

BEAUFORT STREET : 'ELDERLY PEOPLE ARE LIVING IN FEAR'

Vagrants invade house

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A vacant house at 24 Beaufort Street in Goodwood, is becoming a concern for residents as they fear that suspicious activity is taking place there.

The owner of the house apparently died about seven years ago and it is now the property of the national department of public works.

Since his death, neighbours have noticed constant movement in and out the house by vagrants. Resident Angela Bailey says her biggest concern is that so many elderly people live in the road.

"We've been living here for about seven years. Since then this has been a problem. In the middle of the night, one would hear

banging at the house or people arguing.

"It's suspected that in this time, the house which seems to be accommodated by vagrants, was also housing prostitutes. There's always activity at the house even though it belongs to the department of public works," says Bailey.

Throughout the years, Bailey says she contacted the local councillor Cecile Janse van Rensburg, the department of public works and the Goodwood police.

"In the period of 2016/2017, Councillor Janse van Rensburg arranged among others clean-ups, but then things went quiet. When I contact the police but they are not able to do anything about it and I've tried communicating with the department of public works on several occasions.

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The house located at 24 Beaufort Street is a concern for residents. PHOTO: TARRYN-LEIGH SOLOMONS