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Dear Doug

ARCHAEOLOGICAL STUDY HERITAGE PARK SOMERSET WEST

Two Middle Stone Age (MSA) flakes and one MSA chunk were located during an archaeological study of the proposed extension of Heritage Park in Somerset West.

An informal burial site was also located during the study.

The property, measuring about 10 ha in extent, comprises mainly old unproductive vineyards. A small wetland also occurs on the site.

The stone tools were located alongside a gravel road in the western portion of the site, in a strip of land that has been recently ripped. Large numbers of river-rolled quartzite cobbles are exposed along the strip, and it is here that the Stone Age tools were located.

The tools are not considered to be significant and have been given a low importance rating.

The probability of locating significant archaeological remains during implementation of the project is also likely to be very low.

The informal burial ground is located in a dense stand of Pine trees in the far north-eastern corner of the property. About 50-60 grave sites are located here, apparently belonging to farm previous labourers from the surrounding area.

Some of the burials are very recent (one marked 1995), while others may be much older. Most of the graves comprise low earth mounds, some with, but most without, head and footstones.

The burial site should be fenced off and excluded from the proposed project.

Note: Should the developer wish to develop in the area where the burials are located, it should be noted that burials and grave sites are protected under the South African Heritage Resources Act (No. 25 of 1999).

In terms of Section 36 (3) of the Heritage Resources Act, no person may, without a permit issued by the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) or a provincial heritage authority, destroy, damage, alter, exhume or remove from its original position or otherwise disturb any grave or burial ground older than 60 years, which is situated outside a formal cemetery administered by a local authority.

Permit applications must be made on the official form:

- *Application for permit: Burial Grounds and Graves.*

Permit application forms are available from SAHRA or any provincial heritage resources authority.

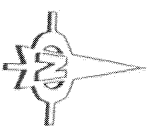
The Proponent must submit permit applications to SAHRA or the relevant provincial heritage resources authority.

I should think that some of the graves are older than 60 years. If this is the case then in terms of the NHRA Act, a public participation programme, to establish ownership of the graves, is also required.

