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Dear Mr Berry

ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROPOSED AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ERVEN 701, 719, 720, 721 AND 733 BONNIEVALE, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

1. Introduction and brief

Mark Berry Environmental Consultants, on behalf of Breede River Winelands Municipality requested that the Agency for Cultural Resource Management conduct a Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) for a proposed low cost housing development on Erven 701, 719, 720, 721 and 733, in Bonnievale in the Western Cape Province (Figure 1).

The proposed project comprises a new housing development in Bonnievale West. The proposed subdivision of the subject erven allows for the development of about 66 houses and associated infrastructure, including an internal road network and stormwater system. The erven are already zoned for Residential use.

The extent of the proposed development (1.8 ha) 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).

The aim of the study is to locate and map archaeological heritage sites and remains that occur on the site and that may be negatively impacted by the planning, construction and implementation of the proposed project, to assess the significance of the potential impacts and to propose measures to mitigate against the impacts.

A Notification of Intent to develop checklist has been completed by the archaeologist and submitted to Heritage Western Cape (Belcom) for comment.



2. Terms of reference

The Terms of Reference for the archaeological assessment were to:

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

3. Approach to the study

The proposed site was searched for archaeological heritage remains. The site visit and assessment took place on 20th May, 2008.

4. The study site

The subject property (S 33° 56 13.9 E 20° 03 58.5 on map datum WGS 84) is located in Landbou Street, Bonnievale West. The site is surrounded by a low-cost residential area, a church, a few light-industrial properties, vineyard and veld (Figures 3-7). The site lies inside the Bonnievale urban edge.

5. Results of the study

No archaeological heritage remains were documented during the study.

6. Impact statement

The impact of the proposed development of Erven 701, 719, 720, 721 and 733, Bonnievale on important archaeological remains is likely to be **low**.

7. Conclusion

The Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of Erven 701, 719, 720, 721 and 733, Bonnievale has identified no significant impacts to pre-colonial archaeological material that would need to be mitigated prior to proposed construction activities.

The proposed development should be allowed to proceed as planned.

Yours sincerely



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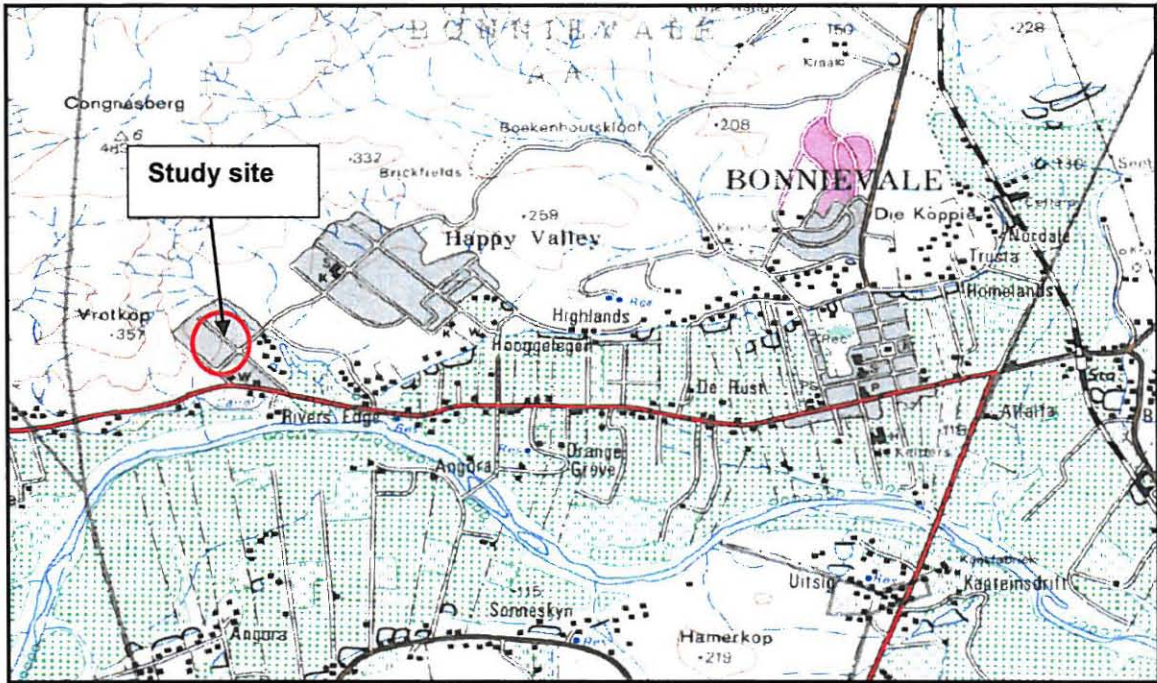


Figure 1. Locality Map (3320 CC Montagu)



Figure 2. Aerial photograph of the study site



Figure 3. Erf 701 view facing west



Figure 6. Erf 719 view facing south



Figure 4. Erf 721 and Erf 720 view facing east



Figure 7. Erf 719 view facing south east



Figure 5. Erf 733 view facing east