

# Land hijackings - delays community development projects

A growing number of JPC led development projects are being delayed by land hijackers.

Fraudsters are preying on the desperate home builders of the community by fraudulently and illegally selling council owned land.

In the south of Joburg a mixed use development has been severely hampered by amongst other things the legal challenge to fraudsters and the resulting illegal occupation and building of structures on

council owned land.

Several criminal cases have been opened with the police, some suspects have been arrested and denied bail while others are appearing at court.

Most victims are pensioners who are duped into parting with thousands of their pension and provident funds.

These fraudsters pass themselves as agents and owners of council owned land while others pretend to be developers.

The sad part is that many families are left destitute, worse off

than before with an added burden of having to maintain an unemployable retired and broke parent.

JPC is continuously communicating with ward councillors and community members on the required steps and procedures for leasing and selling of land.

JPC does not use brokers or agents to lease and sell council owned property, because they use an open tender process that gives everyone eligible an opportunity to participate in the social

and economic development of the city.

All tenders are advertised on national newspapers, displayed at their client servicing unit and their regional offices.

They are also posted on our website [www.jhbproperty.co.za](http://www.jhbproperty.co.za) with all processes of leasing, buying, investing and developing council owned land.

Their Client Servicing Unit can be called on 011 339 2700 for information on council owned property.

