

Archaeological survey of the proposed Mdlebeni development

The Natal Museum Institute for Cultural Resource management was approached by Scott-Wilson to undertake both a desktop and archaeological survey of the area to be affected by the proposed Mdlebeni development. The initial desktop survey noted that the area was archaeologically sensitive and that an archaeological site had already been recorded just outside of the boundaries of the proposed development.

The archaeological survey was recently undertaken. The vegetation was dense in many areas making archaeological visibility low. However, disturbed areas as a result of erosion and farming, were plenty and this allowed for an assessment of the area. No archaeological sites *per se* were recorded in the affected area. However, many individual pottery sherds and Early and Middle Stone Age tools were recorded. These instances were too few at each location for them to be regarded as a site.

In summary, the archaeological survey did not record archaeological sites of any significance, even though individual artefacts were located.

No further mitigation would be required.

