

Phase 1 Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment:

**IN SUPOORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION AND WATER USE LICENSE PROCESS FOR
THE PROPOSED GAUTENG DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT
ON VARIOUS PORTIONS OF LAND IN THE HEKPOORT REGION, MOGALE CITY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY,
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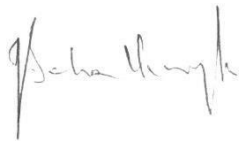


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I, J A van Schalkwyk, as the appointed independent specialist, in terms of the 2014 EIA Regulations (as amended), hereby declare that I:

- I act as the independent specialist in this application;
- I perform the work relating to the application in an objective manner, even if this results in views and findings that are not favourable to the applicant;
- regard the information contained in this report as it relates to my specialist input/study to be true and correct, and do not have and will not have any financial interest in the undertaking of the activity, other than remuneration for work performed in terms of the NEMA, the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and any specific environmental management Act;
- I declare that there are no circumstances that may compromise my objectivity in performing such work;
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- I will comply with the Act, Regulations and all other applicable legislation;
- I have no, and will not engage in, conflicting interests in the undertaking of the activity;
- I have no vested interest in the proposed activity proceeding;
- I undertake to disclose to the applicant and the competent authority all material information in my possession that reasonably has or may have the potential of influencing - any decision to be taken with respect to the application by the competent authority; and the objectivity of any report, plan or document to be prepared by myself for submission to the competent authority;
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- I have ensured that the comments of all interested and affected parties on the specialist input/study were considered, recorded and submitted to the competent authority in respect of the application;
- all the particulars furnished by me in this specialist input/study are true and correct; and
- I realise that a false declaration is an offence in terms of regulation 48 and is punishable in terms of section 24F of the Act.

Signature of the specialist



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The *Gauteng Department of Human Settlements* plans, under their Rapid Land Release Programme, to develop a residential complex on a section of land in the Hekpoort region, northwest of Mogale City, Mogale City Local Municipality, Gauteng Province.

In accordance with Section 38 of the NHRA, an independent heritage consultant was appointed by *GA Environment (Pty) Ltd* to conduct a cultural heritage assessment to determine if the residential development and associated infrastructure would have an impact on any sites, features or objects of cultural heritage significance.

This report describes the methodology used, the limitations encountered, the heritage features that were identified and the recommendations and mitigation measures proposed relevant to this. It should be noted that the implementation of the mitigation measures is subject to SAHRA/PHRA's approval.

The cultural landscape qualities of the region essentially consist of two components. The first is a rural area in which the human occupation is made up of a pre-colonial element (Stone Age and Iron Age) component. The second is later colonial (farmer) component with a rapidly expanding urban development.

Identified sites

(6.4) During the survey, the following sites, features or objects were identified, but are viewed as having very low significance due to the fact that they are very common to the larger region or have been impacted on to such an extent that it is not worth to implement full mitigation measures – Section 6.4.

- 6.4.1: Homesteads.

These structures do not differ in nature, type or material from any of the large number other such homesteads in contiguous areas or the larger region. Although there were structures here for a considerable period of time, it is impossible to determine if any of them are still in an 'original' state, or if they are older than 60 years.

According to the system proposed by Heritage Western Cape in their *Short Guide to and Policy Statement on Grading*, these structures are deemed not conservation worthy and have a grading of:

- Generally protected 4C: Low significance - Requires no further recording before destruction.
 - However, it is proposed that some form of documentation should be done, and it is recommended that an intensive photographic record of the structures is made, which can then be deposited with SAHRA/PHRA for safekeeping.
- 6.4.2: Farmstead.

The main house does not show any interesting or unique features. It is brick built and have a corrugated iron roof. It has an ordinary gable roof, which have been expanded by the addition of 'lean-to' elements that were later added to the main structure, probably as more rooms were required over time.

- Local people encountered on site during the field survey were uncertain as to the age of the main house; in addition, no formal documentation regarding the origin of this structure could be tracked down. Neither is it possible to determine an age for the structure from a study of the building style or the material used. Aerial photographs (Fig. 7) indicate a structure to have existed here for some time, but it is impossible to correlate it with the current structure.
 - The implication is that although there was a structure here for a considerable period of time, it is impossible to determine if it is in an 'original' state, or if it is older than 60 years.

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- Generally protected 4C: Low significance - Requires no further recording before destruction.
 - However, it is proposed that some form of documentation should be done, and it is recommended that an intensive photographic record of the structure is made, which can then be deposited with SAHRA/PHRA for safekeeping.
- 6.4.3: Farming related features.

These structures are either of recent origin or have become so run down due to lack of use and maintenance that they are deemed not conservation worthy and have a grading of:

- Generally protected 4C: Low significance - Requires no further recording before destruction
 - Consequently, no mitigation measures are proposed for these features.

(7.3) During the survey, the following sites, features or objects that are viewed as having significance have been identified – Section 7.

- 7.3.1 Informal burial site with probably fifty or more graves. These graves probably originated from people that worked on the farm itself, as well as others who lived in the larger region. Some of the grave seems to be very old and are only marked with stone cairns. Other are of more recent origin and belong to people who are still staying adjacent to the burial site.
- 7.3.2 Informal burial site with thirty or more graves. These graves probably originated from people that stayed in the larger region, probably as landowners, although some might even have been farm labourers. These graves seem to be very old and have not been visited or cleared of vegetation in a very long time.
- 7.3.3 Informal burial site with ten or more graves. These graves probably originated from people that probably worked on the farm. These graves seem to be very old and have not been visited or cleared of vegetation in a very long time. Only two have headstones with inscriptions

Impact assessment and proposed mitigation measures

Impact analysis of cultural heritage resources under threat of the proposed development, is based on the present understanding of the development:

Site No.	Site type	NHRA category	Field rating	Impact rating: Before/After mitigation
7.3.1	Graves, cemeteries and burial grounds	Section 36	Generally protected: High significance – Grade IV-A	Low (16)
7.3.2	Graves, cemeteries and burial grounds	Section 36	Generally protected: High significance – Grade IV-A	Medium (48)
				Low (16)

7.3.3	Graves, cemeteries and burial grounds	Section 36	Generally protected: High significance – Grade IV-A	Low (16)
				Low (16)

For the current study, the following mitigation measures are proposed for each of the identified sites.

- 7.3.1 Burial site
 - (1) Avoidance/Preserve: Because of its location outside the project development area, it would be possible to avoid this site. However, it should be fenced off at least for the duration of construction activities;
 - (2) Relocation of graves: If the former is not possible, the graves should be relocated after proper procedures have been followed – see Addendum Section 4 below.
- Site 7.3.2: Burial site
 - (1) Avoidance/Preserve: Because of its location within the larger project development area, it would be possible to avoid this site as it actually occupies a small footprint. If it is retained, a buffer zone of at least 20 m should be set out around the area, based on the outermost identified graves. This buffer zone should consist of a permanent and strong fence/palisade, with a gate for allowing access to the graves.
 - (2) Relocation of graves: If the former is not possible, the graves should be relocated after proper procedures have been followed – see Section 4 of Addendum below.
- Site 7.3.3: Burial site
 - (1) Avoidance/Preserve: Because of its location outside the project development area, it would be possible to avoid this site. However, it should be fenced off at least for the duration of construction activities;
 - (2) Relocation of graves: If the former is not possible, the graves should be relocated after proper procedures have been followed – see Addendum Section 4 below.
- **Finally, it is highly recommended that all three burial sites are consolidated into a single larger burial site, which, ideally would be site no. 7.3.1 as it is located well outside the proposed development area. However, this can only be done after all the necessary steps – see Addendum Section 4 - have successfully been implemented.**

Legal requirements

The legal requirements related to heritage specifically are specified in Section 3 of this report. For this proposed project, the assessment has determined that no sites, features or objects of heritage significance occur in the study area. If heritage features are identified during construction, as stated in the management recommendation, these finds would have to be assessed by a specialist, after which a decision will be made regarding the application for relevant permits.

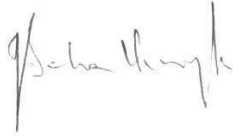
Reasoned opinion as to whether the proposed activity should be authorised:

- From a heritage point of view, it is recommended that the proposed development be allowed to continue on acceptance of the proposed mitigation measures as well as the conditions proposed below.

Conditions for inclusion in the environmental authorisation:

- The Palaeontological Sensitivity Map (SAHRIS) indicate that a small section in the north has a high possibility of fossil remains to be found and therefore a field assessment and a protocol for finds is required. Over the rest of the site a moderate sensitivity is indicated and therefore a desktop study is required.

- Should archaeological sites or graves be exposed in other areas during construction work, it must immediately be reported to a heritage practitioner so that an investigation and evaluation of the finds can be made.



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TECHNICAL SUMMARY

Project description	
Description	Development of a residential complex
Project name	Hekpoort Extension

Applicant
Department of Human Settlement

Environmental assessors
GA Environment
Ms N Mkhize

Property details													
Province	Gauteng												
Magisterial district	Krugersdorp												
Municipality	Mogale City												
Topo-cadastral map	2527DC												
Farm name	Hekpoort 504-JQ												
Closest town	Mogale City												
Coordinates	End points (approximate)												
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Development criteria in terms of Section 38(1) of the NHR Act	Yes/No
Construction of road, wall, power line, pipeline, canal or other linear form of development or barrier exceeding 300m in length	Yes
Construction of bridge or similar structure exceeding 50m in length	No
Development exceeding 5000 sq m	Yes
Development involving three or more existing erven or subdivisions	No
Development involving three or more erven or divisions that have been consolidated within past five years	No
Rezoning of site exceeding 10 000 sq m	No
Any other development category, public open space, squares, parks, recreation grounds	No

Land use	
Previous land use	Farming
Current land use	Vacant

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

TERMS

Bioturbation: The burrowing by small mammals, insects and termites that disturb archaeological deposits.

