Dear Interested and Affected Party,

PROPOSED REZONING AND VARIOUS RELATED MATERS – ERF 156, PLETtenberg Bay, Bitou MunicIpalItY

1. Your original objection regarding the above refers.
2. As you are aware, the applicant has lodged an appeal to the Executive Mayor (acting in his capacity as the Appeal Authority) against the failure by the duly authorized official to take a decision, which appeal included the request that the Appeal Authority dispose of the matter.
3. There was an unfortunate delay in the conclusion of the appeal, but these matters have now been finalized, as explained below.
4. The (previous) Executive Mayor, acting in his capacity as the Appeal Authority, previously resolved as follows:
   (a) That the appeal that was submitted on behalf of the land owner against the failure by the authorized official to take a decision be upheld.
   (b) That in view of the complexity of the matter the Planning Tribunal be requested to consider and make an appropriate recommendation regarding the various applications that were made.
5. The Tribunal considered the matter on 2 February 2021 and resolved to recommend that the application for the rezoning of Erf 156 as well as the various departures from the provisions of the Zoning Scheme be approved.
6. The (current) Executive Mayor, acting in his capacity as the Appeal Authority, resolved on 21 June 2021 in terms of Section 60 to read with Section 81(9)(b) of the Bitou Municipality By Law on Municipal Land Use Planning (2015) to approve the application for the rezoning of Erf 156 from ‘Single Residential’ to ‘General Residential’ as well as various departures from the provisions of the Zoning Scheme.
7. Kindly find attached a self-explanatory copy of the resolution by the Executive Mayor dated 21 June 2021 for your records.
8. Please take note that the document contains a typing error: paragraph 1.2 incorrectly refers to “approval granted in paragraph 1.5”, and should read “approval granted in paragraph 1.1”.
9. I trust that the above will serve to clarify the matter.
Regards

Chris Schliemann
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cc: Luvuyo Loliwe, Bitou Municipality, Manager Legal Services