

Sale of land 'illegal'

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FRAUDSTERS are hijacking land and selling it . . .

So says the City of Joburg.

The Joburg Property Company (JPC) claims that unidentified fraudsters are allegedly selling council land meant for development projects.

And these guys are stealing money from desperate homeseekers, said JPC media officer Brian Mahlangu.

He told *Daily Sun*: "There are rampant cases of fraud and illegal selling of council-owned land. JPC does not employ brokers or agents in selling or leasing the City of Joburg's land.

"In the Soweto and Roodepoort areas, mixed use development projects

have been hampered by, among other things, by fraudulent claims of ownership of council land."

He said his organisation has an open tender system that offers an opportunity to take part in the development of the City.

"We urge our communities to simply write to us with a stand number, street name and area of the land or property.

"JPC will respond to the query within 24 hours, unless there is a public holiday or weekend.

"All land and properties for sale and lease are advertised in national newspapers, displayed at our client servicing unit and our regional offices," Mahlangu said.

