

**ISSUES AND RESPONSE REPORT (to be updated after Draft BA circulation public comment received)**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	<b>ISSUE RAISED</b>	<b>RESPONSE</b>
28 June 2007	Cllr Rigby Heenan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request for public meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Meeting called for 20 September 2007</li> </ul>
28 June 2007	Jeremy Thomas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>OBJECTION</b></li> <li>Flies and odour</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noted</li> <li>Odours perceived to come from the manure therefore the manure needs to be managed in terms of EMP</li> </ul>
28 June 2007	Roland Marxer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Believes poultry farm is not a good thing to have around due to perceived pollution and Ward Committee with residents should oppose jointly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The existing poultry farm is an agricultural activity on agricultural land and no pollution has been reported.</li> </ul>
28 June 2007	Malcolm Stewart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expresses concern dependent on proximity of operation to residential area</li> <li>Concern regarding scale of operation if bulk feeding system is anticipated</li> <li>Would like confirmation that slaughtering of poultry is not included</li> <li>Potential for increased traffic volumes and trail of feathers from</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noted. The farm is located 2km from the town of Zinkwazi</li> <li>Presently feed is delivered already processed more often which will be reduced by fewer deliveries of bulk feed - the feed mill envisaged is a small one to service this operations needs only</li> <li>Slaughtering of poultry is not a part of this operation. The chickens are kept to lay eggs and spent layers are sold on for slaughter at their destination</li> <li>A nominal increase in vehicles carrying live birds is anticipated.</li> </ul>

		trucks carrying live birds a concern	
29 June 2007	Gavin Strydom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports call for public meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting scheduled for 20 September 2007, held and minutes distributed</li> </ul>
30 June 2007	Jaap du Preez	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Based on previous experience of living next door to a poorly managed poultry farm has concerns regarding odour, flies and rodents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is a farm managed to accepted norms and standards, is being monitored by independent consultants confirming compliance</li> </ul>
30 June 2007	Wendy Balcomb ZBRRA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request for registration and advice of further meetings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registered and notice circulated</li> </ul>
1 July 2007	Brian Bannister	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expansion proposal not in keeping with long term objectives of development of Zinkwazi as upmarket low density holiday/residential area</li> <li>• Disposal of poultry manure and potential for flies and odour if spread on farms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poultry farm located 2km from existing Zinkwazi town on agricultural land. There is currently no application registered with the local authority to extend the boundary of Zinkwazi town nor any land use management scheme which has identified expansion of the town as far as the existing farm. The proposed expansion of the existing poultry operation will not preclude expansion of the town</li> <li>• Mitigation measures to be put in place for management of manure from this operation and EMP to be provided. It should be noted that surrounding farmers are entitled to fertilise their farms and the source of manure is not necessarily always</li> </ul>

			a product of this poultry farm.
2 July 2007	Peter (P.C. & L.V.) Maritz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Object if proposal is going to affect Zinkwazi residents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No effect on Zinkwazi residents is anticipated</li> </ul>
5 July 2007	Stuart Armour Department of Agriculture: Land Use & Macro Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request for additional information</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted and provided</li> </ul>
11 July 2007	Andrew & Mina Fischer - 53 Glen Drive Zinkwazi Beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>OBJECTION</b></li> <li>• Proximity of poultry farm to residential area</li> <li>• Health issues potentially fatal air-borne diseases linked to birds</li> <li>• Health and safety concerns negate constitutional right to enjoyment of property</li> <li>• Potential for flies and odour</li> <li>• Perceived opposition of proposal to consider greener alternatives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted</li> <li>• Farm is located 2km from town on agricultural land – the town is a coastal town and therefore growing westwards toward existing established agricultural activities</li> <li>• Health comment from the vet not an issue closed houses</li> <li>• The farmer has recognised the potential health and safety concerns and spent R26mill to improve his operation and prevent health hazards in the exercising of his rights to farm</li> <li>• Acknowledged – primarily resulting from management of chicken litter – mitigation measures under discussion</li> <li>• Greener alternative assumed free range which is contradictory to health and safety issues</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Negative implication for tourism development</li> <li>• Town planning consideration for approval of poultry farm in close proximity to residential area</li> <li>• Perceived negative financial implications to residents, ratepayers, and workers resulting from perceived potential for devaluation of properties</li> <li>• Suggestion of prudence to inform everyone in Zinkwazi and surrounding villages</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current houses are screened and not highly visible along access corridor to Zinkwazi town - future expansion will be screened with landscape planting</li> <li>• In consultation with the provincial planning authority no approval is presently required for agricultural activities on agricultural land</li> <li>• Perception is noted and will be communicated to competent authority</li> <li>• Proposal was advertised in the local newspaper which circulates the Dolphin Coast and notices have been displayed on site</li> </ul>
12 July 2007	Zinkwazi Beach Area Committee Ward 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>OBJECTION</b></li> <li>• Study of effects of poultry farm extension on Zinkwazi Beach township farm 1673</li> <li>• Input from Department of Agriculture regarding the proximity and magnitude of poultry farm to residential area</li> <li>• Study of effects on property values in the Zinkwazi area requested</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted</li> <li>• Basic Assessment for public to view and comment on</li> <li>• Will be addressed in their comments to be provided in BA report</li> <li>• In terms of the NEMA regs no such study is required by applicant who is conducting agricultural activities</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public meeting to be held with adequate notification time for circulation to members</li> <li>• Advice required for method of lodging objections to proposal</li> <li>• Objection lodged on behalf of residents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• on agricultural land</li> <li>• Meeting called for Thurs 20 September 2007 and notification circulated</li> <li>• Commentator advised of regulations of Notice R385</li> <li>• Noted</li> </ul>
3 August 2007	National Department of Agriculture: Agricultural Product Inspection Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support expansion based on historical track record and sound economic principles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted</li> </ul>
5 September 2007	Thys Sabbagha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waste disposal</li> <li>• Prevailing winds which affect smells and pests</li> <li>• Traffic</li> <li>• Carbon loading (smoke and power generation)</li> <li>• Water demand</li> <li>• Power demand</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No effluent from poultry – domestic sanitation utilises septic tanks and soakaways as for rest of Zinkwazi</li> <li>• Independent health assessment has shown odours and pests to be insignificant – potential odours emanate primarily from compost to be managed in terms of EMP</li> <li>• Traffic will increase marginally</li> <li>• No specific emissions emanate from the poultry operation. Carbon loading will be no more significant than general residential electricity use</li> <li>• Water supplied via boreholes available within capacity</li> <li>• Power demand is not excessive and is supported by backup generators</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sewage demand</li> <li>• Diseases (poultry flu topical issue)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sewage from domestic use is managed by septic tank no sewage is discharged from the poultry operation itself</li> <li>• The veterinary report shows compliance with Agricultural Health standards – The Farm has a biosecurity regime - A National programme for Avian Flu is in place controlled and monitored by the State</li> </ul>
10 September 2007	Cllr Rigby Heenan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hygiene &amp; health</li> <li>• Control pest &amp; disease</li> <li>• Water &amp; sanitation</li> <li>• Smell &amp; odour</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inspected by independent consultant and report to be compliant</li> <li>• The veterinary report shows compliance with Agricultural Health standards – The Farm has a biosecurity regime - A National programme for Avian Flu is in place controlled and monitored by the State</li> <li>• Water supplied via boreholes</li> <li>• No effluent from poultry – domestic sanitation utilises septic tanks and soakaways as for rest of Zinkwazi</li> <li>• From compost to be managed in terms of EMP</li> </ul>
10 September 2007	Mrs F. M. Fischer	<p><b>RE-ITERATE OBJECTION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal planning consent for agri-</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication with the local</li> </ul>

