

# Transport Impact Assessment

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#### Abbreviations

AMG	Access Management Guidelines
СМ	Critical Movement
СОТО	Committee of Transport Officials
DR	Divisional Road
GLA	Gross Leasable Area
На	Hectare
LOS	Level of Service
MBT	Minibus-Taxi
MR	Provincial Main Road
NMT	Non-motorised Transport
РТ	Public Transport
РТР	Public Transport Plan
RDE	Roadside Development Environment
SDP	Sight Development Plan
SQM	Square Meters (m <sup>2</sup> )
TIA	Transport Impact Assessment
V/C	Volume to Capacity Ratio

### **Transport Impact Assessment**

#### Green Valley Housing Development, Wittedrift

1	Purpose of Study	The purpose of this study is to determine the transport impact of the proposed Green Valley Housing Development in Wittedrift.	
2	<b>Locality</b> Refer to Figure A1 (Annexure A)	<ul><li>Green Valley Housing Development will be situated on Farm 306 Portion 28 in Wittedrift</li><li>Wittedrift is situated north east of Plettenberg Bay. The proposed site is bordered by a residential area to the north and west.</li></ul>	
3	<b>Land Use</b> Refer to Figure A2 (Annexure A)	<ul> <li>The site is currently undeveloped and will consist of 730 residential dwelling units.</li> <li>Refer to the Site Development Plan provided in Annexure A (WM De Kock Associates, 2019).</li> <li>The 730 units will consist of the following types:</li> <li>Type A: 560 units (12.1 ha Single storey)</li> <li>Type B: 170 units (1.6 ha High density row housing)</li> </ul>	
4	Existing Roadways in Site Vicinity	The existing roadways in the site vicinity are summarised below: <u>National Route 2 (NR208):</u> A national road (N2) with a cross-section consisting of a single carriageway with one lane per direction section, a posted speed limit between 60km/h and 80km/h and no on-street parking. Some intersections have local widening to accommodate turning lanes and/or additional through lanes. <u>R340 (MR390):</u> A provincial main road with a cross-section consisting of one lane per direction, a speed limit of 100km/h, no shoulder lanes and no on-street parking. <u>Main Road (MR395):</u> A provincial main road with cross-section consisting of one lane per direction, a speed limit of 60km/h and no sidewalks. <u>Pine Street:</u> A local residential street with cross-section consisting of lane per direction, a speed limit of 60km/h and no sidewalks. <u>High Street:</u> A local residential street with cross-section consisting of lane per direction, a speed limit of 60km/h and no sidewalks. <u>High Street:</u> A local residential street with cross-section consisting of lane per direction, a speed limit of 60km/h and no sidewalks. <u>High Street:</u> A local residential street with cross-section consisting of lane per direction, a speed limit of 60km/h and no sidewalks.	
5	Analyses Hours	<ul> <li>The traffic analyses are based on weekday AM and PM peak hours. The following peak hours are representative of the study area:</li> <li>Weekday AM peak hour: 07:00 to 08:00</li> <li>Weekday PM peak hour: 17:00 to 18:00</li> </ul>	

6	Scenarios Analysed	<ul> <li>The following scenarios were analysed to determine the transport impact of the proposed development: <ul> <li>2018 Existing conditions</li> <li>2023 Background traffic conditions (2018 existing traffic conditions plus expected traffic growth based on a 5-year traffic horizon)</li> <li>2023 Total traffic conditions (2023 Background traffic conditions plus development trips)</li> </ul> </li> <li>The traffic growth assumptions used to analyse future scenarios are discussed in Section 9.</li> <li>The scope of the analyses for the TIA included the intersections listed below. Refer</li> </ul>	
7	Study	to Figure A3 in Annexure A for the lane configu	urations and intersection controls.
	Intersections	Table 1: Study Intersections	
	(existing control)	No. Name	Existing Control
	Refer to Figure A3	1 N2/R304 2 R304/Main Road	Priority controlled
	(Annexure A)	3 Main Road/Pine Street	Priority controlled
		4 Pine Street/Proposed Development route	Future intersection
8	Existing Intersection Operations Refer to Figures A3 (Annexure A)	<ul> <li>Traffic surveys were conducted to determine the peak hour traffic volumes at the intersections in the study area. The surveys for the study intersections situated in Wittedrift were conducted on Thursday, 19 April 2018. The R304/Main Road and N2/R304 intersection traffic volumes were obtained from the Western Cape Government Road Network Information System (RNIS, 2018) and projected accordingly to obtain 2018 traffic counts.</li> <li>Intersections in the study area were analysed to determine the level of service (LOS), delay per vehicle (in seconds) and volume per capacity (V/C) for each intersection in the peak hour. Refer to Figure A3 in Annexure A for the respective weekday AM and PM peak hour traffic operation for the existing traffic conditions.</li> <li>Based on the results of the analyses, all the intersections are operating satisfactorily with no capacity conditions being experienced.</li> </ul>	
9	Approved		
	Developments/	No specific approved/latent developments have	ve been incorporated in the analyses.
	Latent Rights		
10	Traffic Growth	Traffic growth rates are used to estimate the fu of approximately 1% per annum on average h and Main Road and a growth rate of approxim Both these growth rates were experienced be is based on traffic data managed by the West 2018). It is expected that a similar growth may term. Accordingly, these growth rates are app estimate the traffic for the future scenario.	ture traffic. A historical traffic growth has been experienced along the R340 hately 2.5% per annum along the N2. tween the years 2004 and 2016. This ern Cape Government (WCG), (RNIS, be realised over the short to medium plied to the existing traffic counts to

