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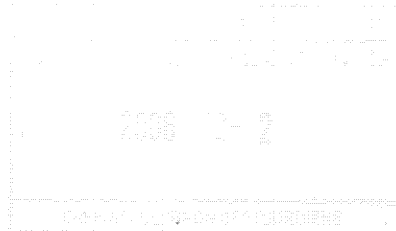
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Dear Ms du Preez

PHASE 1 ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PORTION 14 OF THE FARM WIMBLEDON 454 BLACKHEATH CITY OF CAPE TOWN

1. Introduction and brief

Ecosense¹, on behalf of L.O. Rall Skroothandelaars, requested that the Agency for Cultural Resource Management conduct a Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment for the proposed rezoning and subdivision of Portion 14 of Farm Wimbledon 454 Blackheath, in the City of Cape Town.

Ecosense Consulting Environmentalists has been appointed to submit an application for rezoning and subdivision of the subject property, in order to gain development rights for industrial erven. Bulk infrastructure such as roads and services are also planned.

The affected property is currently zoned Agriculture Zone 1, but has not been used for these activities for many years.

The extent of the proposed development (about 5 ha) falls within the requirements for an archaeological impact assessment as required by Section 38 of the South African Heritage Resources Act (No. 25 of 1999).

The site visit and assessment took place on 8th December, 2006.

A locality map is illustrated in Figure 1.

¹ Ecosense is represented by Ms Desireé du Preez. Fax (021) 887 2654

2. Terms of reference

The Terms of Reference for the specialist Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment are to:

- Identify and map heritage resources on the proposed site;
- Determine the importance of heritage resources on the proposed site;
- Determine and assess the potential impacts of the proposed development on the heritage resources, and
- Recommend mitigation measures to minimise impacts associated with the proposed development.

A 'Notification to Heritage Western Cape of Intent to Develop' checklist has been completed by the archaeologist and submitted to Heritage Western Cape Built Environment and Landscape Committee (BELCOM) for comment.

A copy of the Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment report has been included with this submission.

3. The site

The subject property (S° 33 57 72.3 E° 18 41 36.1 on map datum wgs 84) is located in Wimbledon Road on the west side of the Blackheath Industrial area near Kuils River, and is one of the last of a few remaining (vacant) smallholdings not yet developed.

Access to the site is gained from the Stellenbosch Arterial (M12), via Range Road. The subject property is in a severely degraded and disturbed state (Figures 2-7). Dumping of building rubble, glass, plastic and domestic and industrial refuse is widespread over a large portion of the wind-blown site. Alien vegetation is sporadic over the property, which is dominated by alien grasses in the northern portion of the property. The site is fairly level with no significant landscape features. Surrounding land use comprises light industry, small holdings, vacant land and low cost housing.

A Phase 1 AIA of Portion 15 of Wimbledon 454 was undertaken in May 2006².

4. Approach to the study

The property was subjected to a foot survey.

The archaeologist also searched the property for any possible historic middens or dumps.

² Kaplan, J. 2006. Phase 1 AIA Portion 15 of the Farm Wimbledon 454 Blackheath City of Cape Town. Report prepared for IC@ Plan. Agency for Cultural Resource Management.

5. Results of the study

No pre-colonial archaeological heritage remains were located on the property.

No historic dumps or middens were noted on the property.

6. Impact statement

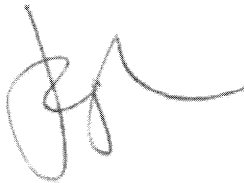
The impact of the proposed subdivision and rezoning of the Farm Wimbledon 454/14 on archaeological heritage remains is likely to be very low.

The probability of locating significant archaeological heritage remains during implementation of the project is likely to be highly improbable.


7. Conclusion

The archaeological assessment has shown that Portion 14 of Farm Wimbledon 454 Blackheath is suitable for development.

Yours sincerely



Jonathan Kaplan



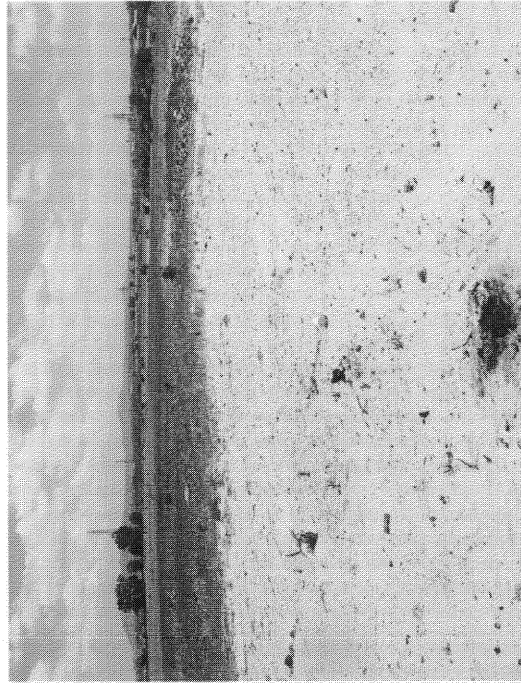


Figure 2. Farm 454/14. View of the site facing north



Figure 4. Farm 454/14. View of the site facing north



Figure 3. Farm 454/14. View of the site facing south

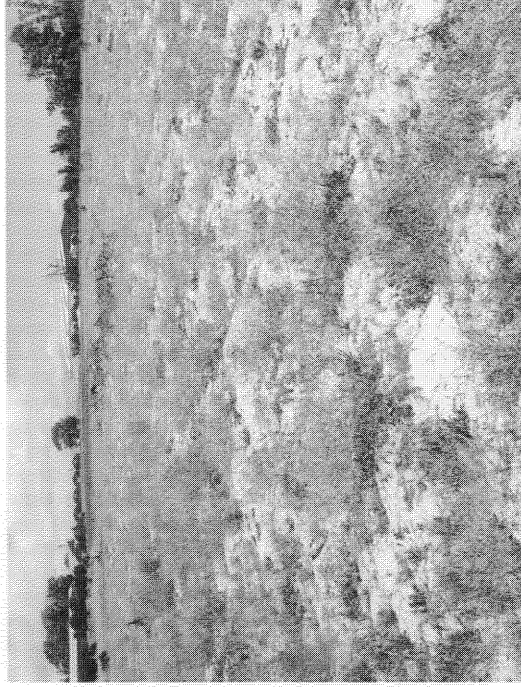


Figure 5. Farm 454/14. View of the site facing south



Figure 6. Farm 454/14. View of the site facing south east



Figure 7. Farm 454/14. View of the site facing north east