

# SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSALS MADE BY STANFORD RESIDENTS ON THE DESIRED TOURISM-RELATED FEATURES REQUIRED ALONG THE RIVER FRONTAGE AND OTHER WATER COURSES IN STANFORD

Meeting held on 11 October 2011 at 15:00 in the Stanford Municipal Boardroom

1. **The meeting was opened** by Councillor Dudley Coetzee and facilitated by individual Ward Committee member Bea Whittaker.
2. **The attendance register** is attached.
3. **Apologies** received from Ralph Rosen, Mike Murray and Tony Coats.
4. **SECTION R43 TO ADDERLEY STREET**

To remain as is, except for possible re-vegetation of muddy areas in front of houses.

#### **Actions Required:**

- (a) Re-vegetation of muddy areas
- (b) Survey of jetties
- (c) Possible bird hide at Klein River bend (Sillery / Sannie Badenhorst Street)

5. **ADDERLEY TO QUICK STREET**



The wandelpad at the lower section (next to the river) should remain as is.

#### **Actions Required:**

- (a) Continued clearing of invasive species.
- (b) Specific clearing of poplar trees next to the river.
- (c) Removal of walkway in front of Ms Lawson's house to another area along the wandelpad where it will be more appropriate / useful.
- (d) Improvement of Shortmarket Street when sewerage pipeline is laid.



## 6. QUICK STREET



Area to remain as is with no further intrusion of reeds. Could be used as (informal) parking area for people wishing to make use of recreational area between Quick and King Street. Could be ideal place for canoe storage room and maybe public toilets on sewerage line. However, compaction of river zone must be prevented / managed.

## 7. QUICK STREET TO KING STREET



Shortmarket Str: Quick to King



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This area needs to be rehabilitated and the road between Quick and King Streets closed to vehicular traffic. Much of the rehabilitation depends on the laying of the sewerage pipeline, and the design of the pipeline and placing thereof needs to take the sensitivity of this area as one of Stanford's environmental "hot spots" into consideration.

It is proposed that the surface area of the pipeline be used as the official wandelpad, and the rest of the area rehabilitated and beautified.

To be used as an unspoilt recreational area (no braai facilities etc).

### Actions Required:

(a) Removal of reeds up to Quick Street after consultation with limnologist.

- (b) Closure of vehicular access by means of bollards / chain etc (but retain access for emergency vehicles).
- (c) Information on the position of the sewerage pipeline.
- (d) Rehabilitation of entire surface area – possible levelling of area with soil from pipeline excavation.
- (e) Removal of catamaran chained to tree.
- (f) The future de-proclamation of this section as a public road must be investigated (but retain right-of-way for pedestrians & cyclists).

## 8. KING STREET



Area to be rehabilitated once sewerage pipeline has been laid (should be part of pipeline contract, as with all rehabilitation – levelling, re-vegetation etc - required close to the proposed pipeline). The launching of no speedboats must be enforced by proper signage and bollards / wooden poles should be placed next to the bench to prevent boats from launching at the site. For the time being the River Rat and Platanna will still be allowed to pick up people from the site.

### Actions Required:

- (a) Better and more visible (but sympathetic to the area) signage (on wooden poles rather than steel).
- (b) Bollards / wooden poles to prevent launching from site.
- (c) Upgrade to proper parking area once pipeline has been laid.
- (d) Keep reeds on the left in check.
- (e) Make provision for parking both sides of King Street.
- (f) Possible small jetty for swimming and fishing.

## 9. KING STREET EMBANKMENT





This is an exceptionally sensitive wetland area due to it being used to water from the stormwater outlet and it being situated at the 'end-of-the-line' leiwater system. There are also a number of very old Milkwood trees and the placing of the sewerage pipeline should therefore be done with extreme care so as to hardly disturb this pristine ecosystem, retain the 'sense of place' and make sure that the system still obtains its water 'supply' from the stormwater / leiwater system.

Determine the possibility to extend the wandelpad along the river frontage towards the African Queen jetty by means of a boardwalk / wandelpad combination. (*Post meeting note – not possible due to scouring and rock formations*).

The area at the top of the embankment should be kept as.

