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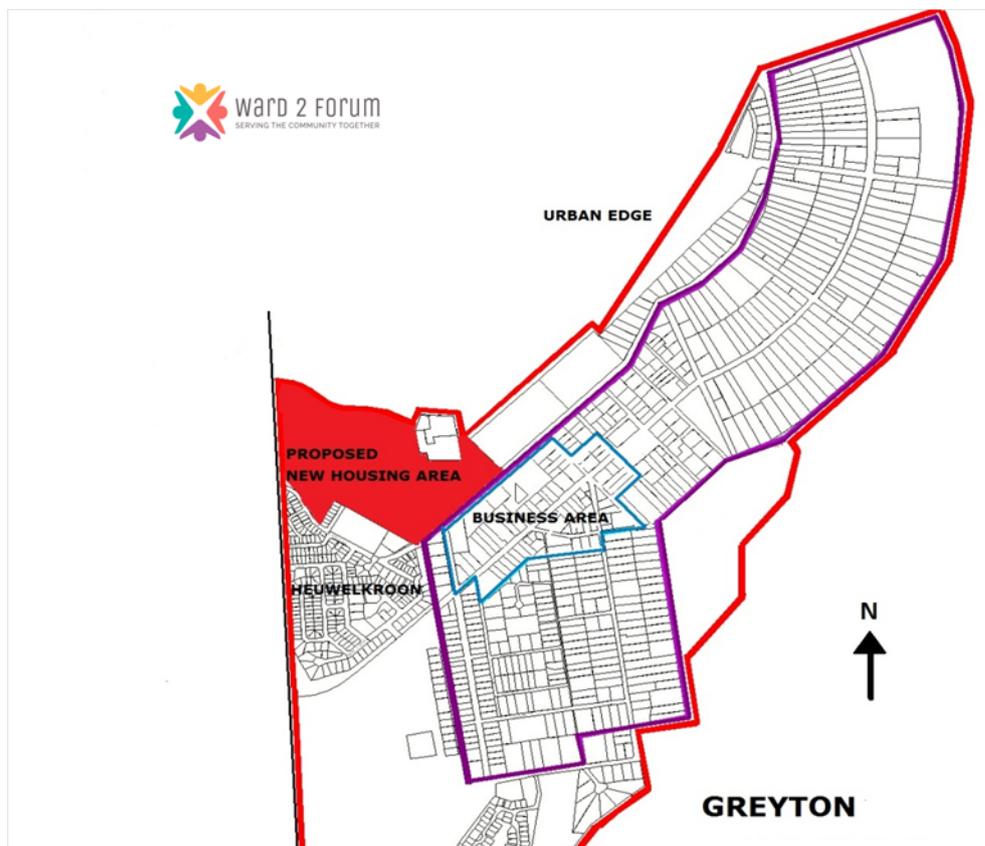
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CONFIRMATION THAT MUNICIPAL HOUSING LAND IS AVAILABLE IN GREYTON

After much deliberation at a stakeholders meeting yesterday it has been announced that land for local housing has been identified that would initially provide for about 168 erven. This is however still subject to the various statutory processes required in terms of the various legislative requirements to ensure the prospective residents are protected from floods and that they have access to the basic services..

The area identified is ideally located North East of Heuvelkroon, with the Scholtz River on the West, as shown on the map below, hence the need for some attention to flood protection and drainage, which at the moment is a wasteland that mars the whole area.

It has now been agreed that the land will be inspected, the required Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and surveyed to get the ball rolling. Plans will be drawn up to evaluate and determine the suitable way of developing this area.



It was also announced that the housing process would be fully transparent with open housing waiting lists, with proper assessment and evaluation of the applications received to determine and prioritise the need.

As the availability and making available of land for housing is such a laborious process it would require the co-operation and support of all role-players to ensure and expedient resolution to the existing backlog.

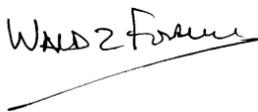
All funding schemes will be looked at, as this requires intensive planning and formal applications to the various national departments for ratification. The viability of a self-build scheme is also an option allowing the TWKM to provide more fully serviced erven the successful applicants.

In respect to vacant erven on Farm 39, as well as larger areas more suited to estate development, these are subject to negotiations and agreements between the various parties in terms of the Land Tenure (Land Transformation) process. It is hoped that the process that has been dragging on for almost 14 years now will be expedited and that finality will be reached. The ball lies squarely in the hands of the National Department of Rural Development and Land Affairs.

It is our view that TWKM should be directly involved in managing such a scheme as a Local Economic Development (LED) project, thereby mentoring and training the community toward home ownership and ultimate managing the expectations of potential recipients. This is at the very least a welcome opportunity for all the community of Ward 2 as a whole.

The Ward 2 Forum will endeavour to keep the community abreast of developments and the way forward as this unfolds.

Should you require further information please contact the Ward 2 Forum Team on info@ward2forum.org



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