

COMMENTS AND RESPONSES – FORMALISATION OF OSHAKATI EXTENSION 11 TO 13

Following are comments from the community of Oshakati Extensions 11 to 13 and responses from the Oshakati Town Council.

a. Flood-Prone Areas

A community member asked how flood-prone areas would be addressed. The Mayor responded that flood mitigation is a key consideration in the planning process, and that essential services will be incorporated to reduce flood risks.

b. Plot Allocation and Multiple Households

Another community member asked how plots would be allocated, especially where multiple households currently share one erf. The Council explained that residents will be invited to review the proposed plans, where their properties and boundaries will be clearly shown.

c. Appreciation and Appeal for Broader Inclusion

Mr. Timoteus Shipahu expressed his gratitude to the Council and Mayor for working to improve living conditions, especially in informal settlements. He urged the Council to also consider the Efundja settlement across the road.

d. Impact of Efundja Settlement on Surrounding Properties

A concern was raised about property damage linked to the Efundja informal settlement. The Council reiterated the importance of formalization to reduce such issues and enhance safety through secure tenure, allowing residents to invest in safer property improvements.

e. Distorted Erf Boundaries

A participant raised concerns about distorted erf boundaries. The Council explained that boundary adjustments depend on the location and context of the surrounding plots. Ms. Amwaalwa provided a visual demonstration to clarify how such distortions may occur.

f. Electrical Infrastructure Safety

Ms. Johanna Shaniika raised a concern about electrical cables running over structures. The Council clarified that these structures were built under existing power lines, which is unsafe. Service providers do not construct lines over approved properties, and such situations need to be addressed during formalization.