#### **Actions Required**

- (a) Extreme care in the design for the placing of the pipeline and pump station and total rehabilitation of the area in consultation with the local community and an extremely stringent environmental management plan for the construction phase.
- (b) Determine the possibility of extending the wandelpad along the river frontage towards the African Queen jetty.
- (c) Keep embankment (up to African Queen jetty) clean of invasive alien vegetation (agave, Brazilian pepper, blue gum etc).

#### **10. AFRICAN QUEEN TO DU TOIT STREET**

This area is heavily used by tourists to the village and should be developed in a more sustainable manner. It is proposed that a floating jetty be built, which will be able to accommodate all 3 licensed boat operators on the river.

The access to the floating jetty should be wheelchair-friendly. This can be done by building a



boardwalk from Du Toit Street, all along the embankment (see below) to the floating jetty. The boardwalk should start at the end of Du Toit Street (photograph right) and meander to the right along the embankment (below) to the floating jetty.

This could then also be part of the wandelpad, and provide a river frontage wandelpad link between King and Du Toit Street.

**Actions Required:**

- (a) Place wooden poles at end of embankment at parking area.
- (b) Floating jetty to be built at African Queen site.
- (c) Boardwalk to be erected from Du Toit Street to floating jetty.
- (d) Reeds to be kept under control.
- (e) Improve arrangement of parking facilities or next to Kappers wall.



**11. DU TOIT STREET SLIPWAY**



To rehabilitate the slipway and make it accessible during high water levels (which will be the case in future due to the estuary breaching policy) will be an extremely costly exercise. Furthermore the slope is too flat to launch boats if the existing slipway is extended towards Du Toit Street to compensate for the high water level.

A new position for the slipway is proposed, with this area being rehabilitated in a low-key recreational area with reed control and a raised boardwalk to accommodate the wandelpad during high water levels. Should Mr Kappers remove his wall (as indicated to Mrs Ferreira) permission should be requested to extend the boardwalk along the north-western side of his property to link up with the bridge crossing the Mill stream.

The possibility that this could be an area for a bird hide should be investigated, but cognisance should be taken of the fact that there will be a pump station in the area (exact placing still to be determined).

### **New slipway proposed**

It is proposed that a completely new slipway be built higher up than the present one. It is proposed that the existing track turn right just after the sign on the photograph right. This will be the ideal slope for launching boats during high water level conditions.



### **Controlled access & other facilities**

It is suggested that the controlled access should be formalised by possibly building a control room and (disable-friendly) public toilets in a sympathetically designed building somewhere at the end of Du Toit Street. It was further suggested that this building could also serve as a daytime coffee shop, as this would mean that there is additional control at the premises.



### **Actions Required:**

- (a) The boardwalk to the African Queen and the design of the floating jetty should receive the highest priority. Funding to be sourced from licence holders, KRAB, municipality and private partnership(s).
- (b) A proper proposal should be drawn up for the boardwalk and floating jetty so that funds can be sourced whilst the EIA process is on the go (and not delay the building of the boardwalk and floating jetty).
- (c) The exact placing of the slipway and boardwalks at Du Toit Street should be determined, as this must be taken into account during the design/ placing of the sewerage pipeline.
- (d) The feasibility of a control room, public toilets and coffee shop must be investigated. (Keep in mind that waterborne sewerage will be available at that point.)
- (e) Prevent reeds from encroaching towards the embankment.

## **12. WANDELPAD FROM QUEEN VICTORIA STREET TO KLEIN RIVER (BOTTOM OF MILL STREAM AND SURROUNDING AREA)**

This area boasts the most amazing Milkwood trees and must not be disturbed. The placing of



the sewerage pipeline must be done with extreme care, and it is suggested that the pipeline be placed on the eastern border of the Mill Stream. Most of the area is pristine although the invasive alien vegetation (especially large blue gum and others) must be removed. The area from the Mill stream westwards along the Klein River could be investigated as another possibility for a bird hide ('wasklip' area).

**Actions Required:**

- (a) No disturbance of Milkwood trees.
- (b) Keep invasive alien vegetation at bay.
- (c) Investigate possibility of a bird hide.



**13. WANDELPAD BETWEEN QUEEN VICTORIA AND DE BRUYN STREET**

The existing sewerage pipeline serves as the route of the wandelpad and must only be maintained. This wetland area is another possibility for as bird hide.

