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The Executive Mayor
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Dear Executive Mayor

The state of the Arlington Landfill Site

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the alarming security situation at the Arlington Tip, which has increasingly become a hotspot for criminal activity, including a recent tragic incident involving the murder of a father and son. This site, unfortunately, has a history of armed robberies, making it a no-go zone for residents.

During an inspection conducted today, 03 March 2025, with my colleagues as part of our duties as elected public representatives, we observed a significant lack of security measures. The perimeter fencing was broken, and there was no proper access control in place.

To address these critical issues, I propose the following solutions:

1. **Regular Visits:** Implement regular, random visits by Metro Police and Security Mobile Response Units to deter and detect criminal activity.
2. **Visitor Registration:** Establish a visitors' register to monitor and track site access.
3. **Enhanced Communication:** Provide handheld radios to on-site security personnel to improve communication and response times.
4. **Increased Patrols:** Conduct regular patrols by on-site security, focusing on high-risk areas such as dumping sites.
5. **Perimeter Fence Repair:** Prioritize the repair and maintenance of the existing perimeter fence to prevent unauthorized access.
6. **Alarm Systems:** Install alarms and panic buttons to ensure a swift response to security breaches.
7. **CCTV and Lighting:** Deploy CCTV surveillance and adequate lighting to enhance visibility and deter crime.



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8. **Public Health Staffing:** Ensure Public Health personnel are adequately staffed, equipped, and resourced, including the provision of vehicles, to effectively monitor access control and legislative compliance.
9. **Security Watchtowers:** Initiate the procurement process for the construction of a minimum of two security watchtowers for enhanced surveillance.
10. Furthermore, we propose that badges or authorization cards be issued to individuals entering the site to enhance security and control access

Additionally, I urge that a **progress report on the expenditure for the fencing** be monitored closely, including how much has been spent. It is essential to conduct quality checks to ensure that the work meets the required standards..

The current security measures at the waste disposal site are grossly inadequate, exposing residents to unacceptable risks of attacks, accidents, and, most tragically, loss of life. It is the municipality's fundamental responsibility to ensure that residents can access the site safely, without fearing for their lives.

I look forward to your prompt attention to this urgent matter.

Thank you.

Sincerely

SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY

COUNCILLOR MTHOKOZISI NKOSI