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26 July, 2009

Att: Mr Nick Wiltshire
Heritage Western Cape
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Dear Nick,

REPORTS FOR APM

Please find the following reports to be presented at the next APM meeting (in August 2009)

- Proposed construction of the Westlake School Access Road (Erf 12332), City of Cape Town
- Proposed subdivision of Portion 12 (A Portion of Portion 10) of the Farm, Paapekuil Fontein No. 281 Cape Agulhas.

Yours sincerely



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24 July, 2009

Att : Mr Nicolaas Hannekom
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Dear Mr Hannekom,

ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE WESTLAKE SCHOOL ACCESS ROAD (ERF 12332), CITY OF CAPE TOWN

1. Introduction

Consideration is being given to the proposed construction of an access road in Westlake (Wynberg District), City of Cape Town (Figure 1). The subject property (Erf 12332) is zoned Road Reserve and will retain its current zoning status. The length of the proposed road is about 100 m.

2. Terms of reference

The Terms of Reference for the archaeological study were to:

- Identify and map any heritage resources in the proposed access road;
- Determine the importance of heritage resources in the proposed access road;
- Determine and assess the potential impacts of the proposed project on the heritage resources, and
- Recommend mitigation measures to minimise impacts associated with the proposed access road.

A Notice of Intent to Develop (NID) checklist has been completed by the archaeologist and submitted to Heritage Western Cape (Belcom) for comment.

3. The study site

The proposed access road (S 34° 04' 25.49" E 18° 26' 11.51" on map datum wgs 84) is an extension of Ficus Road, which is located off Finch Street in Westlake (Figure 2) The proposed road will cross a small stream that eventually drains into the Sandvlei further to the south. Polsmoor Prison is situated directly to the north of the Township.

The receiving environment comprises a mix of wetland vegetation and thick invasive Kikuyu grass (Figures 3-5). Dumping of domestic waste occurs in the road reserve alongside Ficus Street and much of the surrounding area is already severely degraded. Several concrete slabs have been built over the stream. Surrounding land use comprises low income residential housing, vacant land and Polsmoor Prison.

4. Approach to the study

The proposed access road was searched for archaeological remains.

The site visit and assessment took place on 21st July, 2009.

5. Findings

No archaeological remains were found in the proposed access route.

The Kikuyu grass is extremely thick, so visibility is very low, but it is highly unlikely that any important archaeological remains would be located.

6. Impact statement

The impact of the proposed project on important archaeological heritage remains is likely to be **low**.

7. Recommendations

The Archaeological Impact Assessment of the proposed Westlake Access Road has identified no significant impacts to pre-colonial archaeological material that will need to be mitigated, prior to proposed development activities.

Yours sincerely

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Jonathan Kaplan

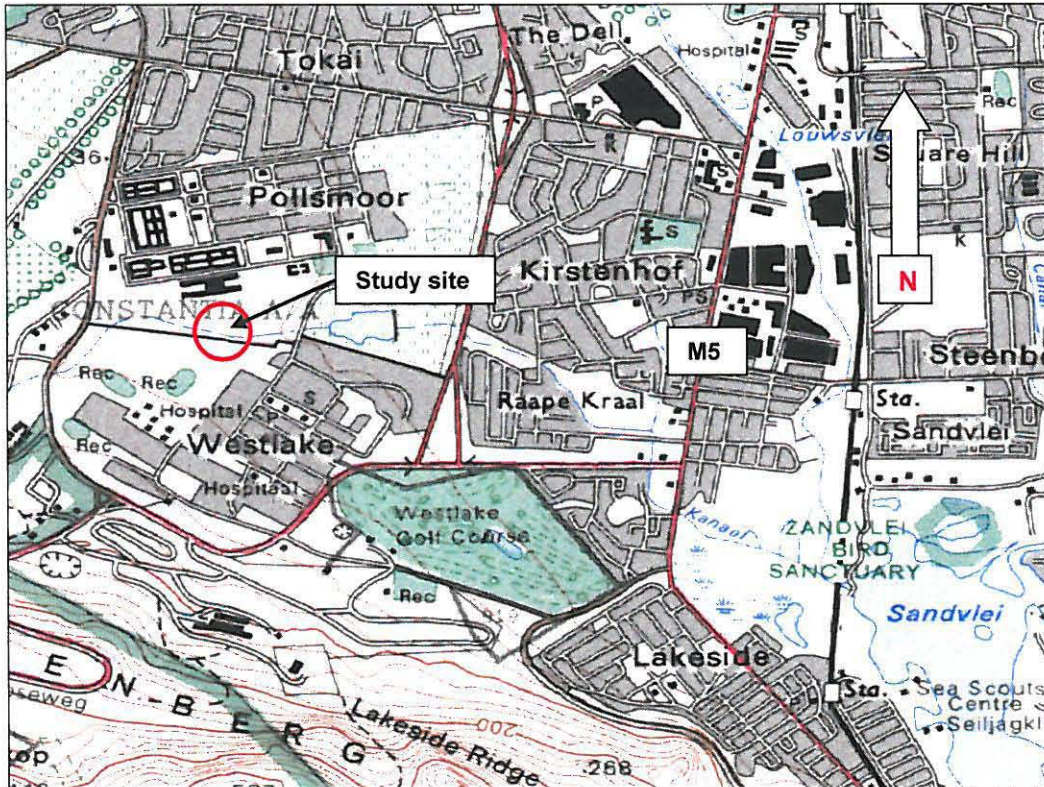


Figure 1 Locality Map (3418 AB & AD Cape Peninsula)