**Action Required:**

- (a) Investigate possibility of a bird hide in this wetland area
- (b) Maintain and improve surface area of wandelpad
- (c) Remove invasive vegetation in wetland area

*Right: Wandelpad entering De Bruyn Street*



*Below: view from Church to Caledon Street*

**14. WANDELPAD FROM SEWERAGE PIPELINE TO CHURCH STREET**

The area next to De Bruyn Street must be improved to allow better access /wandelpad.



**15. WANDELPAD FROM CHURCH TO BEZUIDENHOUT STREET**



This area is in a good condition and must be maintained. To facilitate easy access along this section of the wandelpad, the sections where stormwater outlets are an obstacle (3 of them) must be improved by minor footbridges.



*Stormwater outlets that need small footbridges*



### **Walkway to Stanford South**

This surface of this walkway should be improved as it becomes wet and slippery during wet weather. It is also used as an alternative wandelpad route to the Oukrale picnic site



### **Area around leiwater pump**

This area should be kept clear of reeds and could be the ideal site for an open bird hide.

It has also been proposed that the Willem Appel Dam should be promoted as a fishing spot, and a jetty (either with access from De Bruyn Street or at the Oukrale picnic site), must be investigated. Investigations should also be done regarding stocking the dams with appropriate angling fish

#### **Actions Required:**

- (a) Apply for authorisation to place footbridges over stormwater outlets.
- (b) Prevent reeds from encroaching further towards De Bruyn Street.
- (c) Pave / resurface the walkway between De Bruyn Street and Stanford South.
- (d) Investigate the possibility of a bird hide at the Willem Appel Dam.
- (e) Investigate the possibility of stocking the dam with appropriate angling fish.
- (f) Erect a fishing jetty on the dam if to be used as angling dam as in (e)..
- (g) Open an area at Oukrale side so that children have swimming access, and also provide a jetty for them to jump from.

## **16. BEZUIDENHOUT STREET**

There is no provision for pedestrian traffic where Bezuidenhout Street crosses the Willem Appel Dams. It was suggested that a pedestrian walkway be built on the western side of Bezuidenhout Street to improve pedestrian access along this very busy street. (Note: This has not been addressed in the Master Plan for the Community Centre area and will not affect any of the proposals for the area. It would rather positively contribute to the said proposal.)





## 17. OUKRALE PICNIC SITE

This area falls within the proposed Master Plan for the Community Centre. A request was made for a splash pool for children (rather than the proposed swimming pool). Alternatively a swimming spot must be investigated (refer to 15 (e)).

## 18. GENERAL

- (a) The Wandelpad signs have faded, a few have been vandalised, and need replacing. They were previously done by the municipality and should be replaced as a matter of priority.
- (b) It was suggested that the idea of extending the wandelpad to Die Oog should not be pursued as the Municipality intends closing off the area for security reasons.
- (c) More benches should be placed along the wandelpad.

## 19. SCHEDULE OF ACTION REQUIRED

Refer to page 10.

## 20. OTHER PROPOSALS FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION

- (a) The possibility of clearing the reeds at the quarry hole between the R43 and Bezuidenhout Street and then having more storage space for the leiwater should be investigated.
- (b) The placing of parking around the market square must be re-investigated. Re-look existing plans.
- (c) The Roads Department should be contacted with the request to widen the R43 bridge so that it could safely be used for pedestrians, cyclists and horses.



