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Comments on the appeal lodged on 20/12/2020 by Blaauwklippen Agricultural Estates against the MPT decision of 27/11/2020regarding LU/8567 re Portions 52, 53, 54 and 71 of Farm 510 Stellenbosch.

To the Appeal Authority and the Municipal Manager Stellenbosch Municipality

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Jamestown Heritage Committee (JHC) Arguments against Appeal Document Claims

- disadvantaged community are already under severe pressure due to steep increases in property valuations accompanying higher taxes due to the negative effect of Gentrification during the past Twenty years. These type of developments, including Le Clemence, Aan de Weber, and also including this development application (Blaauwklip-aan-Rivier (LU/8567) as well as applications for The James (LU/11047) and The James II (LU/11701) therefore are proof that the longstanding traditional residents / community most definitely do not benefit from these developments in the long run. It is a known fact that the negative effects of Gentrification already have and will most definitely have a negative effect on the majority Low / Middle income community.
- With regards to the Forced Removal comparison as pointed out by JHC and the Methodist Church comments of July 2019 we still believe that there are clear connections / resemblances between the Gentrification process and historical forced removals of Stellenbosch Coloured residents with the difference being that the Apartheid governing powers being replaced by the rich elite and in many cases in terms of municipal laws, supported by Municipalities in this situation.

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- Our comment with regards to point 19.3.2.7 of the Blaauwklip appeal: "Council has approved similar residential developments in Jamestown (e.g. La Clemence and Aan de Weber)." Historically both La Clemence and Aan de Weber is situated outside the historical Jamestown borders. According to the Water Rights Agreement document registered on 26 April 1916 Jacob Amber was the registered owner of "the farm Good Hope, part of the farm Blaauwklip as per deed of transfer in his favour dated 25th July 1913". This allotment has later been sold and resold to various owners. For the biggest part of 1900's this property has not been seen as Jamestown Agricultural land, but private owned land used business as a business site as well as several houses on the property.
- Values of the Town's character: The Water-Erven / Agricultural Zone is part of the uniqueness of our town that makes Jamestown stand out above the other surrounding Stellenbosch suburbs. The planned High density development in this unique part of Jamestown will most definitely destroy our unique agricultural heritage value which is part of Jamestown Heritage and inheritance. This development will most definitely open the door for further similar developments.
- With regards to the infra-structure: Will the current infra structure be able to manage these Three pending applications for high density development, (Blaauwklip-aan-Rivier (LU/8567) as well as applications for The James (LU/11047) and The James II (LU/11701) in terms of Sewage capacity, road and traffic structure, etc.
- We strongly request the applicant and Municipality to carefully rethink before making a decision that will totally destroy our beloved agricultural heritage, and our traditional and long living community and family's

Jamestown Heritage Committee hereby requests that the Appeal be dismissed based on our community's strong heritage values.

Kind Regards

Yours Faithfully

On behalf of and in the interest of the Jamestown Heritage Committee, Jamestown Ratepayers, Jamestown Small farmers, Jamestown Community.

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