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Attention: Mr Michael Bennett
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Dear Mr Michael Bennett

**THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF
A MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT ON FARM PORTION 278 AND PARTIALLY ON PORTION
282 OF FARM KRAAIBOSCH NO. 195, GEORGE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, WESTERN
CAPE.**

DEA&DP Reference: 16/3/3/1/D2/19/0009/23

CapeNature would like to thank you for the opportunity to review the above report. Please note that our comments only pertain to the biodiversity related impacts and not to the overall desirability of the application. CapeNature wishes to make the following comments:

CapeNature provided comments for the Pre-Application Draft Basic Assessment Report (CapeNature reference: *LE14/2/6/1/6/2/278&282-195/General/Kraaibosch*). Since the Pre-App dBAR the vegetation threat status for Garden Route Granite Fynbos has changed to **Critically Endangered** (NEM:BA, 2022)¹. However, as mentioned in our initial comment the proposed site has been transformed and the proposed development will not have a significant impact on the surrounding biodiversity.

CapeNature reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any additional information that may be received.

Yours sincerely,



Megan Simons
For: Manager (Landscape Conservation Intelligence)

¹ National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004). The Revised National List of Ecosystems that are Threatened and in need of protection. 2022. Government Gazette No. 47526

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Attention: Ms Ameesha Sanker
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Dear Ms Ameesha Sanker

**PRE-APPLICATION DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED
CONSTRUCTION OF A MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT ON FARM PORTION 278 AND 282
OF FARM KRAAIBOSCH NO. 195, GEORGE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, WESTERN CAPE.**

DE&DP Reference: 16/3/3/6/7/1/D2/19/0120/21

CapeNature would like to thank you for the opportunity to review the above report. Please note that our comments only pertain to the biodiversity related impacts and not to the overall desirability of the application. CapeNature wishes to make the following comments:

According to the Western Cape Biodiversity Spatial Plan (Pool-Stanvliet *et.al.* 2017)¹ the site has Terrestrial CBA and ESA. The site does not have any aquatic features other than a non-perennial drainage line mapped close to the northern boundary. Furthermore, the site is within the National Strategic Water Source Area for surface water for the Outeniqua region and serves as a water source protection for the Kaaimans River and a watercourse protection for the South Eastern Coastal Belt.

The Vlok and de Villiers (2014) fine scale vegetation map describes the area as Wolwedans Grassy Fynbos while Mucina and Rutherford (2006)² and the Western Cape Biodiversity Spatial Plan (Pool-Stanvliet *et.al.* 2017) mapped the vegetation as **Endangered**³ Garden Route Granite Fynbos and Groot Brak Dune Strandveld.

The site has been transformed overtime and does not have a high sensitivity in terms of biodiversity. Therefore, CapeNature does not object to the proposed application as it would not have a significant impact on the surrounding biodiversity.

¹ Pool-Stanvliet, R., Duffell-Canham, A., Pence, G. & Smart, R. 2017. The Western Cape Biodiversity Spatial Plan Handbook. Stellenbosch: CapeNature.

² Mucina, L. & Rutherford, M. C. (EDS) 2006. The Vegetation of South Africa, Lesotho and Swaziland. Strelitzia 19. South African National Biodiversity Institute, Pretoria. (Revised 2012)

³ National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004). National list or ecosystems that are threatened and in need of protection.2011. Government Gazette No. 34809.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MS', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Megan Simons
For: Manager (Landscape Conservation Intelligence)