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#### 32 CHESTNUT RD, UMBILO, DURBAN

### HERITAGE STATEMENT RELATING TO CONTEXT

Consisting of a single-storey residence and outbuilding.



## ARCHITECTURAL/ AESTHETIC SIGNIFICANCE:

A single-storey hipped-roof veranda house with symmetrical bay-windows facing the street. The roof consists of clay tiles and the veranda columns have been replaced with precast concrete columns and balustrades. Windows and doors also replaced with modern materials.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: Nil

SOCIAL/ SPIRITUAL/ LINGUISTIC SIGNIFICANCE: Nil

SCIENTIFIC/ TECHNOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE: Nil

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL:**

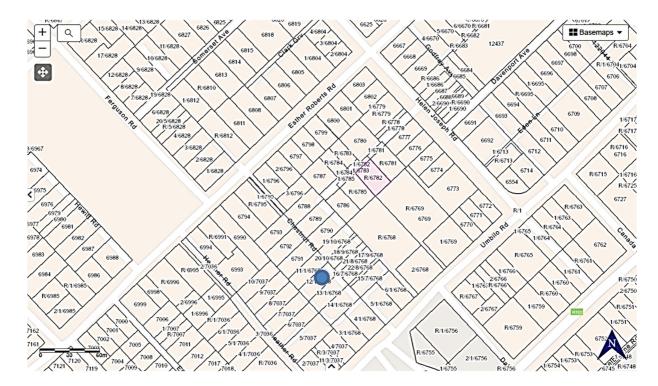
The property is located in a Lane that runs between Umbilo Road and Esther Roberts Road. It has a residential character of varying densities ie. single dwellings and multi-unit residential blocks exist alongside each other.

It has houses of mixed styles and proportion, typical of the Edwardian period in lower Glenwood.

#### **Prepared by Lindsay Napier** Pr.Arch

Lindsay Napier is an architect experienced in assessment of protected buildings in KZN. She has previous experience in recording historic buildings, surveying townscapes and designing for protected buildings.

#### **LOCATION AND CONTEXTUAL SIGNIFICANCE:**

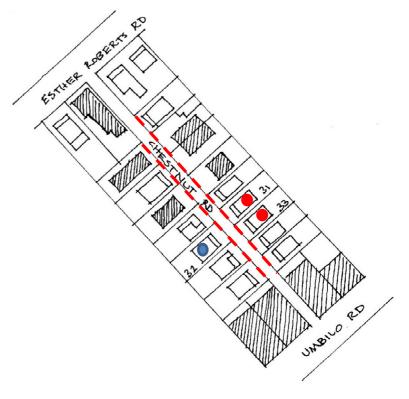


There are 11 buildings (out of 15) that historically contribute to the streetscape, the two corner buildings facing Esther Roberts Rd and Umbilo Rd are not included. (refer to dotted red lines).

No.'s 31 and 33 are listed and are part of a group of five houses that share the same proportions and detailing, therefore forming a group.

On the opposite side of the street there are four houses of a similar period, but not matching each other in style and not matching the group opposite. Most of them have been upgraded with material changes, but retain their original proportions.

The upper section of Chestnut Road has four 2-3 storey residential blocks that are set-back from the street and do not relate to the street. In between these is a single-storey dwelling which has a veranda facing the street.



# PROPOSED HERITAGE GRADING OF 32 CHESTNUT AVENUE:

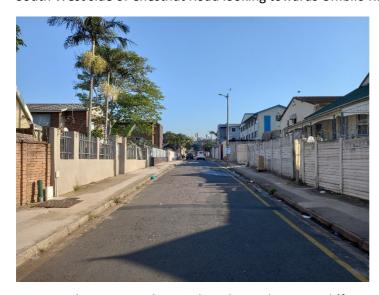
No. 32 only has its original form and proportion that contribute to the character of the street, the material and detail of the structure is of low significance. Therefore the recommended Grading is: Not conservation worthy (NCW).



31 and 32 Chestnut Road - Listed



South West side of Chestnut Road looking towards Umbilo Rd.



View up Chestnut Road towards Esther Roberts Road (from no. 28 on the RHS upwards)



View towards Umbilo Rd (North East side)



Panaramic view of 23 and 17 Chestnut Rd (upper Chestnut Rd NE side)