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Dear Ms van Zyl

PHASE 1 ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT ERF 6336 THE STRAND, GORDONS BAY, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

1. Introduction and brief

I.C. @ Plan Town Planners requested that the Agency for Cultural Resource Management conduct a Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of the proposed sub-division and rezoning of Erf 6336 The Strand (Gordon's Bay), in the Western Cape Province.

The extent of the proposed subdivision and rezoning (1.78 hectares) 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 04 October 2005.

A 1:50 000 locality map is illustrated in Figure 1.

A colour 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

Erf 6336 Strand (GPS reading S° 34 08 50.1 E 18° 51 67.1 set on map datum WGS 84) is located in Disa Street, Gordon's Bay. The property is accessed from Somerset Road, Gordon's Bay.

The property is currently used as the Panorama Caravan Park, which has been in operation for about 10 years. The western portion of the property alongside Disa Road comprises 10 huts, 10 chalets and 36 small permanent caravan sites. All the buildings are modern (Figure 3). The eastern portion of the property comprises vacant land, with caravan/tent sites and braai facilities (Figure 4). The surrounding area includes vacant land, some light industrial development, and rapidly expanding residential/suburban development.

From an archaeological heritage perspective the receiving environment constitutes a severely degraded and modified environment.

4. Approach to the study

The property was subjected to a detailed 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 site (Erf 6336 Strand) is suitable for development.

Yours sincerely

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Jonathan Kaplan



Figure 1. Locality map (3418 BB Somerset West).



Figure 2. Aerial photograph of the site.



Figure 3. Erf 6336 Strand: View of the site facing north-east.



Figure 4. Erf 6336 Strand: View of the caravan park from Disa Road.