Cumulative impacts: “Cumulative Impact”, in relation to an activity, means the past, current and reasonably foreseeable future impact of an activity, considered together with the impact of activities associated with that activity, that in itself may not be significant, but may become significant when added to existing and reasonably foreseeable impacts eventuating from similar or diverse activities.

Debitage: Stone chips discarded during the manufacture of stone tools.

Factory site: A specialised archaeological site where a specific set of technological activities has taken place – usually used to describe a place where stone tools were made.

Historic Period: Since the arrival of the white settlers - c. AD 1830 - in this part of the country.

Holocene: The most recent time period, which commenced c. 10 000 years ago.

Iron Age (also referred to as **Early Farming Communities**): Period covering the last 1800 years, when new people brought a new way of life to southern Africa. They established settled villages, cultivated domestic crops such as sorghum, millet and beans, and they herded cattle as well as sheep and goats. As they produced their own iron tools, archaeologists call this the Iron Age.

Early Iron Age	AD 200 - AD 900
Middle Iron Age	AD 900 - AD 1300
Later Iron Age	AD 1300 - AD 1830

Midden: The accumulated debris resulting from human occupation of a site.

Mitigation, means to anticipate and prevent negative impacts and risks, then to minimise them, rehabilitate or repair impacts to the extent feasible.

National Estate: The collective heritage assets of the Nation.

Pleistocene: Geological time period of 3 000 000 to 20 000 years ago.

Stone Age: The first and longest part of human history is the Stone Age, which began with the appearance of early humans between 3-2 million years ago. Stone Age people were hunters, gatherers and scavengers who did not live in permanently settled communities. Their stone tools preserve well and are found in most places in South Africa and elsewhere.

Early Stone Age	2 500 000 - 250 000 Before Present
Middle Stone Age	250 000 - 40-25 000 BP
Later Stone Age	40-25 000 - until c. AD 200

Tradition: As used in archaeology, it is a seriated sequence of artefact assemblages, particularly ceramics.

ACRONYMS and ABBREVIATIONS

AD	Anno Domini (the year 0)
ASAPA	Association of Southern African Professional Archaeologists

BC	Before the Birth of Christ (the year 0)
BCE	Before the Common Era (the year 0)
BP	Before Present (calculated from 1950 when radio-carbon dating was established)
CE	Common Era (the year 0)
CRM	Cultural Resources Management
EAP	Environmental Assessment Practitioner
EIA	Early Iron Age
ESA	Early Stone Age
HIA	Heritage Impact Assessment
I & AP's	Interested and Affected Parties
ICOMOS	International Council on Monuments and Sites
LIA	Late Iron Age
LSA	Later Stone Age
MIA	Middle Iron Age
MSA	Middle Stone Age
NASA	National Archives of South Africa
NHRA	National Heritage Resources Act
PHRA	Provincial Heritage Resources Agency
SAHRA	South African Heritage Resources Agency
SAHRIS	South African Heritage Resources Information System

COMPLIANCE WITH APPENDIX 6 OF THE 2014 EIA REGULATIONS (AS AMENDED)

Requirements of Appendix 6 – GN R982	Addressed in the Specialist Report
1. (1) A specialist report prepared in terms of these Regulations must contain-	
a) details of-	
i. the specialist who prepared the report; and	Front page
ii. the expertise of that specialist to compile a specialist report including a curriculum vitae;	Page i Addendum Section 6
b) a declaration that the specialist is independent in a form as may be specified by the competent authority;	Page ii
c) an indication of the scope of, and the purpose for which, the report was prepared;	Section 1
(cA) an indication of the quality and age of base data used for the specialist report;	Section 4
(cB) a description of existing impacts on the site, cumulative impacts of the proposed development and levels of acceptable change;	Section 7.3
d) the duration, date and season of the site investigation and the relevance of the season to the outcome of the assessment;	Section 4.2.2
e) a description of the methodology adopted in preparing the report or carrying out the specialised process inclusive of equipment and modelling used;	Section 4
f) details of an assessment of the specific identified sensitivity of the site related to the proposed activity or activities and its associated structures and infrastructure, inclusive of a site plan identifying site alternatives;	Addendum Section 5; Figure 14
g) an identification of any areas to be avoided, including buffers;	Section 8
h) a map superimposing the activity including the associated structures and infrastructure on the environmental sensitivities of the site including areas to be avoided, including buffers;	Figure 14 Addendum Section 5
i) a description of any assumptions made and any uncertainties or gaps in knowledge;	Section 2
j) a description of the findings and potential implications of such findings on the impact of the proposed activity or activities;	Section 7
k) any mitigation measures for inclusion in the EMPr;	Section 9 & 10
l) any conditions for inclusion in the environmental authorisation;	Section 10
m) any monitoring requirements for inclusion in the EMPr or environmental authorisation;	Section 9
n) a reasoned opinion-	
i. whether the proposed activity, activities or portions thereof should be authorised;	Section 10
(iiA) regarding the acceptability of the proposed activity or activities; and	
ii. if the opinion is that the proposed activity, activities or portions thereof should be authorised, any avoidance, management and mitigation measures that should be included in the EMPr, and where applicable, the closure plan;	Section 8, 9, 10
o) a description of any consultation process that was undertaken during the course of preparing the specialist report;	-
p) a summary and copies of any comments received during any consultation process and where applicable all responses thereto; and	-
q) any other information requested by the competent authority.	-
(2) Where a government notice by the Minister provides for any protocol or minimum information requirement to be applied to a specialist report, the requirements as indicated in such notice will apply.	-

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

The *Gauteng Department of Human Settlements* plans, under their Rapid Land Release Programme, to develop a residential complex on a section of land in the Hekpoort region, northwest of Mogale City, Mogale City Local Municipality, Gauteng Province.

GA Environment (Pty) Ltd was contracted as independent environmental consultant to undertake the EIA process for the proposed residential development.

South Africa's heritage resources, also described as the 'national estate', comprise a wide range of sites, features, objects and beliefs. However, according to Section 27(18) of the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA), No. 25 of 1999, no person may destroy, damage, deface, excavate, alter, remove from its original position, subdivide or change the planning status of any heritage site without a permit issued by the heritage resources authority responsible for the protection of such site.

In accordance with Section 38 of the NHRA, an independent heritage consultant was appointed by *GA Environment (Pty) Ltd* to conduct a cultural heritage assessment to determine if the residential development and associated infrastructure would have an impact on any sites, features or objects of cultural heritage significance.

This report forms part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) as required by the EIA Regulations in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) as amended and is intended for submission to the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA).

1.2 Terms and references

The aim of a full HIA investigation is to provide an informed heritage-related opinion about the proposed development by an appropriate heritage specialist. The objectives are to identify heritage resources (involving site inspections, existing heritage data and additional heritage specialists if necessary); assess their significances; assess alternatives in order to promote heritage conservation issues; and to assess the acceptability of the proposed development from a heritage perspective.

The result of this investigation is a heritage impact assessment report indicating the presence/absence of heritage resources and how to manage them in the context of the proposed development.

Depending on SAHRA's acceptance of this report, the developer will receive permission to proceed with the proposed development, on condition of successful implementation of proposed mitigation measures.

1.2.1 Scope of work

The aim of this study is to determine if any sites, features or objects of cultural heritage significance occur within the boundaries of the area where the residential development and associated infrastructure is to take place. This included:

- Conducting a desk-top investigation of the area;

- A visit to the proposed development site.

The objectives were to:

- Identify possible archaeological, cultural and historic sites within the proposed development areas;
- Identify any potential 'fatal flaws' related to the proposed development;
- Evaluate the potential impacts of construction, operation and maintenance of the proposed development on archaeological, cultural and historical resources;
- Recommend mitigation measures to ameliorate any negative impacts on areas of archaeological, cultural or historical importance;
- Provide guideline measures to manage any impacts that might occur during the construction phase as well as the implementation phase.

1.2.2 Assumptions and Limitations

The investigation has been influenced by the following factors:

- It is assumed that the description of the proposed project, provided by the client, is accurate.
- The unpredictability of buried archaeological remains.
- No subsurface investigation (i.e. excavations or sampling) were undertaken, since a permit from SAHRA is required for such activities.
- It is assumed that the public consultation process undertaken as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is sufficient and that it does not have to be repeated as part of the heritage impact assessment.

2. LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

2.1 Background

Heritage Impact Assessments are governed by national legislation and standards and International Best Practise. These include:

- South African Legislation
 - National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act No. 25 of 1999) (NHRA);
 - Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 22 of 2002) (MPRDA);
 - National Environmental Management Act 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA); and
 - National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) (NWA).
- Standards and Regulations
 - South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) Minimum Standards;
 - Association of Southern African Professional Archaeologists (ASAPA) Constitution and Code of Ethics;
 - Anthropological Association of Southern Africa Constitution and Code of Ethics.
- International Best Practise and Guidelines
 - ICOMOS Standards (Guidance on Heritage Impact Assessments for Cultural World Heritage Properties); and
 - The UNESCO Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972).

