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Dear Ms van Zyl

PHASE 1 ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REMAINDER ERF 6336 GORDONS BAY (REGISTERED IN THE STRAND) WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

1. Introduction and brief

I.C. @ Plan Town Planners¹ on behalf of Casperera (Pty) Ltd requested that the Agency for Cultural Resource Management conduct a Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment for the proposed rezoning of the Remainder Erf 6336 Gordons Bay (registered in The Strand), in the Western Cape Province.

The subject property was previously utilised for resort purposes and operated as a caravan park. The subdivision of the property into Portion 1 (General Residential) and the Remainder (Single Residential) was approved in March 2006. A Phase 1 AIA of Portion 1 was undertaken in 2005².

The developer now wishes to rezone the Remainder Erf 6336 from Single Residential Zone to General Residential Zone, in order to establish a Sectional Title flat development consisting of 72 units.

The extent of the proposed development (5971m²) 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).

¹ IC @ Plan is represented by Ms Cornelia van Zyl. Fax (021) 850 0401

² Kaplan, J. 2005. Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment Erf 6336 Gordons Bay (registered in The Strand) Western Cape Province. Report prepared for IC@ Plan. Agency for Cultural Resource Management

2. Terms of reference

The Terms of Reference for the specialist archaeological assessment are to:

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

3. The site

A locality map is illustrated in Figure 1.

An aerial photograph of the site is illustrated in Figure 2.

The subject property is situated in Disa Road, Gordon's Bay. GPS co-ordinates for the site are S° 34 08 50.1 E 18° 51 67.1 on map datum wgs 84. The proposed site is part of the Panorama Caravan Park, which was in operation for about 10 years, but is now abandoned. The property comprises 36 caravan sites, a number of braai facilities, a swimming pool and modern buildings, including a mess hall and shops. With construction of Town Housing taking place on Portion 1, the Remainder Erf 6336 has become severely degraded and disturbed. The caravan and braai sites have been demolished, and the area resembles a building site. The pool area is severely damaged (Figures 3-6). The remaining structures will be demolished prior to construction of the flats (refer to Figure 6). The surrounding land use comprises Town Housing, Sectional Title flats, vacant smallholdings and increasing residential/suburban development.

From an archaeological heritage perspective the receiving environment constitutes a severely degraded and modified environment.

4. Approach to the study

The property was subjected to a foot survey.

The site visit and assessment took place on 10 November, 2006.

5. Results of the study

No pre-colonial archaeological heritage remains were located on the property.

The remaining structures are modern and are of no historical or architectural importance.

The impact of the proposed development on archaeological heritage remains is likely to be very low.

The probability of locating significant archaeological heritage remains during implementation of the project is likely to be highly improbable.

6. Conclusion

The archaeological assessment has shown that the proposed site (Remainder Eft 6336 Gordons Bay) is suitable for development.

Yours sincerely



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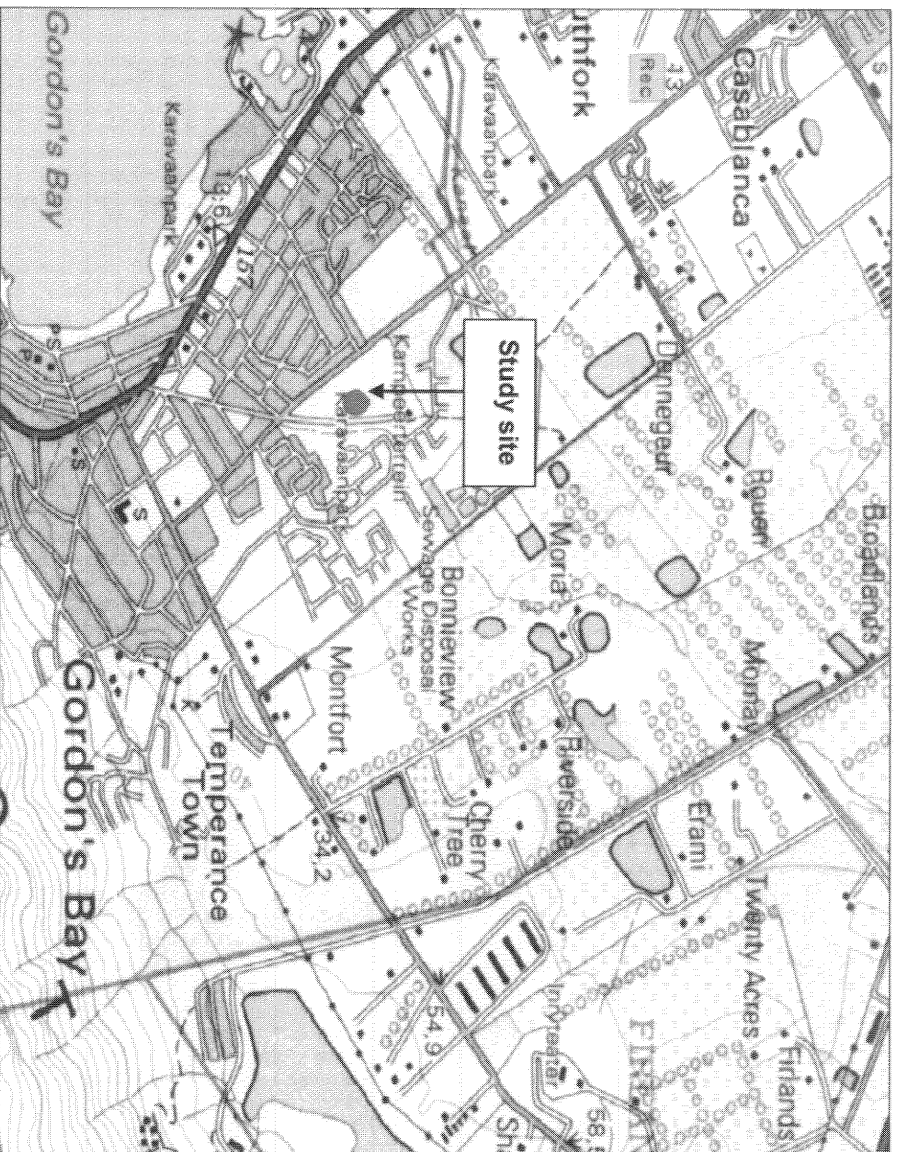


