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Dear Mr van der Westhuizen

PHASE 1 ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT ERVEN 5116 & 5117 GORDONS BAY WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

1. Introduction and brief

Settlement Planning Services¹, on behalf of Shoprite Checkers (Pty) Ltd requested that the Agency for Cultural Resource Management conduct a Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment for a proposed shopping complex on Erven 5116 and 5117 Gordons Bay, in the Western Cape Province.

The affected properties are currently zoned Agriculture 1. Facilitation of the shopping complex requires rezoning to Business Zone.

The extent of the proposed development (about 2.63 ha combined) 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).

Heritage consultants Aikman Associates have been appointed to undertake a Heritage Impact Assessment of the proposed project. The archaeological assessment forms part of the wider heritage study.

The site visit and assessment took place on the 24th September, 2006.

A locality map is illustrated in Figure 1.

A colour aerial photograph of the affected properties is illustrated in Figure 2.

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2. Terms of reference

The Terms of Reference for the Archaeological Impact Assessment are to:

- Identify and map pre-colonial archaeological heritage resources on the proposed site;
- Determine the importance of pre-colonial archaeological heritage resources on the proposed site;
- Determine and assess the potential impacts of the proposed development on pre-colonial archaeological heritage resources, and
- Recommend mitigation measures to minimise impacts associated with the proposed development.

3. The study site

Erven 5116 and 5117 abut the northern edge of Sir Lowry's Road (MR108), some 1.5 km north of its intersection with Marine Drive and 3.1 km south of its intersection with the N2. Current access to the property is directly from Sir Lowry's Road. GPS co-ordinates for the site are S° 34 08 58 E° 18 53 00 on map datum wgs 84.

Erf 5116 currently accommodates a road transport and construction business. Utilization of the site comprises a large surfaced vehicle and equipment parking and storage area, undercover workshops and an administration complex. The remainder of the site to the south is grassed, with stands of mature Eucalyptus along the walled boundary and within the site. The site is totally transformed and in a highly degraded state (Figures 3-6).

Erf 5117 currently accommodates the Hottentots Holland Animal Welfare Society, with infrastructure including kennels, buildings accommodating administrative and veterinary functions, an outdoor exercising area, parking and staff accommodation. Stands of Eucalyptus and black wattle occur, with open spaces covered with kikuyu and kweek grass. The site is totally transformed and in a highly degraded state (Figures 7-11).

The surrounding land use is increasing high-density residential development, business, schools, light industrial, vacant land and smallholdings.

4. Approach to the study

The affected properties were subjected to a detailed foot survey.

5. Results of the study

No pre-colonial archaeological heritage remains were located on the two properties.

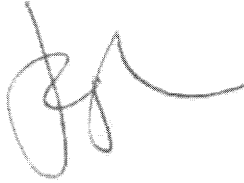
The impact of the proposed development on archaeological heritage remains is likely to be very low.

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 Erven 5116 and 5117 Gordons Bay is suitable for development.

Yours sincerely

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Jonathan Kaplan



Figure 1. Locality Map (3418BB Somerset West)



