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1	JE (Boet) Coetzee Concerned Individual	b	<p>JE Coetzee (previous GM at Modderfontein), submitted a letter titled "Conserving Modderfontein's Heritage: 1986 to 1999"</p> <p>This letter outlines how Modderfontein had previously been 'managed' by AECl, and how current management should learn from previous mistakes and successes</p> <p>In summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Decisions were based on specific values rather than just practical considerations and were made in consultation with all stakeholders. Future development must be approached holistically and the interests of all of the stakeholders need to be considered. - Future implications need to be considered alongside present needs before any demolition/destruction takes place. - Original design principals need to be understood before any changes/'improvements' are made, as these might still be applicable today. - Developers must create and maintain a hierarchy of development plans supported by important stakeholders. Arguments that led to these decisions must be documented. - Historical buildings could be preserved by putting them to productive use, new owners must be aware of the responsibilities that come with owning such buildings. Buildings which are accessible to the public could be reused to fill a need in the community. Previous "Examples of the application of this strategy included: converting the old post office for use by the Moths; the Club building for use by the local authority; 2 (?) Main St for use by the Free Masons; 33 High St as a restaurant; and of course the museum precinct in Main St. The houses in High St approaching the main gate were not regarded as historical but were also put to use as premises for small businesses (e.g. building society, travel agency, recruitment agency, etc.)" <p>Isidleke (consisting of the old Barn and dam keepers cottage in the vicinity of dam 4), was put aside proving AECl's commitment to the responsible Care aspect– balancing People, Profit and Planet</p>	<p>HIA</p> <p>Management plan</p> <p>Development Control</p> <p>HIA</p> <p>Sustainability of Use</p> <p>Casino Post Office 33 High Museum</p> <p>Conservation Park Beit Cluster</p>
2	Trish (formally Russell) Concerned Individual	p	Trish has happy memories of Sundays spent picnicking and boating at Dam 3. Her relatives, The Jourdans lived on the Modderfontein property in the 1950's	Conservation Park (Dam 3)
3	Submitted by Keith Martin Thornhill Estate Resident and Committee Member of the Modderfontein	0 0 k r k	<p>Reminiscences as told in the MCS Newsletter No.3 of 2008</p> <p>Story by Ken England relating the origin of the remnants of some kind of construction on the trail alongside the Modderspuit between the Crab and Otter Crossings. It was a temporary bridge over the spruit that ended up being used for many decades.</p>	Conservation Park (structure)

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4	Johan A Thome Managing Director/ Principal of Heritage Christian College	0 ir	<p>Heritage Christian College and Heritage Preschool are located in premises which were formally the Factory Hospital and Doctors rooms, located in the Modderfontein Village Precinct (MVP).</p> <p>The current premises are ideal for a school and even though they “are not heritage buildings per se”; Johan feels they are worth preserving.</p> <p>Johan feels strongly that the MVP works well in catering for current educational, spiritual, recreational and community services and that it should not be destroyed to make way for “another commercial office park”.</p> <p>He wants the current use and character of the MVP and the current recreational facilities to be preserved as all contribute to the “quality of life” of the residents.</p> <p>Johan also feels that there is no reason at all to demolish the Modderfontein shops and Pine forest.</p> <p>He sites another example of successful building reuse, “the old town hall is also used for a church”.</p>	<p>Institutional History (Heritage Christian College and Pre-school)</p> <p>Institutional History (Education and Sport)</p> <p>The Shops Pine Forest Town Hall</p> <p>Sustainable Use</p>
5	Christine and Albert Booth Concerned Individuals	c	t Christine and Albert are Thornhill Estate Residents They are in opposition to the demolition of the old shops and the church forest “which give such character to Modderfontein.”	The Shops Pine Forest Town Hall
