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**Hon Dr NNG Mahlaba  
MEC Human Settlements  
KwaZulu-Natal**

Dear Honourable MEC

**RE: PROPOSED HOUSING PROJECT AT TURNSTONE ROAD IN BAYVIEW, CHATSWORTH**

I was recently invited to a meeting with residents and stakeholders who raised their concerns about the proposed site for this housing project as well as the lack of transparency surrounding the development. The community first became aware of the project through messages circulating on community WhatsApp groups before the Ward councilor was even made aware.

The main concern raised by the community was that the proposed site Portion 215 of ERF80 was zoned as a playlot for the community which had been used for many years by children, the elderly and religious organizations and that the site had heritage significance. The community also raised concerns relating to the sewer infrastructure in the area and whether it would be able to support additional homes and more people.

Residents were upset that processes were already underway, despite the area not being rezoned for building and them being given an opportunity to object to their much-needed open space being utilized for housing development. It is vital that there is speedy provision of decent permanent housing for all flood victims however, it is imperative that all processes are followed in the correct manner.

I would like to humbly request that you and your department urgently convene a meeting with the community to update them on the proposed development and hear their concerns.

Yours sincerely

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