2.2 Heritage Impact Assessment Studies

South Africa's unique and non-renewable archaeological and palaeontological heritage sites are 'generally' protected in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act No 25 of 1999, Section 35) and may not be disturbed at all without a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority. The National Heritage Resources Act (Act No. 25 of 1999, Section 38) provides guidelines for Cultural Resources Management and prospective developments:

"38 (1) Subject to the provisions of subsections (7), (8) and (9), any person who intends to undertake a development categorised as:

- (a) the construction of a road, wall, powerline, pipeline, canal or other similar form of linear development or barrier exceeding 300m in length;*
- (b) the construction of a bridge or similar structure exceeding 50m in length;*
- (c) any development or other activity which will change the character of a site:*
 - (i) exceeding 5 000 m² in extent; or*
 - (ii) involving three or more existing erven or subdivisions thereof; or*
 - (iii) involving three or more erven or divisions thereof which have been consolidated within the past five years; or*
 - (iv) the costs of which will exceed a sum set in terms of regulations by SAHRA or a provincial heritage resources authority;*
- (d) the re-zoning of a site exceeding 10 000 m² in extent; or*
- (e) any other category of development provided for in regulations by SAHRA or a provincial heritage resources authority, must at the very earliest stages of initiating such a development, notify the responsible heritage resources authority and furnish it with details regarding the location, nature and extent of the proposed development."*

And:

"38 (3) The responsible heritage resources authority must specify the information to be provided in a report required in terms of subsection (2)(a): Provided that the following must be included:

- (a) The identification and mapping of all heritage resources in the area affected;*
- (b) an assessment of the significance of such resources in terms of the heritage assessment criteria set out in section 6(2) or prescribed under section 7;*
- (c) an assessment of the impact of the development on such heritage resources;*
- (d) an evaluation of the impact of the development on heritage resources relative to the sustainable social and economic benefits to be derived from the development;*
- (e) the results of consultation with communities affected by the proposed development and other interested parties regarding the impact of the development on heritage resources;*
- (f) if heritage resources will be adversely affected by the proposed development, the consideration of alternatives; and*
- (g) plans for mitigation of any adverse effects during and after the completion of the proposed development."*

3. HERITAGE RESOURCES

3.1 The National Estate

The National Heritage Resources Act (No. 25 of 1999) defines the heritage resources of South Africa which are of cultural significance or other special value for the present community and for future generations that must be considered part of the national estate to include:

- places, buildings, structures and equipment of cultural significance;
- places to which oral traditions are attached or which are associated with living heritage;
- historical settlements and townscapes;
- landscapes and natural features of cultural significance;

- geological sites of scientific or cultural importance;
- archaeological and palaeontological sites;
- graves and burial grounds, including-
 - ancestral graves;
 - royal graves and graves of traditional leaders;
 - graves of victims of conflict;
 - graves of individuals designated by the Minister by notice in the Gazette;
 - historical graves and cemeteries; and
 - other human remains which are not covered in terms of the Human Tissue Act, 1983 (Act No. 65 of 1983);
- sites of significance relating to the history of slavery in South Africa;
- movable objects, including-
 - objects recovered from the soil or waters of South Africa, including archaeological and palaeontological objects and material, meteorites and rare geological specimens;
 - objects to which oral traditions are attached or which are associated with living heritage;
 - ethnographic art and objects;
 - military objects;
 - objects of decorative or fine art;
 - objects of scientific or technological interest; and
 - books, records, documents, photographic positives and negatives, graphic, film or video material or sound recordings, excluding those that are public records as defined in section 1(xiv) of the National Archives of South Africa Act, 1996 (Act No. 43 of 1996).

3.2 Cultural significance

In the NHRA, Section 2 (vi), it is stated that “cultural significance” means aesthetic, architectural, historical, scientific, social, spiritual, linguistic or technological value or significance. This is determined in relation to a site or feature’s uniqueness, condition of preservation and research potential.

According to Section 3(3) of the NHRA, a place or object is to be considered part of the national estate if it has cultural significance or other special value because of

- its importance in the community, or pattern of South Africa's history;
- its possession of uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of South Africa's natural or cultural heritage;
- its potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of South Africa's natural or cultural heritage;
- its importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class of South Africa's natural or cultural places or objects;
- its importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group;
- its importance in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period;
- its strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons;
- its strong or special association with the life or work of a person, group or organisation of importance in the history of South Africa; and
- sites of significance relating to the history of slavery in South Africa.

A matrix (see Section 2 of Addendum) was developed whereby the above criteria were applied for the determination of the significance of each identified site. This allowed some form of control over the application of similar values for similar identified sites.

4. STUDY APPROACH AND METHODOLOGY

4.1 Extent of the Study

This survey and impact assessment cover all facets of cultural heritage located in the study area as presented in Section 5 below and illustrated in Figures 3 & 4.

4.2 Methodology

4.2.1 Pre-feasibility assessment

4.2.1.1 Survey of the literature

A survey of the relevant literature was conducted with the aim of reviewing the previous research done and determining the potential of the area. In this regard, various anthropological, archaeological and historical sources were consulted – see list of references in Section 11.

- Information on events, sites and features in the larger region were obtained from these sources.

4.2.1.2 Survey of heritage impact assessments (HIAs)

A survey of HIAs done for projects in the region by various heritage consultants was conducted with the aim of determining the heritage potential of the area – see list of references in Section 11.

- Information on sites and features in the larger region were obtained from these sources.

4.2.1.3 Data bases

The *Heritage Atlas Database*, various SAHRA databases, the *Environmental Potential Atlas*, the *Chief Surveyor General* and the *National Archives of South Africa* were consulted.

- Database surveys produced a number of sites located in the larger region of the proposed development.

4.2.1.4 Other sources

Aerial photographs and topocadastral and other maps were also studied - see the list of references below.

- Information of a very general nature were obtained from these sources

The results of the above investigation are presented in Figure 1 below – see list of references in Section 11 – and can be summarised as follows:

- Historic structures, inclusive of buildings, mining related features and bridges, occur in a sporadic manner across the larger landscape as well as in urban centres;
- Formal burial sites occur in a number of places in towns and townships;
- Informal burial sites occur sporadically throughout the countryside.

Based on the above assessment, the probability of cultural heritage sites, features and objects occurring in the study area is deemed to be low.

Table 1: Pre-Feasibility Assessment

Category	Period	Probability	Reference
Natural			
Landscapes		None	

Early hominin	Pliocene – Lower Pleistocene		
	Early hominin	None	
Stone Age	Lower Pleistocene – Holocene		
	Early Stone Age	None	
	Middle Stone Age	None	
	Later Stone Age	Low	Wadley (1988)
	Rock Art	Low	James (2000)
Iron age	Holocene		
	Early Iron Age	None	Huffman (1993)
	Middle Iron Age	None	
	Late Iron Age	Low	Dreyer (1995); Mason (1974)
Colonial period	Holocene		
	Contact period/Early historic	Low	Van den Bergh (1996)
	Recent history	None	
	Industrial heritage	Low	Heritage Atlas Database

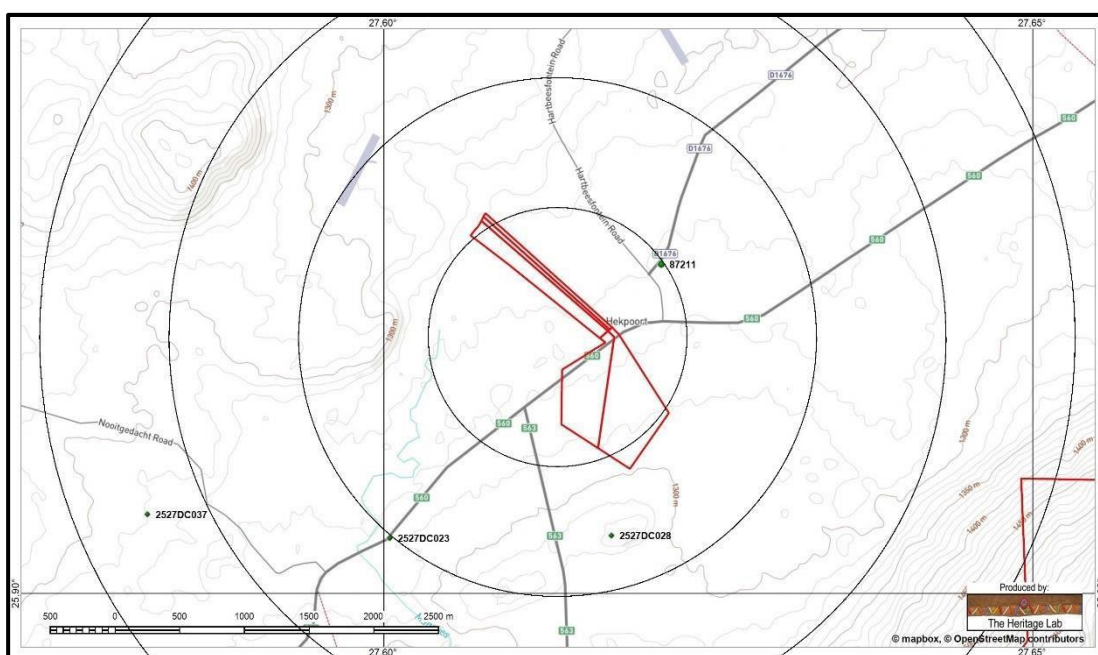


Figure 1. Location of known heritage sites and features in relation to the study area (Circles spaced at a distance of 1km: heritage sites = coded green dots)

4.2.2 Field survey

The field survey was done according to generally accepted archaeological practices, and was aimed at locating all possible sites, objects and structures. The area that had to be investigated was identified by *GA Environment (Pty) Ltd* by means of maps and .kml files indicating the development area. This was loaded onto an ASUS digital device and used in Google Earth during the field survey to access the areas.

The site was visited on 14 January 2020 and was investigated by using internal roads as well as walking transects across it – see Fig. 2 below.

- During the site visit, archaeological visibility was low due to the tall and dense vegetation cover encountered over most of the study area (see Fig. 4 below).

4.2.3 Documentation

All sites, objects and structures that are identified are documented according to the general minimum standards accepted by the archaeological profession. Coordinates of individual localities are determined by means of the *Global Positioning System* (GPS) and plotted on a map. This information is added to the description in order to facilitate the identification of each locality. Map datum used: Hartebeeshoek 94 (WGS84).

The track log and identified sites were recorded by means of a Garmin Oregon 550 handheld GPS device. Photographic recording was done by means of a Canon EOS 550D digital camera.

