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Dear Mr Berry

ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROPOSED AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PORTION OF ERF 1 AND PORTION OF ERF 937 MONTAGU, 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 affordable housing development on Portion of Erf 1 and Portion of Erf 937, Montagu in the Western Cape Province (Figure 1).

The proposed rezoning and subdivision of the effected erven will allow for the development of 62 residential units and 3 public open space erven and associated infrastructure, including an internal road network and stormwater system. Portion of Erf 1 is currently zoned for Industrial use and Portion of Erf 937 is zoned Undetermined.

The extent of the proposed development (2.6 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).

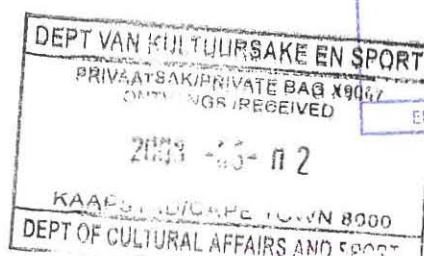
The aim of the study is to locate and map archaeological heritage sites and remains that occur on the site and that may be negatively impacted by the planning, construction and implementation of the proposed project, to assess the significance of the potential impacts and to propose measures to mitigate 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° 46 16.6 E 20° 08 24.5 on map datum WGS 84) is located on the north-eastern side of Montagu (inside the urban edge), next to Ashbury residential area. It is easily accessible by Rietvlei Road, which forms the northern boundary of the site. It is covered by disturbed veld and cleared and excavated areas, with a few dirt roads and numerous pedestrian footpaths crossing it. Dumping is quite widespread. Large numbers of small pieces of quartz and some quartzite river stone cover the site. On the southern side there is a crèche and beside it a large building used for housing. Around 30 informal dwellings are also located here. The proposed site is in a severely degraded condition (Figures 3-8).

5. Results of the study

A few broken and flaked Early Stone Age quartzite river cobbles, as well as some possible quartz flakes and chunks were documented on the site, but these occur in a severely disturbed context.

The archaeological remains have been rated as having low local significance.

6. Impact statement

The impact of the proposed development of Portion of Erf 1 and Portion of Erf 937, Montagu on important pre-colonial archaeological remains is likely to be **low**.

7. Conclusion

The Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of Portion of Erf 1 and Portion of Erf 937, Montagu has identified no significant impacts to pre-colonial archaeological material that would need to be mitigated prior to proposed construction activities.

Yours sincerely



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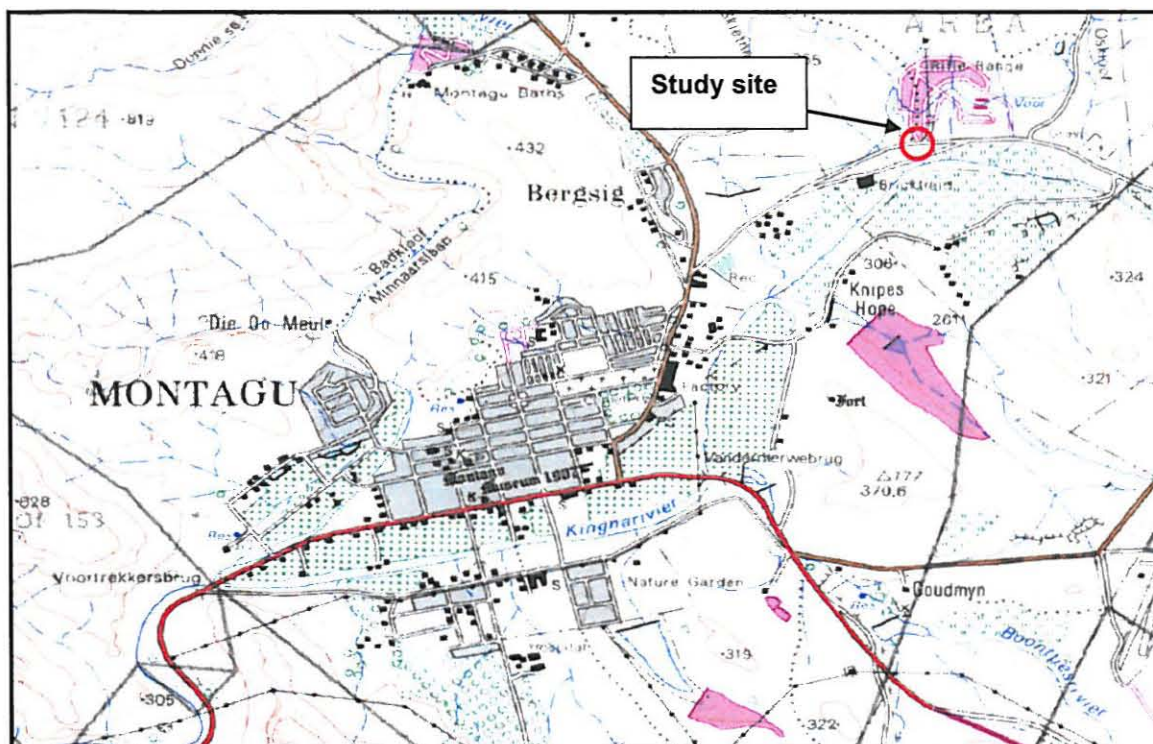


Figure 1. Locality Map (3320 CC Montagu)



Figure 2. Aerial photograph of the study site



Figure 3. View of the site facing south east



Figure 6. View of the site facing south east



Figure 4. View of the site facing south



Figure 7. View of the site facing south west



Figure 5. View of the site facing south west



Figure 8. View of the site facing south east