH HILTON, WINTERSKLOOF, WORLDS VIEW, HILTON GARDENS AND CEDARA

HILTON PLANNING TOWARDS AN URBAN DESIGN FRAMEWORK

QUESTIONNAIRE

This questionnaire has two important purposes:

- To establish that the residents and ratepayers of Hilton acknowledge their support for and membership of the HRA. An extract from the HRA constitution regarding the object of its existence is follows: *“The objects of the Association shall be to concern itself with all aspects of local government, excepting any party political matters, with special reference to the interests of the ratepayers and residents of Hilton. It shall take such action as it sees fit to represent the interests of the said ratepayers and residents.”* The Committee is fully aware of the diverse interests of the residents of Hilton and therefore attempts at all times to make representations only after consultation with as many interested and affected parties as possible.
- The second and larger part of the questionnaire is to obtain a contribution from residents towards the planning initiative currently under way. **Current approved and planned developments in Hilton will have the effect of doubling its population.** Since no recent plan for Hilton exists, the Committee, in consultation and with the approval of the uMngeni Municipality which lacks the funds for such and exercise, appointed professional planners to carry out the first stage of planning for an **Urban Design Framework**. The data from the following questionnaire will provide a significant contribution towards developing a long term plan for Hilton.

Please note:

1. For purposes of this questionnaire, **‘Hilton’** includes the areas of **Hilton, Winterskloof, Worlds View, Hilton Gardens and Cedara** (i.e uMngeni municipal wards 6 and 7).
2. Question A confirms the legitimacy of the HRA as a civil society representative organisation.
3. Questions 1 to 7 will inform the urban design framework

A.

I acknowledge my support and membership of the Hilton Ratepayers Association

Name:

Address:

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e-mail Address:

Contact telephone number:

I would like to be included on the HRA Data Base and receive e-mailed updates on community issues Y / N

The answers to each of the questions, except for "Other?" must be answered by inserting numbers 1 to 5 in the boxes. It is understood that opinions and preferences for some items might be very close, nevertheless grading will assist in developing a genuine assessment of the data.

1. What do you consider to be the major assets and desirable features of the Hilton area?

5 = most important / desirable 1 = least important / desirable

Educational facilities?

Sense of place and views?

Easy access to Pietermaritzburg and the KZN Midlands?

Quality of the built environment (such as ease of local access, diversity of facilities, commercial opportunity, mix of activities etc)?

Healthy climate?

Other? Please specify

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2. What do you like most about living in Hilton?

Like most = 5 Like least (or least important) = 1

- Village atmosphere?
- Quality of gated residential estates where these exist?
- Trees and greenery?
- No industrial areas?
- Availability of public transport?
- Other? Please specify

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3. What are the major problems of the Hilton area?

Most significant = 5 Least significant = 1

- Interruptions in water supply?
- Interruptions in electricity supply?
- Traffic congestion?
- Conditions of the roads?
- Safety and security?
- Other? Please specify

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4. What do you like least in Hilton?

Most significant (worst) = 5 Least significant = 1

- Inadequate communication from local authorities?
- New developments that undermine the character of Hilton?
- Excessive noise?
- Limited parking?
- Transport costs?
- Other? Please specify

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5. What do you consider to be the most important economic needs of the area?

Most important = 5 Least important = 1

- Better public transport?
- Greater local business support systems?
- More local job opportunities?
- Wider range of shopping opportunities?
- Low cost housing opportunities?
- Other? Please specify

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6. What ideas do you think can improve the Hilton area?

Most important = 5 Least important = 1

- Public squares and market places?
- Pedestrian pathways and cycle tracks?
- Facilities for local production and sale of fresh food?
- Urban renewal of Hilton’s central area?
- More dense residential developments?
- Other? Please specify

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7. What do you consider to be the most desirable elements for a path forward for the Hilton area?

Most important = 5 Least important = 1

- Development of retirement centres?
- Development as a city as part of the N3 corridor development?
- No further expansion into farming and open areas – e.g. along the Hilton College road?
- More residential development on the main transport routes?
- Pockets of state-assisted housing within the existing residential areas?
- Other? Please specify

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST

THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC MEETING IN LATE SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER TO PRESENT THE PLANNING STUDY AND SOLICIT FURTHER PUBLIC OPINION

