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A City of Johannesburg Press Statement by
the Member of the Mayoral Committee for Development Planning, *Cllr Thapelo Amad*

Development Planning responds to accelerated service delivery

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The Department of Development Planning has considered feedback from the development and construction industry and found alternative office space to operate from, for the duration of maintenance work required at the Metro Link building.

On 25 November 2020, the Metro Link building, which was identified as the Department's interface centre for the duration of the National State of Disaster (COVID-19), was closed as per the recommendation of the national Department of Employment and Labour.

As a result, countless professionals in the industry urged the Department to find alternative premises to operate from, as the closure of the Metro Link, albeit temporary, would have a significant impact on the construction industry and, ultimately, the economic growth and development of the City of Johannesburg.

The Development Planning, in its quest to deliver key services to the residents of Johannesburg, will, as of today, 11 December 2020, provide services by the Building Development Management (BDM), Land Use Development Management (LUDM), and Corporate Geo-Informatics (GIS) directorates, at Thuso House on Jorissen Street, Braamfontein, between 09h00 and 15h30 on weekdays.

The purpose of this alternative arrangement is to allow for the submission of large building plans, which could otherwise not be submitted electronically due to the size of the files. Members of the industry and public are, however, still encouraged to submit building plans via email to BuildingApplications@joburg.org.za in cases that do not warrant physical submission.

We understand that this year has been particularly challenging for the industry and would like to thank all stakeholders for their patience during this time.

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