11	Background Traffic Conditions Refer to Figure A4 (Annexure A)	The 2023 background traffic applying a 1% per annum tra per annum traffic growth rat Similarly to the analyses re intersections experience cap hours. Refer to Figure A4 in intersection operation result	conditio ffic growt e on the I esults for acity cons Annexur s.	ns scena h rate or N2 over f the exis straints d e A for th	rio analys the R340 ive years. sting cond luring the he respect	es the ex and Mai litions, n weekday tive peak	kisting tra n Road ar oone of t AM and c hour ba	ffic after nd a 2.5% he study PM peak ckground
12	<b>Site Access</b> Refer to Figure A7 (Annexure A)	<ul> <li>There are two proposed access roads to the development. Refer to Figure A7 in Appendix A for the proposed access roads.</li> <li>Access Road 1: High Street is extended and connects with a local street in the Green Valley Development.</li> <li>Access Road 2: This street will connect to Pine Street via a proposed street extending from the north western side of the development.</li> </ul>						
13	Trip Generation Rates and Development Trips	All trip generation rates and development trips are from 2013). The same trip generation char row housing. These trip generation development trips for the generation rates and In/ Out • AM peak hour: 1 trip • PM peak hour: 1 trip • PM peak hour: 1 trip The COTO Manual also providue to various factors. The generation rates for single dw • Mixed-use developm • Low vehicle owners • Very low vehicle owners •	d adjustm the Sour aracteristi eration ra weekday splits are p per dwe p per dwe p per dwe p per dwe ides guide ese factor welling ur nent: hip: nership: ridors: environm ned appli- generatio ps/ du v Itant experies Developm Weekda 12 n rates an pective A e road r ps of the	ent facto th Africa cs were a ates were a AM an e summar elling unit elines for rs and ti hits (COTO 10% 40% 70% 15% hent of 10 cable for on rate o was calco ected dev ment Trip a AM Pea out 113 35 nd adjust rips are M and P hetwork	ors used t in Trip Da assumed f e used for id PM pe rised as fol t (25% in/7 t (30% in/7 r a reducti he recom O 210) are 0% and a v the devel f 1 trip pe ulated an velopment s ak Hour Total 151 46 tment fac expected M weekd to deter	o determi ta Manu for both s determi ak hours llows: 75% out) 70% out) fon in trip mended as follow very low opment a as follow very low opment a trips for Weekd In 106 32 tors prov to be a ay peak mine th work	nine the al (COTO single dwe ning the s. The C p generat reductio vs: vehicle o and was to ng unit. A to detern the deve and was to ng unit. A to detern the deve	expected TMH17, elling and expected OTO trip cion rates n in trip whership therefore nett trip mine the elopment ak Hour Total 151 46 he COTO d by the pese trips t of the
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		All trips generated by the development were assigned through Main Road/Pine Street intersection (intersection 2) as part of the traffic modelling. The expected trip distribution used in the traffic model, for the development during the AM and PM
		peak hours was as follows:
14	Trip Distribution	• 5% to/from Plettenberg Bay via Main Road
	Refer to Figure A5	20% to/from Uniondale
	(Annexure A)	30% to/from Port Elizabeth
		45% to/from Plettenberg Bay via R340
		The above distribution, as well as the assignment of the development trips through
		the study intersections, are illustrated in Figure A5 in Annexure A for the respective peak hours.
		The 2023 total traffic conditions scenario analyses the background traffic conditions
		plus the development trips assigned and distributed through the road network.
15	Total Traffic	Based on the intersection capacity analyses, all of the study intersections can expect
	Conditions	to operate satisfactorily during the respective weekday AM and PM peak hours. No
	Refer to Figures A6	capacity road improvements are thus required to accommodate the additional
	(Annexure A)	development trips. However, the intersection layouts are currently sub-standard
		and requires improvement. This is further discussed in Section 16 below.
		Refer to Figure A6 in Annexure A for the respective peak hour total intersection
		operation results.
		Main Road/ Lemon Street Intersection:
		Site observations confirmed that the current intersection geometry at Main Road/
		Lemon Street is sub-standard with Watson Street intersecting with Lemon Street in
		the intersection. As part of future road network improvement, watson street
		I intersection has to be re-aligned to either intersect directly with Main Road or with
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		Significant desire lines include the following:	
		<ul> <li>From the local community along the Main Road to the CBD areas.</li> <li>Across the Main Road to the civic centre with sports fields and the Community Hall.</li> <li>Learner movement along Heuwel Street and Monument Street.</li> </ul>	
		Future pedestrian desire lines were also identified and these include the following:	
		<ul> <li>From the Green Valley development northwards along informal routes to connect to the CBD environments and school via Heuwel Street.</li> <li>Informal NMT movement is expected from the Green Valley development to connect to the existing Wittedrift Community.</li> </ul>	
		Improvement proposals include the following:	
17	Non-motorised Transport (NMT) Refer to Figures A7 & A8 (Annexure A)	<ul> <li>Sidewalks are proposed along the following roads:         <ul> <li>The residential streets of the proposed Green Valley Development</li> <li>Along Access Road 1</li> <li>Along Access Road 2</li> <li>Along Main Road from the existing sidewalks and extending to Lemon Street</li> </ul> </li> <li>A pedestrian crossing is proposed along the Main Road, close to the Main Road/Pine Street intersection. The exact location must be determined during a detail design process.</li> <li>Three exclusive NMT paths must be provided along the future pedestrian desire lines. Refer to Figure A8 for NMT Path Layout Examples which take into consideration the steep gradients of the paths.</li> <li>As soon as the land use proposals are more defined, traffic calming elements should be introduced in the development to ensure that speeding does not become an issue, especially with the steep gradients. Pedestrian crossing facilities should also be identified, if required and where appropriate.</li> <li>It should also be noted that Bitou Municipality is considering the constructions of a sidewalk all along Main Road up to the Stofpad School. However, this has not yet been confirmed.</li> </ul>	
18	Public Transport	Public transport is a main source of transport in the Wittedrift area, transporting passengers to and from the surrounding towns where people work. It is expected that minibus taxis will travel to and from the new development along High Street. Care should be taken that minibus taxis can operate along the Access Road 2 and Access Road 1. Once the proposed land use is more defined, public transport embayments should	
		also be provided at appropriate locations. A public transport embayment is proposed along the Main Road, close to the Main Road/Pine Street intersection.	
19	Parking	Provision for at least one vehicle per dwelling unit to park off-street will be provided as part of the development. This is in accordance with the Bitou Municipality zoning regulations. As all required parking is provided on each individual erf, no additional on-street parking is required.	

