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# **HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT REMAINDER OF ERF 448 SOMERSET WEST**

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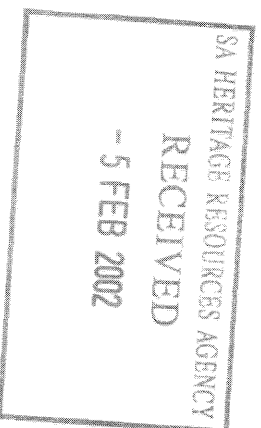
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### **Executive summary**

No archaeological or heritage remains were located during a heritage impact assessment of the remainder of erf 448 in Somerset West.

The proposed development of the property envisages a group housing project, private road and public open space, on about 4.5 ha of land.

The site is presently undeveloped and is covered with mostly Kikuyu grass and large trees alongside the Lourens River.

In general, the receiving environment is not considered to be archaeologically or historically sensitive, vulnerable or threatened.

The impact of the proposed development on heritage remains is considered to be low to negligible.

The probability of locating significant heritage remains during implementation of the project is also considered to be low.

With regard to the proposed development of the remainder of erf 448 in Somerset West, the following heritage recommendations are made.

- No mitigation is required.
- No further detailed studies are required.

The above recommendations are subject to the approval of the South African Heritage Resources Agency.

## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Background**

Doug Jeffery Environmental Consultants have requested that the Agency for Cultural Resource Management undertake a heritage impact assessment (HIA) of the remainder of erf 448 in Somerset West.

The proposed development envisages a group housing project, private road and public open space, on about 4.5 ha of land.

The aim of the HIA is to locate, identify and map archaeological and historical remains that may be negatively impacted by the planning, construction and implementation of the proposed development, and to propose measures to mitigate against the impact.

## **2.0 TERMS OF REFERENCE**

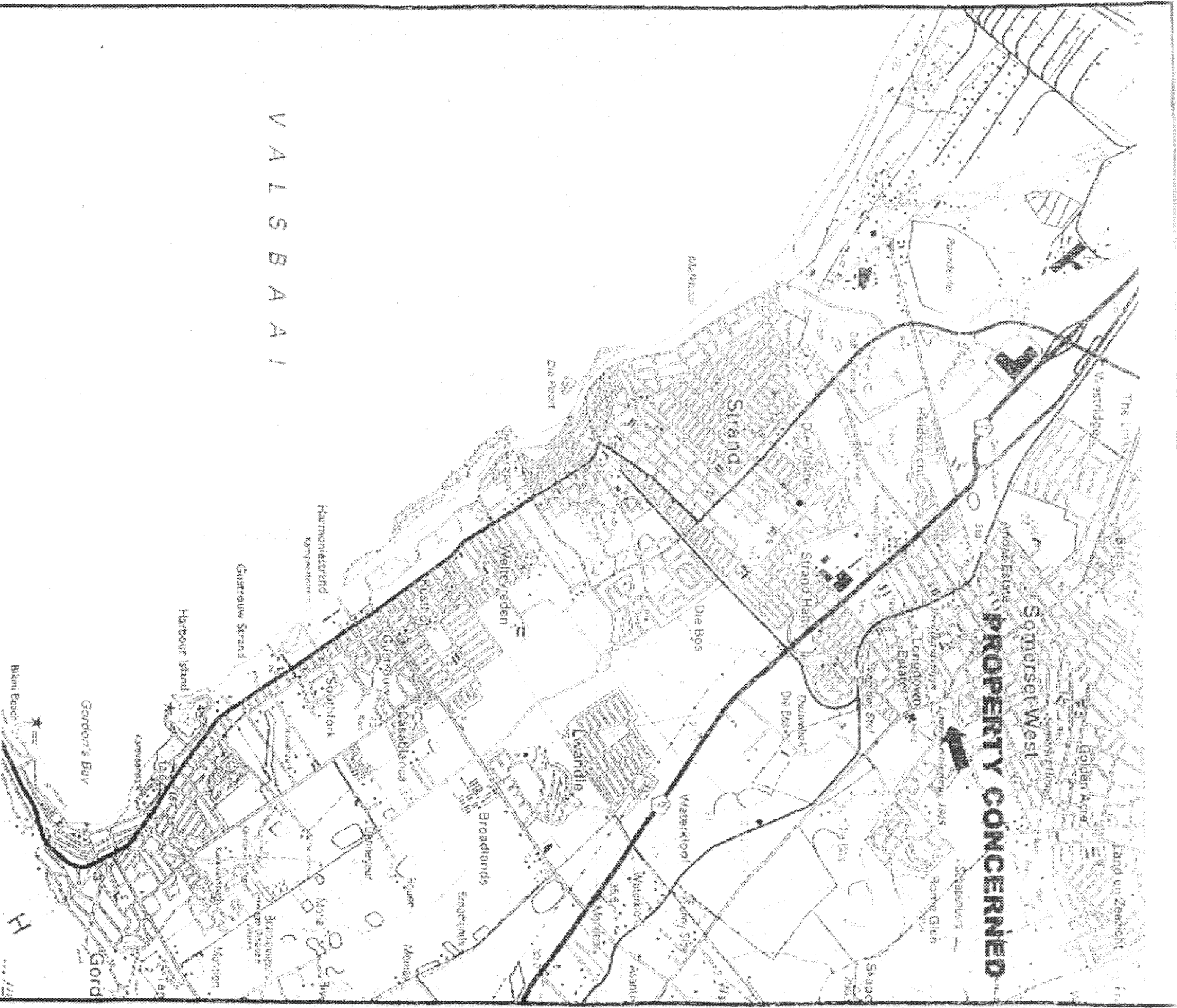
The terms of reference for the HIA were:

1. to determine whether there are likely to be any archaeological or historical sites of significance within the proposed site;
2. to identify and map any sites of archaeological and historical significance within the above area;
3. to assess the sensitivity and conservation significance of archaeological and historical sites potentially affected by the proposed development;
4. to assess the significance of any impacts resulting from the proposed development, and
5. to identify mitigatory measures to protect and maintain any valuable archaeological and historical sites that may exist within the site.

## **3.0 THE STUDY SITE**

The study site for the proposed development is illustrated in Figures 1 and 2.

The site is presently undeveloped and is mostly covered with Kikuyu grass. The western portion of the property, alongside the Lourens River, is overgrown with a large number of trees. Informal roads and footpaths cut across the site, while dumping of refuse and building rubble, and informal braai places along the river bank also occur.



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Figure 1. Heritage Impact Assessment, erf 448, Somerset West: locality map.

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#### **4.0 STUDY APPROACH AND DOCUMENTATION OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES**

The approach used in the HIA entailed a detailed ground survey of the property.

#### **5.0 RESULTS OF THE HERITAGE STUDY**

No archaeological or heritage remains were located during the study.

#### **6.0 IMPACT STATEMENT**

The impact of the proposed development on heritage sites/remains is considered to be low to negligible.

The probability of locating significant heritage sites during implementation of the project is also considered to be low.

#### **7.0 CONCLUDING STATEMENT**

In general, the receiving environment is not considered to be archaeologically or historically sensitive, vulnerable or threatened.

#### **8.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

With regard to the proposed development of the remainder of erf 448 in Somerset West, the following heritage management recommendations are made.

1. No mitigation is required.
2. No further detailed studies are required.

The above recommendations are subject to the approval of the South African Heritage Resources Agency.