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Final Comment

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

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Motivation for Exemption from a full Phase I Heritage Impact Assessment & Demolition Permit Application – Erf 69, Sibelius Street 650, Lukasrand, Tshwane – Gauteng Province - APAC022/71

Pelser, A. August 2022. Motivation for Exemption from a full Phase I Heritage Impact Assessment & Demolition Permit Application – Erf 69, Sibelius Street 650, Lukasrand, Tshwane – Gauteng Province

The proposed development entails demolition of the house on Erf 69 (Sibelius Street 650).

The author motivates for exemption of a full heritage impact assessment by noting that the study site is located in an urban residential setting and is surrounded by similar residential settlements (houses/residences). The larger area and specific study site would have been utilized in the recent historical past firstly for agricultural purposes and then later for extensive urban settlement and these and other related activities, would have impacted on any archaeological and/or historical sites, features or material that might have been present here. The likelihood of any sites, features or material of cultural heritage significance being present, is therefore slim.

The SA Palaeontological Sensitivity Map indicates that the study area has High fossil sensitivity.

Final Comment

Considering the evidence provided indicating the absence of archaeological material, and that the proposed demolition is unlikely to affect palaeontological material, the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit grants exemption to this project from having to undertake further archaeological or palaeontological heritage assessments, on condition that:

- The recommendations in the letter of exemption and this comment are adhered to.
- If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g., remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments and charcoal/ash concentrations), fossils or other

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categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed activities, SAHRA must be alerted immediately, and a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contacted as soon as possible to inspect the findings. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance a Phase 2 rescue operation might be necessary.

If any unmarked human burials are uncovered and the archaeologist called in to inspect the finds and/or the police find them to be heritage graves, mitigation may be necessary and the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit must be contacted for processes to follow.

Should the project be granted Environmental Authorisation, SAHRA must be notified and all relevant documents submitted to the case on SAHRIS.

With regards to the demolition of the house recorded in the exemption letter, all permissions and/or permits to do so must be obtained from the Gauteng Provincial Heritage Resources Authority.

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/603161>

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.