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		Road Network
		Existing (2018) and Background (2023) Traffic Conditions
		All the intersections currently operate and will operate in the future at acceptable conditions from an intersection capacity point-of-view. No mitigation measures are recommended as part of these analyses scenarios.
		However, the intersections of Main/ Lemon and Main/ Pine are geometrically sub- standard. It is proposed that it be intersections be improved:
		<ul> <li>Main Road/Lemon Street Intersection         <ul> <li>Watson Street intersection has to be re-aligned to either intersect directly with Main Road or with Lemon Street.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Main Road/Pine Street Intersection         <ul> <li>No capacity improvements are proposed for this intersection.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
		Access
		There are two proposed access roads to the development.
		<ul> <li>High Street is extended and connects with a local street in the Green Valley Development</li> <li>Access Road 2: This street will connect to Pine Street via a proposed street extending from the north western side of the development.</li> </ul>
20	Conclusion &	Development Trips
	Recommendations	The expected development trips are as follows:
		<ul> <li>Weekday AM peak hour: 197 trips (50 in/148 out)</li> <li>Weekday PM peak hour: 197 trips (138 in/59 out)</li> </ul>
		2023 Total Traffic Conditions
		All the study intersections will operate at acceptable traffic conditions from an intersection capacity point-of-view with the addition of the development trips on the external road network. No mitigation measure are thus recommended as part of these analyses scenarios.
		NMT
		Significant desire lines were identified along with future pedestrian desire lines expected once Green Valley is completed. Improvement proposals include the following:
		<ul> <li>Sidewalks are proposed along the following roads:         <ul> <li>The residential streets of the proposed Green Valley Development</li> <li>Along Access Road 1</li> <li>Along Access Road 2</li> <li>Along Main Road from the existing sidewalks and extending to Lemon Street</li> </ul> </li> <li>A pedestrian crossing is proposed along the Main Road, close to the Main Road/Pine Street intersection. The exact location must be determined during a detail design process.</li> </ul>

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Parking
Provision for at least one vehicle per dwelling unit to park off-street will be provided as part of the development, no additional on-street parking is required.
Conclusion
It is concluded that the expected development traffic will have a marginal impact of the external road network and no road improvements are required from an intersection capacity point-of-view. However, geometric improvements at Main Lemon and Main/ Pine are required, and NMT, traffic calming and public transpor facilities should be provided as recommended in the report.
It is therefore concluded and recommended that the development can be approved from a transport perspective.

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Site Development Plan





#### 2018 EXISTING LANE CONFIGURATION AND WEEKDAY AM AND PM PEAK HOUR TRAFFIC CONDITIONS

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A3









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A5







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