

REPORT TO MUNICIPAL PLANNING TRIBUNAL

Case ID	70466878
Case Officer	Songezo Ndaba / Kajabo Ngendahimana
Case Officer phone number	021 444 7515
District	Tygerberg
Ward	26
Ward Councillor	Franchesca Walker
Report date	October 2019

ITEM NO

MPTNE12/11/19

WARD 54: APPLICATION FOR THE DETERMINATION OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY IN TERMS OF SECTION 42(r) OF THE CAPE TOWN MUNICIPAL PLANNING BY LAW, 2015: ERF 4544, GOODWOOD, 122 CAMBRIDGE STREET, RICHMOND ESTATE

1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Site extent	495m²
Current zoning	Single Residential zoning (SR1)
Current land use	Dwelling House
Overlay zone applicable	None
Submission date	2019-10-04
Subject to PHRA / SAHRA	No
Any unauthorised land use / building work?	Yes, unauthorised building work that relates to the construction of a carport without prior planning approval. This triggers a street building line departure. The existing garage was also converted into a second dwelling unit that triggers the necessity for a parking departure. The second dwelling, however, is an additional use right and falls within the building lines of the DMS.
Has owner applied for the determination of an administrative penalty	The property owner has applied for the determination of an administrative penalty.
Has the City Manager applied to the MPT for an order that a person who is contravening the MPBL must pay an administrative penalty in an amount determined by the MPT	No
Has the City issued a demolition directive i.t.o section 128 of the MPBL? If yes, an administrative penalty may not be	No

applied for.	452
Has the City served a	Yes, a notice to obtain the necessary planning
notice on the owner or	approval was issued to the property owner on
other person in respect of	20/10/2017. A copy of the notice is Annexure D.
the unlawful land use or	
building work which	
required the owner or	
other person to apply for	
the determination of an	
administrative penalty?	

2 BACKGROUND / SITE HISTORY

The owners were served with a notice on 17 October 2017 to submit building plans for unauthorised building works in terms of the National Building Regulations and Building Standards Act no 103 of 1977. The owners were however in possession of a building plan with an approved stamp dated August 2017 that was provided to them by their Architect. Upon further investigation, it came to light that the stamp, case number and signatures as reflected on the approval stamp do not correspond with information in Council's system.

Additional examples of similar cases dealt with by the said Architect, was also discovered by this District upon further investigation. The matter has been referred to head office for further action to be taken.

2.1 The site is not located in an HPOZ area.

The extent of the unauthorised encroachment of the street building line is 34.26m² as the structure is wider than 6.5m.

Historically the property was developed with a dwelling house with a garage see Annexure B. The owners decided to convert an existing garage into second dwelling and constructed a carport. The owners were under the impression that an approved building plan was obtained.

A notice to obtain the necessary planning approval was issued to the property owner on 20/10/2017. A copy of the notice is Annexure E.

This application resulted from the submission of the building plan and the comment received that an application for determination of an administrative penalty is required (see Annexure F comment from building plan process).

The administrative penalty application is referred to the MPT for a determination.

3 SUMMARY OF APPLICANT'S MOTIVATION

- 3.1 The applicant's motivation of the proposed is attached as Annexure D and may be summarised as follows:
 - The unauthorised building work relates to the conversion of an existing garage into a second dwelling and the construction of a carport without prior planning approval.
 - The owners acted on what they believed to be a copy of an approved building plan handed to them by the architect.
 - Construction was undertaken as per the building plan.
 - The size of the unauthorised building work is 14.7m² (the correct measurement being 34.26m²)
 - The unauthorized building work was undertaken from September 2017.
 - The contravention has no negative impact on the surrounding.
 - A cease work notice was issued and the owner submitted plans for approval.
 - The unlawful conduct has not stopped as the structure is in existence.
 - The owner has not previously contravened the planning by-law.

4 ASSESSMENT OF APPLICATION

4.1 The unauthorised work contravenes the DMS. The owner converted an existing garage into a second dwelling and constructed a carport without prior planning approval (see Annexure C).



