

ONAWA COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND ITS RESPONSES

The following are comments from the residents regarding the proposed development of Onawa Extensions 1 to 7.

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 as it is the last agenda item in the programme, where their properties and boundaries will be clearly shown.

c. Appreciation and Appeal for Broader Inclusion

A community member residing at Onawa Extension 7 expressed his gratitude to the Council and Mayor for working to improve living conditions, especially in informal settlements. He emphasized that he stayed at the place for more than five (5) years with seven (7) others and has been patiently waiting to be incorporated in the town layout as they did not have erf numbers. He urged the Council to speed up the formalization process in order for him to apply for services as he cannot do that in the absence of an erf number.

d. Low lying streets that need to be filled to improve access and mobility

A concern was raised about some streets that are lying low, and residents asked how the situation is going to be addressed. The Council emphasized that when the layout plan gets approved by the Board and the General plan gets approved by the Surveyor General, the Council will make budgetary provision to construct the streets and storm water channels to ensure that water is channeled away to avoid flooding and ensure free mobility.