Appendix

We have identified advantages and disadvantages of locating a soccer stadium in the Big Hole precinct, to find out if it is appropriate to locate a stadium in this area. No information or inquiries have been available and the advantages and disadvantages have therefore been based on our own perceptions and from discussions with town planners at Sol Plaatje Municipality.

All the arguments are more or less dependent on the location site. To clarify this we have divided the arguments into three categories;

* Independent of site location
** Partly dependent of site location
*** Dependent of site location

Advantages of locating a soccer stadium on the Big Hole precinct;

• The central location of the stadium will make it easily accessible, since it will be within walking distance from most parts of the city, especially from Galeshewe where walking is the main mode of transportation.***

• Good transportation opportunities to and from the area, with the planned thoroughfare and the taxi route passing the area. The planned thoroughfare has though not yet been approved and is still controversial.**

• Sport acts integrating.*

• Co-ordination of parking for the stadium, offices etc.*

• The stadium can be used for other events after the World Cup.*

Disadvantages of locating a soccer stadium on the Big Hole precinct;

• The value of this central land will not been taken advantage of, and a unique possibility to further develop the central part of the city will be lost.***

• The only possibility for CBD to grow will be lost. If there are no possibilities to expand CBD in the central part of the city, new developments will have to take place in not central areas, which in time means a weakening of CBD. For people in Galeshewe it is more important to have good accessibility to service than to occasional events.***
• Cost and difficulties of maintaining the stadium can make the environment unpleasant and deserted. This can lead to reduced safety and security around the stadium which will have a major effect in this central location.**

• The stadium will be used only for short periods. This will mean that the area most of the time will be deserted, while at occasions there will be major disturbances.**

• The central location will lead to major traffic problems at events such as; congestions, noise pollution, air pollutions and other disturbances.**

• The stadium will act as a physical barrier between Galeshewe, the CBD and the southern residential areas.***

• Big events will, at occasions, create great disturbances in the surroundings such as light and noise. Due to the central location the disturbances will affect more people.***

• A stadium in this area will reduce possibilities for new residential and service developments in a central location.***

• A stadium in this area will reduce possibilities for developing tourism activities and facilities in a central location, close to the Big Hole and the CBD.***

• The size of the stadium counteracts the ambitions to secure the history and cultural heritage in this old mining area with the Big Hole and small-scale buildings. The Big Hole will lose some of its importance and significance, with the big stadium complex next to it.***

• Co-ordination of usage of sport facilities with nearby schools is not possible since they are located too far away.***

• The stadium will need a massive amount of parking spaces, which have to be located on central valuable land.**