4.2 Section 129(7) (a) of the By-Law requires that the administrative penalty not exceed 100% of the unauthorized work.

Administrative Penalty: Calculation

4.2.1 The applicant did not provide a quotation for the unauthorised building work undertaken. The costs indicated in the City's Standard Operating Procedure spreadsheet of "building works value" will be used and indicates that:

$R5720 \times 34.26m^2 = R195 967.20$

The administrative penalty may not exceed 100% of R 195.967.20

4.1 The following factors need to be considered when determining an appropriate administrative penalty, as contemplated by section 129(8) of the By-Law:

Nature: The unauthorised building work is for the construction of a

carport without prior planning approval.

Duration: The additions and alterations were built 2 years ago.

Extent: The extent of the contravention is approximately 34.26m².

Gravity: Although the construction of a carport without necessary

approval is a concern, the structure is not of a habitable nature and similar in nature to other structures found within the area. The gravity of the contravention is therefore

regarded as of a medium nature.

Conduct: The owners were clearly misled by their architect in

believing that an approved building plan has been obtained. Construction only commenced upon receipt of such stamped plan from the architect and it can be deduced that the owners acted in good faith. Further investigation by this office has revealed similar questionable conduct by said architect which is

currently under investigation.

Unlawful conduct ceased: The unauthorised building work has been

completed.

Previous contraventions: There is no record of any previous

contraventions by the owners of the

property.

5 REASONS FOR DECISION

- 5.1 Reasons for the recommended decision may be summarised as follows:
- 5.1.1 Although building work commenced without an approved building plan or Land Use Management approval, it is believed that the owners were misled by their architect and was presented with a building plan that carried Council's approved stamp that was clearly obtained and applied in a dishonest manner.
- **5.1.2** Upon presented with the facts, the owners proceeded to rectify the unauthorised nature of the building works with the submission of a building plan.

6 RECOMMENDATION

In view of the above, it is recommended that:

6.1 An administrative penalty of **R0.00** be determined in terms of Section 129 of the City of Cape Town Municipal Planning By-Law, 2015 in respect of Erf 4544, Goodwood.

ANNEXURES

Annexure A Locality Plan

Annexure B Copy of an approved building plan

Annexure c Building plan

Annexure D Applicant's motivation
Annexure E Copy of the notice served

Annexure F Comment from building plan process

Section Head: Land Use Management

Name Tess Kotze

Tel no 021 444 7506

Date 28.10.2019

District Manager: Table Bay

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Annexure

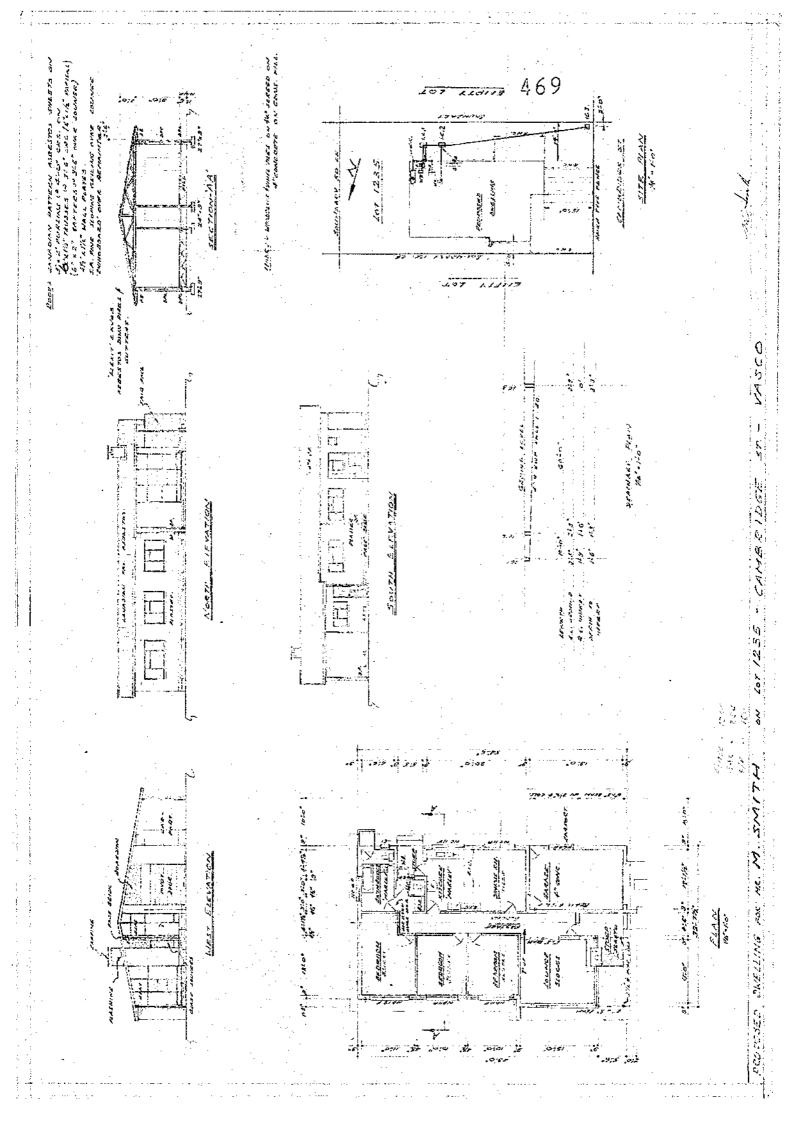
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Locality Plan

