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FIRST PHASE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL INVESTIGATION OF THE PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS AT RODERICK'S PARK 2032 & HILLSIDE 2827, BLOEMFONTEIN

INVESTIGATION

The site for the proposed residential developments at Subdivision 7 of the farm Roderick's Park 2032 and Subdivisions 5 & 15 of the farm Hillside 2827, Bloemfontein, was visited on 25 March 2006. Dr Johan du Preez of MDA Environmental Consultants, Bloemfontein, took me to the site.

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 along the old Brandfort Road, to the east of Andries Pretorius Road and east of Bloemfontein (Surveyor-General O.F.S. 1973) (Map 1).

The land used to be agricultural fields and the surface is covered with short grass at present (Fig.4).

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

Eastern corner 29°04'45"S. 026°15'51"E. Altitude 1375m (Fig.1).

Centre of property 29°04'46"S. 026°15'50"E. Altitude 1396m (Fig.2).

Southern corner 29°04'48"S. 026°15'48"E. Altitude 1387m (Fig.3).

FINDS

The soil surface appears to be sterile and no indication of any archaeological, historical or cultural material was found.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

After examination I recommend that the proposed developments may proceed.

MITIGATION

Concerning the area for the proposed development, no mitigation measures are needed.

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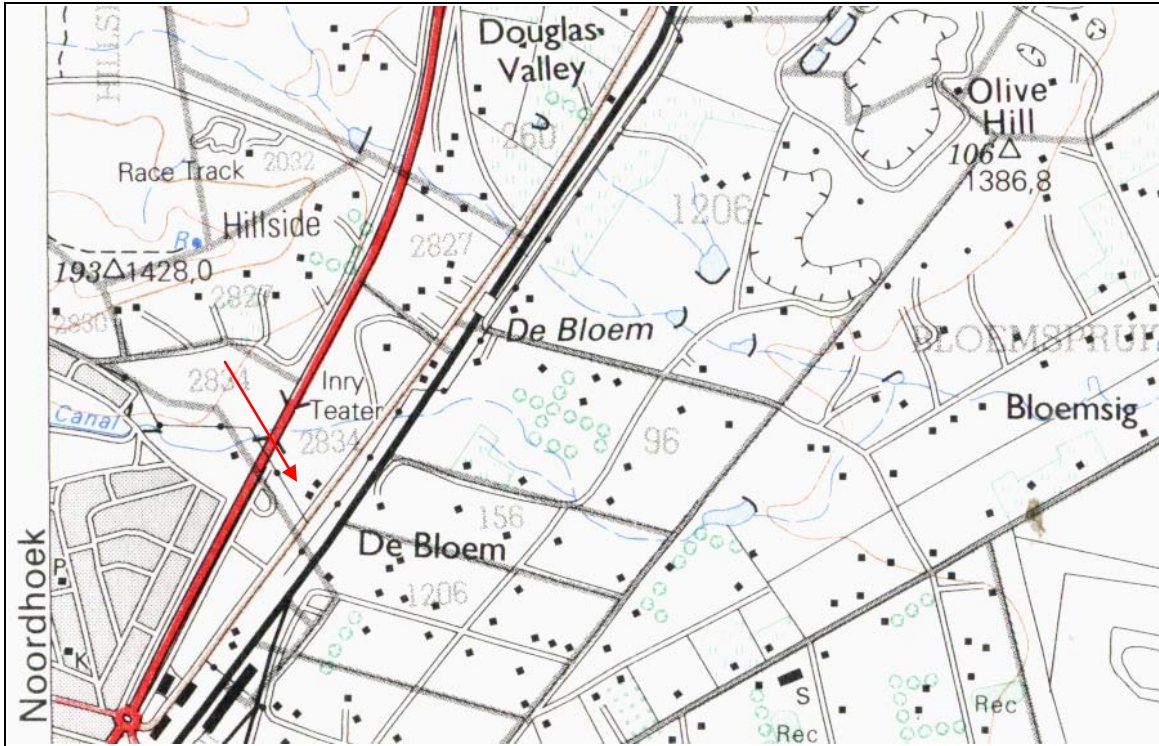
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Map 1 Locality of Roderick's Park 2834 & Hillside 2827 at Bloemfontein (2926AB).



Fig.1 Roderick's Park 2032/Hillside 2827 on the outskirts of Bloemfontein facing north.



Fig.2 Roderick's Park 2032/Hillside 2827 facing south.



Fig.3 Roderick's Park 2032/Hillside 2827 facing west.



Fig.4 Roderick's Park 2032/Hillside 2827. General view of the site.