context analysis

Location and accessibility and site use

Integration of site into inner city

fig.6

fig.7

current land ownership

Integration of site into inner city

Main roads for greater Metropolitan connections.

Church Street_west

Historical tourist route.
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Social Dislocation

The respective communities within Marabastad have, since the origins of the suburb, been marginalised. At one stage Marabastad was the setting for vibrant community life. The forced eviction of the entire residential population and a large part of the traders from the area has, however, resulted in the destruction of most of the community structures. Only a small portion of traders has remained, while the rest of the former Marabastad population is scattered over the outlying former Group Areas of Laudium, Atteridgeville, Mamelodi, Eesterust and elsewhere.

With the "freeze" imposed on Marabastad over the past three decades the area has degraded into a slum, and it is shunned by most of Greater Pretoria. The traders survive mostly on the patronage of the Black population, many of whom pass through Marabastad, today a major public transportation node. In bullying regions. From a social point of view Marabastad remains marginalised within the Inner City.

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