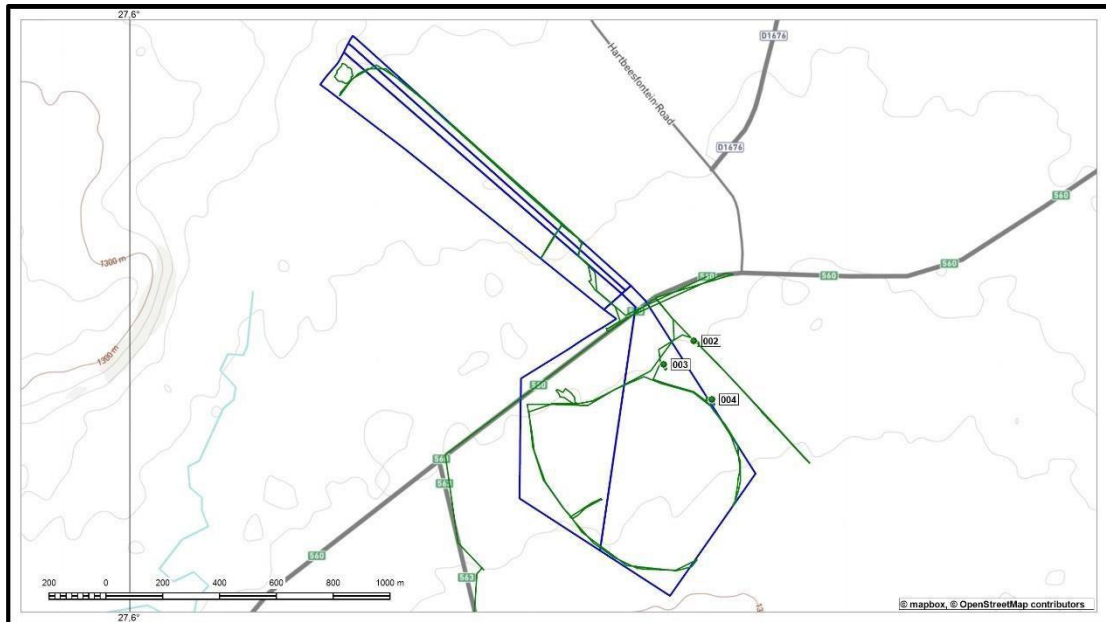


Figure 2. Map indicating the track log of the field survey.
(Site = blue polygon; track log = green line)

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

5.1 Site location

The study area is located north of Mogale City, northeast of the junction between the R563, from Mogale City, and the R560, from Hartebeestpoort Dam westwards (Fig. 3). For more information, see the Technical Summary on p. V above.

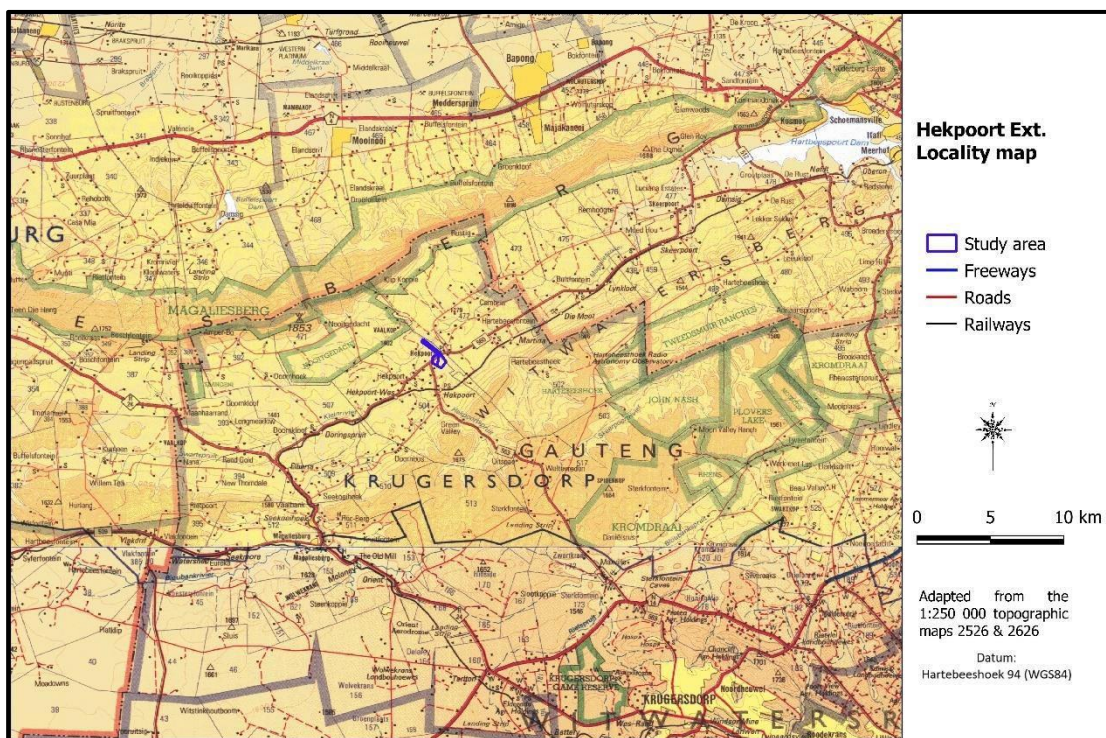


Figure 3. Location of the study area in regional context.

5.2 Development proposal

It is proposed to establish a residential complex as well as associated infrastructure on various portions of the farm Hekpoort, north of Mogale City, Gauteng Province. The project is for the Gauteng Rapid Land Release Project. The site is 74ha in size and straddles the R560.

6. DESCRIPTION OF THE AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

6.1 Natural Environment

The geology of the region is made up of a number of parallel layers made up consecutively from north to south of shale, minor limestone/dolomite, basalt and tuff; andesite, conglomerate; shale, quartzite, conglomerate, breccia, diamictite, all of the Transvaal Supergroup. Due to the complex topography of the region, changing from hills and lowlands in the north to undulating hills and lowlands in the south, the vegetation of the region is quite complex. In the north the vegetation is classified as Moot Plains Bushveld, changing to Gold Reef Mountain Bushveld in the central region and Andesite Mountain Bushveld in the south. All of these are described as Savanna Biomes, forming part of the Central Bushveld Bioregion (Muncina & Rutherford 2006). However, much of this has been transformed due to agricultural and urbanisation activities (Fig. 4).

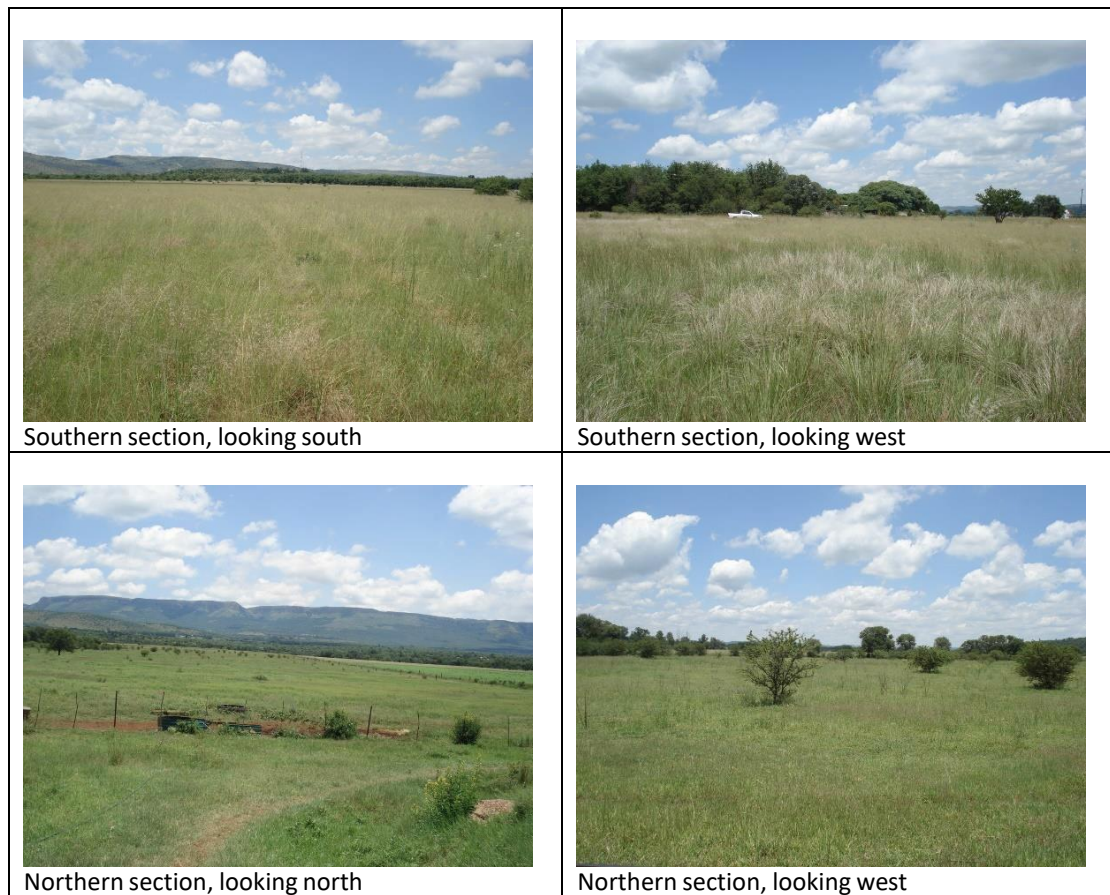


Figure 4. Views over the study area

The Palaeontological Sensitivity Map (SAHRIS) (Fig. 5) indicate that a small section in the north has a high possibility of fossil remains to be found and therefore a field assessment and a protocol for finds is required. Over the rest of the site a moderate sensitivity is indicated and therefore a desktop study is required.

