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GREENHOUSES UNDER SCRUTINY

Stellenbosch municipality will now employ an environmental lawyer in order to help solve the problems surrounding the notorious greenhouse development along the Polkadraai Road. Farmers and members of the Polkadraai Hills Association are complaining since January this year on the development, and residents insist that the Municipality disapproves the greenhouses.

The Zetler family, who built the greenhouses for their strawberry farm, didn't apply for any building authorisation by the Municipality and have no approval for the development.

According to Mr. Mervin Williams, acting head of the legal services at Stellenbosch Municipality, it has been decided in a recent meeting with members of the Polkadraai Hills Association to employ an environmental lawyer. "He will investigate and advise the municipality on the relevant processes, public participation processes or any other impact studies conducted by the Municipality or any other party to be performed for developments such as greenhouses". It has also been decided that no further greenhouses may be approved in the area until there is more clarity on this matter.

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