

Danie Harmse

Town and Regional Planner

29+ years experience

Location : New Zealand

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[Linkedin Profile](#)

Summary

Experienced Town & Regional Planner with 29 years of expertise in planning and development. Proven track record of successfully implementing comprehensive plans that drive sustainable growth and improve quality of life. Skilled in land use planning, zoning regulations, policy analysis, and community engagement. Adept at navigating complex regulatory environments, with strong leadership, communication, and problem-solving abilities. Known for delivering actionable recommendations and fostering collaboration among stakeholders to achieve project goals.

Transferable Skills	Knowledge Based Skill
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Critical Thinking and Problem Solving● Communication Skills● Leadership Skills● Conflict Resolution and Negotiation● Team Collaboration● Project Management● Legal Knowledge● Data Analysis and Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Land Use Planning● Policy Analysis● Legal Knowledge (Town Planning Laws and Regulations)● Tribunal and Appeals Handling● Site Development and Building Plan Approval● GIS and Spatial Analysis● Health and Safety Management● Community Engagement

Career Objective:

To leverage my 29 years of experience in town and regional planning to contribute to sustainable development initiatives in New Zealand. Seeking a role where I can apply my expertise in land use planning, zoning regulations, and community engagement to help shape vibrant, resilient communities while continuing to grow professionally in a dynamic environment.

Education and Training

1997 Baccalaureus Technologies in Town and Regional Planning, Witswatersrand Technikon

1994 National Diploma in Town and Regional Planning, Witswatersrand Technikon

Date Matric (NQF 4), Institution

Professional Experience

Town and Regional planner

Period: **Month 2024 - Current**

DH Projects Planning ([Insert Website address](#))

[Company summary](#)

Key Skills:

- Specialize in facilitating planning applications for residential and commercial developments.
- Serve a client base primarily composed of developers and architects.
- Operate within various municipalities including the City of Johannesburg, City of Tshwane, Ekurhuleni Metropolitan, Emfuleni Local Municipality, and Merafong Local Municipality.
- Successfully secure approvals for over 1,000 planning applications since 2004.
- Handle appeals at tribunals and Gauteng township board hearings, providing advocacy for clients.
- Represent clients in disputes against attorneys at legal hearings and tribunals.

- Possess firsthand experience in residential development, enabling effective navigation of diverse development issues.

Area Development Planner

Period: Month 1995 – Month 2004

[Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality](#)

The municipality was established in 2000, the result of a merger between the Eastern Gauteng Services Council, the Khayalami Metropolitan Council, and the previous municipalities of Alberton, Benoni, Boksburg, Brakpan, Edenvale/Lethabong, Germiston, Kempton Park/Tembisa, Nigel and Springs.

Key Skills:

- Enforced the Alberton Town Planning Scheme through contravention inspections and report generation for issuing legal notices.
- Represented the municipality in court for cases proceeding to legal action.
- Conducted inspections to confirm compliance with approved conditions for various town planning applications.
- Evaluated town planning applications in alignment with policies and structure plans, providing comments on land sales and leases.
- Issued zoning certificates, annexure consents, and letters for liquor licenses.
- Assisted the public with GIS information, LG diagrams, Erf details, and general town planning information regarding zoning, land use rights, and ongoing developments.
- Circulated, evaluated, and approved site development plans for projects such as townhouse developments, shopping centres, and industrial buildings.
- Evaluated and approved building plans, ensuring compliance with relevant regulations.
- Maintained required registers related to planning and development activities.
- Engaged in regular meetings with internal departments, developers, architects, and engineers to facilitate effective communication and collaboration.

Hobbies And Interests:

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References and further information supplied upon request.