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Dear Ms Germishuys

PHASE 1 ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PORTION 2 OF ERF 6343 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 rezoning and subdivision of Erf 6343 The Strand (Gordon's Bay), in the Western Cape Province.

The purpose of the proposed rezoning and subdivision of the affected property is primarily for an extension to the existing Summerville Retirement Village.

The extension entails four, double story blocks of apartments comprising 46 flats in total.

The extent of the proposed subdivision and rezoning (1.996 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 property is currently zoned for agricultural purposes.

The site visit and assessment took place on 28 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 6343 The Strand (GPS reading S° 34 08 64.9 E 18° 51 61.4 set on map datum WGS 84) is located in Hibiscus Street, Gordon's Bay. The property is accessed from Somerset Road, Gordon's Bay.

The property is bordered by a storm water canal on the north (refer to Figure 2) and the Summervale Retirement Village to the south.

The flat, vacant site is covered with grass. Several tractor tracks, and footpaths cut across the site. Some dumping is evident. There are no significant landscape features occurring on the site (Figures 3-6).

Although most of the surrounding properties in the area are zoned for agricultural purposes, the predominant land uses in the area are residential, or vacant.

4. Approach to the study

The property was subjected to a 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 6343 The Strand) is suitable for development.

Yours sincerely

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Jonathan Kaplan

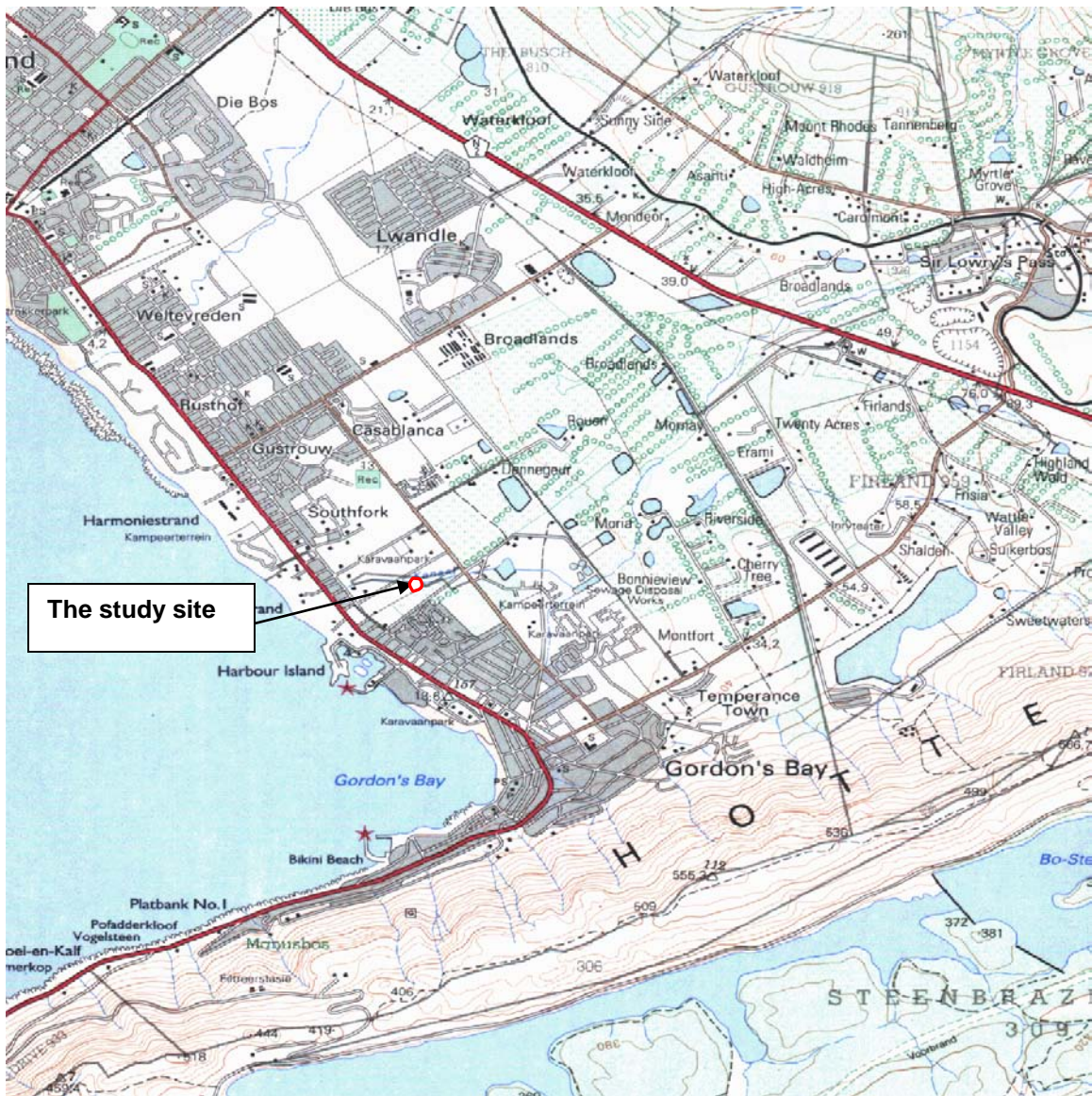


Figure 1. Locality map (3418 BB Somerset West).



Figure 2. Aerial photograph of the site.



Figure 3. The site facing east from Hibiscus Street. Gordons Bay mountains are in the background.



Figure 4. The site facing south east from Hibiscus Street.



Figure 5. The site facing north east from Hibiscus Street. The Summerville Retirement Village can be seen in the distance.



Figure 6. The site facing west from Lemoenboom Road.