6	Keith Martin Thornhill Estate Resident and Committee Member of the Modderfontein Conservation Society	0 0 k r k	<p>Keith gives a list of houses in Thornhill Estate (previously part of the village of Modderfontein), that he would like to see included in the HIA being conducted at Modderfontein.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Houses were built for migrant labour from Germany in 1895/6 in an area known as Hamburg (later Antwerp). These were iron and wood structures and one (a semi) is worthy of preservation (even though it has had structural modifications, it still retains its original appearance). - Houses built in 1933 for migrant artisans from Scotland (modeled on homes in Scotland) in an area that became known as Tiny Town. Some Cape Dutch style houses were also built in Ostend and Post Office around the same time. Some of these houses have retained the characteristics of the original designs and should be added to the list of buildings worthy of preservation. - Homes for managerial staff were also built in the early 1930's. Elm Avenue (between Park and Gardens) has many examples of houses where the facades (at least) are in their original state, examples can also be found on the Northern side of Myrtle Avenue, the southern side of Plane Avenue. Keith feels that Elm Avenue (as a whole), is worthy of preservation and should therefore be included in the study as such and that the houses on Myrtle and Plane should be assessed on an individual basis. - Modderfontein Village expanded further in the late 1940's when semis were built in Provan, Oak, Thornhill, Bruges and the extensions of Elm, Plane and Myrtle. The majority of these houses had Cape Dutch Gables and many should be considered to be worthy of inclusion by virtue of their age (even though some have since been altered). 	<p>Resources outside Primary Impact Area</p> <p>Antwerp 1890s German Houses</p> <p>Antwerp 1930s Scottish Houses</p> <p>Post Office Gabled Houses</p> <p>Antwerp, Elm, Myrtle and Plane.</p> <p>1940s Gabled Houses</p>

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7	Keith Martin for and behalf of the Modderfontein Conservation Society) Thornhill Estate Resident and Committee member of the Modderfontein Conservation Society	00krrk	<p><u>Submission for Heritage Impact Assessment of Modderfontein</u> (The Modderfontein Conservation Society was established in 1986 to monitor the Conservation Park but subsequent developments mean that it now devotes much of its time to protecting the historic buildings in the Modderfontein area, it regularly meets with the property owners, Heartland, to raise concerns) Because of the nature of activities at Modderfontein, this area has remained relatively untouched and can therefore be seen as a unique enclave in the Gauteng area. A lot of the early infrastructure is still in its original state and later additions to both the residential area and plant are also still standing.</p> <p>Recent large scale sale and development of land in this previously 'protected' area means that a successful HIA is very important. MCS also see a HIA as being important in helping the Society to police this environment into the future.</p> <p>A previous study focused on the Gautrain project in order to protect houses built in 1896. One of the houses was saved and artifacts from the demolished house were used to restore this rescued house.</p> <p>Although the area to be surveyed includes the largest concentration of historical buildings outside of the factory area, concern has been raised that some important buildings to the north of this area have been excluded. These include the Laboratory, the Weather Station and General Offices. Singles quarters in McGowan Road were also excluded. Heartland have given an undertaking that these buildings will be the subject of a separate HIA when these areas are developed.</p> <p>MCS request that numerous structures that fall outside the area covered by this study be given similar protection to those covered in the HIA and that a list of these buildings be incorporated into the HIA.</p> <p>MCS have collected 112 signatures from the local community and members of the MCS indicating "support for this very important project (proposed HIA), which will result in the proposed heritage precinct being preserved by statute".</p>	<p>Village Character (density)</p> <p>Layering</p> <p>Management and Control</p> <p>Resources beyond the Primary Impact Area</p> <p>Laboratorium Weather Station General Offices Single Q's Mc Gowan</p> <p>HIA - Statutory Protection</p>
8	Tertius van Zyl on behalf of his wife Denise (nee Broady)	00p	<p>Denise was a previous resident of Modderfontein, her grandparents on her mothers side immigrated to South Africa in the early 1900's, her Grandfather worked for African Explosives at Modderfontein and for a time they lived on a farm close to dam 4. He worked for AE&CI until his death in 1931 and was buried in the Modderfontein Cemetery.</p> <p>Denise's father was sent to South Africa on contract to work on the construction of a new ammonia plant at AE&CI at Modderfontein. He lived in the "single quarters" until he married. He never returned to the UK and ended up receiving 50 years Service Awards for AE&CI. Denise and her brother were born in Modderfontein.</p>	<p>Dam 4</p> <p>Modderfontein Cemetery</p> <p>Ammonia 1</p> <p>Men's Single Quarters</p>

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14	Nigel Andrews (Revd) On behalf of the St Francis-in-the-Woods Chapelry	0 n	<p>Expresses serious disapproval over the proposed development of Modderfontein, he believes that it will be to the detriment of this community and its heritage.</p> <p>Promotes the preservation of the St Francis Church building and surrounding trees and garden which contribute to the tranquility and overall rural appeal of the village.</p> <p>Many people are attracted to the church and the area as a whole because of its uniqueness and the fact that it offers a peaceful refuge from the noise and "busyness" of the surrounding areas.</p> <p>"It would be very sad to lose the character of the village, with buildings that have historical value impacted by inappropriate development."</p>	<p>Anglican Church Pine Forest Village Character</p> <p>Conflicting Development</p>
15	Barbara Gunther Concerned Individual	0 0 g	<p>Recounts an anniversary celebration spent at Franz Hoenig Haus (built 1896)</p> <p>"We do have to fight to keep this unique and wonderful place called Modderfontein after all that is why we all came here in the first place."</p>	Franz Hoenig Haus Village Character
16	Submitted by Keith Martin Thornhill Estate Resident and Committee member of the Modderfontein Conservation Society	k r k 0	<p>Reminiscences as told in the MCS Newsletter No.1 of 2008</p> <p>History behind the Fort on Flag Pole Koppie, it was part of Baden-Powell's master plan for the defense of Modderfontein from the Boer forces. This Fort was constructed from corrugated iron; it had cavity walls filled with sand and stone. There were also barbed wire fences and trenches intended to restrict the movement of the Boer troops.</p> <p>Story by Lenna Janicki Lenna grew up in Modderfontein, she lived for a while in a home (since demolished) in High St. "Several of the handsome and historic older houses in the High St area have also been beautifully restored and converted into small office complexes and of course, Franz Hoenig House is an excellent conference venue." She laments the loss of the veld areas explored in her childhood. The area between Dam 1 and 33 High St. is now informal parkland; the old Modderfontein Factory School and Scout Hut have been demolished. Lenna approves of the conservation area around Dams 3 and 4, Dam 3 used to be a popular picnic spot.</p>	<p>Flag Pole Koppie The Fort</p> <p>1990s High Street Houses</p> <p>Franz Hoenig Haus</p> <p>Sustainable of Use</p> <p>Destroyed Buildings</p> <p>Conservation Park</p>

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17	Leslie Ronald van Niekerk Concerned Individual	0 0 rc	<p>Ron points out that Modderfontein is unique in that sections have been preserved in their original state, both the buildings and the environment. This is particularly evident in the area north of Dam 1 and the golf course.</p> <p>“It is rare in this day and age to be able to experience the sense of timelessness and tranquility one gets from being immersed in old surroundings”.</p> <p>Ron feels that this of period will not be retained if the structures are kept but the setting changed and the residents have purchased property here because of the sense of agelessness and contentment derived from the location.</p> <p>“The huge development envisaged will destroy this ambience”, and a great deal that is of value will be thereby be lost.</p>	<p>Conservation of Typical Structures and Environment in Primary Impact Area</p> <p>Village Character</p> <p>Density</p>
18	Submitted by Keith Martin Thornhill Estate Resident and Committee member of the Modderfontein Conservation Society	k n k 0	<p>Article by Dave Gordon in the MCS Newsletter No.2 of 2007</p> <p>“Regrettably even the dreaded Gautrain will pale into insignificance when Heartland's plans for the conservation park come to fruition. Houses, roads and all manner of “developments” will change the character of Modderfontein forever.”</p>	<p>Village Character</p> <p>Density</p>
19	Submitted by Keith Martin Thornhill Estate Resident and Committee member of the Modderfontein Conservation Society	k n k 0	<p>Letter to the Management of AECI dated 7/8/2008 from Olga Magdalene Westoll (P.O. Box 116, Scottburgh, KZN, 4180), who grew up in Modderfontein and lived there until her husband retired.</p> <p>In this letter, Olga pleads for the preservation of a triangle of land which was set aside for two or three churches. St. Francis in the Wood was built as one of those churches. She wants to preserve the trees in the area and stop a shopping mall from being built on the site.</p> <p>“Please, please, I beg of you, do something. I would rather have a lovely park there with flowers, a pretty fountain, shrubs, trees and birds, all set there in memory of all the Modderfontein children of yesteryear</p>	<p>Anglican Church</p> <p>Pine Forest</p>
20	Sally Hogan Member of Modderfontein Conservation Society	0 0 s	<p>Sally is Resident in Thornhill Estate</p> <p>She has an objection to the development of the area in general because the cultural heritage of the area is represented by the existing spatial relationships between the buildings and the surrounding green areas. If certain historic buildings are kept amongst new offices, this will not preserve the identity of the place as a whole.</p> <p>Two unique features that drew her to the area include the human scale and the fact that is linked to the heritage of early Witwatersrand. These can be seen in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aspects of Thornhill and Lakeside villages are linked closely, via road names etc., with the Mdderfontein factory and the original staff. - The community activities centered on the St. Francis church, the Sports Club and the Town hall. - The dam and surrounds and the community activities that take place around the dam. 	<p>Density</p> <p>Green Areas</p> <p>Scale</p> <p>Names</p> <p>Anglican Church Sports Club Town Hall Conservation Park</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The wildlife and vegetation, the vegetation having both natural value and also historic links (via the trees planted to surround the factory). - Mostly in the human scale of peace and quiet compared to the surrounding areas. <p>“It may be the last opportunity to preserve a living village-like representation of life in the early days of the area, with its connections to mining and industry.” There is no reason to destroy this well preserved social area to build more monotonous housing developments, especially when this means building on wetland areas. Modderfontein is already experiencing increased run-off and flooding from developments upstream.</p>	<p>Trees</p> <p>Village Character</p> <p>Sustainable</p> <p>Institutional history</p> <p>Development Control (Design)</p>
21	Ellen Van Dongen Company Environmental Manager AEL Longmeadow Business Estate	0 0 v	<p>Ellen gives a list of structures/features possessing heritage value:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Modderfontein Golf Club House - (Koppie with beacon next to Gautrain siding (associated with Baden-Powel) - Indigenous vegetation between golf course and Centenary Way/Gautrain (is an example of Highveld grassland vegetation) - Pinelands site (old army barracks) - Italy Bridge - Houses along both sides of High Street leading up to Moddercrest (some older than 60 years, others examples of Modderfontein architecture spanning the history of the site) - Water fountain on the corner of High street and Bloemfontein Avenue (original water supply point) - Creche and Nursery School buildings (Originally the grocery store) - Franz Hoenig House (first factory managers house) - 33 High street (First factory engineers house) - 1 and 2 Main Street (Museum and part of the Franz Hoenig and 33 High Street heritage complex) - Bridge at tennis courts - Buildings above tennis courts (consist of an old interdenominational church and original ladies single quarters and house) - All of the houses and buildings on Harley Street and Casino Road around Heartland House (The hospital and associated buildings, double storey buildings which were the old single quarters for factory staff, Heartlands house and town hall which was the original club (Casino) used by residents of the villages in Modderfontein in its early days) - Antwerp bridge - Heritage buildings/artifacts that are on the outskirts of the defined area should also be considered (eg. Roads, coco pan tracks, stone quarries, boiler sites, old explosive manufacturing equipment, the sewage plant, Moddercrest Office Park buildings, factory buildings, buildings in the conservation Park and cemeteries) 	<p>Golf Club House Flag Pole Koppie The Fort</p> <p>Indigenous Vegetation</p> <p>High Str Houses 1890s and 1920s Drinking fountain Grocery store Franz Hoenig Haus 33 High No 1&2 High Christies Bridge Intl. Church B.3Ducks All Harley St Houses The Casino Hospital Buckingham Hall Antwerp Bridge</p> <p>Resources beyond the Primary Impact Area AS LISTED</p>

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			Ellen also suggests that Karl Kohler (local historian) be contacted for input to the heritage assessment and that a document compiled by Gillian Darling on heritage buildings and artifacts be used as reference material.	Specialist Practitioner Consultation
