

Solar Energy plant near Augrabies

The following issues must be addressed

- The solar plant should comply with the toolkit D16 pre application check list of the PSDF, from the documents supplied it was not mentioned or highlighted that it was used;
- Must comply with the District and local SDF the document;
- The boundary mapping for Augrabies National park has caused incorrect mapping for the PSDF and other related documents this must be corrected;
- On the PSDF SPCs the area is in the buffer area, and also agriculture area;
- The correct name of the department is National Department of Rural Development and Land Reform, Branch: Spatial Planning Land Use Management Services;
- Must comply with the Northern Cape Planning Development Act 7 1998 ;
- COHSTA change to COGHSTA;
- The solar plant site should be in SPC Fi according to the Kai !Garib local municipality's SDF;
- The Beneficiaries of the project were not listed only the benefits the society will have in terms of the less pressure from eskom and also benefits of limited employment. The farm owner will get a supplementary income;
- The solar plant site 2 is in the National parks view shed protection area therefore site 1 is preferred;
- Application for rezoning has it been done? (check the mixed use area polices in the Kai !Garib SDF);
- The development impact on a broader scale seems to be below the actual delivery as the solar plant unreasonably raised expectations of the affected community;
- The PSDF conducted municipalities' development potential, Augrabies and other surrounding towns in the municipality are low in development, therefore a motivation on how to mitigate the development problems in the municipality is needed.

To be noted

- The plant is 22 kilovolt (kv);
- The panels will be 3 metres high and cover 20 hectares;
- The visual impact assessment was conducted and concluded that site 1 is less visible from the National Park then site 2, therefore site 1 is the preferred site;