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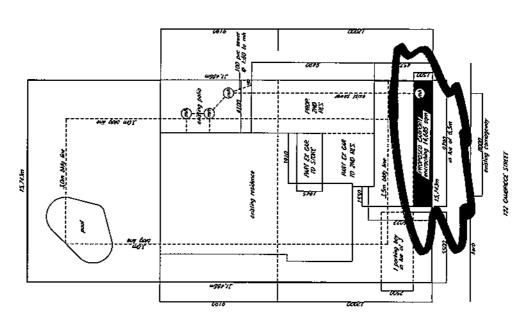


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Applicant's motivation

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ERF 4544

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20/09/2019

CITY OF CAPE TOWN

Application for Determination of Administrative Penalty

IN 2017 MR PAUL ARENDSE (ARCHITECTURAL TECHNOLOGIST REG. NO T1561), DID PLANS FOR PROPOSED CARPORT & CONVERSION OF GARAGE TO TV RM. HE PROVIDED US WITH THE <u>APPROVED</u> PLANS, DATED 3RD AUGUST 2017. (SEE ATTACHED).

ON THE BASIS THAT PLANS WERE <u>APPROVED</u>, THUS THE BUILDING WORK OF 35sqm & 45sqm CARPORT COMMENCED & WAS COMPLETED BY OCTOBER '17.

ON 9^{TH} OCTOBER 2017, COUNCIL ISSUED A "NOTICE TO OBTAIN WRITTEN APPROVAL FOR THE UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORK" (SEE ATTACHED).

ACCORDING TO COUNCIL THE APPROVAL NUMBER ON THE APPROVED PLAN, WAS FOR AN APPROVED PLAN FOR ERF 2868, AVONDALE, PAROW.

(SEE ATTACHED).

RE THE AFORE MENTIONED, IT IS BELIEVED THAT AN AMINISTRATVE PENALTY IS NOT APPLICABLE, SO THAT THE BUILDING PLAN CAN BE APPROVED. (SEE ATTACHED).

I HAVE NEVER BEFORE CONTRAVENED ANY MUNICIPAL BY-LAW.

SEE PAGE 2:

FACTORS IN TERMS OF SECTION 129(8) OF THE "MBA":

(a) Nature , duration , gravity & extent of the contravention :

Nature: Carport encroaching 1,5m street building line; carport width

exceeded; insufficient parking provision.

Duration: from about September 2017 until current.

Gravity: the contravention does/did not affect anybody negatively.

Extent: 14,685 sqm Carport area encroaching 1,5m street building line;

9,790m carport width in lue of 6,5m;

