Khayelitsha residents to fight eviction

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Some Khayelitsha residents in Cape Town have pleaded with Human Settlements Department officials to reconsider their plans of demolishing some structures in the township.

Mandela Park community members have warned they will prevent authorities from tearing down their homes.

Department representatives are expected to destroy homes erected illegally on a site, earmarked for a development.

Community leader, Slu Mzimkulu, said the move is disappointing.

“We are expecting the minister to maybe come forward and maybe negotiate or maybe have some sort of a meeting with the residents,” he said.

However, Human Settlements MEC Bonginkosi Madikizela said it is all systems go.

“Of course we are going to demolish these structures, because they were built without following proper processes and procedures. They are built on the site that belongs to us as the government,” he said.