

Housing Project on Stand 65,45 Avenue, Sherwood, Durban

Interim Comment

IN TERMS OF SECTION 38(8) OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT (ACT 25 OF 1999) AND SECTION 41 OF THE KWAZULU-NATAL AMAFA AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE ACT (ACT 05 OF 2018)

Attention: Bizycon Pty Ltd

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Development of houses on 1.4 ha piece of land currently covered by mixed species of forest, both exotic and indigenous. Phase one will be the current footprint on plot 65, 68 2-bed duplex units, with 90 car-bays.

The Heritage Officers Committee meeting considered the application on 20 April 2022. The committee discussed the Draft Heritage Impact Assessment (Draft HIA) report by heritage specialist, Gavin Anderson of Umlando. According to the Draft HIA, historical maps and photographs indicate that there are two buildings in the northern part of the study area estimated to be over 60 years old although they do not exist post-2001.

The committee concurs with the recommendation that the ruins of these buildings need to be assessed as the earliest could have rubbish dumps which could be protected by the heritage legislation. Furthermore, the committee concurs with the recommendation that, the area demarcated for development needs to be surveyed after the clearance of ground vegetation to establish the extent of historical rubbish dumps that may occur on the property

After consideration of the Draft Heritage Impact Assessment report, the committee further requires a Phase II Heritage Impact Assessment for consideration. Attention is drawn to the recommendation that, if the excavations of the development will exceed 1.5 m, a Desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment will be required.

In terms of the Phase II Heritage Impact Assessment, the applicant is required to acquire the services of qualified individual(s) to assess both the study area as well as the ruins of the two buildings estimated to be over 60 years old in terms of Section 37 of the KwaZulu-Natal Amafa and Research Institute Act No. 05 of 2018.

The assessment should cover:

1. Identification of all heritage resources in the development area and its surroundings -50m.
2. Assessment of the impact of the development on such heritage.
3. Evaluation of the impact of the development on heritage resources relative to the sustainable social and economic benefits to be derived from the development.
4. Results of consultation with communities affected by the proposed development and other interested and affected parties regarding the impact of the development on heritage resources.
5. Consideration of alternatives if heritage resources are affected by the development Mitigation plans for any adverse effects during and after completion of the project.
6. Table of all heritage resources identified. This should show heritage resource type, description, location, significance, and reasons for this rating.

With regards to public participation:

1. Proof of public participation must be tabled.
2. Method used to identify descendants must be recorded.
3. List of stakeholders and descendants must be attached.

Failure to comply with the requirements of the National Heritage Resources Act and the KwaZulu-Natal Amafa and Research Institute Act could lead to legal action being instituted against the applicant.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully



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ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/594502>

Terms & Conditions:

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to the Institute immediately.
3. The Institute reserves the right to request additional information as required.