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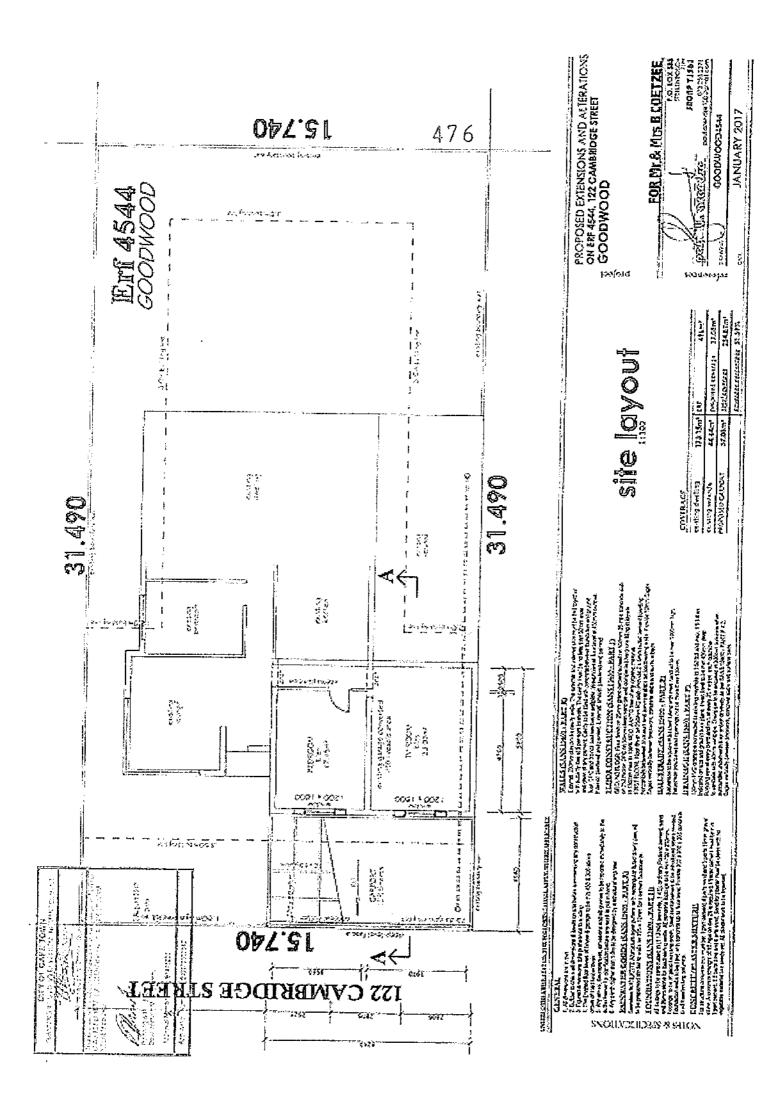
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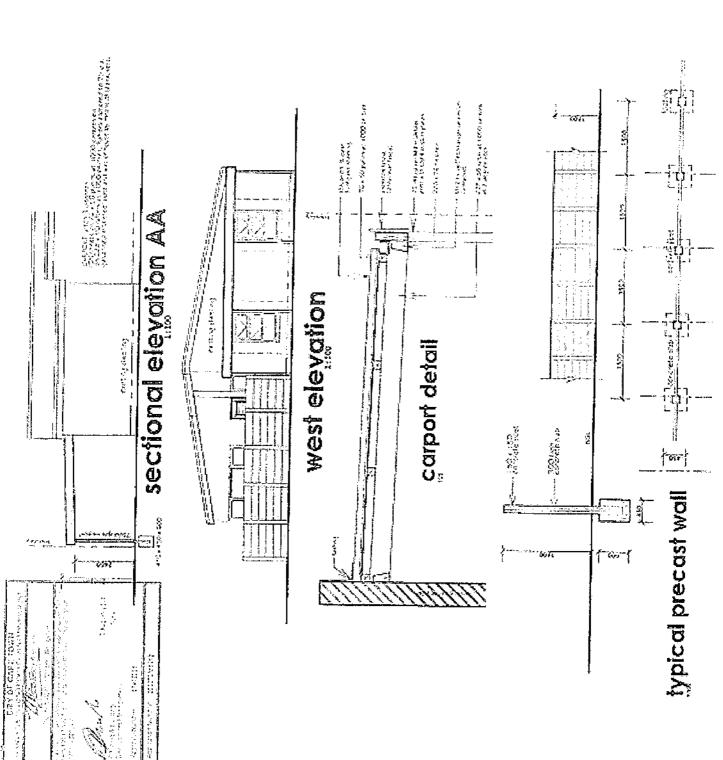
The building work was commenced since approved plans were obtained, little knowing that the "plan approval" was for another property. On receiving notice to obtain written approval, I started proceedings for the necessary plans to be submitted for approval.

- (c) The unlawful conduct has not stopped.
- (d) I never before contravened any By-Laws or Planning laws.

TRUST COUNCIL FINDS THIS IN ORDER.

