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ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE INVESTIGATION OF THE PROPOSED POULTRY FARM AT WELTON 1587, BLOEMFONTEIN, FREE STATE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The proposed poultry farm will be developed for Correctional Services on the farm Welton 1587, Bloemfontein.

The area contains old plough lands and is covered by a thick stand of cultivated grazing.

No cultural or historical material could be found on the site.

I recommend that further planning and development of the site could continue.

INTRODUCTION AND DESCRIPTION

INVESTIGATION

The site for the proposed developments of a poultry farm at Welton, Bloemfontein, was visited on 21 February 2006 in the company of Mr Derick Smit of Correctional Services, Grootvlei, Bloemfontein.

The area was examined for possible archaeological and historical material and to establish the potential impact on any cultural material that might be found. The Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) is done in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA), (25 of 1999) and under the Environmental Conservation Act, (73 of 1989).

LOCALITY

The site is located on the farm Welton 1587 east of Bloemfontein on the R702 road from to Dewetsdorp (Map 2) (Surveyor-General 1973).

The proposed developments are planned to cover about 2 hectare. The farm used to be plough lands in the past and the land is now covered with a lush stand of cultivated grass (Figs.1-4).

The following GPS coordinates (Cape scale) were taken (2926AB).

Gate	29°13'25"S 026°18'26"E Altitude 1375m (Fig.1).
North east corner	29°13'30"S 026°18'41"E Altitude 1367m (Fig.2).
South east corner	29°13'45"S 026°18'41"E Altitude 1376m (Fig.3).
South west corner	29°13'46"S 026°18'35"E Altitude 1378m (Fig.4).

RESULTS

FINDS

The area earmarked for developments at Welton 1587, Bloemfontein, did not produce any archaeological or cultural or historical material.

ASSESSMENT OF IMPACT

The development of a chicken farm will not have any impact on the cultural or historical heritage of the land or the area.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I recommend that the proposed developments at the farm Welton 1587, Bloemfontein may proceed.

MITIGATION

Concerning the area for the proposed developments, no mitigation measures will be required.

No obvious reasons could be found to delay the commencement of further planning and development of the site.

I recommended that the proposed developments may proceed.

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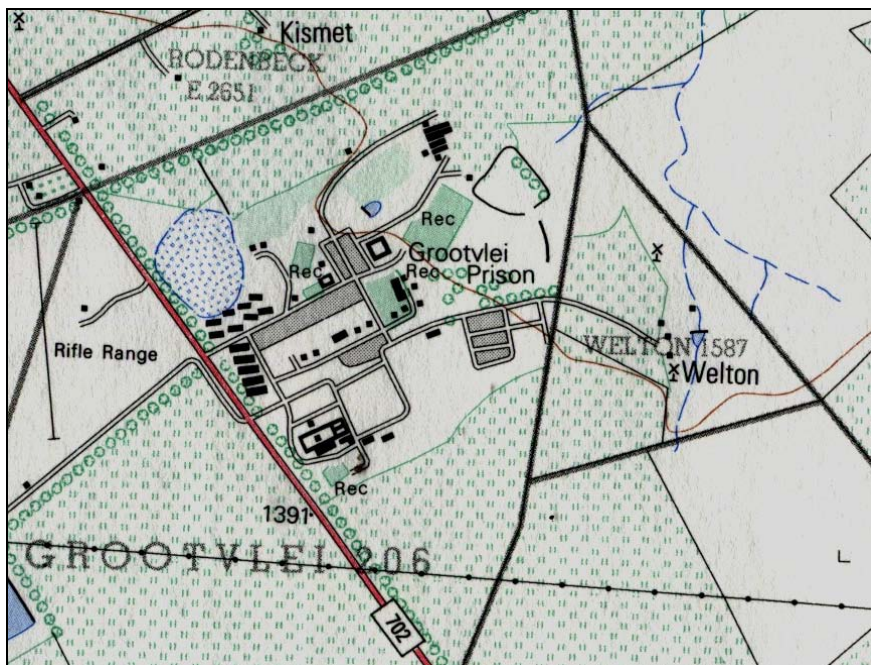
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LIST OF ILLUSTRATIONS:



Map 1 Locality of the R702 road between Bloemfontein and Dewetsdorp.



Map 2 Locality of the Grootvlei Prison and the farm Welton 1587 in relation to the R702 road between Bloemfontein and Dewetsdorp (2926AB).



Fig.1 View from the entrance gate of the piece of land.



Fig.2 Facing back towards the entrance gate the proposed land on Welton 1587, Bloemfontein.



Fig.3 The lush stand of cultivated grazing on the land.



Fig.4 View towards the Grootvlei prison from Welton 1587, Bloemfontein.