

**A LETTER OF EXEMPTION FOR THE PROPOSED
CONSTRUCTION OF MILKY WAY SHOPPING
CENTRE & FUEL SERVICE STATION, PORTION 629
OF THE FARM KLAARWATER 951, PINETOWN, KZN**

FOR MONDLI CONSULTING SERVICES

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The proposed project known as Milky Way Shopping Centre and Fuel Service Station entails the Fuel Service Station with associated infrastructure comprising fuel stored in underground tanks with volume of 345 cubic metres. The Retail Shopping Centre comprising main anchor shop, and smaller shops in a single storey complex, a three storey medical centre, parking bays and infrastructure for basic services. The Retail Shopping Centre is envisaged to include Spar, Tops Bottle Store, a number of line shops, Automated Teller Machines, a Food Store (KFC), an office block and a Petrol Filling Station with Convenience shop.

Umlando was requested to assist in the HIA process and advise on the way forward. A quick review of the data base and historical maps indicated that the area has no known heritage sites (fig.'s 4 – 6). Anderson (2018) undertook a survey on the property to the northeast and noted the general area was highly disturbed. The study area is disturbed but not developed. The main road ran through the property at one stage. There are no known heritage sites/buildings. There is thus a very low chance of heritage sites occurring in the study area.

The PIA sensitivity map indicates the area is of no significance (fig. 7).

Based on the brief desktop results the project should be exempt form further heritage mitigation.

