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Vacant house will be attended to

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he national department of public works has confirmed to *TygerBurger* that plans for a cleanup and eviction operation are in place for the vacant house in Beaufort Street, Goodwood.

Department spokesperson Thami Mchunu said the house is indeed the property of the department.

"We can confirm that the property will again be secured. The house has been vacant for eight years since the owner died,"

said Mchunu. Last week resident Angela Bailey alerted *TygerBurger* about the property which she said was being occupied by vagrants ("Vagrants invade house", 10/30).

Bailey, who has been living in the same road for about seven years explained that at night loud banging would be coming from the house. She said a man and woman are often seen at the house and also claimed that prostitutes accommodate the house.

Throughout the years, Bailey contacted local councillor Cecile Janse van Rensburg to inform her about the activity. "In the period of 2016/2017, councillor Janse van

Rensburg arranged among others cleanups, but then things went quiet. When I contact the police they are not able to do anything about it and I've tried communicating with the department of public works on several occasions."

Janse van Rensburg said when the owner died she bequeathed the house to the police.

According to Mchunu, the department has received complaints regarding the property from the office of Janse van Rensburg. "The house is being unlawfully occupied and eviction will soon be held to have them removed."