

Final Comment

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

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Proposed Mixed Use Township Establishment, Onderstepoort X34, A, B, C & D, Various Portions of Onderstepoort 266 JR, Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality, Gauteng

Birkholtz, P. July 2012. Heritage Impact Assessment: Proposed Development of Portions 68, 69, 112, 113, 114, 115 and 116 of the farm Onderstepoort 266-JR, Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality, Gauteng Province

Rubidge, B. Proposed Soshanguve Development, Onderstepoort Farm: Palaeontological Desktop Study

The proposed development entails the establishment of three new township developments, namely Vosloorus Extension 24, Vosloorus Extension 41 and Vosloorus Extension 43, on portion 144 of the farm Vlakplaats 138 IR, Vosloorus, Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality. The proposed project will comprise two areas with residential and private open space (Vosloorus Ext 24 and Vosloorus Ext 43) and an area for business use (Vosloorus Ext 41).

In terms of archaeological heritage resources, the assessment yielded 12 structures and two cemeteries. The author makes the following recommendations:
No mitigation measures are required for Site 1, Site 5, Site 8 and Site 10.

Site 2, Site 3, Site 4, Site 6, Site 7, Site 11, Site 12 and Site 14 must be cleaned and cleared of vegetation and photographic documentation in both digital and black and white formats must be undertaken of these structures. The structures must also be recorded by way of measured drawings, and the photographs and measured drawings must be compiled in report format. A destruction permit application must be lodged with the heritage authorities in order to obtain permission for these structures to be destroyed. After receipt of a destruction permit, and at the time that these sites are destroyed, an archaeologist must be present to ensure that no hidden archaeological material is exposed or lost.

Regarding the two cemeteries (Site 9 and Site 13): The development layout must be adjusted to allow for the in situ preservation of the graves and a 5m buffer demarcated around each of the two sites. A fence must be erected with lockable gate around each of the two sites, on the respective demarcation boundaries. In the event that a cemetery cannot be excluded from the development footprint, a grave relocation process, as outlined in the report, needs to be implemented.

Mitigation measures, as outlined in the report, will also be required for the impact of the proposed development



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on the possible presence of infant graves at Site 11.

In terms of palaeontological heritage, the author of the desktop study states that the proposed development poses no threat to palaeontological heritage.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Paleontology and Meteorites Unit supports the recommendations of the authors and has no objection to the proposed development, on condition that the recommendations by the authors are adhered to.

Following the palaeontological desktop study, and the SA Fossil Sensitivity Map indicating that the study area is of low potential fossil sensitivity, no further palaeontological assessment is required, however a protocol for finds is required.

If any new evidence of archaeological sites or artefacts, palaeontological fossils, graves or other heritage resources are found during development, construction or mining, SAHRA or an archaeologist and/or palaeontologist depending on the nature of the find, must be alerted immediately.

Decisions relating to the Built Environment features, if required, must be obtained from the relevant provincial heritage 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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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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