## **Brandkop Mixed-Use Development**

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#### **Interim Comment**

In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality

## **Heritage Impact Assessment**

Mangaung Municipality proposes the mixed-use development of Portion 5 of the farm Brandkop No. 702 in Bloemfontein, Mangaung Metroplitan Municipality, Free State Province. Proposed activities include the construction of residential housing units (multi-storey walk up units, gap housing and conventional housing) as well as business, education and community facilities. Transport facilities will include roads and provisions for busses and taxis to connect to the Lourier Park and Pellissier areas. Public open spaces are proposed to be included in the development. A first phase Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) and Palaeontoloogical Impact Assessment (PIA) were submitted with the application:

Dreyer. C. May 2015. First Phase Archaeological and Heritage Assessment of the Proposed Mixed-Use Development on Portion 5 of Brandkop 702, Bloemfontein, Free State.

Historical buildings older than 60 years of the original farm building and other remains of previous farming activities, lanes of trees as well as a graveyard fall outside the proposed development area. No evidence of heritage resources is present in the proposed area. As such, the development will have no impact on archaeological or historical heritage resources. The author recommends planning of the project to proceed.

Rossouw, L. Phase 1 Palaeontological Impact Assessment of a proposed new residential development on the farm Brandkop 702 near Bloemfontein, FS Province.

The proposed area is underlain by sediments of the palaeontologically significant Adelaide Subgroup (Beaufort Group, Karoo Supergroup) that have been widely intruded by Jurassic dolerites and capped by superficial, unconsolidated Quaternary deposits. The likelihood of finding fossils within dolerites and immediately adjacent areas is low. It is estimated impact of the proposed development on palaeontological resources is low due to the fact that the area has been previously disturbed by faring activities. No evidence for the preservation of fossils was observed during the foot survey.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit accepts the PIA and recommendations therein. However, with regard to archaeological resources no track log of the survey has been included in the HIA and we are aware of archaeological structures on the koppies and slopes in the proposed area that can be identified from an aerial perspective. Therefore, a walk down of the area must be done by a qualified archaeologist. A report on this walk down must be submitted to SAHRA before a final comment will be issued.

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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Direct URL to case: http://www.sahra.org.za/node/363726

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- 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 SAHRA immediately.
- 3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.