

Agency for Cultural Resource Management

Specialists in Archaeological Studies and Heritage Resource Management

PO Box 159 Riebeeck West 7306 Phone/Fax 022-461 2755

E-mail: acrm@wcaccess.co.za Cellular: 082 321 0172

15 December 2005

Mr Neville van der Westhuizen
Settlement Planning Services
PO Box 3405
Cape Town
8000

Dear Mr van der Westhuizen

ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT WALLECEDENE CEMETERY CAPE TOWN

1. Introduction and brief

Settlement Planning Services requested that the Agency for Cultural Resource Management conduct a Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of the proposed Wallecedene Cemetery in Cape Town in the Western Cape Province.

The extent of the proposed development (about 9.0 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 took place on the 13 December 2005.

A locality map is illustrated in Figure 1.

An aerial photograph of the site is illustrated in Figure 2.

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.

3. The site

The flat, vacant site (GPS reading S 33 51 460 E 18 44 838 set on map datum WGS 84) comprises a narrow strip of land located directly alongside the existing Wallecedene Township near Kraaifontein, in Cape Town. The receiving environment comprises old farmland which has not been utilised for some years and has reverted to grassland and scrub (Figures 3 & 4). A portion of the site is infested with alien vegetation.

The western portion of the site has been artificially raised with fill material from an adjacent low cost housing project. The land directly to the north of affected site is currently being prepared for low cost housing. Surrounding land use comprises a combination of low cost housing, intensive market-vegetable farming and vineyards.

The ruins and foundations of two modern farmhouses set among trees are located in the extreme eastern portion of the site (Figures 5 & 6).

4. Approach to the study

The affected property was subjected to a foot survey.

5. Results of the study

No precolonial archaeological heritage remains were located on the property.

The impact of the proposed development 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.

6. Conclusion

The archaeological assessment has shown that the proposed Wallecedene Cemetery is suitable for development.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Kaplan', with a stylized, cursive script.

