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1 Introduction and Purpose of the document

Public participation is a process that is designed to enable all interested and affected parties (I&APs) to voice their opinion and/or concerns which enables the practitioner to evaluate all aspects of the proposed development, with the objective of improving the project by maximising its benefits while minimising its adverse effects. I&APs include all interested stakeholders, technical specialists, and the various relevant organs of state who work together to produce better decisions.

A comprehensive public participation process has been undertaken as part of the Basic Assessment (BA) process for the proposed Bhudlu Access Bridge and Link Road project and a summary of the issues raised and responses in relation to these issues is provided in this Issues Trail. This Issues Trail provides a summary of concerns raised by I&APs.

The issues have been arranged into groups of comments received prior to the circulation of the Consultation Basic Assessment Report (cBAR) and post circulation of the cBAR, where in the case of the latter, the section is currently blank as the this version of the Issues Trail precedes the cBAR circulation to I&APs. The name, affiliation and date of the commentator are also indicated.

A full record of the public participation process and stakeholder / I&AP correspondence is available at Royal HaskoningDHV offices.

2 Issues Trail for the Bhudlu Access Bridge and Link Road Basic Assessment

Table 1: Issues Trail for the Bhudlu Access Bridge and Link Road Basic Assessment

No.	Issues / Comment / Input	Raised by and method	Response
1	Comments Received Prior to Circulation of the cBAR		
1.1	The project is welcomed and is supported by the Traditional Council. However there are issues that need to be dealt with. The safety of two villages can be compromised by this development. I hope the proposed bridge will not open a window for crime and conflict between the two Villages. Constant communication by two authorities on either side must take place more regularly to avoid conflict.	Inkosi C.N Jali Nhlangano Traditional Council Meeting 06.07.2015	The issue is noted. The ward councillors present are encouraged to maintain communication to ensure conflicts do not arise.
1.2	What is the size of the proposed bridge? We hope you are not proposing the low level bridge. A low level bridge will be impractical to use during the summer period with flooding being an issue at the Umtamvuna River.	Inkosi C.N Jali Nhlangano Traditional Council Meeting 06.07.2015	Unfortunately, there are significant costs associated with a high level bridge which the uMuziwabantu Municipality does not have. For this reason, the only funds available are for a low lying bridge. However, the design team will present an option of a higher bridge to the Municipality for further consideration.
1.3	I request that you provide us with the designs of the bridge.	Inkosi C.N Jali	Noted, bridge designs will also be included in the Basic Assessment Report

		Nhlangano Traditional Council Meeting 06.07.2015	which will be made available to you for review.
1.4	I am worried about the timeframes, how long will the BA process take?	H. Ngubelanga Nhlangano Traditional Council Meeting 06.07.2015	The BA process and WULA may take between 5 months to 8 months to complete, depending on how long the relevant authorities take to make a decision.
1.5	On behalf of the Silangwe village and Ward 27 committee we are in support of the project. We hope the project will strengthen relationships between two villages. We also support Nkosi Jali's call to have measures in place that will manage conflict.	Andile Gugqaza Nhlangano Traditional Council Meeting 06.07.2015	Your comments are noted.
1.6	Road construction from our side (EC) has been built half way. The Mbizane Local Municipality Mayor has assured us that the reminder of 5 km to the proposed bridge will continue to be constructed.	Andile Gugqaza Nhlangano Traditional Council Meeting 06.07.2015	Your comments are noted.
1.7	Please can we also have the bridge designs, so we can understand what is being proposed?	Andile Gugqaza Nhlangano Traditional Council Meeting 06.07.2015	Noted, bridge designs will also be included in the Basic Assessment Report which will be made available to you for review.
1.8	I would like to emphasise the issue of having a high level bridge. It is pointless to have the infrastructure that we cannot use at some point. I would like to plead with the project team to consider the option of having a high level bridge.	ZA Jali Nhlangano Traditional Council Meeting 06.07.2015	Noted, your comments will be shared with the project team. This includes the uMuziwabantu Local Municipality who are funding the project.
2	Comments Received Post Circulation of the cBAR		
	To be completed once received.		



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