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## **1. DEFINITION**

The broad generic term *Cultural Heritage Resources* refers to any physical and spiritual property associated with past and present human use or occupation of the environment, cultural activities and history. The term includes sites, structures, places, natural features and material of palaeontological, archaeological, historical, aesthetic, scientific, architectural, religious, symbolic or traditional importance to specific individuals or groups, traditional systems of cultural practice, belief or social interaction.

## **2. PROTECTED SITES IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE ACT, Act. NO. 25 OF 1999**

The following are the most important sites and objects protected by the National Heritage Act:

- a. Structures or parts of structures older than 60 years
- b. Archaeological sites and objects
- c. Palaeontological sites
- d. Meteorites
- e. Ship wrecks
- f. Burial grounds
- g. Graves of victims of conflict
- h. Public monuments and memorials
- i. Structures, places and objects protected through the publication of notices in the Gazette and Provincial Gazette
- j. Any other places or object which are considered to be of interest or of historical or cultural significance
- k. Geological sites of scientific or cultural importance
- l. Sites of significance relating to the history of slavery in South Africa
- m. Objects to which oral traditions are attached
- n. Sites of cultural significance or other value to a community or pattern of South African history

## **3. METHODOLOGY**

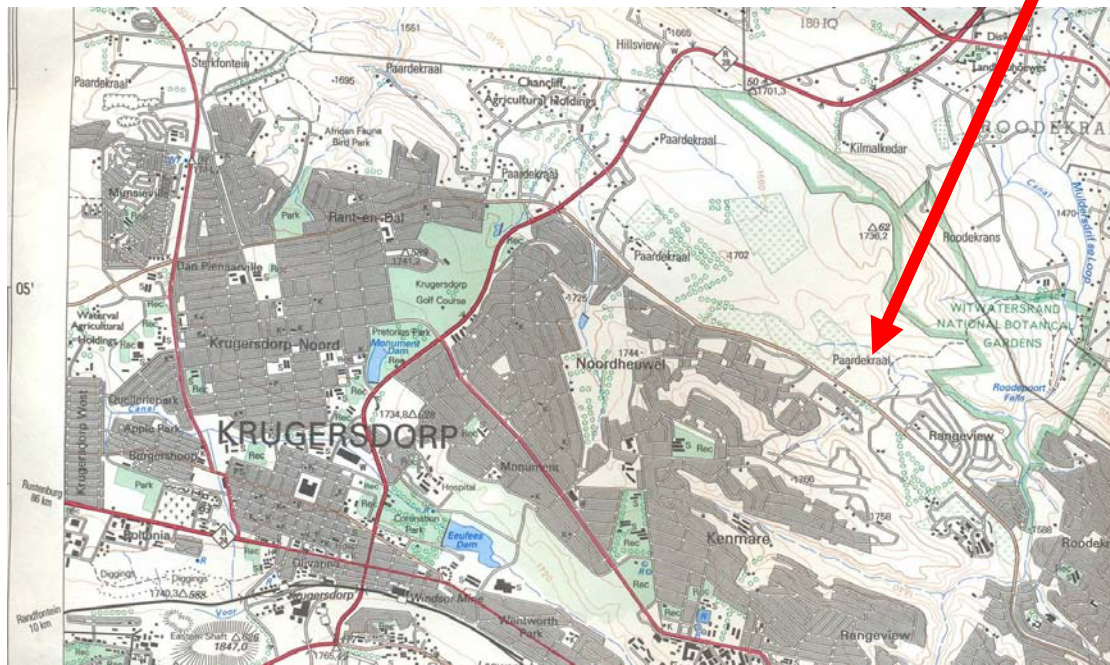
All relevant maps and documents on the site were studied. The site was visited and evaluated. A road gave access to the highest portion of the property on the central eastern side. Inspection on foot of possible sites was done. Some views were photographed.

## 4. RESULTS

This area was resurveyed in vehicle and on foot and the following was observed.

- There are no remains from the Stone Age period
- There are no remains from the Iron Age period.
- There are the remains of a soil wall dam that was built with modern machinery.  
There are the vestiges of old dry land fields.  
There are some roads that are utilised by modern motorcyclists and four wheeled vehicles for recreation.  
Even though a farmstead “Paardekraal” is indicated on the 1: 50 000 map, no indications could be found of any building or foundations of substance.
- The only notable historical fact concerning this property is that this is possibly the last portion of the original Paardekraal farm that originally was the author to the name of one of the best-known covenant memorials in South Africa, the Paardekraal Monument hat

