



Final Comment

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

Attention: Digby Wells Environmental

**Construction of a river crossing including a bridge, additional culverts and gabions on the Libertas Road in Equestria in Pretoria and the cleaning of the river channel upstream of the river crossing, which will include desilting, vegetation/tree removal and river bank shaping. On The Willows 340 JR Portion 522, The Willows 340 JR Portion 600 The Willows 340 JR Portion 159, The Willows 340 JR Portion 158, The Willows 340 JR Portion 357 in Equestria City of Tshwane Gauteng Province
Higgit, N. & Nel, J. September 2013. Heritage Statement Report For The Wilgespruit Bridge Upgrade.**

The proposed development entails the upgrade of a pipe bridge in Libertas Avenue and the cleaning of the Wilgespruit between Libertas Ave and Cura Ave in Equestria, Pretoria.

The report indicates that the project impact area is located in a highly urbanised zone on a busy road between a housing estate and other residential properties. Urbanisation of the project area was determined to have started from 1968 and became fully urbanised by 2004 and there is significant evidence of construction and dumping within and surrounding the project area.

In addition, reviews of existing impact assessment reports indicated that the project area had been surveyed previously, and no significant heritage resources have been identified during these surveys.

The authors contend that the likelihood of any significant in situ archaeological, historical and palaeontological resources occurring is minimal and that no further heritage studies or mitigation measures are required and request exemption from further heritage studies.

Case Decision

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

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: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/121921>

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.