Figure 1. Locality map (3418 BB Somerset West)

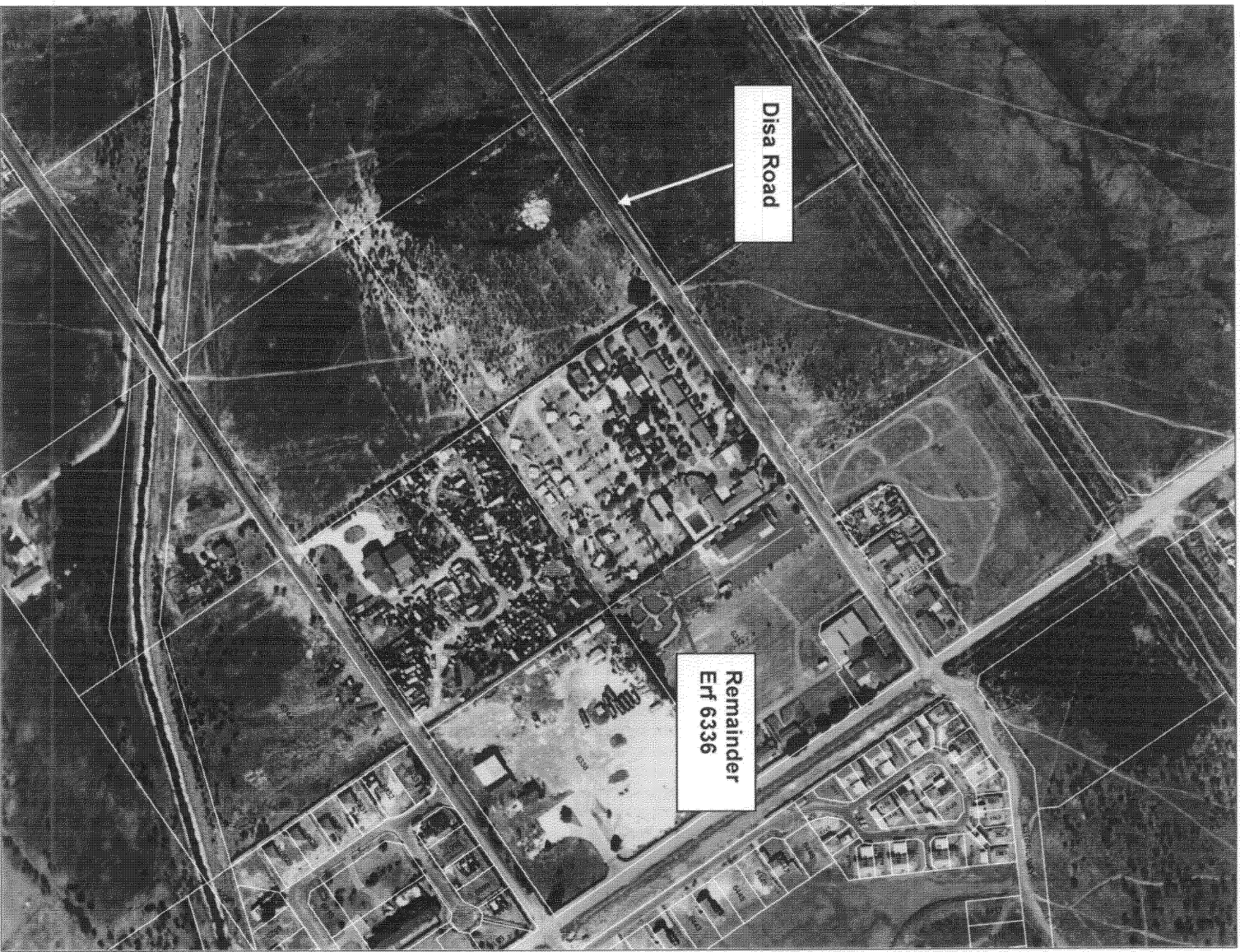


Figure 2. Aerial photograph of the site.



Figure 3. View of the site facing west



Figure 5. View of the site facing north west

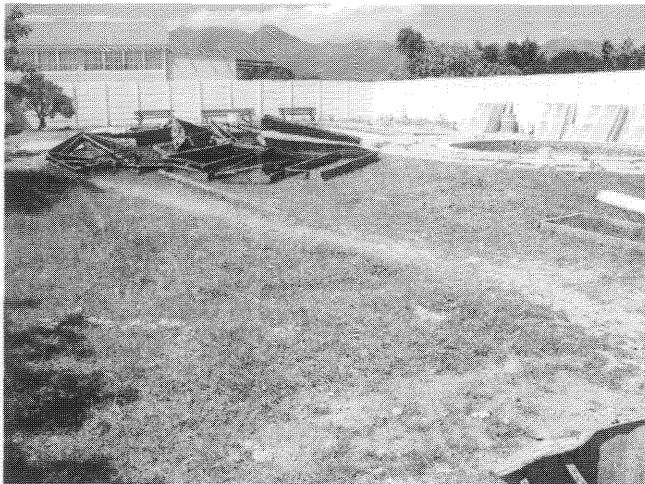


Figure 4. View of the site facing west. The pool area



Figure 6. View of the buildings on the property