*Figure 1. Locality map relative to the town of Krugersdorp.*



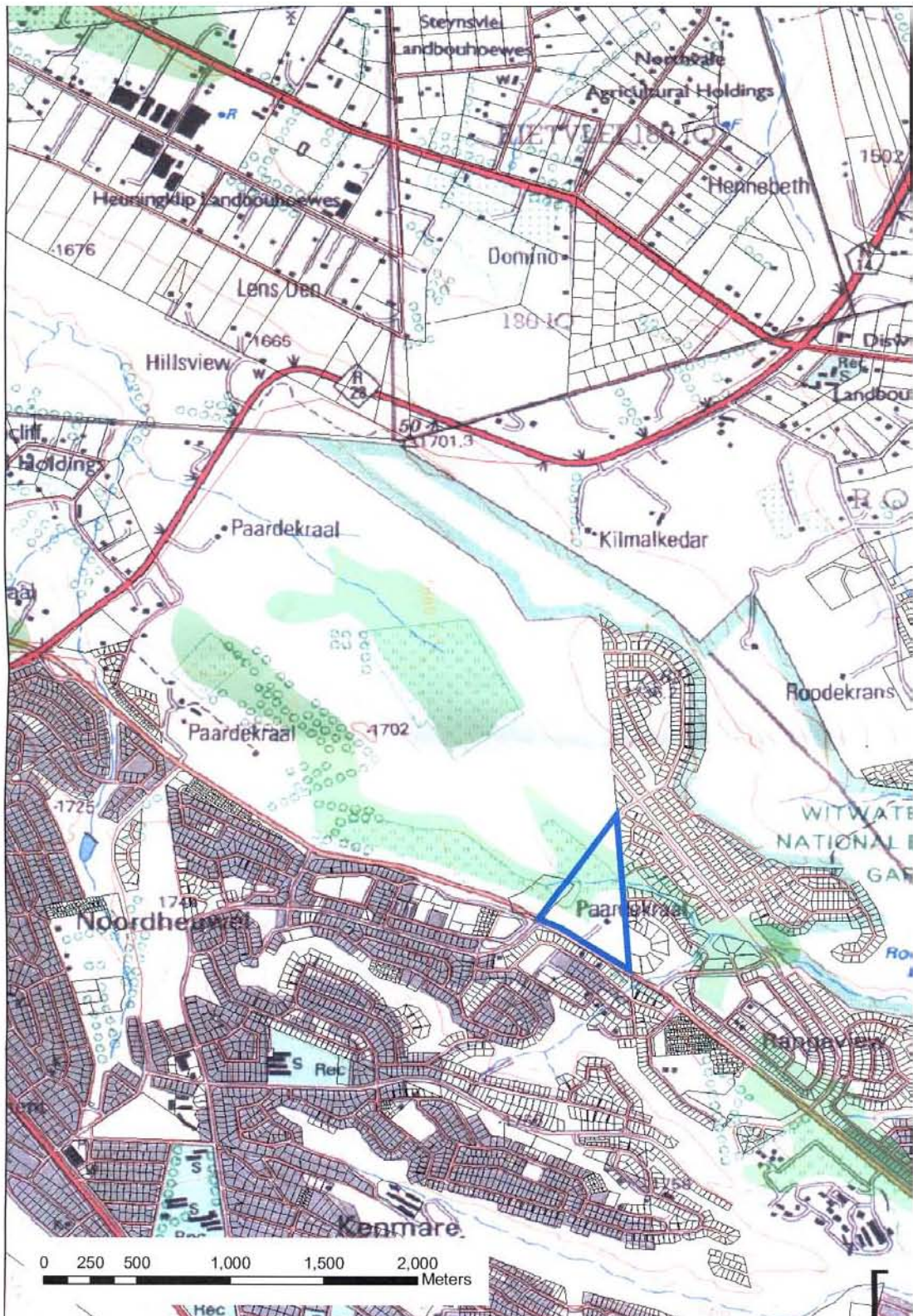
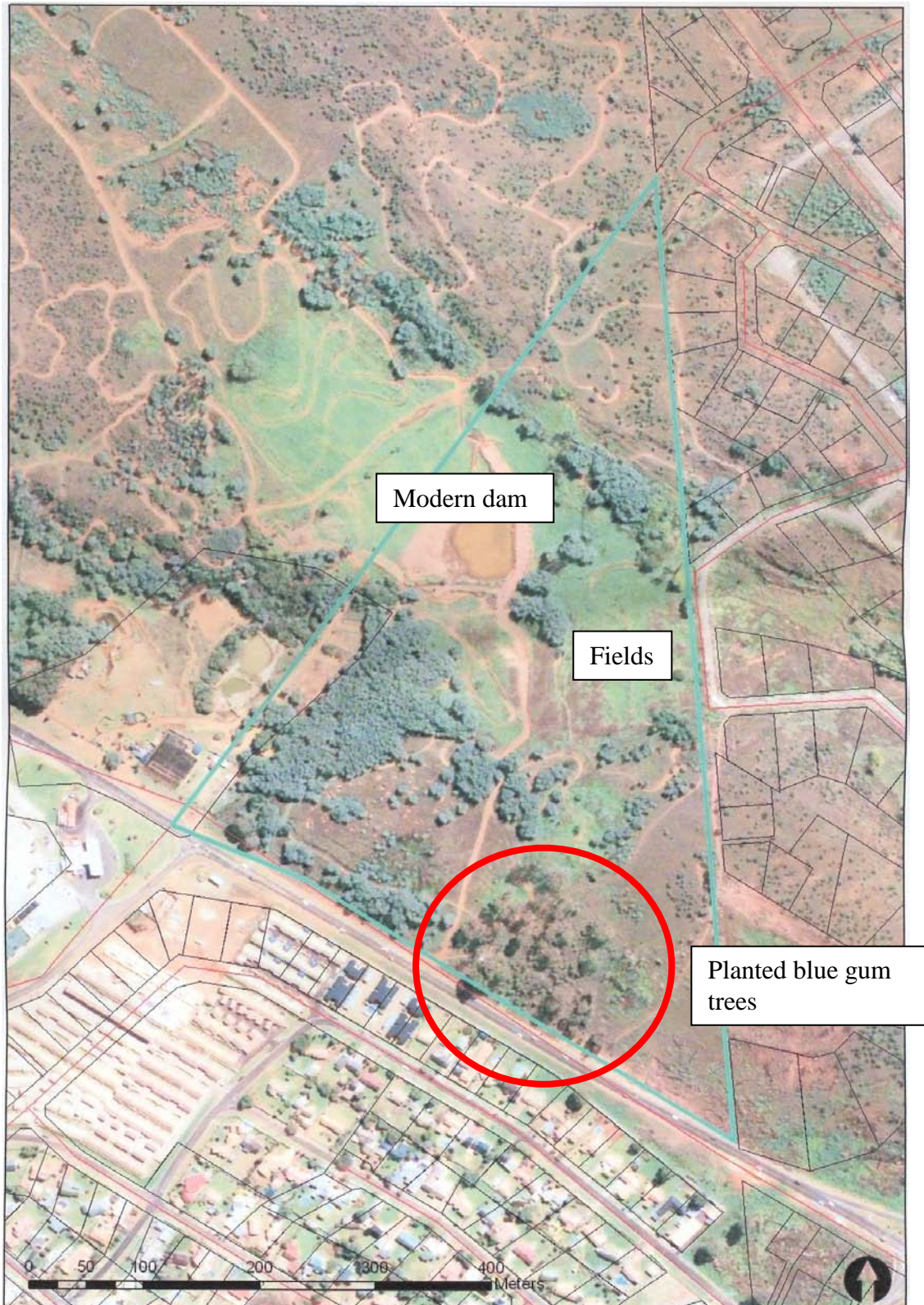


