

# **Report: Service Learning: Department of Urban and Regional Planning**

## **ATS608**

### **Community partner**

Tokologo Municipality and the town of Dealesville. This is one of the Municipalities without a Spatial Development Framework (SDF) and which requires a Development plan. The long term goal is to help them with the SDF and the Developmental Plan. The date of delivery is estimated end of 2012.

### **Brief description**

The B Hons in Spatial Planning students visited Dealesville twice in 2010 when they did reflective questionnaires and made recommendations on the development potential of the community. In 2011 45 students visited Dealesville and did socio-economic questionnaires to compile a local economic development plan for the community.

### **Outcomes for students**

The students were exposed to the circumstances of a 'township' and could see people in impoverished circumstances. For some students this has been a new experience and has deepened their understanding of the role of urban and regional planning.

Students undertook surveys in the community and on the basis of that information, they can compile development plans.

### **Impact on community**

Currently the greatest impact is that the community can see there is concern for them. At the end of the programme the community and Municipality will have a SDF and a Development Plan.

### **Research**

In 2010 Prof Verna Nel presented a paper on this project to the African Association Planning Schools Conference in Dar Es Salaam Tanzania in October 2010. We are awaiting the publishing of the proceedings.











