



Final Comment

In terms of section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

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Proposed Development of Danville Park, Mafikeng Local Municipality, North West Province

Mathoho, E. April 2012. *PHASE 1 HERITAGE SCOPING STUDY PROPOSED DANVILLE PARK ON FARM MAFIKENG COMMONAGE ZRF 428 WITHIN MAFIKENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY OF NGAKA MODIRI MOLEMA DISTRICT NORTH WEST PROVINCE, SOUTH AFRICA*

The Mafikeng Local Municipality has proposed the establishment of the Danville Park in the North West Province. The proposed site is located between the R503 and Robertson Street, bounded by Middel Street to the south and Mafikeng Town property to the north. The site is transected by a canal, a road and a railway line. The proposed development will cover 10 ha of unused land and encompass a greenbelt, a wetland, a recreational area and a sports park. Facilities will include braai areas, climbing walls and skateboard ramps, seating, a water play park, sports fields and sports courts, while infrastructure will include parking, ablution facilities and a caretaker's cottage.

The study compiled by the archaeologist looked at the history and prehistory of the region and conducted a site survey. Background investigation showed that the area was first inhabited by in the Early Stone Age and that most related material is found close to large water sources. During the Middle Stone Age people became more mobile, and artefacts are often found at the edges of pans and are predominantly faceted flakes and flake blades. Later Stone Age sites are known from the area, often near pans and rivers and accompanied by ostrich eggshell and beads, arrowheads, bored stones as well as rock art. The Iron Age is well represented in the area, largely dating to the 1500s and later. The study area was settled by Sotho speaking people, the boRapulana and boRatlou of the Rolong in particular. White travellers through the area encountered these people from the early 1800s and, in the 1880s, when settling increased, came into conflict with them.

Several recent structures were identified on the site and illegal dumping has impacted parts of it, however, the site survey identified no heritage resources.

Decision:

As there is apparently no evidence of any significant archaeological material in this area, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit has no objection to the development (in terms of the archaeological component of the heritage resources) on condition that, if any new evidence of archaeological sites or artefacts, palaeontological fossils, graves or other heritage resources are found during development, construction or mining, SAHRA and an archaeologist and/or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be alerted immediately.





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Decisions on Built Environment (e.g. structures over 60 years) and associated Living Heritage (e.g. sacred sites) must be made by the Provincial Heritage Resources Authority of the Northern Cape (**Mr. Mothlabane Mosiane**, email: mosianem@nwpg.gov.za) to whom this Archaeological Review Comment will be copied.

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:

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.



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