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My family and I have on numerous occasions confronted the individuals accommodating the house, but then they would say it's their house.

A man and woman are always there," says Bailey. "Something needs to be done to this property. Elderly people are living in fear. My other concern is that the value of our houses will drop due to this one property," she adds.

A local business owner, who asked to re-

main anonymous, reveals that her business has been broken into several times: "In all honesty, I wouldn't be surprised if it were the vagrants occupying the vacant house who had broken into our business.

Janse van Rensburg says the property does indeed belong to the national department of public works.

"The previous owner passed away and bequeathed the property to the police. As such, DPW became the custodian of the property."

She confirms that residents have come forward to complain about the house.

"Following the complaints, the City has intervened and has been liaising with DPW on a regular basis to convey the sentiments of the residents and to establish what the future plans with the property are."

TygerBurger contacted the national department of public works for comment, but had not received a response at the time of print.