FIG. 1 GENERAL LOCATION OF THE STUDY AREA

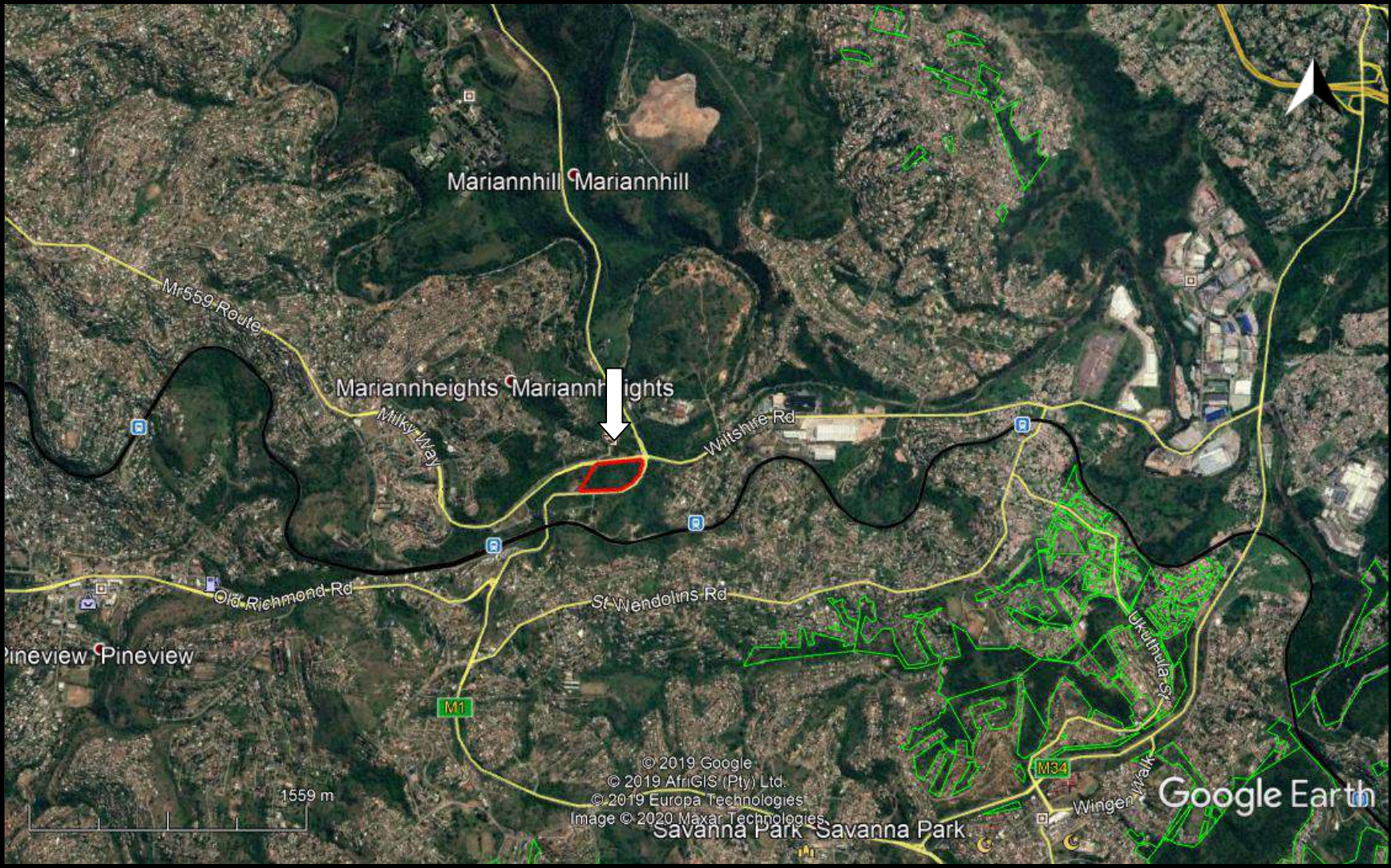


FIG. 2: AERIAL OVERVIEW OF THE STUDY AREA



