

RESIDENTS WANT SILONGUE ROAD FIXED

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The land owners in the Silonque estate are again calling on the Department of Public Works to fix the Silonque road as promised.

Last year in October, a Silonque resident, Willem Botha reached out to the Herald after multiple attempts to get the Ba-Phalaborwa Municipality to repair the road but to no avail.

After publishing the story the department delivered the storm water pipes on 19 October with the aim of fixing the road immediately.

However three months later the pipes have still not been fitted and as a result the old



pipes are posing danger to motorists.

“People who are driving small cars are constantly having to buy new tyres, because of the hole in the road caused by the old delapidated pipes.

“All we are asking is for the road to be fixed,” Botha told Herald this week.

He said with the recent rains the road poses additional danger.

Fredrich Mokgalapa of the Department of Public Works in Mopani District Municipality acknowledged that the pipes had been there for a while.

He said that due to the Covid-19 pandemic and state of disaster regulations, his team works on a limited capacity and that it

makes it challenging to get work done on time.

“I can confirm that the Silonque road is on our list of roads to be repaired and as soon as we have completed other projects we will start on the Silonque road.

“Our team is the only team which works in the entire district and that makes it challenging to be everywhere at the same time.

“However we have committed ourselves to grading the road at least once a month and we have been doing that.

“We understand residents’ frustrations, but ask for them to be patient, we will be repairing the road in time,” he concluded.