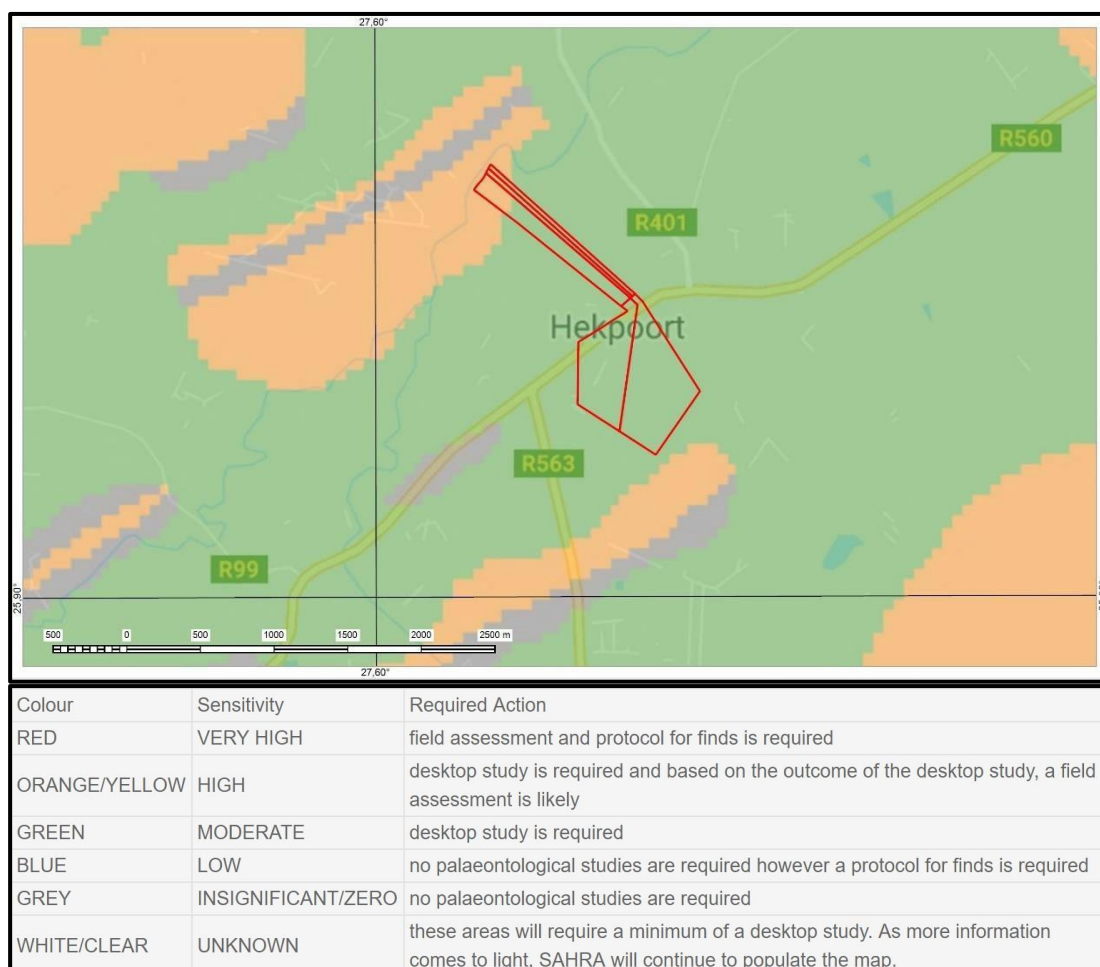


Figure 5. The Palaeontological sensitivity of the study area (arrowed)

6.2 Cultural Landscape

The aim of this section is to present an overview of the history of the larger region in order to eventually determine the significance of heritage sites identified in the study area, within the context of their historic, aesthetic, scientific and social value, rarity and representivity.

The cultural landscape qualities of the region essentially consist of two components. The first is a rural area in which the human occupation is made up of a pre-colonial element (Stone Age and Iron Age) component. The second is later colonial (farmer) component with a rapidly expanding urban development.

6.2.1 Stone Age

The larger Mogale City area has been inhabited by different hominids since early Pliocene times, but it was only from about 2.5 million years ago that they started to produce stone tools, effectively beginning the Early Stone Age (ESA). Tools dating to this period are mostly, although not exclusively, found in the vicinity of watercourses – only one site containing in situ assemblage of ESA material is known from the area, namely Sterkfontein (Kuman 2003). The oldest of these tools, belong to the Oldowan industry and are known as choppers. They are crudely produced from large pebbles found in riverbeds. Later, *Homo*

erectus (now called *Homo ergaster*) and early *Homo sapiens* people made tools shaped on both sides, called bifaces. This is one of the longest-lasting technologies the world has known, spanning a period of more than 1,5 million years.

During Middle Stone Age (MSA) times (c. 150 000 - 30 000 BP), people became more mobile, occupying areas formerly avoided. The MSA is identified as a technological stage characterized by flakes and flake-blades with faceted platforms, produced from prepared cores, as distinct from the core tool-based ESA technology (Thackeray 1992). Open sites were still preferred near watercourses. These people were adept at exploiting the huge herds of animals that passed through the area on their seasonal migration.

Late Stone Age (LSA) people had even more advanced technology than the MSA people and therefore succeeded in occupying even more diverse habitats. Also, for the first time we now get evidence of people's activities derived from material other than stone tools. Ostrich eggshell beads, ground bone arrowheads, small bored stones and wood fragments with incised markings are traditionally linked with the LSA. A number of sites dating to this period have been studied by Wadley (1987) in the Magaliesberg area. In the case of the LSA people, they have also left us with a rich legacy of rock art, which is an expression of their complex social and spiritual beliefs. Some rock engravings occur near Hekpoort.

6.2.2 Iron Age

Iron Age people started to settle in southern Africa c. AD 300, with one of the oldest known sites at Broederstroom, dating to AD 470, located south of Hartebeespoort Dam area. Having only had cereals (sorghum, millet) that need summer rainfall, Early Iron Age (EIA) people did not move outside this rainfall zone, and neither did they occupy the central interior highveld area (Huffman 1993).

The occupation of the region by Iron Age communities did not start much before the 1500s. Due to climatic fluctuations, bringing about colder and drier conditions, people were forced to avoid this area. Following a dry spell that ended just before the turn of the millennium the climate became better again until about AD 1300. This coincided with the arrival of the ancestors of the present-day Sotho-, Tswana- and Nguni-speakers in southern Africa, forcing them to avoid large sections of the interior.

By approximately AD 1500 the climate again changed for the better and we found that early Sotho-Tswana speakers moved into areas formerly avoided. The climate became warmer and wetter, creating conditions that allowed Late Iron Age (LIA) farmers to occupy areas previously unsuitable, for example the Witwatersrand and the Free State. At the same time, new cereal crops, e.g. maize, was introduced from Maputo and grown extensively. This increase in food production probably led to increased populations in coastal area as well as the central highveld interior by the beginning of the 19th century.

This wet period came to an end sometime between 1800 and 1820 by a major drought lasting 3 to 5 years. The drought must have caused an agricultural collapse on a large, subcontinent scale.

This was also a period of great military tension. Qriqua and Korana raiders were active in the northern Cape and Orange Free State by about 1790. The Xhosa were raiding across the Orange River about 1805. Military pressure from Zululand spilled onto the highveld by at least 1821. Various marauding groups of displaced Tswana moved across the plateau in the 1820s. Mzilikazi raided the plateau extensively between 1825 and 1837. The Boers trekked into this area in the 1830s.

Recent research has indicated that some of the stone walled sites, e.g. those at Doornspruit, appear similar to Zulu settlements in plan and can most likely be associated with Mzilikazi and the Ndebele (Huffman 2004).

As a result of this troubled period, Tswana people concentrated into large towns for defensive purposes. Because of the lack of trees, they built their settlements in stone. From the air, these homesteads and towns are easily recognized, and it is also possible to determine variations in smaller detail.

6.2.3 Historic period

Originally the trekkers who settled in the region occupied themselves with farming. After the discovery of gold on the Witwatersrand, exploration also started in this area, e.g. the well-known Harry and Fred Struben were exploring in the Sterkfontein area during 1884. One of the oldest gold mines was established in 1874 at Blaauwbank and another in 1891 on the farm Kromdraai. This development eventually gave rise to the establishment of the village of Magaliesburg. However, it never developed much as the mine played out a few years later, as well as the fact that towns such as Krugersdorp and Rustenburg developed much quicker.

By this time the fossil-bearing caves were already known, and lime quarrying started about 1895. However, it was more than forty years later, in 1936, that Robert Broom first identified the remains of a number of fossil hominids.

During the Second South African War (1899-1902), a number of skirmishes took place in the larger area. The biggest battle was in the vicinity of Nooitgedacht on the southern foothills of the Magaliesberg range on 13 December 1900. Here, the Republicans, under the overall command of Gen. Del la Rey, soundly defeated a much larger British force under the command of Gen. R Clements (Van den Berg 1996).

6.3 Site specific review

Although landscapes with cultural significance are not explicitly described in the NHRA, they are protected under the broad definition of the National Estate (Section 3): Section 3(2)(c) and (d) list "historical settlements and townscapes" and "landscapes and natural features of cultural significance" as part of the National Estate.

The examination of historical maps and aerial photographs help us to reconstruct how the cultural landscape has changed over time as is show how humans have used the land.

One of the oldest maps of the region, the Imperial Map of South Africa (Krugersdorp), 1900 (Fig. 6) indicates that the various farms have already been surveyed, as well as also showing some roads. The 1945 version of the official aerial photograph (Fig. 7) shows the roads to be formal, as well as some farmsteads in the larger region, As for the study area, the southern section seems to have been used for grazing, with the northern section under cultivation. This seems to remain the same for some time, as is indicated on the 1968 version of the 1:50 000 topographic map (Fig. 8).

At some point in time, prior to 2004, the southern section was put to intensive cultivation, with a centre pivot irrigation system that was installed on the site (Fig. 9). This, however, did not last very long and currently no cultivation take place on the site anymore (Fig. 10).