FIG. 3: TOPOGRAPHICAL OVERVIEW OF THE EASTERN STUDY AREA

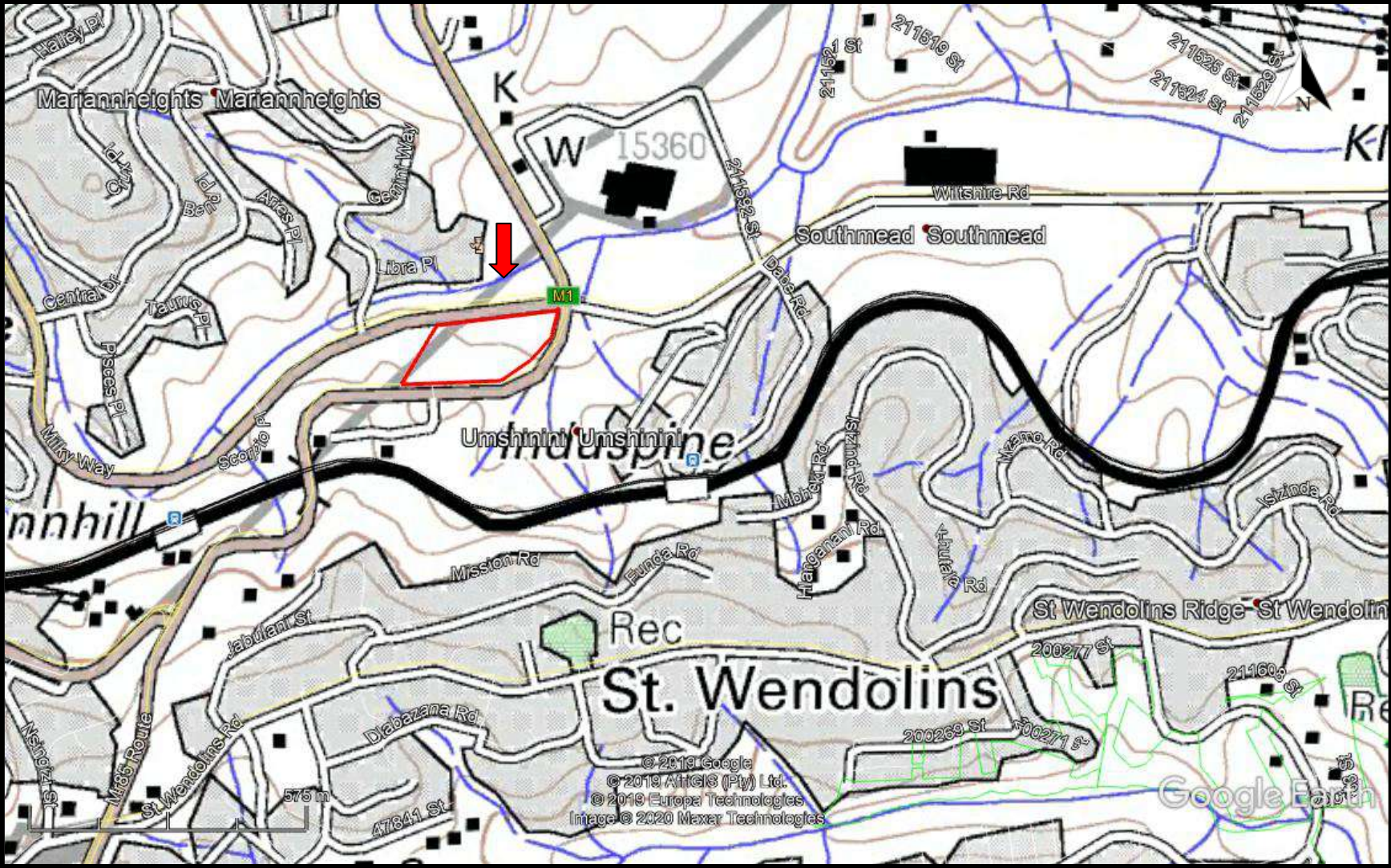


FIG. 4: LOCATION OF KNOWN