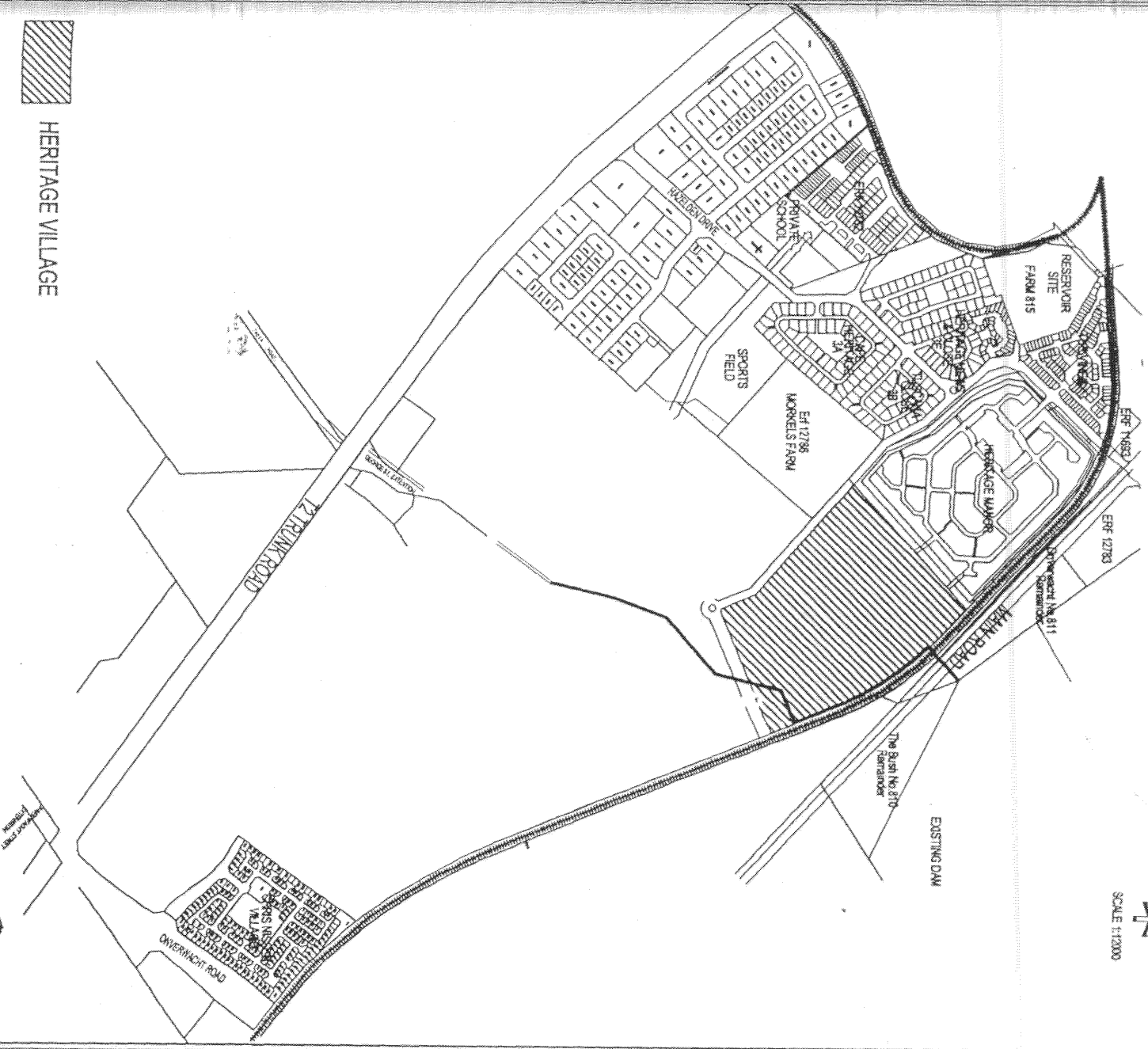
Yours sincerely



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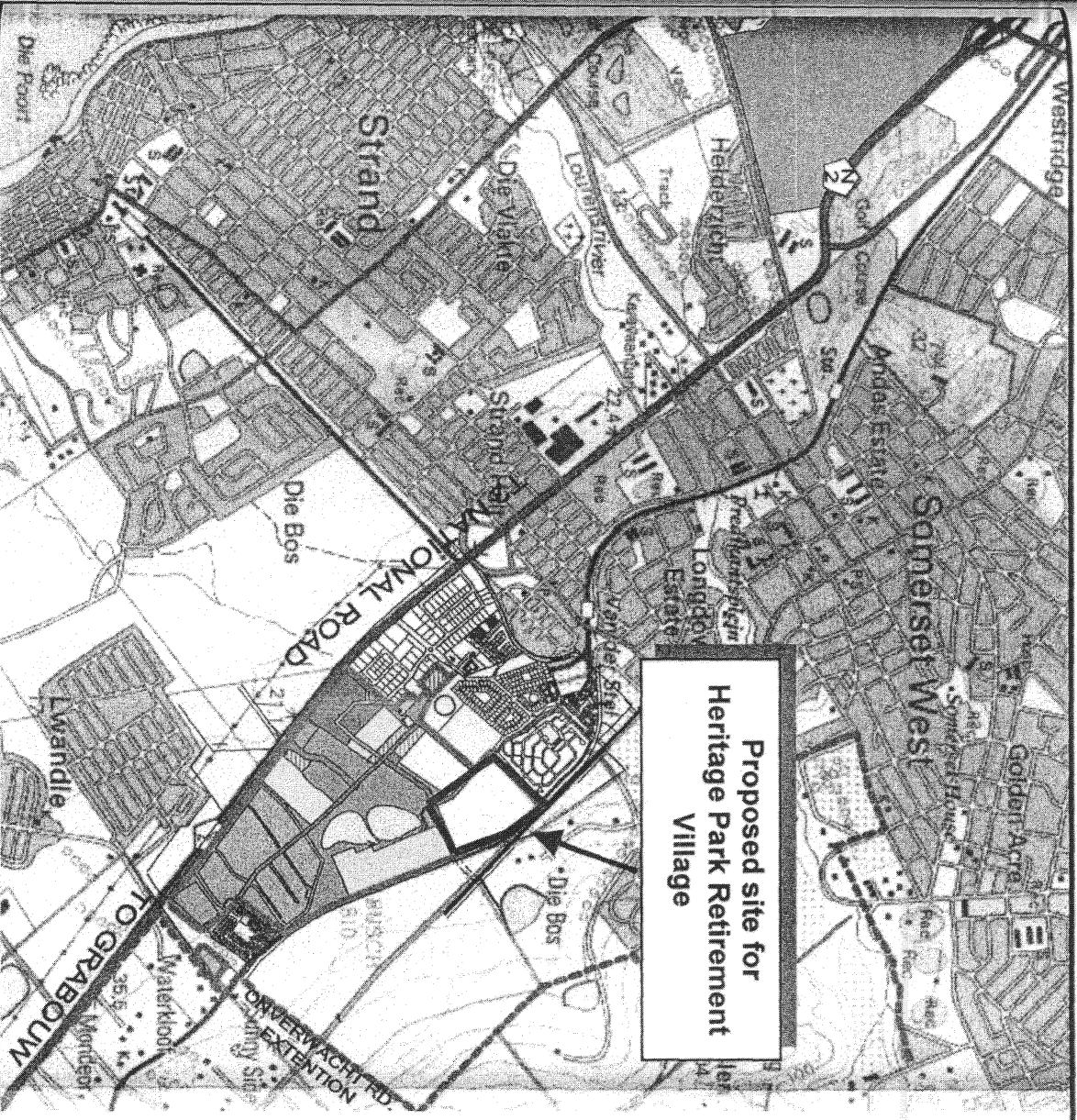
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LOCALITY PLAN

 <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Doug Jeffery Environmental Consultants</p>	<p>Date:</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: large;">May 2003</p>		<p>Scale:</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: large;">Unknown</p>
	<p>Project Number:</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: large;">2002/39</p>		<p style="text-align: center; font-size: large;">APPENDIX</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-large;">1</p>