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## Interim Comment

**In terms of Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)**

Attention: Shri Muthu Mari Angalaeshwari Temple NPC

The Shri Muthu Mari Angalaeshwari Temple organisation proposes the development of a temple on portion 1 of ERF 2813 in Laudium, City of Tshwane, Gauteng Province. The current facility that is being utilised as the place of worship has outgrown the space required and thus there is a need to build a temple that will cater for the needs of the devotees and community. The current facility that is being utilised as the place of worship has outgrown the space required and thus there is a need to build a temple that will cater for the needs of the devotees and community. Also, to cater for youth and overall community upliftment. The youth and other Hindu based community members would have a place to go to and a sense of belonging; and have an avenue of exercising their right to religious practice. The proposed facilities on site will include: ? Main Temple – 325 m2 ? Prayer Area – 36 m2 ? Dining Hall – 216 m2 ? Administration Building (i.e. Staff accommodation, ablutions, office/meeting room, kitchenette and storeroom) – 206 m2 ? Guardhouse – 15 m2 ? Statue/Dome x 5 – 80 m2 ? Parking – 120 m2 The proposed development will be a place of daily worship which will entail the following primary activities: ? Traditional dance, music and vernacular classes ( $\pm$  50 people) ? Monthly Prayers ( $\pm$  200 people) ? Quarterly – General Council Meetings ? 2 x Larger Annual Prayers ( $\pm$  1000 - 3000 people) Locality: The site proposed for the temple is situated on the most northern corner of Erf 2813 and is bordered to the north-west by Laudium cemetery and to the east by Brown Street Park. Brown Street forms the north-eastern boundary of the site with residential areas beyond that. The sports complex and extensions or fields lies south of the site. The approximate central coordinates are 25° 47' 13.46" S 28° 5' 38.04" E. The site is 1 hectare in size and other than a small roofed structure and a shipping container, the site is vacant. The site is fenced along the northern boundary with locked gates and is currently used for religious purposes.

**Van Schalkwyk, J. October 2017. Phase 1 Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment: The Proposed Constuction Of A Hindu Temple In Laudium, City Of Tshwane Local Municipality, Gauteng Province**

The proposed development entails the construction of a temple, the Shri Muthu Mari Angalaeshwari Temple.

The author states that a number of structures relating to the Hindu religion occur on the site, that are significant living heritage features.



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No significant archaeological heritage was identified within the study area.

The SA Palaeontological Sensitivity Map indicates that the study area has Very High fossil sensitivity. No palaeontological assessment is attached to this case.

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In terms of palaeontological heritage, the SA Palaeontological Sensitivity Map indicates that the study area has Very High fossil sensitivity, therefore a palaeontological assessment and protocol for finds is required. Once this assessment has been submitted, SAHRA will be able to provide further comments.

In terms of archaeology, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit supports the findings and recommendations of the specialist report, providing that an archaeological chance finds procedure is included in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr).

Comments and decisions relating to the living heritage features recorded in the assessment must be obtained from the Gauteng Provincial Heritage Resources Agency.

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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Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/520790>  
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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 SAHRA immediately.
3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.