HERITAGE SITES NEAR THE STUDY AREA

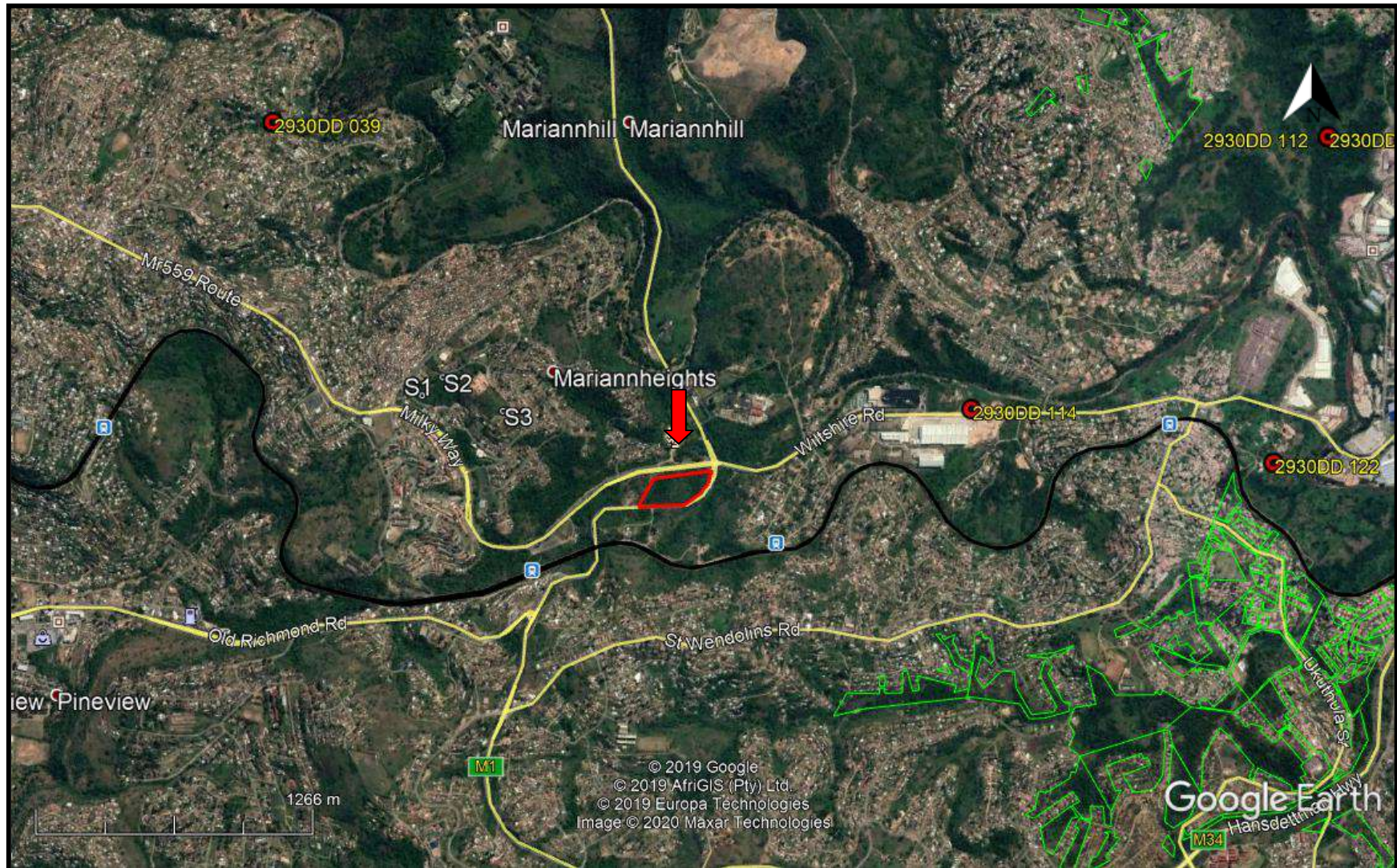


FIG. 5: STUDY AREA IN 1937

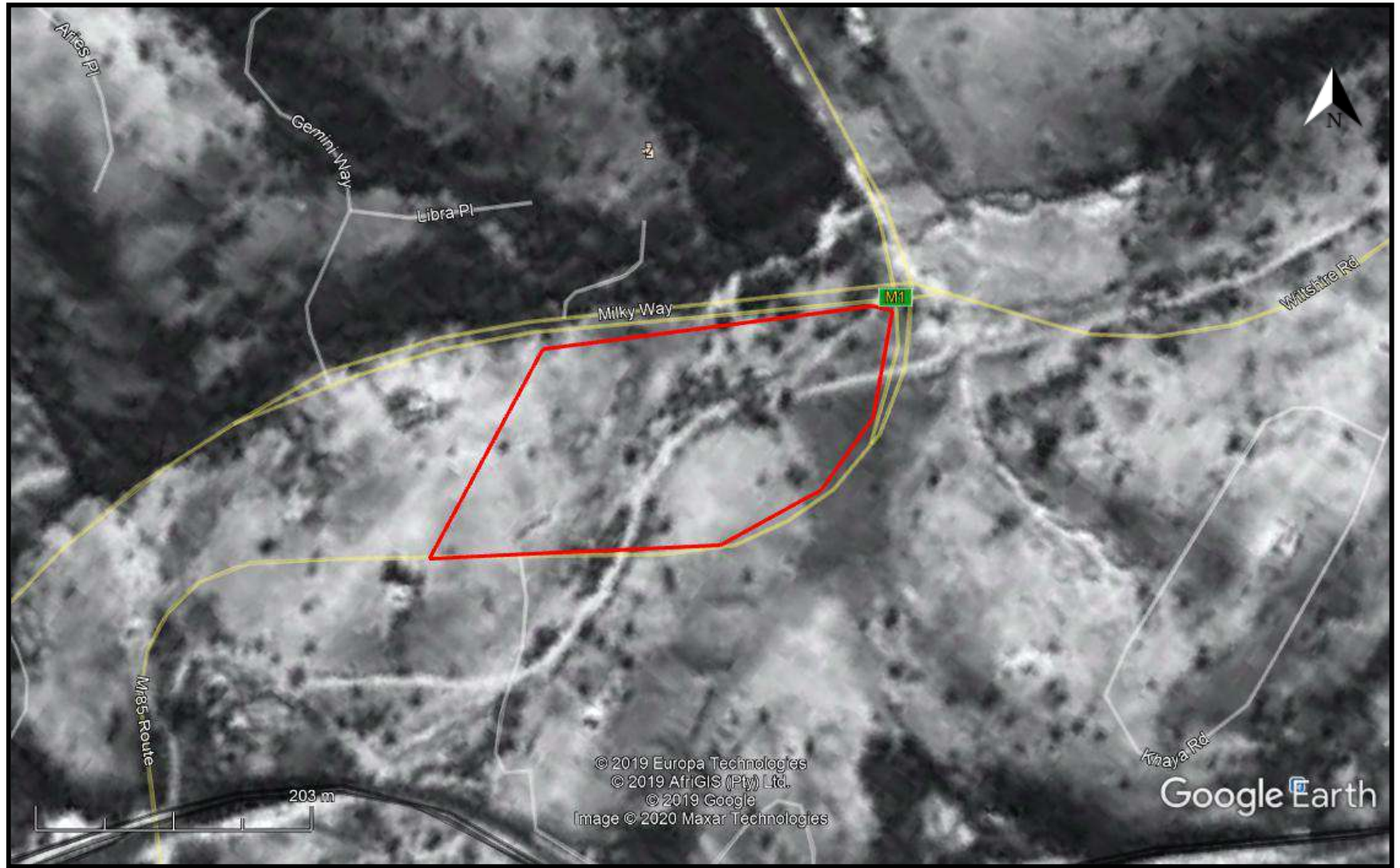


