

175 graves along Zuurfontein Road to be moved due to development

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The open veld on Zuurfontein Road, known as Sophie's place, where about 175 graves are. Here, one grave can be seen as marked. About 170 of the graves have no markings. Photograph used by Anton Pelsler in his site report.

About 175 graves are to be dug up and moved from a cemetery on Zuurfontein Road to make way for a new housing development.

This project, which intends to exhume and relocate graves from Portion 221 Zuurfontein Road 331R, also known as Sophie's Place, to Mooifontein Cemetery, or any other cemetery located by the municipality, started in August last year.

Before construction can officially kick off, the developers need to receive a permit. For this, they must track down family members or relatives connected to the graves. This might be a difficult task, as some of the oldest graves on the site date back to the 1930s up to the 1950s and only five are marked with names.

"We haven't found any relatives yet," head archaeologist of the project, Anton Pelser, told Express. According to him, this search has gone on for almost 10 months. "We've placed radio ads, newspaper ads, legal notices and notices on site."

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