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FIRST PHASE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS AT NTHA, LINDLEY, FREE STATE

INVESTIGATION

The land for the proposed residential developments on the farm Brandhoek 20, Lindley, Free State, was visited on 11 April 2006 in the company of Dr Francois Retief, Environmental Consultant from Potchefstroom.

The land 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 proposed residential developments will be established as an extension of the existing township of Ntha on a portion of the Remainder of the farm Brandhoek 20 near Lindley, Free State (Surveyor-General 1973) (Map 1). The proposed developments will consist of 350 erven.

The land is located to the west of the R707 road between Lindley and Senekal (Map 2)

The following GPS co-ordinate was taken (Cape scale) (2727DD).

New development 27°54'00"S 027°54'20"E (Figs.2-4).

FINDS

The whole area is covered with natural grass and is part of communal commonage grazing.

No indication of any archaeological or historical material was found on the surface neither were any stone tools or ceramic ware found.

RECOMMENDATIONS

There is no obvious reason to delay the commencement of further planning and development of the site.

I recommend that the proposed developments may proceed.

MITIGATION

Concerning the area for the proposed development, no mitigation measures are needed only in the case of the graves.

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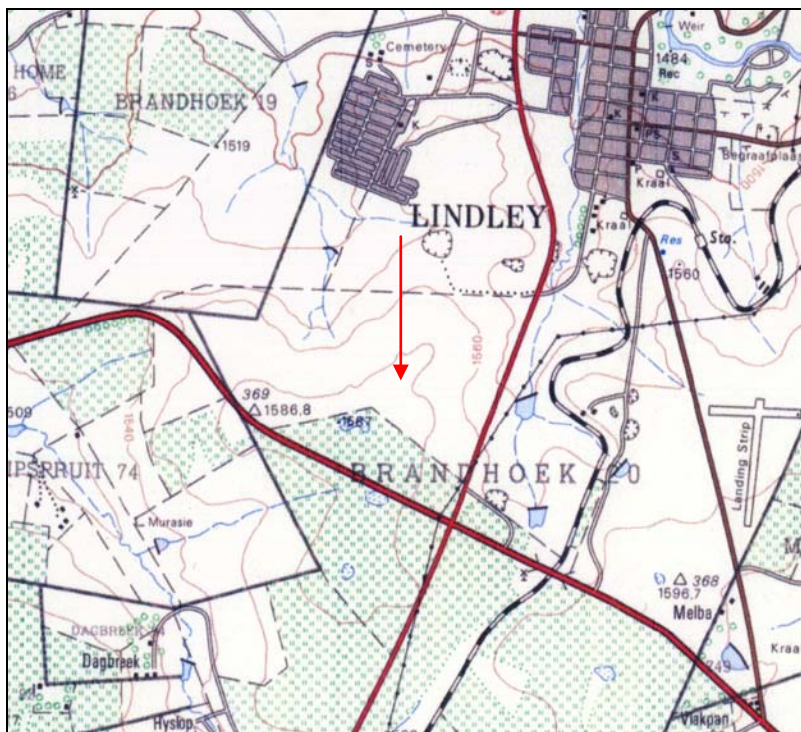
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Map 1 Locality of Lindley in relation to Arlington, Kroonstad and Ventersburg.



Map 2 Locality of the proposed residential developments at Brandhoek 20, Lindley (2727DD).



Fig.1 The proposed area of residential development on Brandhoek 20, Lindley.



Fig.2 Graveyard at Brandhoek 20, Lindley.



Fig.3 Old sewer pond.



Fig.4 Area of development with Ntha outside Lindley in the background.



Fig.5 View across the area of development.