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Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(2), 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

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Township Establishment on a portion of the Remaining Extent of Portion 1 of the farm Klipfontein No. 344-HO comprising 1194 erven on a total area of 63,6308 hectares at Bloemhof, North West Province

Lekwa-Teemane Local Municipality appointed Maxim Planning Solutions Proprietary Limited to conduct an application process for the establishment of the proposed township Bloemhof Extension 13 on a portion of the Remaining Extent of Portion 1 and a portion of the Remaining Extent of Portion 15 (a portion of Portion 1) of the farm Klipfontein 344, Registration Division H.O, North West Province. The application is being undertaken in terms of the provisions of Section 59(1) of the Lekwa-Teemane By-Law on Spatial Planning and Land Use Management and Section 107(1) of the Town Planning and Townships Ordinance, 1986 (Ordinance 15 of 1986) read with Sections 41(1)(a) and 42(2)(a) read with paragraph (g)(i) of Schedule 1 of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, 2013 (Act 16 of 2013).

The proposed development will cover approximately 63,6308 ha and will comprise 1181 Residential 1 erven, five Business 1 erven, one Municipal erf, five Institutional erven, six Public Open Space erf and streets.

APelser Archaeological Consulting was appointed to provide input for the application.

Pelser, A. 2017. Report on a Phase 1 Heritage Assessment for the Proposed Bloemhof Extensions 11, 12 and 13 township establishment on a portion of 1 and remaining extent of portion 15 and 26 of the farm Klipfontein 344HO, near Bloemhof, North West Province.

The submitted HIA deals with three separate applications, however only Bloemhof Extension 13 will be discussed below.

Three heritage resources were identified within the proposed Bloemhof Extension 12 development area. These include site 1, a cemetery of recent age with an unknown number of graves. The site has been rated as having a high significance. Sites 2 and 6 comprise Stone Age lithics of medium to high significance

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Recommendations provided in the report include the following:

- It is recommended that site 1 be kept intact and cleaned, fenced in and managed as part of the proposed development of Bloemhof Extension 13;
- It is recommended that Phase 2 mitigation of sites 2 and 6 is undertaken before any development commences. This will include detailed mapping of the areas, as well as sampling of representative material from these sites to determine exactly the time-frame of Stone Age presence in and the utilization of the area;
- Should any previously unknown or invisible sites, features or materials be uncovered during any development actions, then an expert should be contacted to investigate and provide recommendations for the way forward.

It is noted that the Memorandum states that the cemetery is a municipal cemetery and has been incorporated into the layout plan.

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As the above referenced legislation does not require an assessment of heritage for such an application, section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) does not apply, however, the proposed development does trigger section 38(1) of the NHRA. Therefore SAHRA is a Competent Authority in terms of this application, and no construction may commence without a Record of Decision in terms of section 38(4) of the NHRA from SAHRA.

SAHRA requests that a desktop Palaeontological Assessment be conducted for the proposed development. Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above requested information.

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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