FIG.6: STUDY AREA IN 1968

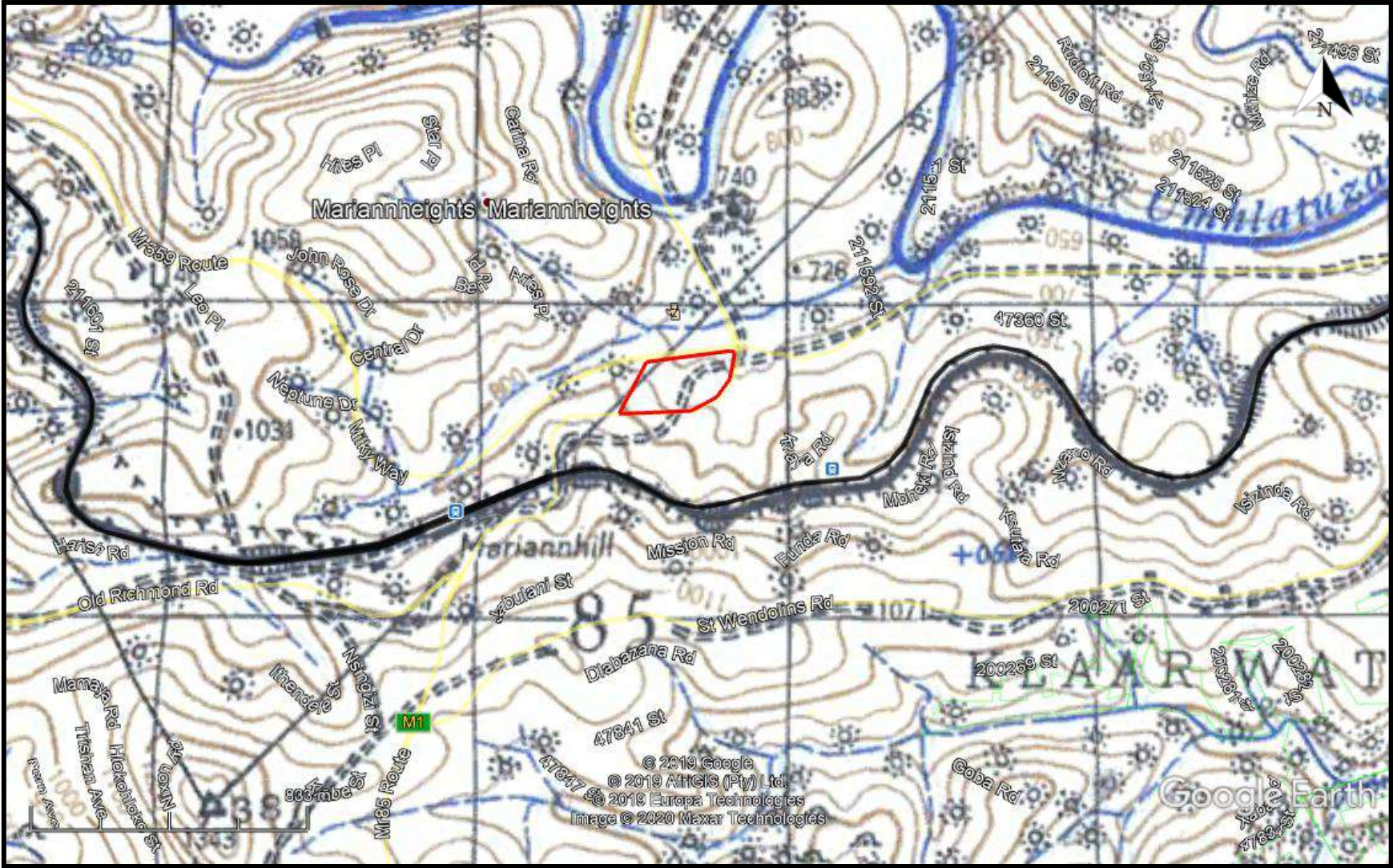
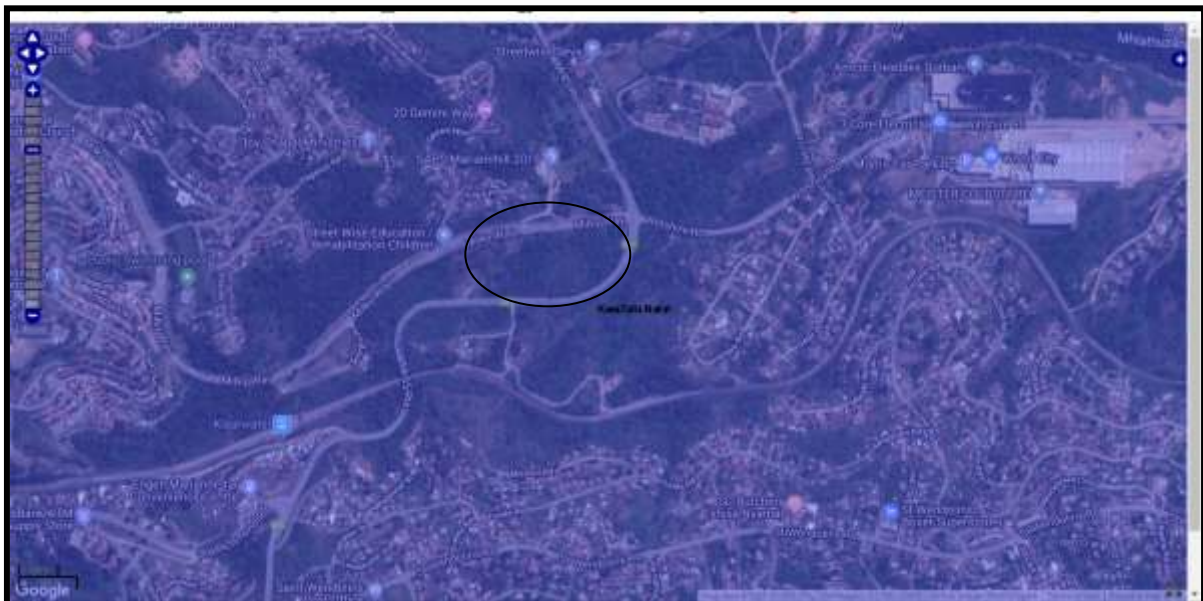


