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Proposed uMzumbe Rural Subsidised Housing Project

K2m Environmental is undertaking the EIA for the proposed housing upgrade study. The project area falls within the jurisdiction of the Umzumbe Local Municipality and is situated on Wards 10, 16, 17, 18, and 19. The Umzumbe LM is one of six local municipalities making up the Ugu District Municipality of southern KwaZulu-Natal. The total extend of the project area is approximately 12 313.9 Ha. The project area includes land falling under the rule of the Hlongwa, Thulini, Qwabe and Ndelu Tribal Authorities and some areas are privately owned which make-up Wards 10, 16, 17, 18, and 19 of the Umzumbe Municipality.

The development is rated as having mainly none and very low palaeontological sensitivity, while the areas closer to the sea have moderate to high sensitivity (fig. 1). This would normally require a desktop study as a minimum requirement for the seaward areas. However the area is highly disturbed and the palaeontological layers tend to occur ~1.5m below the surface. The housing development will not be reaching these depths.

There are eleven known archaeological sites inland from the railway consists of Stone Age scatters and Iron Age sites. All of the sites have existing houses on them. The sites east of the railway include Early Iron Age sites and many of these have not been disturbed by housing. It is highly unlikely that housing development will occur in these areas.

The proposed development will only occur in the footprints of existing homesteads and thus will not impact heritage sites or graves. Any graves occurring within a settlement near a footprint will be known to the household and would not be affected.

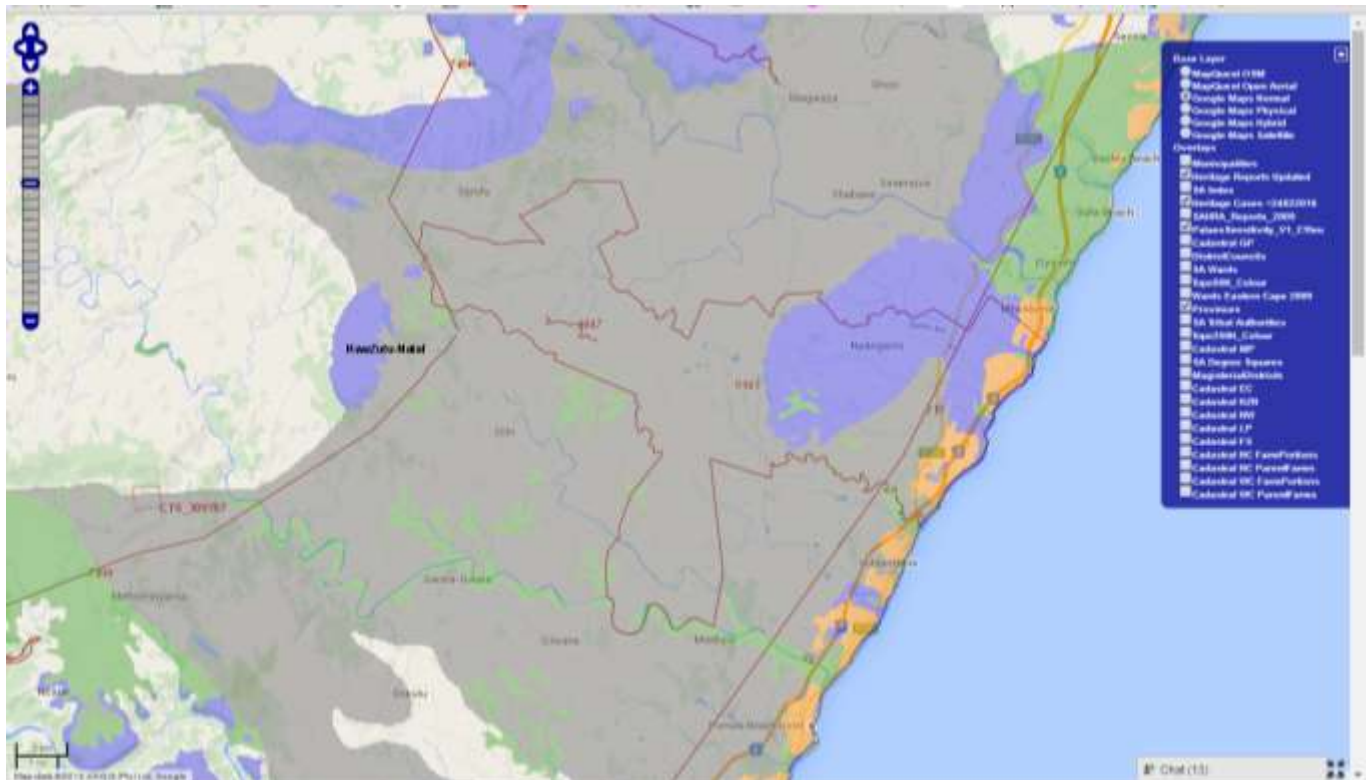
I support the request that no further heritage management occurs for this development.

