

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF THE PROPOSED ACCESS FOR PORTION 2 OF FARM 1270, PAARL.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Archaeology Contracts Office was requested to examine the proposed access road to assess its impact on cultural remains. Development along the route of Bain's Kloof is subject to particular controls as the mountain pass and associated relics is a declared National Monument.

The proposed access road will join the pass at a point indicated in Figure 1. A detail of the access supplied by the client is also presented. This office has only been requested to comment specifically on the access point where it joins the pass as laid out in the surveyors plan.

2. METHOD

The position of the access point was located from details supplied and an inspection of the area was carried out. A GPS (Global Positioning System) reading was taken approximately 6 meters west of the precise access point. The position was recorded as: 33°38.5322'S and 19°05.8976'E. Landmarks which occur in the vicinity are a sign pointing to a ruin dating to the time of building of the pass, which in fact lies immediately west of the point where the access road will join the pass.

3. RESULTS

The area covered by the proposed access is very small and inspection showed very quickly that at this precise point no cultural remains would be impacted by development. As it is not clear what route the rest of the access will follow it is difficult to comment more specifically on this at present. It must be noted that the ruins which have been referred to lie in the immediate vicinity of the development some 50-60 meters to the north-east. No search has been conducted beyond the immediate vicinity of the ruin and access point.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 No impact is foreseen on cultural remains at the location of the access road where it joins the pass. The use of heavy earthmoving machinery may however impact on the ruins in the vicinity and great care should be taken to prevent damage occurring.

1.2 If further developments are planned in the immediate vicinity they should be preceded by a more extensive survey.

1.3 The above recommendations are subject to the approval of the National Monuments Council.

5. PROJECT TEAM

Fieldwork and report

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