

## MUNISIPALITEIT / MUNICIPALITY BEAUFORT-WES/BEAUFORT WEST/BHOBHOFOLO



Notice No. Kennisgewing Nr. 07/2025

# APPLICATION FOR CONSENT USE TO ALLOW FOR WIND ENERGY FACILITY ON PORTIONS 10 AND 25 OF THE FARM BRITS EIGENDOM NO. 374 IN THE REGISTRATION DIVISION OF BEAUFORT WEST (KRAALTJIES WEF)

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 61 of the Municipal Land Use Planning By-Law for Beaufort West Municipality, Notice No. 21/2019 that the Authorized Official in terms of Section 60 of the same **approved** the following application:

**Consent Use**: Renewable Energy Structures (including appurtenant structures), in terms of Section 15(2) (o) of the Beaufort West Land Use Planning By-laws (2019), for 20 Wind Turbine Footprints of approximately 40ha total including internal and external electrical grid connections, compacted hardstanding area, Battery Energy Storage System, Building Infrastructure, Roads, Construction Laydown Area, Fencing and additional infrastructure on the below mentioned properties, as indicated on the Preferred Layout Plan (15170 dated12/10/2023) on;

- Portion 25 of Farm 374 Brits Eigendom (Amospoortjie)
- Portion 10 of Farm 374 Brits Eigendom (Omdraai)

as a whole, to enable the proposed development, subject to the following conditions imposed in terms of Section 66 of the said by-law:

### **Conditions of Approval:**

- (a) That in terms of the provisions of the Land Use Planning By-law for the Beaufort West Municipality (2019), the above-mentioned approval shall lapse if not implemented within a period of five (5) years from the date of when the approval comes in to operation.
- (b) The applicant must submit a detailed site development plan, and associated building plans, which illustrates the compliance with the proposed development to the various conditions of approval as well as the requirements of the Beaufort West Municipal Planning By-law, 2019, for approval by the municipality, prior to the commencement of construction.
- (c) All construction and operational phase activities and materials must be accommodated on site within the identified areas.
- (d) The applicant must submit a diagram to the Surveyor-General for approval, including proof to the satisfaction of the Surveyor-General of the Municipality's support of the registration of associated servitudes, where such servitudes may be required.
- (e) The consent use for the renewable energy structure is not granted as a permanent right but will be given for the duration/lifespan of the facility. Any renewable energy structure and associated infrastructure that has reached the end of its productive life or has been abandoned (including buildings, cables, surfaced areas) must be removed by the owner. A renewable energy structure is considered abandoned when the structure fails to continuously operate for more than two years.
- (f) Should the Municipality provide services or if the developer use bulk services of the Municipality, a Service Level Agreement (SLA) will have to be concluded between the Developer and the Municipality and any Development Contributions (DC's) required should be included in the SLA.
- (g) Access to the facility will be to the satisfaction and approval of the Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works. This approval from the relevant authority should be sought by the applicant.

- (h) This approval does not exempt the applicant from obtaining any other approval required in terms of any other legislation.
- (i) The approval shall be implemented on approval of building plans for all structures.

#### **Conditions of approval relating to Development Parameters:**

During the evaluation process of the application, it was noticed that the overall Renewable Energy Structure height exceeds 100m therefore:

In accordance with Section 66(2)(v) of the Beaufort West Land Use Planning By-law (2019) the following conditions relating to the development parameters are further imposed.

#### Setback:

a distance of 1,5 times the overall blade tip height of the turbine, measured from the cadastral boundary of the land unit, unless the wind energy facility comprises more than one cadastral unit, in which case the setback will only be applicable to the outer boundaries of the cadastral units which forms part of the wind energy facility;

- a distance of 1,5 times the overall blade tip height of the turbine, measured from any public road or private or public right of way, unless it provides access to the turbine;
- a distance of 1,5 times the overall blade tip height of the turbine, measured from any electrical infrastructure;
- a distance of 1,5 times the overall blade tip height of the turbine, measured from the nearest residential, commercial or critical agricultural structures including animal housing, outbuildings, store rooms, excluding structures such as water troughs, feed dispensers, and windmills.

#### Additional Information:

That the applicant be informed of the following:

- (a) That all costs in terms of the proposed development, including any service connections will be the responsibility of the applicant.
- (b) A further conditional approval will need to be applied for from the South African Civil Aviation Authority, together with its final approval after construction.
- (c) Any conditions included within the Environmental Authorisations (and its amendments) or subsequent amendments thereof, be adhered to at all times to the satisfaction of the department.
- (d) The conditions included within any National, Western Cape or other Departments' comments on the application, be adhered to at all times to the satisfaction of the relevant department.

#### Reasons for approval:

- (i) While one comment was raised during the public participation process, it was against the proposed development and sought rather to ensure the quality of the environment for farming both during the construction and operational phases of the development. The applicant also adequately addressed all of the concerns raised. All comments received from other government departments are organisations offered no objections or supported the proposed development.
- (ii) The development proposal is consistent with National, Provincial, Regional and Municipal planning and policy frameworks.
- (iii) There appears to be no direct impact on the surrounding environment, farms or communities and the developer will have to ensure the integrity of the environment in all phases of the project.

Environmental impacts are to be mitigated, based on the conditions imposed within the Environmental Authorization and Environmental Management considerations contained within the EMPr.

(iv) The proposed wind energy facility will not place additional strain on the ability of the Municipality to provide services.

Any person whose rights are affected by the above decision and or conditions may appeal to the Appeal Authority by submitting a written appeal to the Municipal Manager, Beaufort West Municipality, Private Bag 582, 112 Donkin Street, Beaufort West, 6970, so to reach the undersigned within **21 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Official appeal forms are available on request from Mr. P. Strümpher at Tel. No. 023-414 8100 or e-mail: admin@beaufortwestmun.co.za.

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