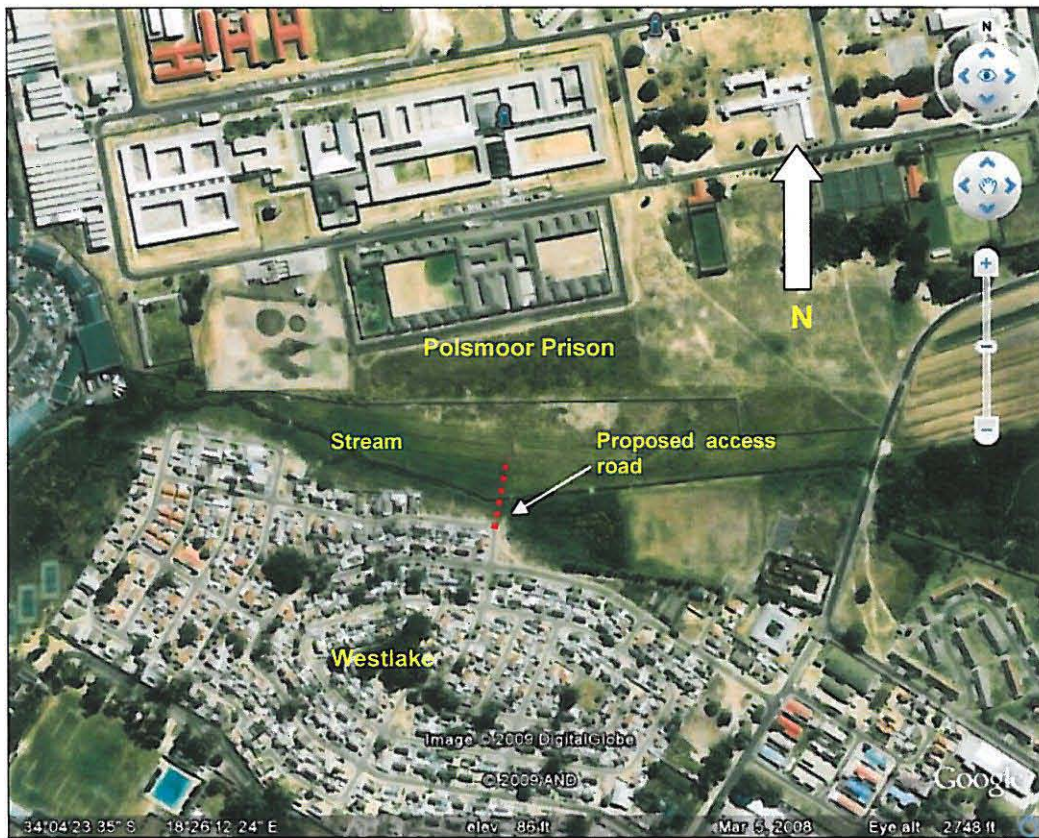


Figure 2. Aerial photograph of the study site

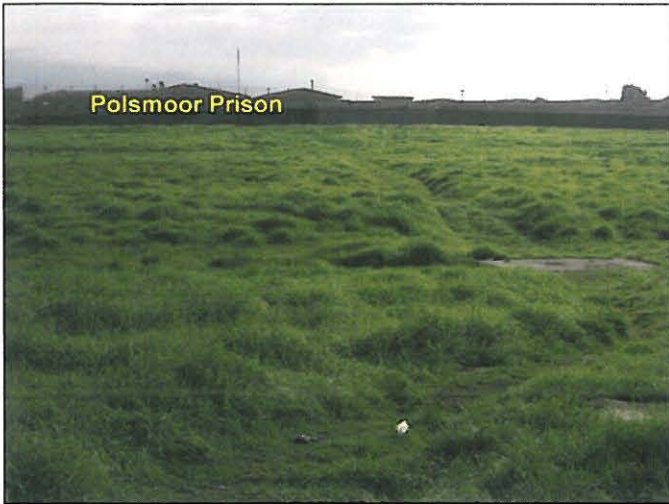


Figure 3. View of the proposed access road facing north.



Figure 5. View of the proposed access road facing north



Figure 4. View of the proposed access road facing south