

## ARCHITECTURAL GUIDELINES – GOUKOU RIVER

The Goukou Estuary/River is an outstanding example of a functioning tidal river which flows through valleys, hills, agricultural fields, and indigenous bush. It is subjected to occasional flooding, but in the main is a clean delightful river, navigable for many kilometres upstream. It is therefore vitally expedient that every effort should be made to preserve, to enhance and conserve the heritage of the Goukou Area. The guidelines below are intended to inform the design of new buildings so that they will be sympathetic to the existing architectural tradition and will enhance and conserve the unique heritage of the Goukou Area. We have good examples of the archetypal “Overberg farmhouse” with its thick walls, gabled, thatch roof/, stoeps and lean to roofs or af daks. In the historical buildings of the Palingat, Jagesbosch and Olive Grove farmhouse.

1 Approval is required from the Western Cape Ministry of Local Government Environmental Affairs and Development Planning. A preliminary sketch proposal should be submitted with the application, Building lines above high an authenticated High water mark

2. All Plans must be prepared by members of the South African Council for the architectural profession.

Owners and developers are encouraged to design buildings that will be sympathetic to the existing architectural traditions of the Goukou Area.

1. General styles of houses, Should follow the examples given
2. Roof pitch. The main roof should have a pitch between 40 – 45 degrees or steeper
3. Scale Preferably single story no stilts
4. Span Main roof should not span more than 5.5metres
5. Gables and eaves Thatched roofs should have simple end type gables or half hipped “wolfsneus” gables. Sheet metal roofs should have simple end type gables or flush bargeboards. Eaves should not exceed 150mm
6. Add ons Stoeps , pergolas, and low pitched lean to roofs should not exceed the span of the ain roof and are encouraged to reduce the bulk of the buildings. Chimneys should be in the local tradition.
7. Windows and doors should be timber or brown aluminium framing.
8. Materials Roof Encourage the use of thatch, corrugated aluminium painted black/grey/heritage green
9. Materials Walls Should be plastered and painted brickwork, local stonework.
10. Paint Colours. White, earth colours to blend into the landscape