

**Complaint by inhabitants of Goodlands against the District Council of Riviere du Rempart**

On 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024, this Office received an anonymous complaint from “inhabitants” of Goodlands wherein several allegations were made. The comments of the Council were sought and these were as follows:

Sn	Allegation	Comments received
1	<b><u>Upgrading of Belin Football Ground at Mapou Leclezio Goodlands</u></b>	
	i. The project took approximately one and a half years and was completed in December 2023. Budget voted was Rs 7.8 million. However, the cost of the playground was around 4.2 million.	The budget for the project was Rs 7,833,333 and the total cost of the project was Rs 4,133,915.50 plus contingencies sum of Rs 50,000. The remaining amount has lapsed. The project was completed in January 2023.
	ii. No cloakroom was included although budget was approved for same.	The scope of works for the project was as follows: a) Site clearance and bed preparation b) Construction of podium c) Laying of topsoil d) Provision of irrigation system e) Turfing works f) Provision of collapsible bollards
	iii. Inhabitants have shown their discontent as the playground is in deplorable state	Several remedial works have been carried out thereafter due to acts of vandalism. A site visit was conducted in April 2024 in the presence of representatives of the Village Council and some inhabitants of Goodlands. The turfing works were carried out to the satisfaction of the inhabitants and same is being used on a regular basis by them.
2.	<b><u>Fencing and upgrading of Domaine Moulin Green Space</u></b>	
	Rs 5.5 million was voted by the District Council for the project which was expected to be completed in October 2022. Only a plot of land of 3 and a half acres was fenced.	The budget voted was Rs 5,500,000. On 03 <sup>rd</sup> October 2022, the contract was awarded for a total amount of Rs 1,332,500 plus contingencies of Rs 100,000. Since, there was an increase in the length of the fencing works, the revised amount was Rs 1,584,500 plus contingencies and the project was completed in March 2023. The remaining amount of the initial earmarked project was used for other projects.

3	<b><u>Hypermarket Super U</u></b>	
	<p>i. The way in and way out at the hypermarket is in the same entrance.</p>	<p>A Building and Land Use Permit (BLUP) was issued by the Council for shopping mall consisting of three floors as following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A lower ground floor- with shops, food outlets, technical rooms and parking.</li> <li>➤ An upper ground floor- with a hypermarket with its store, offices, rooms, bakery, pastry, kitchen as well as shops and offices.</li> <li>➤ A first floor -with shops and offices.</li> </ul> <p>Application was approved for the above by the Permit Business Monitoring Committee based on clearances obtained from the Traffic Management and Road Safety Unit (TMRSU) and Road Development Authority.</p> <p>However, clearance was not obtained from the TMRSU for exit onto Goodlands-Poste de Flacq A5 Road. All exits would have to be through Beau Plateau Road. A second application was made and was rejected as exit onto Goodlands Poste de Flacq A5 Road. An appeal was then made before the Environment and Land Appeal Tribunal and the case is still ongoing.</p>
	<p>ii. A close relative of one of the members of the Public Business Monitoring Committee was provided with a location for a baby shop (Little Town Kids Shop) to operate.</p>	<p>No BLUP was issued to Baby Shop namely (Little Town Kids Shop).</p>
4	<b><u>New Market at Goodlands</u></b>	
	<p>Eighteen potato sellers occupying 2 tables and vegetable sellers occupying one table are paying the same amount of Rs 500 as Trade Fees</p>	<p>As per the new Market Regulations which is being worked out, the potato sellers will have to pay for two stalls i.e., Rs 1000 (Rs 500x2)</p>