

Archaeological and Heritage Impact Assessment

Project Title: Slangrivier Housing Project.

Proposal to develop 603 single residential houses, 2 church erven, 5 public spaces and roads on 15.01 ha on portion of Farm Hottentotkraal No 309 at the town of Slangrivier, Western Cape.

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Municipal Jurisdiction:

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Figure 1. Location of Slangrivier village, 9 km west of Heidelberg and 2 km south of the N2 (S: 34° 09' 03.60" E: 20° 51' 31.44"; 1:50 000 sheet 3420 BB Heidelberg).

Executive Summary

A survey of the heritage resources on some 15 ha of vacant municipal owned old farm land at Slangrivier, to be developed for housing was undertaken. The property flanked on three sides by houses was previously ploughed. There are no significant archaeological,

palaeontological or other heritage resources that will be impacted by the development. The report is part of a Basic Assessment EIA process.

Background Information

The development will involve the construction of 603 single residential erven, 2 church erven, 5 public spaces and roads on portion of Farm Hottentot Kraal 309. The physical footprint of the development including access roads and infrastructure will be 15.01 ha. Zoning is indeterminate and rezoning will be necessary. This report is part of a Basic Assessment EIA process.



Figure 2. Satellite view of the Slangrivier settlement showing the property to be developed outlined in black.

Archaeological Background

There are no major archaeological or palaeontological sites in proximity to the property. However, the possibility of the occurrences of such heritage resources at this location has been considered.

Description of the property

The proposed development will be on sloping vacant land that has been disturbed by ploughing. There are houses on all sides except the west, which adjoins agricultural land. The proposed development will fill the gap between strings of houses to the north and the south of the property.

Methodology

The property was traversed and exposures and surface disturbances were examined for archaeological, palaeontological and other heritage materials.

Observations and Results

No heritage resources were observed on the property

Sources of Risk and Statement of Significance

It is unlikely that development will impact on any heritage resources and the risks are considered low and the significance is rated as low.

Recommended Mitigations

There are no specific recommendations.

The general recommendation is that should any excavations by chance uncover buried palaeontological or archaeological materials including human remains that Heritage Western Cape is notified (Mr N Wiltshire, Heritage Resource Management Services, HWC, Private Bag X9067, Cape Town 8000, Tel:021 483 9743, Fax:021 483 9842, nwiltshire@pgwc.gov.za).



Figure 3. Plan of the property showing the existing erven on biodiversity map



Figure 4. View looking south west across the property.