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Dear Mr van der Westhuizen

PHASE 1 ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT ERF 468 & 469 WETTON

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 Erf 468 and 469 Wetton, in the Western Cape Province.

The affected properties are currently zoned Rural. 'Rural' is currently defined as all land falling under the control of the Cape Divisional Council not otherwise defined, designated or zoned. Facilitation of the shopping complex requires rezoning to Commercial Zone.

The extent of the proposed development (about 5.3 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 25th April 2006.

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

A colour aerial photograph of the proposed site is illustrated in Figure 2.

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2. Terms of reference

The Terms of Reference for the specialist Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment are to:

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

3. The study site

The proposed site (S° 34 00 82.8 E 19° 28 31.9 on map datum WGS 84) is located on the south eastern corner of Strandfontein and Landsdowne Roads. The site is currently occupied by Grimbeek Civils, a bulk earthworks and civil engineering contractor, with uses including administration, plant storage and repair. Current access to the property is via Landsdowne Road. Grimbeek Civils are currently accommodated in an old dwelling, possibly older than 60 years. Access to the proposed development will be off Landsdowne Road.

The major portion of Erf 469 is vacant, with land-fill and an existing wetland occurring in the northern portion of the property alongside Landsdowne Road (Figures 3 & 4).

A large portion of Erf 468 currently accommodates scrap metal (i.e. disused machinery and plant equipment) (Figures 5-7). Storage of scrap metal, adhoc dumping of rubble, litter, refuse and landfill is widespread. Overall, the site is in a highly degraded state.

The surrounding land use is residential, schools, light industrial and vacant properties.

4. Approach to the study

The property was 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 Erf 468 and 469 Wetton is suitable for development.

Yours sincerely

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Jonathan Kaplan

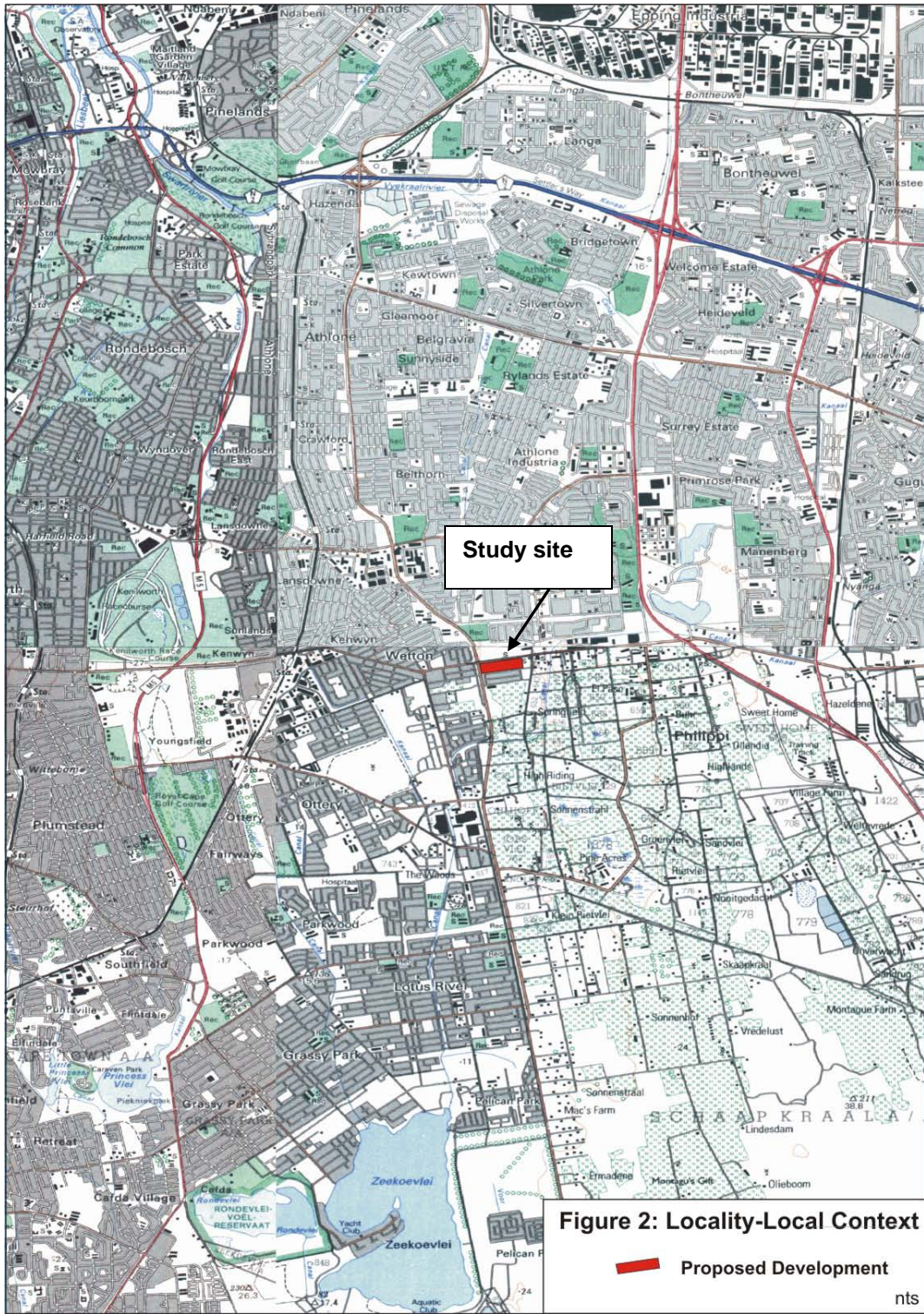


Figure 1. locality map (3418 BA Mitchells Plain).



Figure 2. Aerial photograph of the study site (boundary of the site indicated in red).



Figure 3. Erf 469. View of the wetland alongside Landsdowne Road.



Figure 4. Erf 469. View of the site facing west.



Figure 5. Erf 468. View of the site facing south east.



Figure 6. Erf 468. View of the site facing south west.



Figure 7. Erf 468. View of site facing south. Strandfontein Road is to the right of the plate.