

9/2/089/0001

C13/3/6/2/1/1/1/1/AZ

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

04 February 2005

2005-04-25

021.550.6401
Ms Ingrid Germishuys
I.C. @ Plan
Town Planners
10 A Pastorie Park
Somerset West
7130

Dear Ms Germishuys

PHASE 1 ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT ERF 5540 STRAND WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

1: Brief

I.C. @ Plan Town Planners requested that the Agency for Cultural Resource Management conduct a Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of a proposed medium and low cost housing development situated on Erf 5540 Strand, in the Western Cape Province.

The extent of the proposed development (about 10 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 03 February 2005.

Figure 1 shows location of the proposed development.

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 affected site

The property (GPS reading S° 34 08 118 E 18° 51 965 on Map Datum WGS 84) is located directly alongside the Rusthof Cemetery off Broadlands Road (Strand) and directly north of the low cost housing township of Casablanca.

The receiving environment is severely degraded (Figures 2 & 3). Dumping of building rubble and domestic refuse is widespread. A row of Blue Gum Trees defines the eastern boundary of the property, while the Rusthof Cemetery fence defines the western boundary. The site has recently been burnt the bulk of which is covered with Kikuyu and Kweek grass. A few small stands of burnt Rooikrantz trees occur on the site.

The ruins of some (recent) structures are located in the western portion of the site, alongside a row of Blue Gum Trees (Figures 4 & 5). According to a resident of Casablanca, the farm was once used as a Piggery. Farm laborer's, who have since been relocated to Casablanca, occupied the (now) ruined buildings.

4. Approach to the study

The property was subjected to a detailed foot survey.

5. Findings

No pre-colonial archaeological heritage remains were located during a baseline study of 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. Recommendations

The archaeological study has shown that the proposed site (Erf 5540 Strand) is suitable for development.

Yours sincerely



Jonathan Kaplan



Figure 1. Site locality map.



Figure 2. The site facing north.



Figure 3. The site facing south.



Figure 4. Ruined buildings.



Figure 5. Ruined buildings.