FIG. 7: PIA SENSITIVITY MAP.



COLOUR	SENSITIVITY	REQUIRED ACTION
RED	VERY HIGH	field assessment and protocol for finds is required
ORANGE/YELLOW	HIGH	desktop study is required and based on the outcome of the desktop study, a field assessment is likely
GREEN	MODERATE	desktop study is required
BLUE	LOW	no palaeontological studies are required however a protocol for finds is required
GREY	INSIGNIFICANT/ZERO	no palaeontological studies are required
WHITE/CLEAR	UNKNOWN	these areas will require a minimum of a desktop study. As more information comes to light, SAHRA will continue to populate the map.

REFERENCES

Anderson, G. 2018. Heritage Survey Of The Proposed Milky Way Shopping Centre, Mariannhill. For AJ Property Holdings (Pty) Ltd

EXPERIENCE OF THE HERITAGE CONSULTANT

Gavin Anderson has a M. Phil (in archaeology and social psychology) degree from the University of Cape Town. Gavin has been working as a professional archaeologist and heritage impact assessor since 1995. He joined the Association of Professional Archaeologists of Southern Africa in 1998 when it was formed. Gavin is rated as a Principle Investigator with expertise status in Rock Art, Stone Age and Iron Age studies. In addition to this, he has worked on both West and East Coast shell middens, Anglo-Boer War sites, and Historical Period sites.

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

I, Gavin Anderson, declare that I am an independent specialist consultant and have no financial, personal or other interest in the proposed development, nor the developers or any of their subsidiaries, apart from fair remuneration for work performed in the delivery of heritage assessment services. There are no circumstances that compromise the objectivity of my performing such work.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Anderson', with a horizontal line underneath.

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