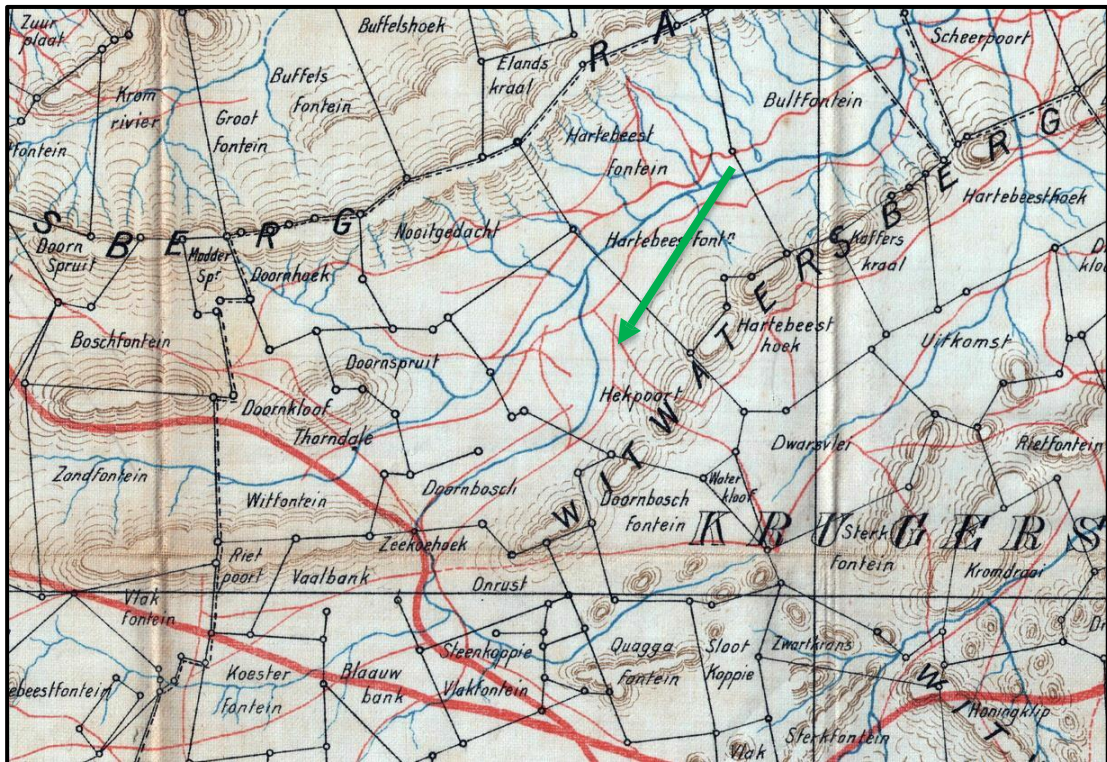


Figure 6. Section of the Imperial Map of South Africa (Krugersdorp)
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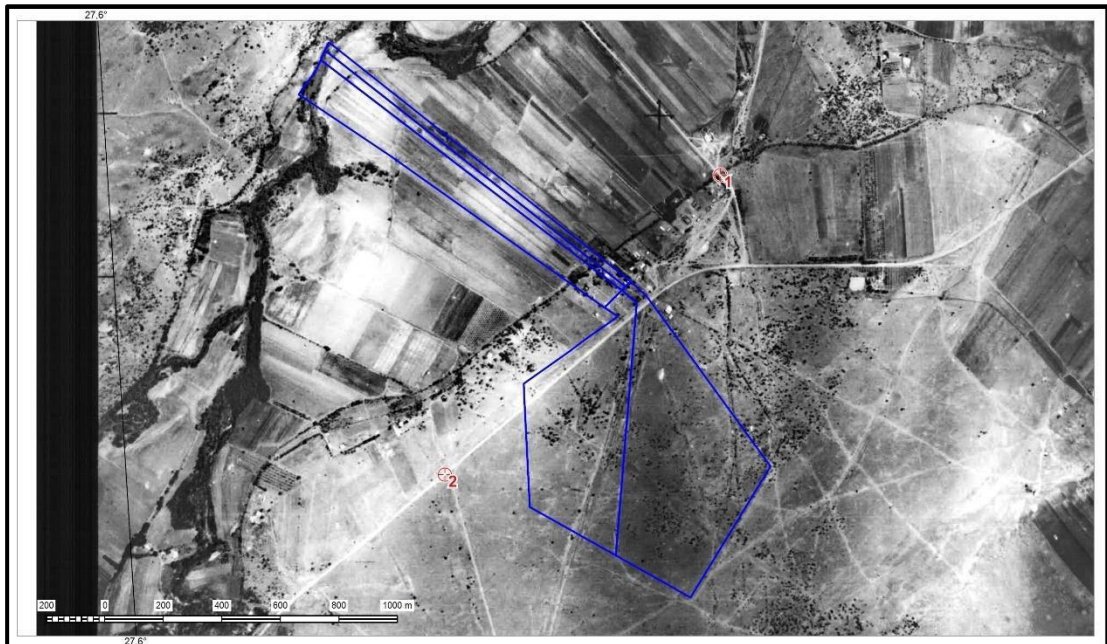


Figure 7. The study area on the 1945 version of the aerial photograph
(Photograph: 93_004_00323; numbered wheel-crosses = calibration points)

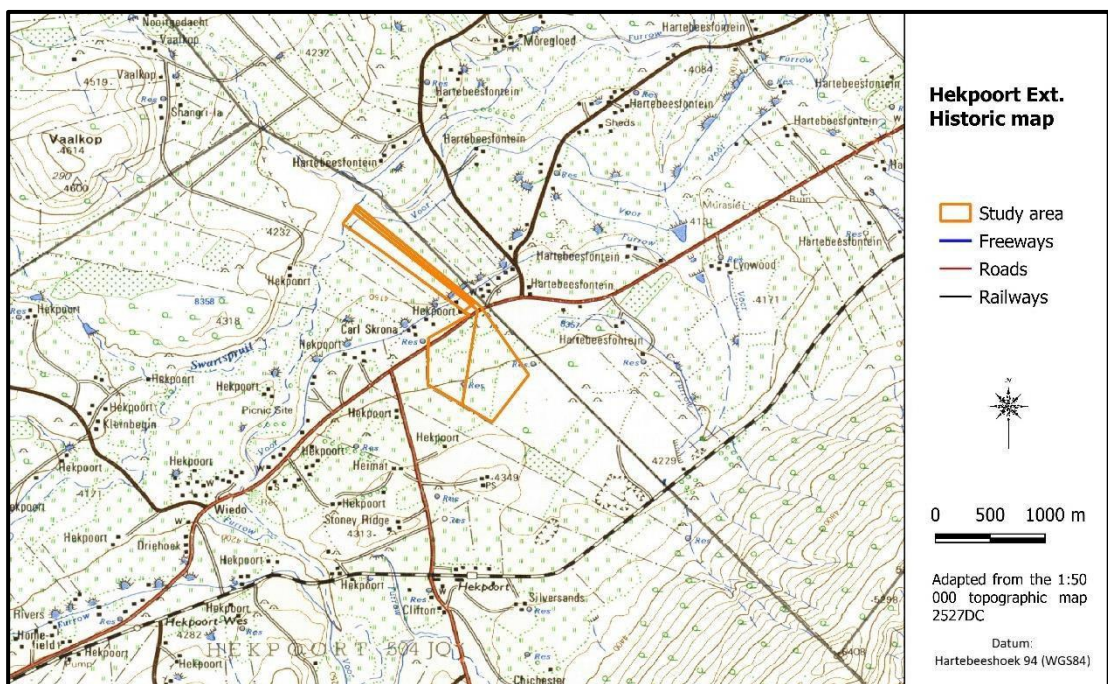


Figure 8. The study area on the 1968 version of the topographic map

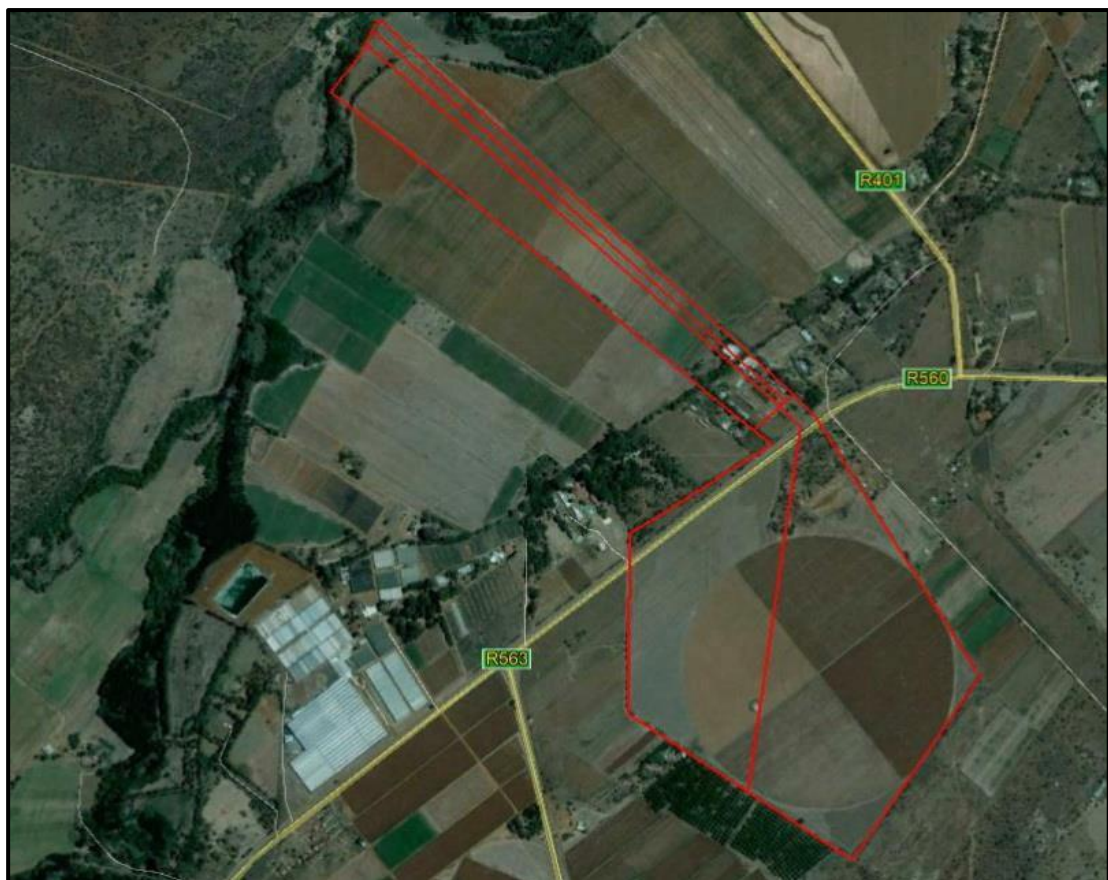


Figure 9. The study area on the 2004 version of the aerial photograph (Image: Google Earth)



Figure 10. The study area on the 2020 version of the aerial photograph (Image: Google Earth)

6.4 Built Environment Evaluation

Features were identified which, in our opinion, are very common to the larger region or have been impacted on to such an extent that it is not worth to implement mitigation measures. Their inclusion in this report is taken to be sufficient documentation. These features are discussed below and should not be confused with those which have been identified as having significance and which are discussed in Section 7

According to Section 7(1) of the NHRA, SAHRA, in consultation with the Minister and the MEC of every province, must by regulation establish a system of grading of places and objects which form part of the national estate, and which distinguishes between at least the categories:

- (a) Grade I: Heritage resources with qualities so exceptional that they are of special national significance;
- (b) Grade II: Heritage resources which, although forming part of the national estate, can be considered to have special qualities which make them significant within the context of a province or a region; and
- (c) Grade III: Other heritage resources worthy of conservation.

