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312 new housing units for Hornlee

A partnership between the Provincial Department of Human Settlements and the Knysna Municipality will result in an additional 312 housing units being added in Hornlee, Knysna.

Knysna acting municipal manager Johnny Douglas said this is exciting news for Hornlee residents. "The last housing handovers done in this specific area was during 2000, so, for those on the housing waiting list, this is extremely good news.

"Seven sites have been earmarked for developments, these will include 177 Breaking New Ground (BNG) units on five sites and 135 bonded units on two sites."

Douglas added that the 177 units are government-subsidised units that will be handed to individuals who reside in Hornlee and are currently on the waiting list. "The allocation of these units will be done according to the housing allocation policy and preference will be given to the elderly and disabled. Approximately 36 per cent of the bonded units will be Financially Linked Individual Subsidy units for individuals earning between R3 501 and R18 000/month and about 38 per cent will be open market units for individuals earning from R18 001/month upwards. Preference will be given to potential buyers already residing in the Knysna municipal area."

The servicing of the 312 sites commenced in February 2017 and is anticipated to be completed by August, 2017 with the construction of the BNG houses. These will start within the 2017/18 financial year.

Community meetings were convened with the communities of wards 6 and 11, where the project scope, appointment of subcontractors and unskilled labour were discussed. Community liaison officers were also appointed at these meetings.

Further project meetings will be held with the potential beneficiaries to discuss the housing allocation process," concluded Douglas.

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