

Report on Site Visit

Subject Matter: **Site Visit, individuals sleeping at the Epping Market**

Date of second visit: **01/02/2017**

1. Role Players Involved:

- Cornel Kannemeyer
- Sherman Overmeyer
- Marilyn Cox
- Zanele Ntamo
- Noxolo Matoman

2. Purpose of Report:

Feedback report on a site visit conducted to the above mentioned area in response to a request from Councillor Suzette Little.

3. Background:

- A request regarding the individuals residing at the Epping Market was made by Councillor Suzette Little.
- Follow-up and immediate intervention was conducted and the objectives of the visits was to gather information about the population at the site, with a focus on their immediate origins and whether they had received the offer of social assistance.

4. Discussion/Action Taken:

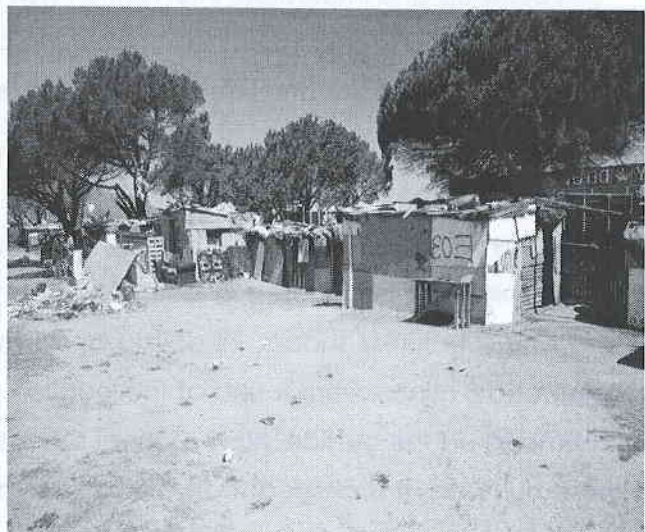
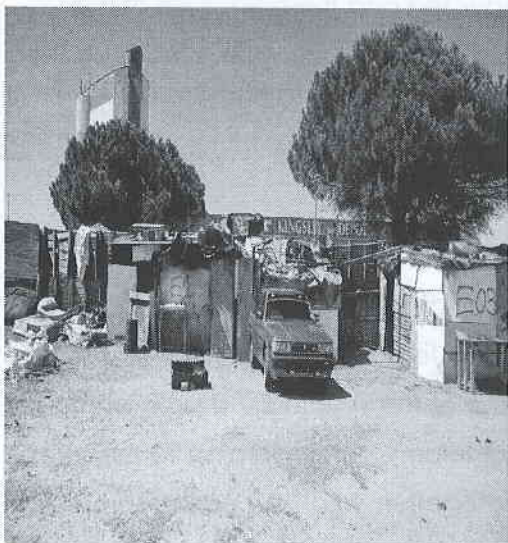
Officials arrived at the location following further request for a site visit. The officials of the street peoples unit conducted a count on the number of individuals present at the site. Twenty one structures/ shacks, inhabited by 45 males, 14 females (including two pregnant women) and 8 minors were found at the location. Some of the structures/ shacks at the site had numbers on the outside. Most of them share similar information regarding to the source of these numbers. It is alleged that Anti-Land Invasion together with Law enforcement had put numbers on the structures. Most individuals indicated that they came from the areas

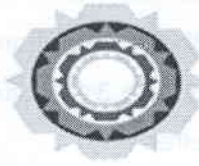
surrounding vicinity, this includes, Bonteheuwel, Elsie's River and Langa. Several individuals indicated that they had relocated from the Eastern Cape, but were not willing to be reunified back to their families. Lack of employment opportunities and poverty seems to be the contributing factor that forced them to live on the site. It was also noted that the availability of casual employment at the Epping market and the adjacent suburb of Thornton contributes to the migration of people to the mentioned area.

5. Conclusion/Recommendation

The population residing at the Epping market consists of individuals from various areas, namely Cape Town and the Eastern Cape. The common factor that has brought them to the area is the opportunity for casual employment. For various reasons, substance abuse and other antisocial behaviours are also prevalent amongst the population at the site. The individuals present also appear to have various understandings of their legitimacy to reside at the location. The area mentioned is alleged to be a known area to the C.O.C.T Department of Informal Settlements, who have also engaged with the individuals at the site in terms of their mandate. It is alleged that the individuals at the location were not given permission to reside at the site. It is further alleged that the numbers indicated on the structures/ shacks are to ensure control purposes. It is therefore recommended that this matter be referred to Informal Settlement and Anti-Land invasion for further intervention. It must also be noted that the findings concluded on the 01/02/2017 are similar to those of a previous visit.