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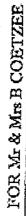
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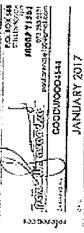
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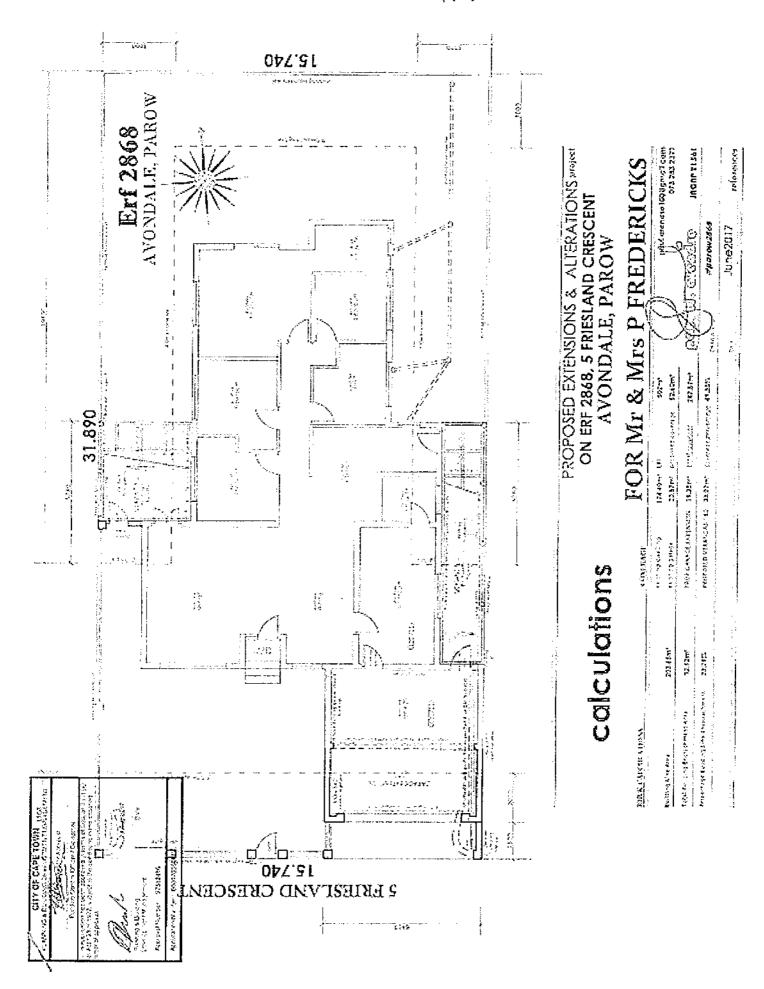
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PROPOSED EXTENSIONS AND ALJERATIONS ON BIF 4544, 122 CAMBRIDGE STREET GOODWOOD







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Enquiries: L Campher Tel: 021 444 7855

Reference:

PERSONIREGISTERED OWNER OF PROPERTY	William & Kobarinda Coetzee		
ADDDECC	122 Cambridge Straat Richmond Estate		
ADDRESS	Goodwood		
ID NO/REG NR	570321 0116 004	DATE	9 October 2017

NOTICE TO OBTAIN WRITTEN APPROVAL FOR THE UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORK

An inspection conducted on 15/09/2017 revealed that you are in the process / have erected a building on Erf No 4544 at 122 Cambridge Street Richmond Estate

The work being a Carport and Alterations to dwelling in the area of the City of Cape Town (being the local authority in question) which is in contravention of Section 4(1) read with Section 4(4) of the National Building Regulations and Building Standards Act No 103 of 1977 (the Act), as no prior written approval for the erection of such building has been obtained from the said local authority.

(<u>Please note: Plan no 70360912 presented to me by you is an approved plan for erf 2868 Friesland Crescent Avondale Parow and according to our records NO BUILDING PLAN APPLICATION HAS BEEN MADE FOR YOUR PROPERTY</u>)

In terms of Section 4(1) of the Act, no person shall without the prior approval in writing of the local authority in question, erect any building in respect of which plans and specifications are to be drawn and submitted in terms of this said Act.

In terms of Section 4(4) of the Act, any person erecting any building in contravention of the provisions of Section 4(1) shall be guilty of an offence.

Acting under delegated powers, I hereby order you in terms of Regulation A25 (10) of the National Building Regulations promulgated under Section 17(1) of the said Act, to obtain written approval for the said unauthorised building work, by submitting and having building plans approved within 60 days from the date the recipient signed for this notice (see below).

