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66 APARTMENTS AT CONRADIE PARK IS A START, BUT MORE IS NEEDED TO DISRUPT SPATIAL APARTHEID

Ndifuna Ukwazi welcomes the progress that the [Western Cape Provincial Government](#) has made in relation to the delivery of social housing at Conradie Park. We are encouraged that 66 social housing apartments were made available to qualifying families this morning (these are the first of 432 social housing apartments that form part of the Conradie Park development). We hope this signals a commitment to releasing, packaging and developing other parcels of land for social housing, including the Tafelberg and Founders' Garden sites.

We remain concerned about the slow pace of delivery of various forms of affordable and social housing. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has deepened spatial inequality and refocused the need for shelter and affordable housing for families in the Western Cape. There is an urgent need for the Province to prioritise housing, particularly in well located areas and economic centres.

In August last year, Ndifuna Ukwazi [released](#) a research report entitled [Spatial Justice Delayed? Understanding the Obstacles to Social & Transitional Housing in Central Cape Town](#), in which we highlighted the glacial pace of progress on the City of Cape Town's delivery of social and transitional housing in the city centre, Woodstock and Salt River. The report shows that some of the key challenges that have hindered the development of these housing projects is a lack of clarity and political will to release public land for social and transitional housing, the financial viability of social housing funding mechanisms, time-consuming development processes, inadequate government resources and capacity directed at the development of social housing, conflicting incentives for government officials and an overall lack of drive and hunger for affordable housing from government officials and politicians. We encourage the Province to engage with the contents of the report, assist in finding collective solutions to the challenges we identified and implement the recommendations of the report at provincial level.

We urgently call on the to adopt a radical new approach towards the delivery of well-located affordable housing and fast-track delivery. Sixty six new social housing apartments is a start, but the Province still has a long way to go.

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