

# HERITAGE SCOPING ASSESSMENT OF PORTION 34 (PORTION OF PORTION 15) OF FARM 944, SUNNYDALE, SOUTH PENINSULA

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## **1. Introduction**

The Archaeology Contracts Office of the University of Cape Town was appointed by Simon Lloyd to conduct a heritage scoping assessment of portion 34 (portion of portion 15) of farm 944, South Peninsula. The intention is to rezone the land for development of housing units.<sup>1</sup>

The area consists of approximately 2 morgen of largely undeveloped land surrounded by new residential developments immediately south of Long Beach Mall. Existing structures on the site consist of a single mid-late 20<sup>th</sup> century dwelling house and a disused swimming pool. The land was landscaped in the past to create a terrace for the pool and lawn. Today this is largely neglected. Much of the area is overgrown with alien vegetation. Photographs depicting the site and structures as they appear at present are included. The site which is situated on a low ridge above the flatlands of Fish Hoek Valley, enjoys views towards Kommetjie and Noordhoek

## **2. Method**

The site was inspected on foot by archaeologists David Halkett (MA) and Tim Hart (MA). The area was checked for traces of pre-colonial archaeological material, historical material, structures and landscape features protected by the National Heritage Resources Act of 1999. No trial excavations or detailed archival research was completed.

### **Limitations**

No limitations were encountered. The study area, which is comparatively small, is fairly thickly vegetated. Visibility was adequate thanks to late summer low grass cover.

## **3. Findings**

The site contains very few elements offered protection under the National Heritage Resources Act. Existing buildings are all contemporary. The development area which is effectively enclosed by recent suburbia has no discernable historic landscape qualities. The presence of large amounts of clinker lying round the site remains un-explained.

A single irregular core made from quartzite dating from the Early Stone Age was noted lying among ferricrete nodules on the site. Its presence is not considered to be significant.

## **4. Conclusion**

In terms of the requirements of section 38 of the South African Heritage Resources Act and the criteria for assessment of heritage resources we conclude that the site is of very

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low heritage significance. A full Heritage Impact Assessment is not considered necessary before development activities commence.



Location of the development area is indicated by the red arrow.  
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Dwelling house west (front) elevation.

Flat corrugated iron roof  
Steel framed windows  
Painted brick exterior



Dwelling house north (side) elevation

Ramp may indicate converted garage.



View towards Noordhoek (North West) across property.

Disused swimming pool.





View of undeveloped aspects of the property (typical).



Early Stone Age core made from quartzite. Artefact is heavily patinated and eroded.