

Siyathemba Village
Ward 44
Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality
Date: 23 April 2024

Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality
117 Oxford Street
East London
5200

Dear Madam N Frans,

Inclusion of Community Inputs in the 2024/2025 Integrated Development Plan and Budget

We, the residents of Siyathemba Village in Ward 44 of the Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality, are writing to express our earnest plea for including our public inputs in the draft 2024/2025 Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and Budget.

Our community has identified several critical areas that require attention and investment for the betterment of our living conditions and the overall development of our village. These proposed inputs are as follows:

1. **Upgrade and Maintenance of Roads:** Our roads are in dire need of improvement and regular maintenance to ensure safe and efficient transportation for residents and goods.
2. **Housing:** There is a pressing need for affordable housing solutions to address the housing shortage within our community, providing adequate shelter for all residents.
3. **Water Reticulation:** Access to clean and reliable water is essential for the health and well-being of our community. We urge for improvements in water reticulation infrastructure to ensure equitable access to this basic necessity.
4. **Sport and Recreational Facilities:** Investing in sports and recreational facilities will not only promote physical health (i.e Gym Park Equipment) but also foster community cohesion and provide constructive outlets for our youth.
5. **Mobile Clinic Monthly Visit:** Regular visits from a mobile clinic will enhance access to healthcare services, particularly for those who face challenges in accessing traditional healthcare facilities.
6. **Ponds on the Flood Line:** Proper plan, management and maintenance of ponds along flood lines are crucial for mitigating flood risks and preserving our natural environment.
7. **Support for community projects:** A plea to BCM Local Economic Development for infrastructure development, we also advocate for support and investment in community-driven projects such as livestock rearing, crop cultivation, craft production, and other income-generating activities. These projects not only provide livelihood opportunities for residents but also contribute to the economic empowerment and self-sustainability of our community.

8. **Designate land and zone** for the following purposes: Town Hall, Clinic, Community Police Forum / Police Station, Schools, Retail and Agri Industrial Park, Municipal Office/s, Recreational Facilities (i.e Combi Courts), SASSA, Water Reservoirs or Borehole, Electricity Transformers, Cell Phone Tower, Grave site, fencing grazing pastures and fields and etc.

9. **Training and Employment:** We plead with BCM to consider our community and especially those designated groups for accredited training opportunities that will open doors to employment opportunities.

We believe that by addressing these issues, the Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality can significantly improve the quality of life for residents of Siyathemba Village and contribute to the sustainable development of our community.

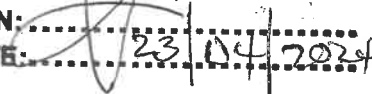
We kindly request that our inputs be given due consideration and incorporated into the final version of the 2024/2025 IDP and Budget. We are committed to collaborating with the municipality to achieve our shared goals and build a brighter future for all residents of Siyathemba Village.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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