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‘Chance to build equitable city’

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The report, titled *City Leases*, cites Cape Town’s failure to redistribute land. It focuses on one particular problem: leased land owned by the city that they said should be prioritised for redistribution, “but instead is used in an inefficient, exclusive and unsustainable manner”.

The report contains proposals for five areas: Rondebosch Golf Club, Buitengracht corridor, Harrington Square, Green Point Bowling Green and Fish Hoek Bowling Green. It also identifies 24 golf courses, of which 10 are located on public land.

“Without a coherent and progressive legislative framework for land administration that prioritises the social value of public land and the potential for this land to build a more just and equal city, the possibility of developing housing on our best public land is hindered by many barriers.

“These include collusion, a lack of imagination and political will and budget cuts,” it said.

Good party secretary Brett Herron blamed the city’s leadership.

“They can put a moratorium on the land they own; the question is, do they want to? I think the city’s leadership is afraid of looking into spatial integration. For example, the Green Point Bowling Club was supposed to be used for housing, (but) there has been no movement at all.”

Last year, the city reportedly agreed to develop affordable housing on the site of the former Green Point bowling greens, which had been vacant since a fire in 2016. De Lille said: “When I was mayor, we identified 12 well-located sites to build the affordable housing. Unfortunately, I can’t force them to institute a moratorium; they must decide that for themselves...”

City spokesperson Luthando Tyhalibongo said that on a continuous basis it considered and identified immovable property assets which were no longer required for municipal purposes.