

Viewpoint of a resident of Onderpapegaaiberg with regard to the Fence.

A resident called me on Friday evening 17 August. The resident criticised the idea to erect the Fence. This person also criticised the decision-making process.

The main criticism is domestic employees from Kayamandi and Enkanini detouring between 400 meters to one kilometre. We are causing them great inconvenience and exposing them to danger.

Specific criticism was:

- No broad-based consultation of the Onderpapegaaiberg community, as claimed.
- Limited if any communication of intention to build the Fence.
- Ward committee has driven the process mainly on its own initiative.
- The Fence sends a message to the people of Kayamandi and Enkanini that we don't want them too close to us.
- This runs the risk of provoking an aggressive counter-response.
- The ward councillor and a ward committee member directly rebuffed this resident's criticisms.
- A municipal official rebuffed this resident's attempt to lay a formal complaint with the council.

The resident acknowledged that there is a crime problem in the suburb. Their household had suffered as victims on numerous occasions. Nevertheless, people in Kayamandi and Enkanini live hard lives and suffer from poverty and indignity. The resident senses that underlying the concern for security is a deep-seated racism. This is about keeping black people out of our suburb. This person does not think that fences are the answer to crime. But that development is.

This resident would like to help individual domestic employees who are suffering, on a one on one basis. This not an attempt "to change the world". The resident proposes that we build a pedestrian gate into the main gate of the Fence. This will enable domestic employees to have access without the inconvenience and danger of a detour. An ADT/Stellenbosch Watch guard could man this gate. And lock it at night.

The resident was confident of support from at least 15 households for the above proposal.