

## **HAZELDEAN NODE – FULL CIRCLE LIVING**

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The Hazeldean node in Pretoria, across from Silver Lakes Golf Estates, is currently being developed by Abland and Sable Homes (the residential development arm of the group). With office parks, shopping centres, residential developments and community services, it truly embodies its tagline – full circle living.

At 800 hectares, the development is roughly the size of the town of Stellenbosch and is a long-term undertaking. Agreements with the original farm owners were first signed in 2004, and the first development began in 2006.

To date, infrastructure costs are upward of R200 million, which includes the construction of roads, sewage systems and water and power lines. A new interchange on the N4 highway (which runs through the massive development) has recently been approved. Abland believes that the infrastructure will also prove invaluable to other developers planning to build in the area, which will enable Hazeldean to become a thriving node – a town - in its own right.

Project Manager Hendrik van Zyl notes that the response to the development has been outstanding thus far. As an example, he cites the fact that the Curro School, a primary school developed inside the node, is already at capacity – for the second time.

“When it was built, the school catered for 260 pupils,” he says. “By the end of its first year, they had to build on new classrooms in order to meet the demand and the school actually doubled its intake. Now it’s at capacity again and there have been enquiries from parents as to whether a high school will also be built in Hazeldean.”

Other developments within Hazeldean include The Retreat, where 500 retirement units will be built, of which 44 are complete and a further 4 is currently under construction, and a R20 million state-of-the-art clubhouse, which includes a library, spa, gym, ladies bar, frail care centre and various other impressive facilities.

The Oukraal development consists of modern bachelor and loft apartments, while The Meadows residential estate offers 240 full-title serviced stands of between 600 and 800 square metres each. Some of these stands are still available for purchase.

The Ridge is an upmarket residential estate offering stands of 800 to 2 000 square metres. The first and second phases of this development comprise 126 fully-serviced stands, of which 19 have already been sold, while the third phase consists of an additional 66 un-serviced stands.

Van Zyl points out that both the Meadows and Ridge developments include large green belts and park areas, making them attractive places to live, while their close proximity to the retail developments, the Curro School, office developments and the planned medical centre ensure ultimate convenience.

Parts of the original farm on which the Hazeldean development now stands remain intact and Jurgens Prinsloo, Director, explains that the proposed regional mall will be designed to encourage interaction with the boutique farm, which will include equestrian stables along with the milk-processing facilities.

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Once the interchange is built, Hazeldean Regional Mall, Hazeldean Retail Park, and Hazeldean Business Park (a light industrial development on the northern side of the highway) will all be easily accessible from the N4 freeway.

Other developments within the Hazeldean Node are planned for construction once the roadworks are complete, and the new roads will also make access even easier to Abland's already established developments in the area - Hazeldean Office Park, Tijger Vallei Office Park, Leeuwenhof Residential Estate, Hazeldean Home World and Hazeldean Square.

As projects are constructed, schools will expand and major roadworks and medical centre applications will be approved, the vision first developed by Abland and Sable Homes for the Hazeldean node will become a reality. Full-circle living is the trend of the future, and Abland has ensured it remains one step ahead in making that future happen.