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PROPOSED WEMBEZI B HOUSING DEVELOPMENT
Our Ref: SAH19/13391

25/02/2019

Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) and the KwaZulu-Natal Amafa and Research Institute (Act 5 of 2018)

Attention: Sphe Consulting Services
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Proposed project seeks to extend the already existing residential area of Wembezi B section. The proposed site for development was registered in the late 1990s but due to constraints, construction activities were put on hold. The Inkosi Langalibalele Local Municipality has through its IDP process, and consultation with respective beneficiary communities, identified the need to provide subsidised housing throughout its entire area of jurisdiction. The Wembezi section B subsidised housing project situated within the Municipality forms part of this initiative.

Your application for comment has been considered by this office. The Heritage Impact Assessment by Jean Beater of JLB Consulting and the Paleontological Report by Gideon Groenewald has been considered. According to the report by Jean Beater, there is a cemetery that is still in use situated on the north-western boundary of the housing development. It is recommended that a 20m buffer is placed between the cemetery and the housing development. These graves are protected by heritage legislation and should not be excavated, disturbed, damaged, altered, exhumed and relocated without a permit from Amafa and consent of the family/next of kin and community associated with the graves. The desktop paleontological study indicated that there is a possibility of encountering subsurface fossil deposits in the general development area. Amafa APMBG Unit therefore concurs with the recommendations outlined in the report as well as the following Chance find protocol by the paleontologist, Gideon Groenewald. Chance Find Protocol Monitoring Programme for Palaeontology – to commence once the excavations for foundations and infrastructure have begun.

Amafa therefore has no objection to the development within the confines of the recommendations and mitigation measures outlined in the heritage impact assessment reports.

You are also required to adhere to the below-mentioned standard conditions:
Conditions:

- Amafa should be contacted if any heritage objects are identified during earth-moving activities and all development should cease until further notice.
- No structures older than sixty years or parts thereof are allowed to be demolished altered or extended without a permit from Amafa.
- Under no circumstances may any heritage material be destroyed or removed from site unless under direction of Amafa and a heritage specialist.
- Should any remains be found on site that is potentially human remains, the South African Police Service (SAPS) should also be contacted. No SAPS official may

disturb or exhume such remains, whether of recent origin or not, without the necessary permission from Amafa.

- No activities are allowed within 50m of a site, which contains rock art.
- 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.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

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Yours faithfully



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