Figure 2. Paardekraal Locality on 1: 50 000 map 2627 BB Roodepoort.



*Figure 3 Paardekraal aerial view locality on 1 : 50 000 map 2627 BB Roodepoort.*



*The grove of blue gum trees may have been planted for shelter for animals in the past, but forms no inherent context with anything else, and may therefore be neglected.*



*The well-known Paardekraal Monument. Its name was derived from the fact that thousands of Burgers congregated on the farm Paardekraal and here declared one of the covenants that revolved around the erection of a monument to the honour of their deity.*

## 5. CONCLUSIONS

From a heritage impact assessment perspective, there is no impediment for development as described in Act 25 of 1999, The South African Heritage resources Act.

## 6. RECOMMENDATIONS

There is no objection to the proposed development from a cultural heritage point of view. If any cultural heritage resources or graves are unearthed during construction a cultural heritage practitioner has to be called for inspection and possible mitigation.

## 7. REFERENCES

- Cloete P.G. 2000, The Anglo Boer War – A chronology pp. 190
- Archaeology Data Recording Centre – National Cultural History Museum Pretoria

## 8. SITE INFORMATION

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<b>Type of development (e.g. low cost housing project, mining etc.)</b> <b>Retirement village with commercial erven on the main road</b>

**Whether rezoning and/or subdivision of land is involved:**  
**Yes, approx 4 commercial erven, 1 group housing erf, and maximum 40 full title erven**

**Full location of Province, Magisterial District/Local Authority, property (e.g. farm, erf name and number):**  
**Gauteng, Mogale City Local Municipality, Ptn 388 (a portion of portion 297) of the farm Paardeplaats 177 IQ (southern boundary is Robert Broom Drive)**

**Location map must have the polygon of the area to be surveyed on it and full geographical coordinates for all relevant points and where applicable indication of the area to be developed (footprint):**  
**See report**

**If possible an aerial photograph of the specific area showing the location of all site.**  
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