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Walker Bay Radio Flyers

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Dear Mr. Holloway

Written Permission for the Use of Fernkloof Nature Reserve for the flying of Model Aircraft

Your application on behalf of the Walker Bay Radio Flyers (WBRF) refers.

On behalf of the Overstrand Municipality, the Environmental Management Section wishes to inform you that your application for the use of a portion of the Fernkloof Nature Reserve has been successful.

1. RESOLUTION

The Environmental Management Section has consulted various Municipal departments, as well as the Fernkloof Advisory Board with respect to this application and has resolved as follows:

- 1.1 A single area will be made available to the Walker Bay Radio Flyers for the purposes of flying model gliders. The entrance to the area is depicted on the attached diagram and is located at co-ordinates 19°13'47.557"E 34°24'35.883"S and 19°13'48.063"E 34°24'36.151"S.
- 1.2 The area that is to be used for the launching and recovery site, is similarly depicted and defined by co-ordinates:
19°13'47.83"E 34°24'36.269"S;
19°13'48.231"E 34°24'36.032"S;
19°13'48.348"E 34°24'36.182"S
19°13'47.973"E 34°24'36.441"S.

The boundaries of the site will be demarcated by suitable markers for the evaluation of impacts.

- 1.3 In consultation with Municipal departments, it has been determined that the area may not be regarded as an exclusive area for the sole use of the WBRF. The area must therefore remain open to the public as a general viewing point. A sign will however be posted at the site to give preference to the WBRF whilst it is in use as a flying site.
- 1.4 The Municipality has identified an area in the road reserve adjacent to the flying site, for the demarcation of five parallel parking bays. These parking bays will remain accessible to the general public.
- 1.5 There will initially be no formal infrastructure placed on the site, barring the boundary markers and a Civil Aviation sign which identifies the site as an official flying site. However, depending on the degree of impact on the vegetation, provision may be made for a hardened surface and one or two public benches.
- 1.6 The area is designated as a public area with no significant construction of infrastructure. There is thus no need for a formal consent use application or any need for a lease agreement on this portion of property.

2. CONDITIONS

- 2.1 The placement and demarcation of the parking bays is dependent on road safety aspects and the Municipality reserves the right to close the parking area if it constitutes a traffic hazard. In this case, the WBRF will be required to use the Rotary Way Parking area as an alternative parking area. The use of the Rotary Way parking area was recommended by the Fernkloof Advisory Board.
- 2.2 The WBRF will be required to provide a sign which designates the site as a flying site and which lists the SAAC regulations concerning Civil Aviation Safety at such a site.
- 2.3 WBRF members are required to wear identity cards displaying Civil Aviation certification information.
- 2.4 The use of the site shall be monitored and the environmental impacts will be assessed. Should undue disturbance of vegetation be encountered or if impacts can be attributed to the use of the site by the general public, Overstrand Municipality will reserve the right to re-evaluate the use of the site as a general public access point.
- 2.5 If infrastructure is required to avoid damage to the environment, the WBRF will be required to make a financial contribution towards the provision of such infrastructure. The recommendation for the provision of a hardened surface has been made by the Fernkloof Advisory Board.
- 2.6 The site is allocated on a minimum use basis and will not be considered for the hosting of the annual Atlantic Flying Club slope soaring event.
- 2.7 The WBRF shall remain within the boundaries of the designated area at all times. WBRF members are requested to inform Fernkloof Nature Reserve staff if members of the public are found beyond the boundaries of the demarcated area.

2.8 The Municipality may require the conclusion of a formal Memorandum of Agreement between WBRF and the Overstrand Municipality at some stage in the future, in order to indemnify the Municipality in terms of the National Occupational Health and Safety Act and any other liability in terms of public safety.

3. GENERAL

The provisions of this correspondence shall constitute:

- 3.1 Designation of a site for recreation / sport in compliance with Regulation 7 of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act (57/2003): Regulations: Proper Administration of Nature Reserves GN R. 99 (Government Gazette No. 35021, 8 February 2012).
- 3.2 Internal rules established for the management of sites for sport / recreation in according to regulation 8 of the NEM: PAA Regulations (2012).

Thank you for your interest in Fernkloof Nature Reserve and for your assistance in conserving the environment within the Nature Reserve. Please do not hesitate to contact the Environmental Management Section in respect of any aspect of this correspondence.

Yours sincerely

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