



Final Comment

In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) and the KwaZulu-Natal Heritage Act (Act 4 of 2008)

Attention: KwaZulu-Natal - Department of Transport
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The Upgrading And Blacktopping Of 10 km Of The District Road D168 Near Highflats, UMzumbe Local Municipality, Ugu.

Thank you for the invitation to comment on this development proposal in fulfillment of NEMA and Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25, 1999. The Basic Information Document, Draft Basic Assessment Report and the Heritage Impact Assessment Report submitted in support of this application have been considered and relevant comment has been drawn from the information provided .

The survey conducted by Frans Prins on the development footprint identified two modern graves and the ruins of an old trading store. Given the proximity of the graves and the trading store to the road upgrade it is not possible to maintain the acceptable buffer of 25m around these significant resources. The developer is therefore required to appoint a heritage practitioner to conduct a watching brief/monitoring in order to ensure that the integrity of these and any other resources which might be discovered along the way, the closest of which is about 1m from the road upgrade, is not compromised . This is also necessary as the upgrade involves horizontal and vertical realignment of some road sections besides the zero to low impact blacktopping. Any access roads and campsites should be subjected to monitoring as well.

These heritage resources should not be altered, damaged, destroyed, disturbed exhumed and relocated without a permit from Amafa and written consent of the affected and concerned families. No objects should be collected from this area without Amafa approval.

The fossil sensitivity map places this development in an area of insignificant/zero and unknown paleontological sensitivity. The unknown zone would normally require a desktop study but since this is a road upgrade Amafa will not require a paleontological assessment for this particular case.

Amafa , the KwaZulu Natal Heritage Resources Authority has no objection to the development within limits of the prescribed conditions. You are also required to adhere to the below-mentioned standard conditions:

Conditions:

1. Amafa should be contacted if any heritage objects are identified during earthmoving activities and all development should cease until further notice.
2. No structures older than sixty years or parts thereof are allowed to be demolished altered or extended without a permit from Amafa.
3. No activities are allowed within 50m of a site, which contains rock art.
4. Sources of all natural materials (including topsoil, sands, natural gravels, crushed stone, asphalt, etc.) must be obtained in a sustainable manner and in compliance with the heritage legislation.



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Failure to comply with the requirements of the National Heritage Resources Act and the KwaZulu Natal Heritage Resources 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: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/374188>
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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 Amafa immediately.
3. Amafa reserves the right to request additional information as required.



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