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS NOTICE CONSTITUTES A CRIMINAL OFFENCE IN TERMS OF REGULATION A25(11) OF THE NATIONAL BUILDING REGULATIONS. The City of Cape Town may, without further notice, institute legal proceedings against you.

The submission of building plans in compliance with this notice does not place any obligation on the City of Cape Town to approve such building plans for the building work set out above. Should written approval not be granted, you will be required to either rectify or demolish the abovementioned unauthorised building work.

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SECTION F: MOTIVATION TO SECTION 129(8) OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING BY-LAW

Give a description of the land use or structure(s) / building work that are in contravention on the property.



Provide the extent(s) in m² of the property used for the unlawful use activity, and unlawful building work / structure(s) that contravene the MPBL. (Indicate extent(s) on a building plan / map / plan / diagram)



Provide explanatory motivation addressing the circumstances in which the land use or structure(s) / building work has occurred.

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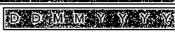
Describe the duration of the contravention(s).

FROM SERTEMBER 2017 UNTIL CURRENT

Has the unlawful activity ceased?



If yes, provide the date when the activity ceased



Has the owner / person previously contravened the MPBL, or a previous Planning Law?



If yes, please provide more details below.

Provide the municipal valuation of the erf.

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State and provide supporting documentation for your determination of the value of the unauthorised building work / structures or land use that is in contravention of the MPBL.

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SECTION G: DECLARATION

I/we hereby wish to confirm the following:

- 1. That the information contained in this application form and accompanying documentation is complete and correct.
- That I/we am/are properly authorised to make this application on behalf of the owner and (where applicable) that copies of such full relevant powers of attorney are attached hereto.*
- That where an agent is indeed appointed to submit this application on the owner's behalf, it is accepted that correspondence and formal
 notification as required in terms of Planning law will only be sent to such consultant / agent and that the owner will regularly consult with the agent /
 consultant in this regard.
- 4. That this submission includes all necessary planning applications required to enable the development proposed herein. I/we specifically confirm that I/we have read the relevant title deed(s) or the attached conveyancer certificate. I/we confirm that there are no restrictive conditions which impact on the this application, or alternatively where there are applications for the removal / amendment / suspension of these or consent required in terms of a title deed condition, form part of the submission.
- 5. I/we am/are aware that by lodging an application, the information in the application and obtained during the process may be made available to the public.
- 6. That where the proposal involves existing building work erected and / or used in contravention of the development management scheme, that I/we have consulted with the Section Head: Land Use Management for the applicable area to ensure the correct application in terms of Planning law is being made. I/we confirm that I/we have not been served with a demolition directive in terms of section 128 (1) (b) (ii) of the MPBL on the property.
- 7. That, as owner / applicant / developer, I am/we are aware of the state of existing bulk services provision and infrastructure availability in the subject area and any development contributions that might be payable in respect of the development proposed herein (if applicable).
- 8. The email address and cell number provided on this form is to be used by the City to communicate when there is correspondence relating to the application(s) for my attention that will be available through e-Services. If my email address or cell number changes, I/we will notify the Corporate Call Centre on 0860 103 089 to update my/our business partner details.

If the application is made by a person other than the registered owner(s) (e.g. an agent / consultant) the requirements in terms of section 71(1)(b) of the MPBL must be adhered to.

Registered owner's signature

Full name and surname

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Applicant / Agent's signature

Full name and surname

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Professional capacity

PROF ARCH DRAUGHTSPERSON Applicant's ref D2438

Copy of the notice served

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Comment from building plan process



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Neil Craig September Clerk: Technical Assistant T 021 4447945 E: neilcraig.september@capetown.gov.za Case ID: 70460448

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05 July 2019

Eric Lombard Umthislot 10 Glenwood 7460

Dear Sir / Madam

ERF 4544, GOODWOOD, PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR: Building Plan < 500m2

Dear Applicant, please note that your BDM Case 70460448 has not been cleared. Refer to Clearance Requirements.

Remains of another Not Cleared

The proposed parking 1 and 2 is not practical as the parking goes beyond the property boundary. The applicant is advised to make an application for parking departure together with all the other departures required on the property.

Council's aerial photography has revealed that the proposed carport on the street boundary already exists on the property. Therefore, the applicant needs to make an application for the determination of an administrative penalty at the Land Use Management department.

For any further queries please contact Thuthula Mazana on 021 444 7516

Yours faithfully

Neil Craig September

for DIRECTOR: DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT