

**Democratic Alliance City of Johannesburg Media Statement
Democratic Alliance City of Johannesburg Ward 88 Councillor Pat Brugman-Richards**

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New development at empty Plot after 10 years of neglect by previous owner

During the past 10 years Ward 88 Democratic Alliance Councillor Pat Brugman-Richards had made many attempts to get the empty plot in Blackheath secured and cleaned, as it was an environmental hazard.

However the previous owner did not cooperate in maintaining the property even after Pikitup, JMPD, SAPS as well as Environmental Health assisted in getting the place cleaned up, he did not keep it clean, secure and safe.

The property was sold and now the new owner has cleaned and fixed the plot, and also secured it.

“This plot has caused many problems for businesses and residents surrounding it. It was an eyesore as it had a pile of rubbish which was causing a health hazard, and was a huge attraction for rodents,” says Cllrs Brugman-Richards.

The empty plot is situated next to KFC, on the slip road of Beyers Naude Drive, opposite Cresta Mall.

Thanks to Councillor Brugman-Richard’s efforts the community can now appreciate a new development that will start in January rather than the previous garbage site.

Councillor Brugman-Richards says that after years of working with JMPD, Pikitup and environmental health in numerous attempts to clean the plot, a private contractor has cleaned and fenced off the empty plot in preparation for construction.

Councillor Pat would like to thank the following departments: JMPD and Environmental Health who assisted the contractor to clean, after her request for assistance.

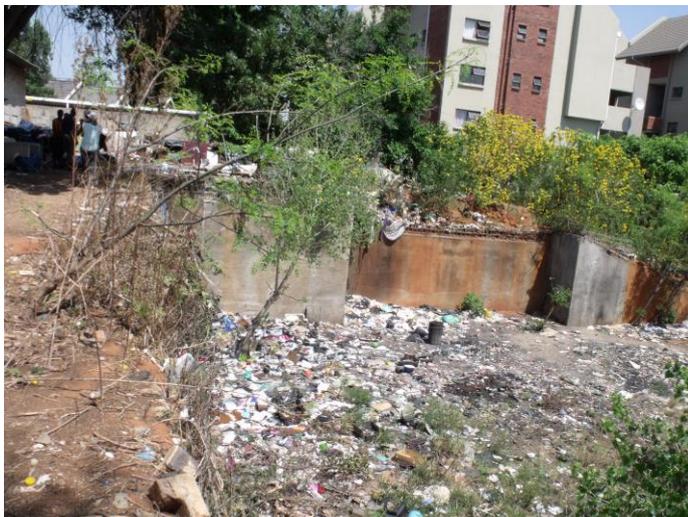
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Finally empty plot cleaned after being taken over by a new owner.





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Ward 88 Councillor Pat Brugman-Richards thanks the JMPD and Environmental Health for assisting in getting the plot clean.



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