



The Department can confirm that the MoU was only signed by one party and is therefore not a valid agreement. It must be noted that it is technically not within the mandate of the GDE to enter into agreements with third parties for the use of vacant land but that of the Gauteng Department of Infrastructure Development (GDID) as the Custodian of the Immovable Assets of the Gauteng Provincial Government. However, the GDE was not willing to surrender the land for the construction of a new school in the future accordingly.

**1.2. When was this agreement drafted?**

**Media Response**

The agreement was drafted in 2022-23 Financial Year.

**1.3. When did Motheo approach the GDE to request permission to build on the land?**

**Media Response**

In 2022.

**1.3. Was there a delay between when the agreement was drafted and signed? if so, what was the reason for this?**

**Media Response**

Refer response to 1.1.

**2. A ward councillor in Protea Glen said she was told by representatives from Motheo that development on the land was halted because they were still in the process of negotiating the ownership and development of the land with the Gauteng Department of Education.**

**2.1. What is being negotiated by the GDE and Motheo?**

**Media Response**

The Department can confirm that indeed, Motheo approached the GDE requesting use of the entire property for the construction of the sports complex. However, it was clearly specified that this would not be possible as the Department will require the property for the construction of a new school in future.

**2.2. Why are negotiations still taking place when a site usage and maintenance agreement was drafted and signed?**

**Media Response**

Motheo was informed on Tuesday, 4 April 2023 that due to the reasons mentioned above the GDE will not be entering into an agreement with them and will not be surrendering the property to the GDID. It will therefore not be possible for the Sports Complex to be built on the property. Therefore, negotiations are no longer taking place.

**2.3. What resolutions have been reached in the negotiations and had Motheo received permission to build on the land?**

**Media Response**

Accordingly, permission was not granted to Motheo to build on the land.

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