ACTIONS REQUIRED	EIA required	Responsibility	Municipal funding	External funding	Short term	Medium term	Long term	
<b>R43 - Adderley Str</b>								
Re-vegetate muddy areas	?	Municipality	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	
Survey of jetties	—	Municipality	—	—	—	✓	—	
Investigate possibility of bird hide	✓	Muni / Contractor	—	✓	—	✓	—	
Keep reeds and invasive vegetation in check	—	SCT	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<b>Adderley to Quick Street</b>								
Keep reeds and invasive vegetation in check	—	SCT	—	✓	—	—	—	
Clear poplar trees next to river	—	Municipality	✓	—	✓	✓	—	
Remove walkway to more appropriate spot	?	Muni + SCT	—	—	—	✓	—	
Improve Shortmarket Street*	done*	Muni / Contractor	✓	—	—	✓	—	*pipeline
<b>Quick Street</b>								
Informal parking area	✓	Muni / Contractor	—	✓	—	✓	—	
Possible area for canoe storage / public toilets	—	General	—	—	—	—	—	
<b>Quick Street to King Street</b>								
Close Shortmarket Street to traffic	—	Municipality	—	—	✓	—	—	
Rehabilitate area*	done*	Muni / Contractor	✓	—	—	✓	—	*pipeline
Remove reeds	—	SCT	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Remove catamaran	—	Municipality	—	—	✓	—	—	
Deproclaim road	—	Municipality	—	—	—	—	✓	
<b>King Street</b>								
Improve signage	—	Municipality	✓	—	—	✓	—	
Bollards to prevent launching from King Street	?	Municipality	✓	—	✓	—	—	
Keep reeds in check	—	SCT	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Possible small jetty for swimming and fishing	✓	Muni / Contractor	✓	✓	—	✓	—	
Possible parking both sides of King Street	—	Municipality	✓	—	—	✓	—	
Upgrade to proper parking area	done?*	Muni / Contractor	✓	—	—	—	—	*pipeline

<b>King Street embankment</b>							
Extreme care in design of pipeline	—	Municipality	—	—	✓	—	—
Possible extension of Wandelpad next to river	not possible	General	—	—	—	—	—
Remove invasive vegetation	—	Muni + SCT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>African Queen to Du Toit Street</b>							
Wooden poles on embankment (parking area)	—	Municipality	✓	—	✓	—	—
Build floating jetty	✓	Muni / Contractor	—	✓	—	✓	—
Boardwalk from Du Toit Street to jetty	✓	Muni / Contractor	✓	✓	—	✓	—
Keep reeds in check	—	SCT + KRAB	—	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Du Toit Street slipway</b>							
New slipway to be designed	✓	Muni / Contractor	✓	✓	—	✓	—
Possible multi-purpose public facility building	✓	Muni / Contractor	✓	✓	—	✓	—
Rehabilitate existing slipway area to natural	✓	Muni / Contractor	✓	✓	—	✓	—
Possible boardwalk next to Kappers' wall	✓	Muni / Contractor	✓	✓	—	✓	—
Possible additional parking area next to Kappers	✓	Muni / Contractor	✓	✓	—	✓	—
Keep reeds in check	—	SCT + KRAB	—	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Queen Victoria to Mill stream mouth &amp; surrounds</b>							
Keep reeds and invasive vegetation in check	—	Muni + SCT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Investigate possibility of bird hide	✓	Muni / Contractor	—	✓	—	✓	—
<b>Wandelpad Queen Victoria to De Bruyn Street</b>							
Remove invasive vegetation from wetland area	—	Muni + SCT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Possible bird hide area	✓	Muni / Contractor	—	✓	—	✓	—
Maintain surface area	—	Municipality	✓	—	✓	—	—
<b>Wandelpad De Bruyn pipeline to Church Street</b>							
Improve area	—	Municipality	✓	—	✓	—	—

<b>Wandelpad Church to Bezuidenhout Street</b>				?			
Footbridges over stormwater outlets	✓	Muni + SCT	✓	✓	✓	—	—
Pave / resurface walkway dam wall	✓	Municipality	✓	✓	✓	—	—
Possible bird hide area	✓	Muni / Contractor	—	✓	—	✓	—
Possible stocking dam with angling fish	✓	Muni / Contractor	—	✓	—	✓	—
Possible fishing jetty	✓	Muni / Contractor	—	✓	—	✓	—
Keep reeds in check	—	Muni + SCT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Bezuidenhout Street</b>							
Boardwalk to improve pedestrian traffic	✓	Municipality	✓	—	—	✓	—
<b>Oukrale picnic site / Sport centre</b>							
Open up swimming area	—	Municipality	✓	—	✓	—	—
Jetty for children to jump from	✓	Muni / Contractor	✓	—	✓	—	—
Splash pool for small children	—	Muni / Contractor	—	✓	—	✓	—
<b>General</b>							
More benches along wandelpad	—	SCT	—	✓	—	—	—
Replace wandelpad signs	—	Municipality	✓	—	✓	—	—
Widening R43 bridge for pedestrians, cyclists and horses	not now	Municipality	—	✓	—	—	✓