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Fig. 1: Palaeontological Sensitivity

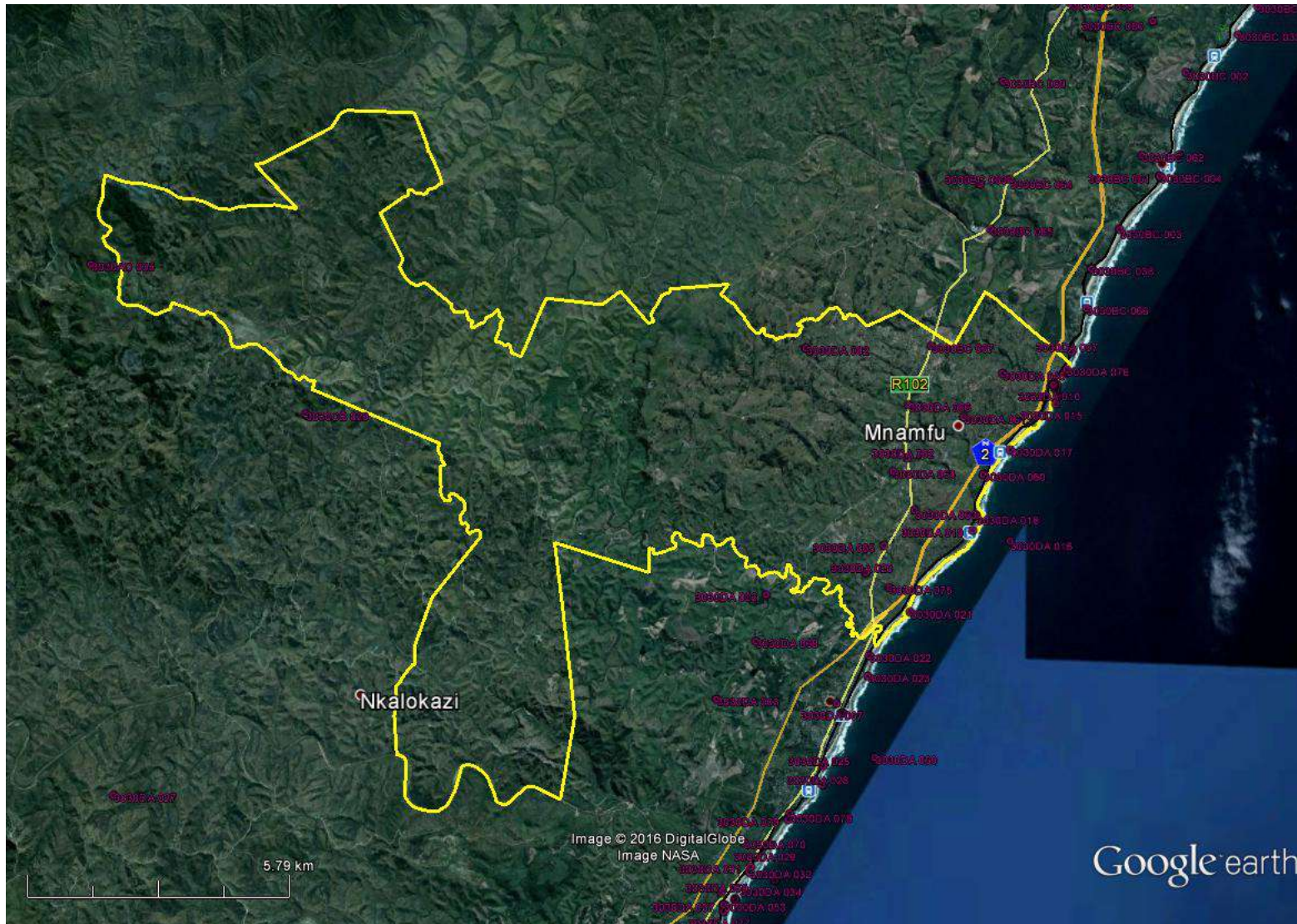


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Fig. 2: Location Of Known Heritage Sites



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Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gavin Anderson', with a stylized flourish.

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