

Archaeological survey along La Lucia Ridge, Umhlanga

For Moreland Developments (Pty) Ltd.

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The Institute for Cultural Resource Management (ICRM) was contacted by Moreland Pty (Ltd) to undertake an archaeological survey of the property located on La Lucia Ridge. This property is demarcated for development.

Two archaeological sites were recorded during the course of the survey, however they are of low significance and no further mitigation is required.

Archaeological sites

URD1

This site is located near the water tower on the top of the hill. The site consists of a sparse scatter of pottery. The pottery is mostly thin-walled pottery and dates to the Late Iron Age.

Significance: The site is of low archaeological significance.

Mitigation: No further mitigation is required.

URD2

This site is located along the length of the ridge to the northwest of URD1. The site consists of scatters of pottery and some shell. The pottery is mainly concentrated at the middle of the square. The pottery is thin-walled and undecorated. Some sherds have a red or black burnish.. The rims are mostly straight with round or flat lips.

Significance: The site is of low archaeological significance;

Mitigation: No further mitigation is required.

Conclusion

Two archaeological sites were recorded and assessed along a small section of property. These sites are of low archaeological significance and no further mitigation is required. The developer is required to obtain a permit from KwaZulu-Natal Heritage for the destruction of these sites.