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Chairperson for the Manenberg Safety Forum, Roegshanda Pascoe, says the area is in dire need of upliftment, particularly at the site of the decommissioned GF Jooste.

“Our provincial leadership should go and apologise and compensate those families (staying next to Jooste), because in the first place, they knew what the consequences were going to be. I cannot blame the [security guards] for failing to protect the property. Who is going to see to their families if they are injured?” Pascoe questions.

The police are aware of the crime taking place on the premises, but are reliant on the public to report the incidents, says Captain Ian Bennett, Manenberg police spokesperson. “It is not our mandate to look after or secure a building site or a decommissioned building,” says Bennett.

He adds that officers will continue to police the area and respond to all criminal activity reported to their office.

▶ Anyone with information regarding theft can call Manenberg police station on 021 699 9400.