22	Dennis Goodchild Member of Thornhill Estate Homeowners Association and active committee member of THOA Garden and estates committee	0 d	<p>Dennis is resident at 18 Plane ave, Thornhill Estate</p> <p>Recent developments around Centenary Avenue and the Gautrain have resulted in the regrettable loss of many unique buildings along Antwerp Avenue, a part of our historic inheritance went with them.</p> <p>"I would therefore like to request that Serious consideration be given to the preservation of all structures over 60 years old and specifically buildings in the locality of Antwerp avenue, Park Rd, Harley Street, Casino Rd, High street, main street, bond street and Hospital Rd. The great majority of buildings in this locality being in excess of 100 year old and in very authentic/original condition which is in itself unique."</p> <p>Dennis believes that the Modderfontein area in its preserved state has the potential to be commercially viable in liner with areas like Pilgrims rest</p>	<p>Loss of Resources</p> <p>60 Years</p> <p>Primary Impact Area</p> <p>100 Years</p> <p>Condition</p> <p>Sustainable Interpretation</p>
24	Graham Darling Responding as an Individual	0 0 d	<p>Graham has had a long involvement with Modderfontein and has come to realize just how important its history is. He lived there from 1959 to 1964 and has good memories of community spirit, picnicking and sailing at dam 3, dramatic society productions in the Casino hall.</p> <p>In 1985 he became Managing Director of AECI Explosives and Chemicals Ltd, with responsibility for most of the activities at Modderfontein Factory.</p> <p>Was asked to commission a survey of the old buildings of Modderfontein, this was done by his wife Gillian (an Architect), supported by Karl Kohler.</p> <p>In 1988 this was made up into a coffee-table book called "Modderfontein Buildings – A Historical Survey". "I hope this has been a useful resource in the present studies."</p> <p>Recommends that thought be given to identifying and recording pre-historical archaeological sites across the Modderfontein area.</p> <p>Agrees with the approach of the Modderfontein Village Scoping Report.</p> <p>Does not want to identify specific features or structures possessing heritage value but would rather like to see that the proposed new developments preserve examples of the built environment so that future generations may appreciate the unique and self contained world that Modderfontein was in its early years and also why and how this has changed over the years.</p>	<p>Dam 3</p> <p>The Casino</p> <p>Recreational History</p> <p>Research Sources</p> <p>Archaeology (Record of Sites)</p> <p>HIA</p> <p>Character and Density</p>
25	Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Carr Members of the Lakeside Village Homeowners Association	0 a	<p>Highlights the following structures as being unique and irreplaceable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Hunting Lodge at Isideleke - Casino building - Major historical Structures within the AEL factory complex 	<p>Beit Hunting Lodge</p> <p>The Casino</p> <p>Factory Structures</p>

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26	Felicity Larson Member of St. Francis-in-the-Wood Anglican Church at Modderfontein	0 0 fe za	<p>Strong objection to any destruction or demolition of any heritage sites in Modderfontein.</p> <p>Grew up in the tranquil country environment that was Modderfontein with Dam 1 and Dam 3 available to residents for recreation.</p> <p>Loved ones were buried in the local cemetery (now out of bounds).</p> <p>The sports fields and club house have hosted and still do host many events and the golf course still has a healthy membership.</p> <p>Makes special mention of the possibility of losing "The Wood", in order to construct a shopping/business centre when there is an existing mall just 2km away.</p> <p>"...I strongly object to any further desecration or demolition of any buildings or heritage sites at Modderfontein."</p> <p>"I implore you to save Modderfontein's heritage, her environment and buildings"</p>	<p>Village Character</p> <p>Recreational History (Dam 1&3) Modderfontein Cemetery (Access- Interpretation)</p> <p>Institutional history (Sport) Sports Fields Golf Course Pine Forest Environment</p>
27	Norman Wright Responding as an Individual	0 n	<p>Asked to be added as an IAP, for this process</p> <p>No comments or suggestions attached.</p>	
28	Parktown Westcliff Heritage Trust Floranelle Bird June 09, 2009 6:05 PM Rocco'	0 fl cc	<p>Subject: RE: HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT: MODDERFONTEIN VILLAGE</p> <p>Dear Rocco,</p> <p>I am not sur we can contribute to the debate but we are horrified by fact that the HIA seems to be coming after they have made up their minds to the development.</p> <p>With such a store of cultural resources involved how sensitive is their proposal?</p> <p>Kind regards, Flo</p>	Due Process
29	Peter Ewen Responding as an Individual		<p>Should the relocation of structures be required, such structures must be grouped with or in close proximity to existing resources of a similar nature.</p>	Environmental Integrity
30	Responding signatures as Individuals (138)	A	<p>Supportive of a heritage study so that Modderfontein heritage resources may be conserved</p>	HIA