

## Avondrust Circle Restaurant Timeline and Comment

6/2012	Property sold to Chapmans Sports Resort Pty Ltd
10/2012	Application submitted for Land Use rezoning from Single Residential to Commercial for the purpose of building a restaurant
2/2013 to 11/2013	City Planning departmental review period, conditions were attached to the application
4/2013	NEAG and the then Noordhoek Conservancy led a campaign to coordinate local opinion, resulting in submittal of 81 formal letters of objection (1 support letter was received). All subsequent official meetings were attended by a representative of these Noordhoek organizations (and now NRPA), and reports have been published to the public.
2/2014 to 3/2014	City submitted their report to SPELUM with recommendation to APPROVE, allowing deviations from SDP (Southern District Plan) and Noordhoek Valley Structure Plan. Objectors presented to SPELUM committee. Site Visit deemed necessary.
3/2014	SPELUM Committee and Local Counsellor Felicity Purchase attended a site visit.
4/2014	SPELUM referred the application to MAYCO with a recommendation to NOT APPROVE for 2 primary reasons: Not in keeping with the ambiance of the area, and major traffic and safety concerns.
6/2014	MAYCO attended a site visit, including the mayor. About 40 objectors attended to visually reinforce local opinion. MAYCO voted to APPROVE rezoning, passing this to Full Council for a final vote. Full Council met, but our councilors called a Caucus and were able to defer a decision while more information is gathered, specifically questioning the traffic report that had been submitted by the developer's independent traffic consultant.
7/2014	To support the Objection campaign, An Economic Comment was submitted by UCT School of Economics Professor of Economics and Research Fellow, and an independent Traffic Study was undertaken and submitted. Numerous articles in local papers, as well as letters to the Editor voiced objections to the restaurant. The local councilors (FP and SLC) were vocally against the restaurant.
8/2014	Full Council voted to APPROVE rezoning to Commercial for the purpose of building a 100 seater restaurant. There were no other appeal avenues available other than to the High Court, which could not be funded.
6/2016	Building plans were APPROVED.
7/2016	Ground breaking and tree felling commenced.
Ongoing	NRPA representatives will continue to work with City Building Inspectors and the developer to ensure development is managed

	according to the approved plan.
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Throughout this lengthy process, Noordhoek representative organizations\* have been actively engaged:

- at all related meetings and public hearings, initiating numerous dialogues with key people
- campaigned for funds to engage experts in several fields
- spearheaded a volunteer traffic survey
- given interviews to local news media, print and radio

\* NEAG, Noordhoek Conservancy, Noordhoek Ratepayers Association