Jonathan Kaplan

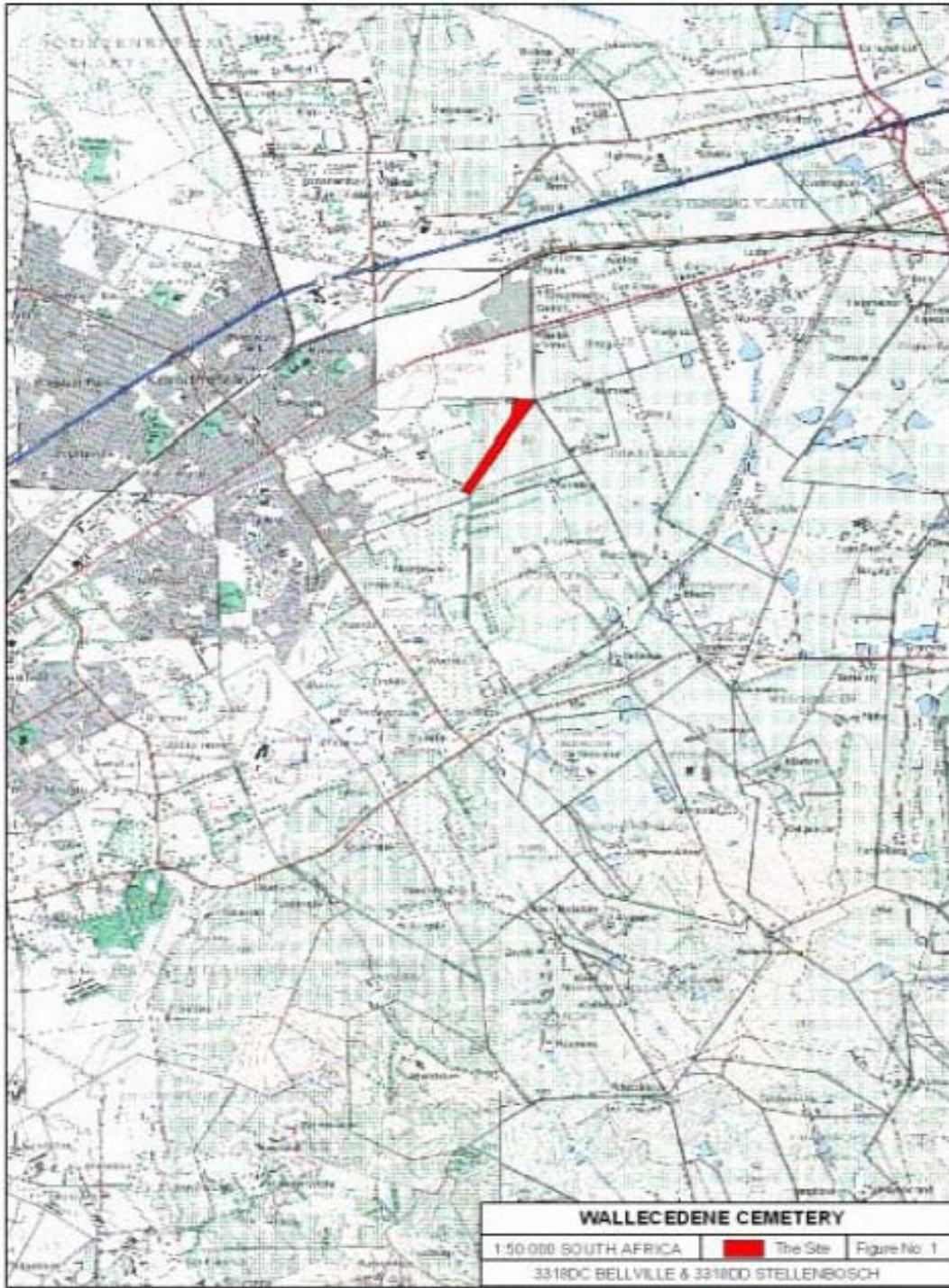


Figure 1. Locality Map

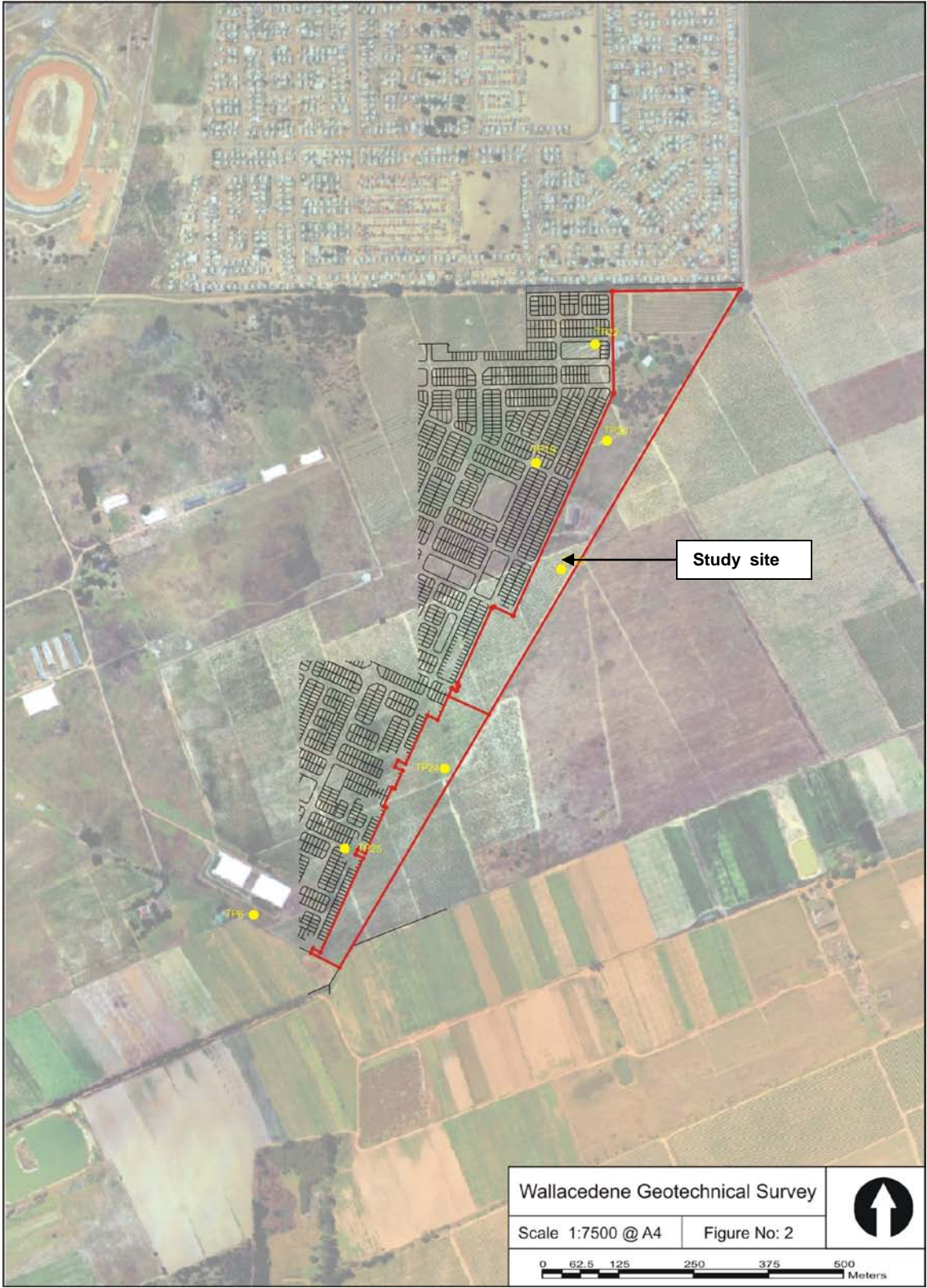


Figure 2. Aerial photograph of the study site



Figure 3. View of the site facing east. Vineyards border the site on the right and low cost housing on the left.



Figure 4. View of the site facing west. Note the vineyards on the left and earthworks related to low cost housing on the right.



Figure 5. Ruins of modern farmhouse.



Figure 6. View of the site facing west from the ruined farmhouse.