



Plate 1: Aerial photograph of Alexandra Township and the surrounding areas, taken in 1987. Alexandra is the very dense, square area in the middle of the photograph. Within Alexandra the three large hostels appear as white hexagonal figures. Partly surrounding the dense township area is the slightly less dense 'buffer zone' of factories and businesses, while further out are the much more generously laid-out white suburbs.

Source: Sky Eye Ltd, Bryanston, Johannesburg, 1987

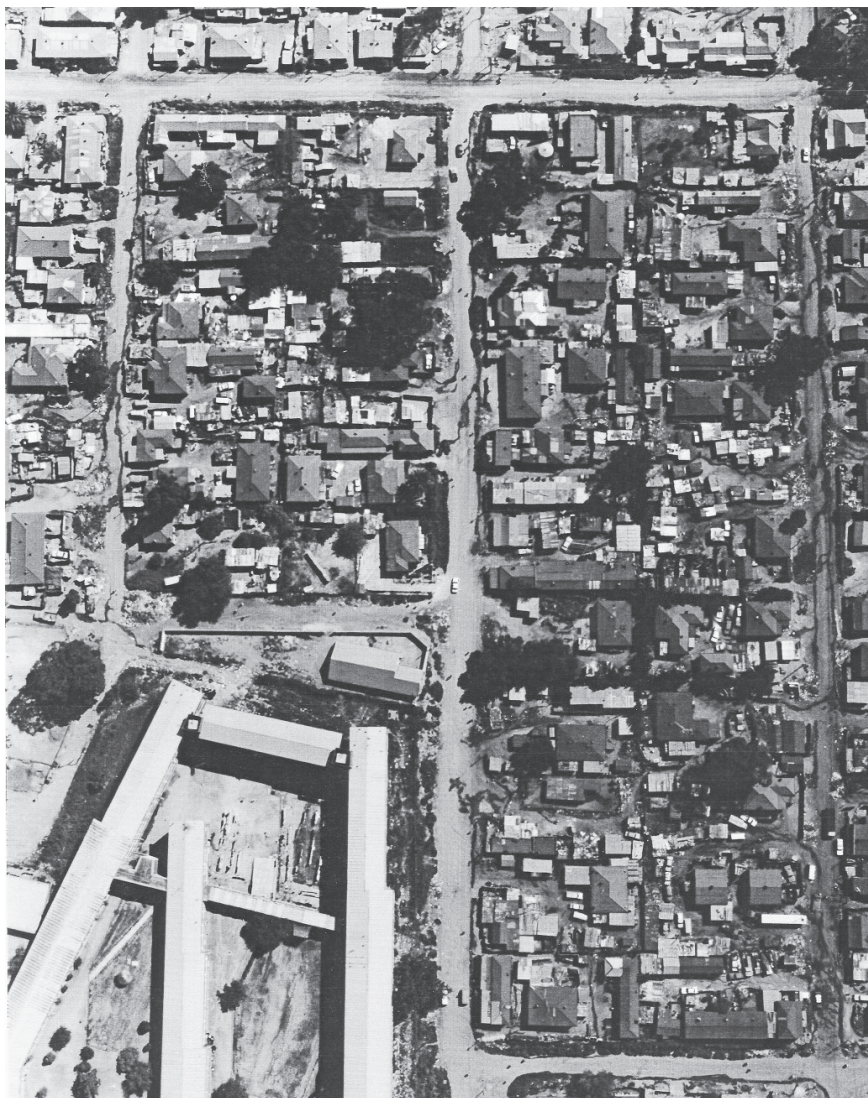


Plate 2: Aerial photograph of a portion of Alexandra Township taken in 1989. The photograph shows the formation of each 'Block' into several 'Yards', and the way in which the 'Yard' system leads to an arrangement of dwellings that is not linear but grouped. Smaller dwellings tend to be clustered around fewer, larger ones. In the lower left of the photograph is part of one of the huge hostels.

Source: Sky Eye Ltd, Bryanston, Johannesburg, 1989

TO THE PEOPLE OF ALEXANDRA

WE APPEAL TO THE COMMUNITY OF ALEXANDRA
TO BOYCOTT THE BROOG DRY CLEANER SITUATED
AT THE CORNER OF VASCO DA GAMA AND
9TH AVENUE IN ALEX. PLEASE DONT TAKE YOUR
CLOTHES THERE BECAUSE ITS OWNER HELPED
THE SOLDIERS SHOOT OUR YOUTHS WHILE
N A STRUGGLE FIGHTING FOR THE FREEDOM
WHICH WE ALL NEED.

SO A DRASTIC STEP WILL BE TAKEN TO
THOSE WHO IGNORE THIS WARNING.

THE STRUGGLE MUST CONTINUE FORWARD EVER
BACKWARD NEVER UNTIL WE REACH
OUR GOAL.

TOGETHER WE SHALL CONQUER.

AMANDA!!!! AWETHU!!!!

Plate 3: Handwritten pamphlet circulated by 'the Comrades' during the Consumer Boycott of 1986, making clear their reasons for the boycotting of this particular business – and threatening those who did not heed the call.

Source: CTH Archives



Plate 4: A 'People's Park', Alexandra, 1986.
Source: University of the Witwatersrand Photographic Archives, photographer unknown



Plate 5: House in 11th Avenue, Alexandra Township, 1986. 'Libya Block' is an example of the re-naming of blocks after revolutionary icons; 'Joe Modise Section' is an example of the division of the township into sections, each controlled by a different Youth Group, and their naming after revolutionary icons – in this case Joe Modise, an ANC leader in exile. Streets were also renamed.



Plate 6: Mass Public Funeral, Alexandra 1986. The poster 'Away with Mothibe and your wife Theresa, we don't need you!' refers to a notorious local policeman and his wife. Theresa was later accused of being an informer and necklaced by a mob. Source: PJ Archives, collection of photographs used in the Zwane Trial; photographer unknown