

**Re: Planning Application P0446/08**  
**Applicant: Ministry of Works & Engineering**  
**1 Duck's Puddle Drive, Hamilton**  
**“Retroactive Application for New Road Realignment and Placement of Fill Material”**

The Bermuda National Trust objected to this retroactive application and is gratified that the Development Applications Board decided to refuse it on November 18, 2008.

Without planning permission a new road was built which effectively dissected Wilkinson Memorial National Park in two a designated Class B Protected Area. The Bermuda National Trust believes that our National Parks are of extreme importance both culturally and environmentally and are shocked that this development went ahead without following the appropriate procedures or allowing the public the opportunity for comment. We feel that the only development permissible in a National Park should be essential to their maintenance and be designed in such a way so not harm any natural features or damage the visual quality of the area. All development proposed for National Parks must first be approved by the National Parks Commission who, we understand, objected to this development.

Of equal concern to us is that, again without Planning Permission, rubble and fill has been deposited along the coastline of the road and cricket pitch into the water which we believe has had a major adverse impact on the natural quality of the coast. These works continue without establishing what impact dumping is having on the surrounding natural marine environment. We would have considered that these works would qualify as a major coastal development that would have warranted the submission, by the applicant, of an Environmental Impact Statement prior to commencement. Again, we are disappointed that this did not occur.

The Bermuda National Trust would like to concur with the DAB in that we are disappointed with the applicant's blatant disregard for the planning process and ask that the applicant be made remediate the site and repair the environmental damage in as much as is possible.