

Eshane Rural Subsidised Housing Development

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: Umvoti Local Municipality

The proposed Eshane Rural Subsidised Housing project will result in the construction of approximately 300 new top structures and will therefore service approximately 300 beneficiaries and their associated families. One VIP will be constructed per top structure. Construction of the top structures and VIP will be within each existing imuzi (development footprint). There will be no construction of roads or pipelines and development will not take place within any watercourses, within 32m of a watercourse, or within CBA: Irreplaceable areas. There will be no disturbance to any graves that may occur on site.

The Heritage Officers Committee considered the application on 05 May 2022. However, no decision was reached regarding this application as there was not enough information or supporting documents to satisfy the committee. Furthermore, the committee noted that the proposed development footprint includes an area in which traditional huts are occurring and are currently occupied. The attention of the applicant is drawn to the fact that there might be culturally concentrated occupants who bury infant babies on their hut floors, or around the hut.

The committee resolved to request further information to support the proposed development in the following manner:

- A detailed proposal of the development.
- A basic information document as well as a Basic Assessment Report
- An Environmental Impact Assessment as well as proof of public participation.
- Phase I Heritage Impact Assessment and Palaeontological Impact Assessment.

The studies should include:

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 the Heritage resource type, description, location, significance, and reasons for this rating.

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/595161>

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.