

# Reader outraged over 'low-cost houses'

**With regard to the article "Low-cost houses could be built in suburbs" in PE Express, Wednesday, 25 June 2008.**

I am a resident in the Hunters Retreat Area and I was appalled by the comments of Warren Jack and Claude Jansen van Rensburg in your above article. If the low-cost houses should be built in Greenbushes and Parsonsvlei as suggested, it means that Hunters Retreat will be situated right in the middle of the two projects.

Mr Warren Jack and Jansen van Rensburg seem overly concerned about the negative

influence that the building projects will have on the properties of Walmer Township (and more probably on their own properties), but pay no heed to the negative influences on the Hunters Retreat and surrounding areas.

Mr Jansen van Rensburg even goes as far as saying that Parsonsvlei will be suitable because it is on a main bus route. Are there no other bus routes in Port Elizabeth? Will areas such as Motherwell not benefit more from low-cost housing projects?

If industrial developments are to be the key factor, why not build the low-cost houses near the established industrial suburb of

Port Elizabeth Central?

I trust and hope that the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality will put enough effort, thought and planning into the project to ensure that the low-cost houses will be built in an area that will benefit from the project, and not in an area in which same will depreciate the values of our properties.

Lastly, I hope that you will in all fairness also publish some of the comments from residents in areas other than Walmer Township.

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