6. Photographic Evidence





Report on Site Visit

Subject Matter: **Site Visit, individuals sleeping alongside the river in Thornton opposite the Epping Market**

Date of second visit: **06/02/2017**

1. Role Players Involved:

- Pamela Beukes
- Yusuf Jassiem

2. Purpose of Report:

Feedback report on site visit conducted to the above mentioned area in response to a request from Councillor Suzette Little.

3. Background:

- On the 3rd January 2017, Councillor Suzette Little, requested a report regarding individuals that reside alongside the Thornton River opposite the Epping Market.
- An immediate intervention was conducted with the objective to gather information about the population along the river, with a focus on their immediate origins.

4. Discussion/Action Taken:

On the 3rd February 2017, officials from the Street People Unit conducted a count of the number of individuals present at the site. There were no temporary structures found; however the area was found to be full of discarded waste. It was found that the area is inhabited by two males. The one male present is aged 35 and is originally from DeAar in the Northern Cape. He was offered social assistance however was not willing to be reunified back home. He has been in Cape Town for the past four years due to huge family disputes as well as lack of employment opportunities.

On the 6th February 2017, the second individual age 56 that is originally from Eastern Cape was offered social assistance. He has been in Cape Town for the past six years and is not willing to be

reunified back home because of ongoing family disputes and the lack of employment. He is prepared to be placed into a shelter on the 9th February 2017, at the time of the intervention he was busy collating scrap. Unfortunately the male age 35 that was present on the 3rd February 2017 was not present at the site on the 6th of February to be relocated to a shelter.

5. Conclusion/Recommendation:

The common factor that has brought the two males to the area is family problems, and the opportunity for casual employment. The two males are also involved in illegal substance usage and other antisocial behaviour. Both males appeared to have a good understanding of their non-legitimacy to reside at the location. The intention is to relocate the individuals to a shelter on Thursday, 9th February 2017. If the individuals refuse to be relocated then the matter will be referred to Law Enforcement.

There will be a C3 notification raised for the discarded waste that should be cleaned up on a weekly basis by solid waste due to the presenting factor:

Those residing opposite the river at the Epping Market do not have any toilets, water and waste management system in place.

- Therefore they dispose their waste along the river on a regularly basis.
- Washing of clothing in the river
- Use the river for toilet purposes
- Epping Market hawkers dispose their discarded waste along the river

6. Photographic Evidence:

3rd February 2017



19 February 2017
Operation at Epping Market Viking Road, Epping
Liquor confiscated at structure E03

Feedback provided by: Senior Inspector: Peter Plaatjies [Law Enforcement]



21 February 2017
Operation at Epping Market Viking Road, Epping
Successful Removal of the Epping Shebeen

Feedback provided by:
Acting Deputy Chief: Shaun Graham Smith [Law Enforcement]



Joy Machent

From: Richard Bosman
Sent: Monday, 27 February 2017 9:27 AM
To: Shaun Graham Smith; Brian Watkyns - Icon
Cc: 'Yasmin Johnson'; Joy Machent; Arthur Daniels
Subject: RE: informal market at epping

Thank you

Ms Johnson please convey the concerns you have

From: Shaun Graham Smith
Sent: 27 February 2017 08:58 AM
To: Brian Watkyns - Icon
Cc: 'Yasmin Johnson'; Joy Machent; Arthur Daniels; Richard Bosman
Subject: RE: informal market at epping

Good Morning Alderman Watkyns

Should we find anyone in possession of drugs in the area we will arrest them and the structure that is linked to drug dealing will be demolished as was done to the shebeen.

Officers are patrolling the area on a 24/7 basis including the informal market area on Gunners Circle. We enforce a no fires allowed in area after 22h00 at night all occupants must then be in their structures. Any suspicious person found leaving the structures are searched and vehicles stopping there are moved off.

Mrs Johnson if you have any information on where these drugs are sold it will be greatly appreciated if you can contact me with the information on 0822675402.

The SAPS sector vehicle is at the site several times a day and at night and the Thornton neighbourhood watch visits regularly.

Regards

Shaun Graham Smith
Acting Deputy Chief
Law Enforcement Services
