

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN (September 2021)

The Knysna Municipality (KM) has compiled a Maintenance Management Plan (MMP), reviewed by Eco Route Environmental Consultancy and South African National Parks (SANParks) to ensure equitable access to coastal public property at Myoli Beach, Sedgefield

The proposed public participation process would meet the minimum requirements terms of Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) through the following actions:

1. Site notices

Summary of notice placements:

- One formal site notice with a size according to the guidelines will be placed at the access to Myoli Beach
- One formal site notice will be placed at the NSRI station

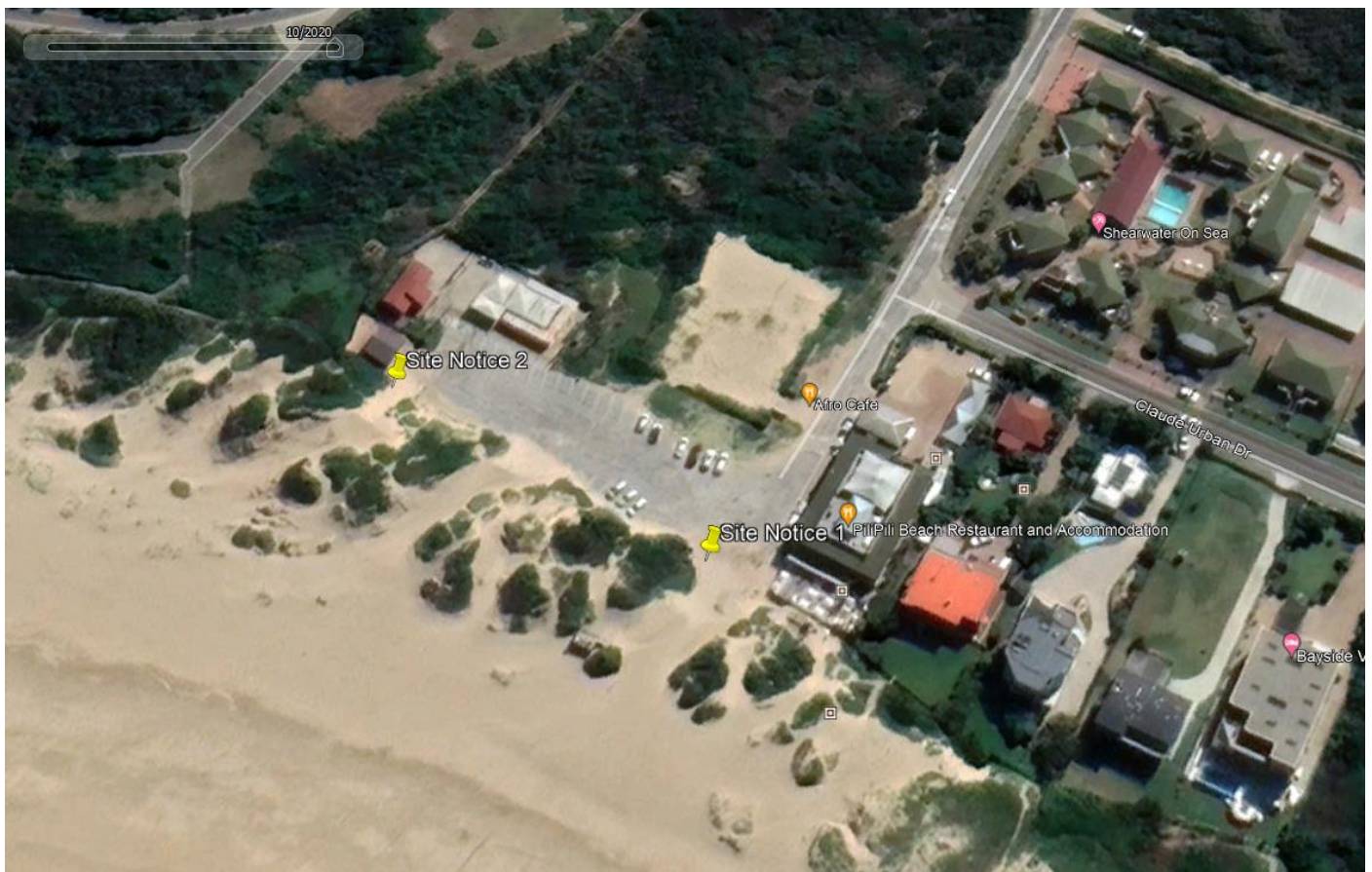


Figure 1: Site Notice

2. Written Notices

The following are proposed to reach the maximum number of potentially affected parties in the area (in addition to the above notices):

- 1-page written notice sent to all Identified I&APs (via email) September 2021.

3. Advertisements

Advertisements will be placed in The Edge Newspaper Septemebr 2021. Advertisements will indicate electronic availability of the documentation on the Ecosense website available.

4. Website

Reports for each comment period will be available at <http://www.ecosense.co.za/documents-for-public-review/>. This link will be provided in all correspondence to the public and authorities.

5. Whatsapp

People will also have the option to send Whatsapp messages to the contact number indicated on the notices.

6. Meetings

The need for meetings, if any, should be revealed through the first comment period, upon which we will inform the department of any revisions to the public participation approach:

- For the time being, no public meetings or open days will be organized to reduce the risk of the spread of Covid-19. Current limitation for public gatherings Alert Level 1 is no more than 250 people outdoors and 100 people indoors.
- Any focus group meetings (such as authority meetings or municipal line departments) identified will be held virtually as far as possible or should there be any future limitations on gatherings and social distancing will be observed should meetings in person be required.

7. Timeframes and tentative dates

Public participation is planned as set out in the table below:

Phase	Actions	Approximate date
Application phase (Draft amendment report)	Letters to registered IAPs Engagement with authorities and community representatives 30 day comment period Focus group meetings as required	September 2021
Application phase (Revised Draft amendment report)	Only if required	tbc
Decision	Notify registered IAPs	Submission end October 2021, therefore decision end February 2022 (if no second comment period required during application phase).

The above plan is subject to change, but any revisions will be subject to approval by the Department.

Identified Authorities and Organs of state that will be notified.

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