

Hoffental B Rural 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: Okhahlamba Local Municipality

The Okhahlamba Local Municipality has, through its IDP process, and extensive consultation with respective beneficiary communities residing within the Okhahlamba Local Municipality, identified the need to provide low-cost rural subsidised housing throughout its entire area of jurisdiction as a matter of urgency in order to address the plight of the “homeless” living in unacceptable poverty-stricken conditions. The proposed Hoffental B Rural Subsidised Housing Project area covers a portion of Ward 4 and falls under the Amangwane Traditional Authority. The proposed project will entail the construction of 750 Rural Subsidised Housing Structures within the footprint of existing households in the Hoffental B Rural area.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed development. The area is generally a high sensitivity zone in terms of archaeological, historical and fossil sensitivity values.

Considering the heritage value of the area of proposed development, a Heritage Impact Assessment is required for the above proposed project. The assessment should include assessment by experts in the specialist components.

The Study should cover:

- Identification of all heritage resources in the development area and its surroundings -50m
- Assessment of the impact of the development on such heritage
- Evaluation of the impact of the development on heritage resources relative to the sustainable social and economic benefits to be derived from the development
- 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.
- Consideration of alternatives if heritage resources are affected by the development

Mitigation plans for any adverse effects during and after completion of the project

- Table of all heritage resources identified. This should show 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/571654>

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.