		<p>industrial development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Input from Tourism Board</li> <li>• Input from DAEA required</li>   <li>• Input from Public Health required- regarding keeping &amp; transporting of live chickens, air &amp; water borne diseases &amp; other potential health hazards</li> <li>• Liability for industrial – environmental accidents and contaminations</li>   <li>• Input from DWAF required</li> <li>• Input from constitutional perspective with reference to citizens right to enjoyment of property and a safe environment</li> <li>• Input regarding effect of poultry farm on property market</li>   <li>• Input from neighbouring cane farms and plans for future development</li> <li>• Applicant plans to publicise development as far as Ballito</li>   <li>• Recent buyers lack of</li> </ul>	<p>authority is underway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Circulated</li> <li>• Record of Decision will be issued on completion of Basic Assessment process</li> <li>• Circulated – National programme in place controlled by State to monitor health issues</li>   <li>• Land owner only liable for enviro contaminations emanating directly from his operation in terms of NEMA (polluter pays principle)</li> <li>• Circulated</li> <li>• Opinion as above</li>   <li>• Not required i.t.o. NEMA agricultural activity on agricultural land</li> <li>• Circulated</li>   <li>• Application advertised in North Coast Courier newspaper circulating throughout Dolphin Coast</li> <li>• Noted – confirms unobtrusiveness</li> </ul>
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		awareness of existence of poultry farm at entrance to Zinkwazi	of existing poultry farm
13 September 2007	Jeremy Thomas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What guarantees will be provided of no impact on nature &amp; environment</li> <li>• Impact of smells on property values</li> <li>• Potential additional strain to infrastructure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No guarantees but mitigation measures for potential impacts will be implemented</li> <li>• Poultry farm is an agricultural activity on agricultural land it is only incumbent on the farmer to manage his operation in the most environmentally suitable way, - there is no obligation to determine its effect on surrounding property value especially of residential property encroaching on farmland Manure related to be managed</li> <li>• Potential impacts under investigation as part of Basic Assessment process</li> </ul>
24 September 2007	WESSA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positive comment re licensing of boreholes – resource availability and potential for contamination to be checked – cumulative impacts to be considered</li> <li>• Suggest re-cycling of water by</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positive comment acknowledged Geohydrological study supporting borehole registration has examined resource and found supply adequate – cumulative impacts are monitored by DWAF who are the registering authority – an audit of the entire area by DWAF would be necessary to ensure all boreholes in use in the catchment are licensed</li> <li>• No effluent treatment is necessary</li> </ul>

		refining effluent treatment system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of alternative energy sources to be considered</li> <li>• Detergents and pesticides used to be environmentally friendly</li> <li>• Traffic impacts of expansion to be considered.</li> </ul>	from this operation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of alternative energy sources to be considered</li> <li>• Suggestion noted – requirement to be included in Operational Management Plan</li> <li>• Noted</li> </ul>
30 September 2007	Department of Agriculture:Macro Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land Use appropriate for the small site and will enhance existing poultry enterprise</li> <li>• Proposed project represents expansion of an existing sound enterprise</li> <li>• Property situated outside Nkwazi town planning scheme area and by default is designated for agricultural activities</li> <li>• <b>NO OBJECTION</b> – proposal based on sound and economically viable land use and does not compromise the agricultural opportunities of the site</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted</li> <li>• Acknowledged</li> <li>• Confirmed by Kwa Dukuza Municipality</li> <li>• Noted</li> </ul>