



As expected, Heather wall finally collapses

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Officials from the Department of Public Works will be assessing the damage caused by the weekend's collapse of the wall which serves as the boundary of the Heather Hall.

This comes as the public raised the alarm over the wall which had been sagging for some time. There was further outcry over the state of the wall after the *Public Eye* reported on it just last month.

A local resident who identified himself as Thumba said he was dismayed with what happened and felt more plans should have been in place to prevent the collapse.

“This is something that we have been raising as far back as 2015 because we knew it posed a serious danger to the community. I am glad that no one was hurt,” he said.

Ward councillor, Claudell Chetty, said she had

made futile efforts to get the Department of Arts and Culture to fix the wall. “I have had numerous interactions with officials from the department who explained that they were still trying to sort funding to rectify the problem,” said Chetty.

Chetty said now that the horse had bolted, the department should be very thorough when doing damage control. “Before they can even go ahead with the rebuilding, the department should consider cutting the trees which also aggravated the problem,” said Chetty.

Department of Arts and Culture spokesperson, Mthobisi Makhathini, said they were in the process of liaising with Public Works. “I cannot dwell much on specifics at this stage, but I can assure you that it’s a work in progress. There were plans in place but we are now going to give this the urgency that it deserves,” said Makhathini.