



Architecture and Town Planning Report 2022

1. We inspected a total of 22 submissions over the past 12 months with the following outcomes:
 - a. No objection: 12 applications
 - b. Retrospective: 3 applications
 - c. Objections: 7 applications
2. Applications objected to where either altered to comply and resubmitted for review or abandoned completely.
3. Although City of Joburg by-laws clearly state that building plan approval is required prior to any work being put in hand, there was a marked increase in the number of 'As Built'/retrospective applications. Although concerning, this growing trend is not unique to Parkhurst and is most likely driven by SPLUMA Act requirements which came into effect in October 2020.
4. Much correspondence between ourselves and applicants revolved around the need for heritage applications. While the local authorities (PHRA-G) and council are becoming more stringent about this, members of public and even built environment professionals seem relatively uninformed. Our committee identified a need and opportunity for education on the subject and are considering ways to do this in 2023.
5. Following on from the above, we are embarking on information distribution to property owners via reworked and more comprehensive information on the website as well as through street captains, and locally active Estate Agents.
6. Town Planner Tamsyn Groesser from Eduard van der Linde & Associates Town Planners have stayed on as Town Planners and manage all Town Planning related issues and applications.
7. Ongoing meetings are held between our committee, our appointed Town Planners and Local Authorities on issues including over-densification, parking, coverage and zoning and developmental restrictions.
8. In response to the Spatial Development Framework (SDF) PRABOA instructed Eduard van der Linde & Associates Town Planners in 2019 to undertake a Precinct Plan Study for Parkhurst. Since then they have twice presented their findings to the Department of Town Planning. Public participation will commence only after discussions with the Joburg Roads Agency conclude and City of Joburg approves the study.
9. Our committee collaborates with similar Parks residents' associations to ensure best practice is followed.
10. We are actively recruiting volunteers to assist with the committee's daily activities and workload.