Unfortunately, no clear guidelines are given for the evaluation and resultant grading of built features. In contrast, Heritage Western Cape in their *Short Guide to and Policy Statement on Grading* present greater guidelines in this regard and is therefore applied in this evaluation:

Grade III Built Environment Heritage Resources

This grading is applied to buildings and sites that have sufficient intrinsic significance to be regarded as local heritage resources; and are significant enough to warrant that any alteration is regulated. Such buildings and sites may be representative, being excellent examples of their kind, or may be rare. In either case, they should receive protection at local level. It has become practice to separate the Grade III category of heritage resources into three sub-categories (3A, 3B and 3C) to enable effective management.

Table 2: Guide to Grading of Built Environment Resources

3A	Such a resource must be an excellent example of its kind or must be sufficiently rare. These are heritage resources which are significant in the context of an area.	This grading is applied to buildings and sites that have sufficient intrinsic significance to be regarded as local heritage resources; and are significant enough to warrant that any alteration, both internal and external, is regulated. Such buildings and sites may be representative, being excellent examples of their kind, or may be rare. In either case, they should receive maximum protection at local level.	High Significance
3B	Such a resource might have similar significances to those of a Grade III A resource, but to a lesser degree. These are heritage resources which are significant in the context of a townscape, neighbourhood, settlement or community.	Like Grade IIIA buildings and sites, such buildings and sites may be representative, being excellent examples of their kind, or may be rare, but less so than Grade IIIA examples. They would receive less stringent protection than Grade IIIA buildings and sites at local level.	Medium Significance
3C	Such a resource is of contributing significance to the environs. These are heritage resources which are significant in the context of a streetscape or direct neighbourhood.	This grading is applied to buildings and/or sites whose significance is contextual, i.e. in large part due to its contribution to the character or significance of the environs. These buildings and sites should, as a consequence, only be regulated if the significance of the environs is sufficient to warrant protective measures, regardless of whether the site falls within a Conservation or Heritage Area. Internal alterations should not necessarily be regulated.	Low Significance
NCW*	A resource that, after appropriate investigation, has been determined to not have enough heritage significance to be retained as part of the National Estate.	No further actions under the NHRA are required. This must be motivated by the applicant and approved by the authority. Section 34 can even be lifted by HWC for structures in this category if they are older than 60 years.	No research potential or other cultural significance

(*NCW = not conservation worthy)

6.4.1 Homesteads

A number of homesteads occur on the north-eastern portion of the southern block. It is not known what is going to happen to these structures, a number of which are actually located outside the development area.

- There are no set pattern or style that can be attributed to these structures.
- A variety of materials are employed to construct the individual dwellings and many cases totally different materials are used for constructing latter additions.
- As circumstances change, i.e. more funding is available or if the family expands, new sections are added. This leads to structures having an 'organic' nature, changing its size, appearance and style over time. From the aerial images obtained by means of Google Earth, it can be seen that some of these structures increased in size over the last 15 years plus, but also that many new ones were built in the intervening years.
- Local people were very evasive about their tenure on the site, simply indicating that they have been here for a very long period, which in some cases contrast with the dates on local graves.
 - The implication is that although there were structures here for a considerable period of time, it is impossible to determine if any of them are still in an 'original' state, or if they are older than 60 years.
- Furthermore, these structures do not differ in nature, type or material from any of the large number other such homesteads in contiguous areas or the larger region.

According to the system proposed by Heritage Western Cape in their *Short Guide to and Policy Statement on Grading*, these structures are deemed not conservation worthy and have a grading of:

- Generally protected 4C: Low significance - Requires no further recording before destruction.
 - However, it is proposed that some form of documentation should be done, and it is recommended that an intensive photographic record of the structures and their surroundings is made, which can then be deposited with SAHRA/PHRA for safekeeping.

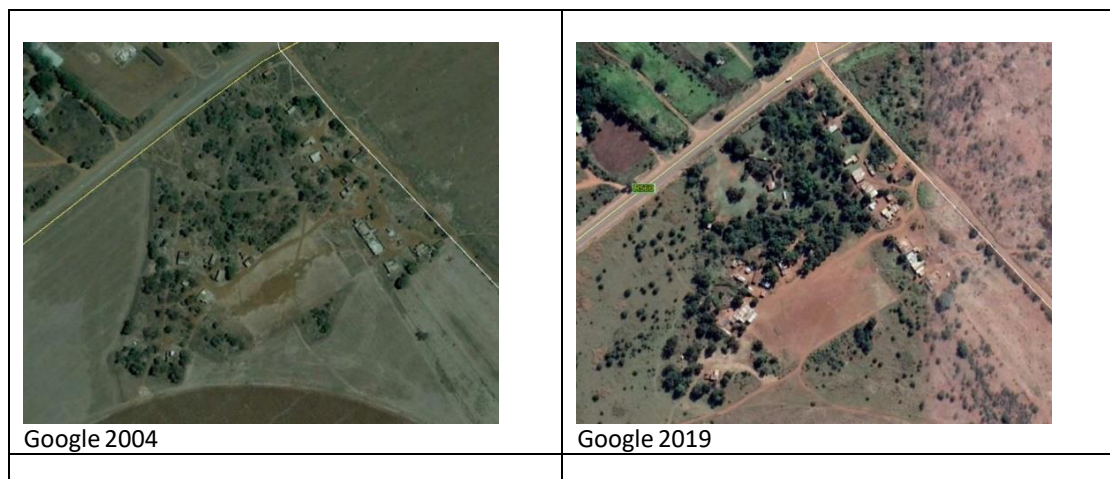




Figure 11. Homesteads

6.4.2 Farmstead

A farmstead consisting of a main house and some outbuildings. Apart from the main house, the various outbuildings are of recent origin, haphazardly put together. These serve to store equipment and others are used to raise broiler chickens. From aerial images obtained by means of Google Earth (Fig. 12) it can be seen that many of the smaller structures were torn down over the last couple of years.

The main house does not show any interesting or unique features. It is brick built and have a corrugated iron roof. It has an ordinary gable roof, which have been expanded by the addition of 'lean-to' elements that were later added to the main structure, probably as more rooms were required over time.

- Local people encountered on site during the field survey were uncertain as to the age of the main house; in addition, no formal documentation regarding the origin of this structure could be tracked down. Neither is it possible to determine an age for the structure from a study of the building style or the material used. Aerial photographs (Fig. 7) indicate a structure to have existed here for some time, but it is impossible to correlate it with the current structure.
 - The implication is that although there was a structure here for a considerable period of time, it is impossible to determine if it is in an 'original' state, or if it is older than 60 years.

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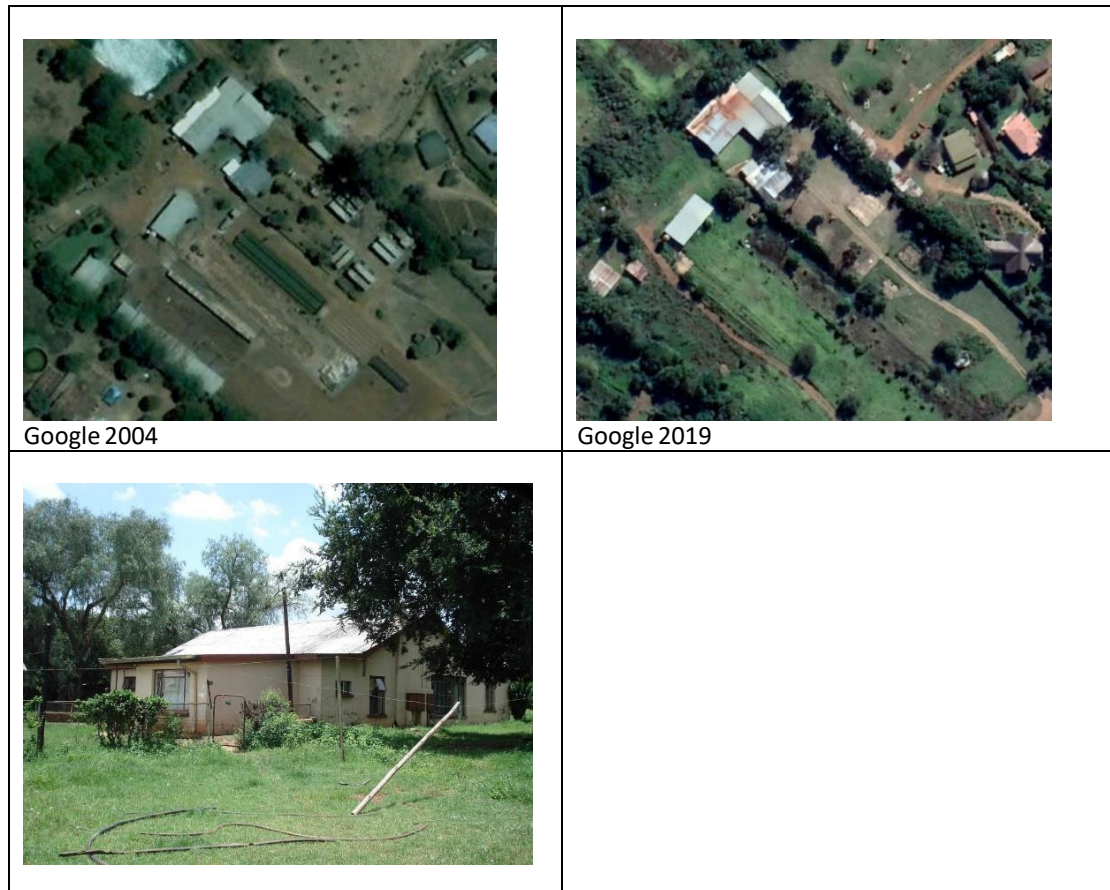


Figure 12. Farmstead

6.4.3 Farming related features

A number of such features occur sporadically across the larger study area, such as dams, boreholes, water furrows, etc. As farming (agriculture) is not practised on these sections of the farm all of these features have been neglected and are in most cases non-functional.