Figure 2. Aerial photograph illustrating the affected properties

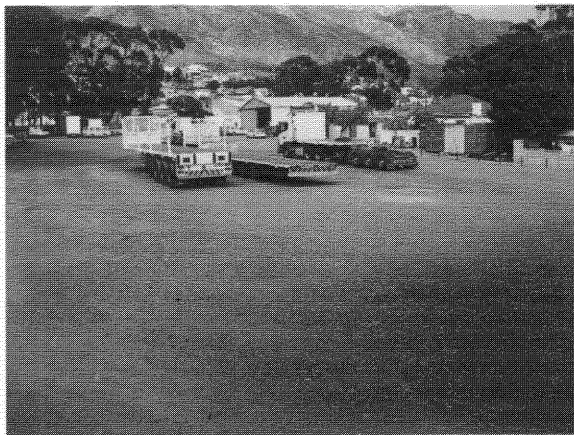


Figure 3. Erf 5116

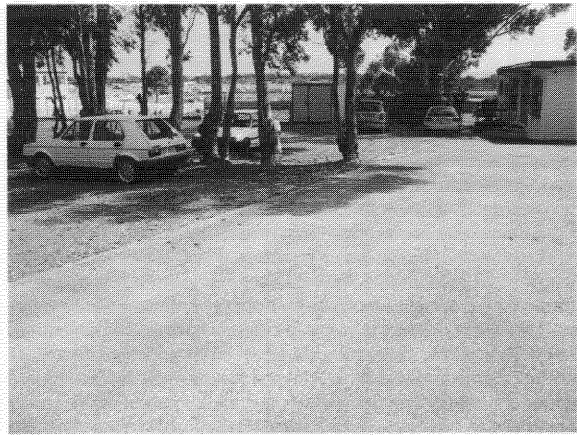


Figure 4. Erf 5116



Figure 5. Erf 5116



Figure 6. Erf 5116



Figure 7. Erf 5117

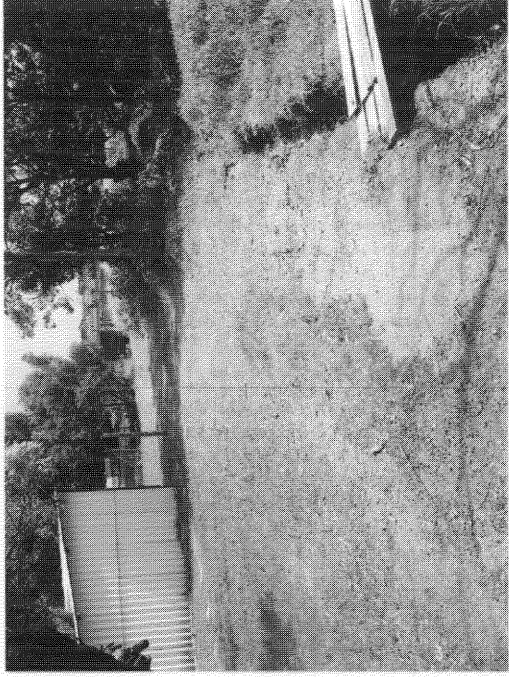


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Figure 9. Erf 5117

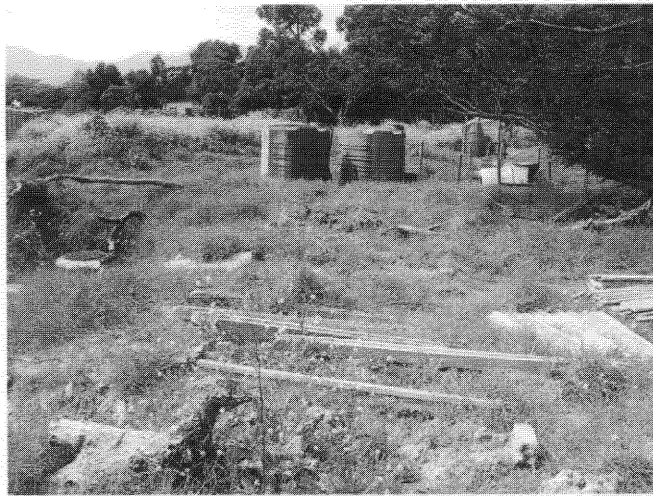


Figure 10. Erf 5117

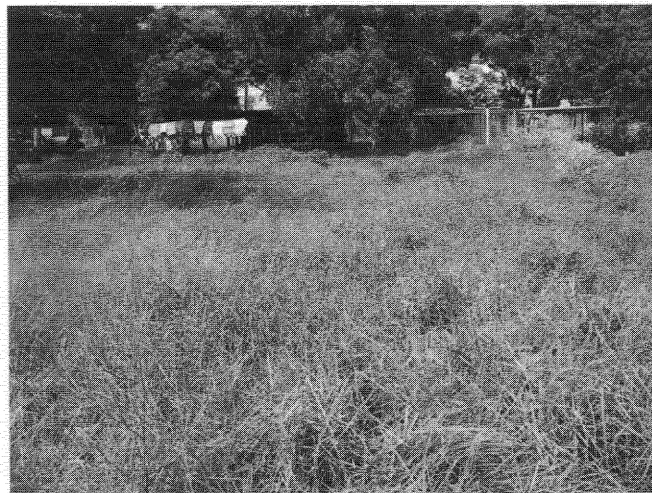


Figure 11. Erf 5117