6.4.3.1 Circular dam built with bricks. As a water reservoir when centre pivot irrigation was done on this section of the farm.

6.4.3.2 Borehole/pump adjacent to a large earthen embankment dam.

6.4.3.3 Water furrow that was used to take water off the Hekpoort Spruit/Magalies River, channelling it to a number irrigation dams some distance to the north-east of the study area.

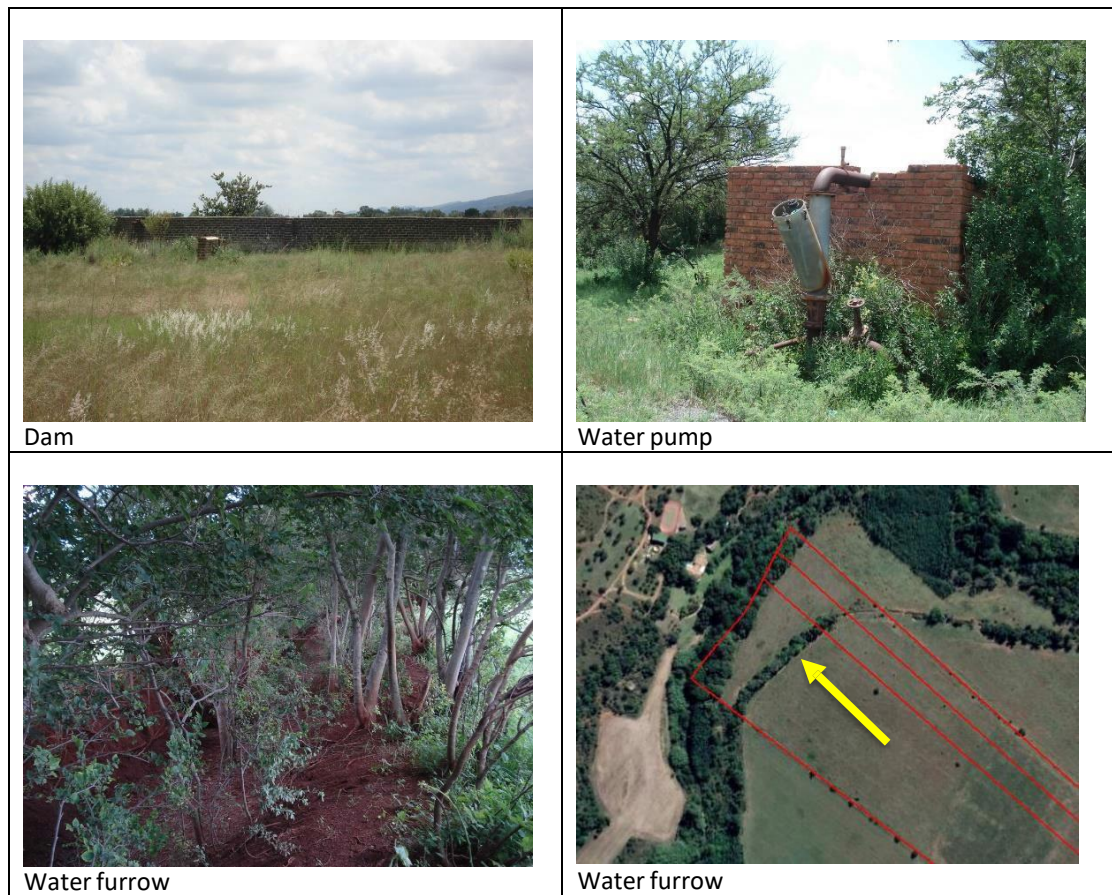


Figure 13. Farming related features

7. SURVEY RESULTS

During the physical survey, the following sites, features and objects of cultural significance were identified in the study area (Fig. 14).

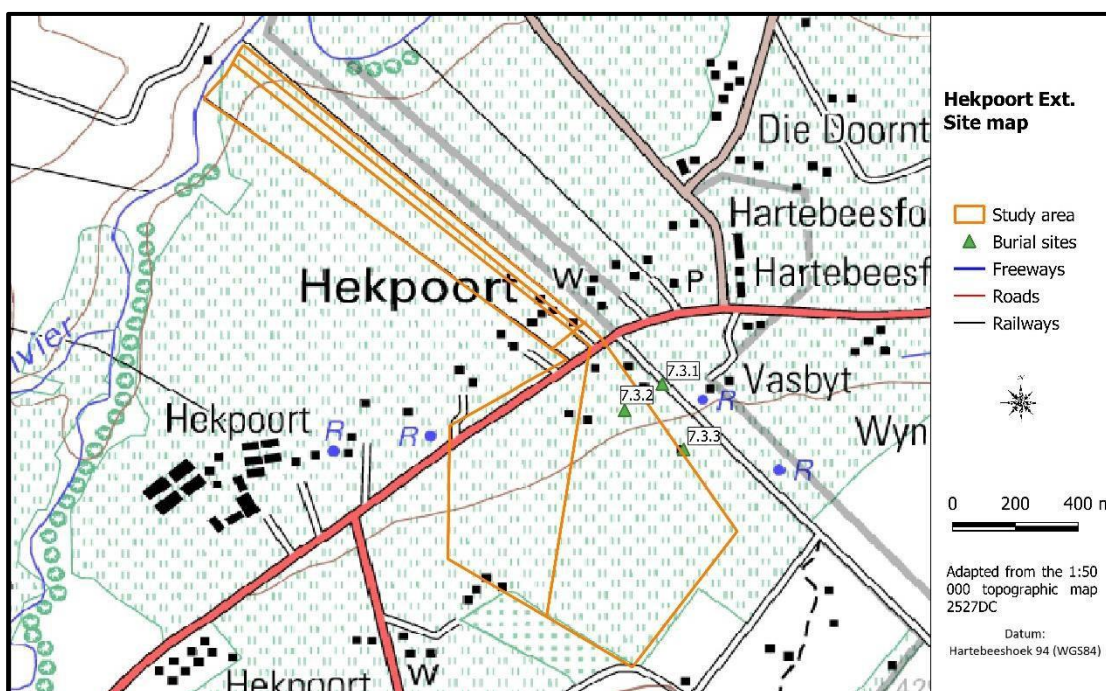


Figure 14. Location of heritage sites in the study area

7.1 Stone Age

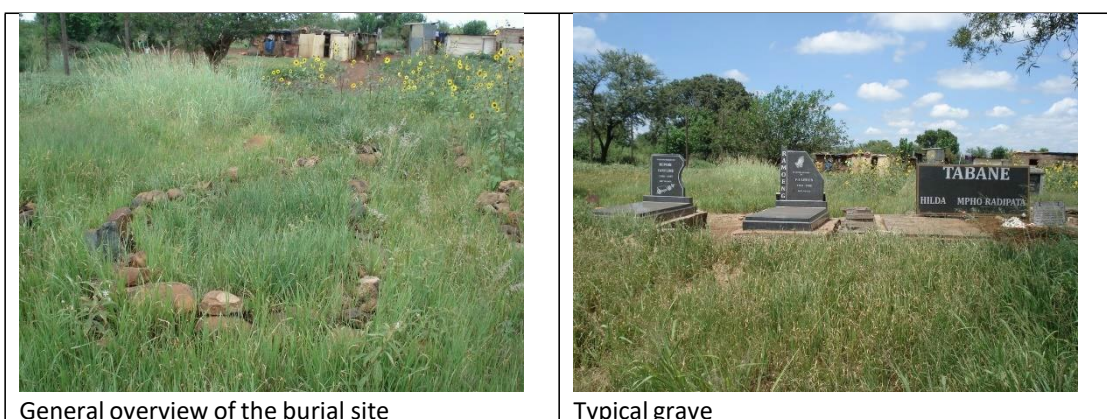
- No sites, features or objects of cultural significance dating to the Stone Age were identified in the study area

7.2 Iron Age

- No sites, features or objects of cultural significance dating to the Iron Age were identified in the study area.

7.3 Historic period

NHRA Category	Graves, Cemeteries and Burial Grounds - Section 36
7.3.1 Type: Burial site. Farm: Hekpoort 504-JQ Coordinates: S 25,88324; E 27,61981	
Description	
Informal burial site with probably fifty or more graves. These graves probably originated from people that worked on the farm itself, as well as others who lived in the larger region. Some of the grave seems to be very old and are only marked with stone cairns. Other are of more recent origin and belong to people who are still staying adjacent to the burial site. Some of the grave have not been visited or cleared of vegetation in a very long time. It is difficult to establish a definite number of graves as the site is much overgrown with tall grass.	



General overview of the burial site

Typical grave

Significance of site/feature	Generally protected: High significance – Grade IV-A
Reasoned opinion: Burial sites are viewed as having high emotional and sentimental value. However, mitigation is possible if proper procedures have been followed.	

Impact assessment
This site is located just outside the study area and theoretically there would therefore be no impact on them by the proposed development.

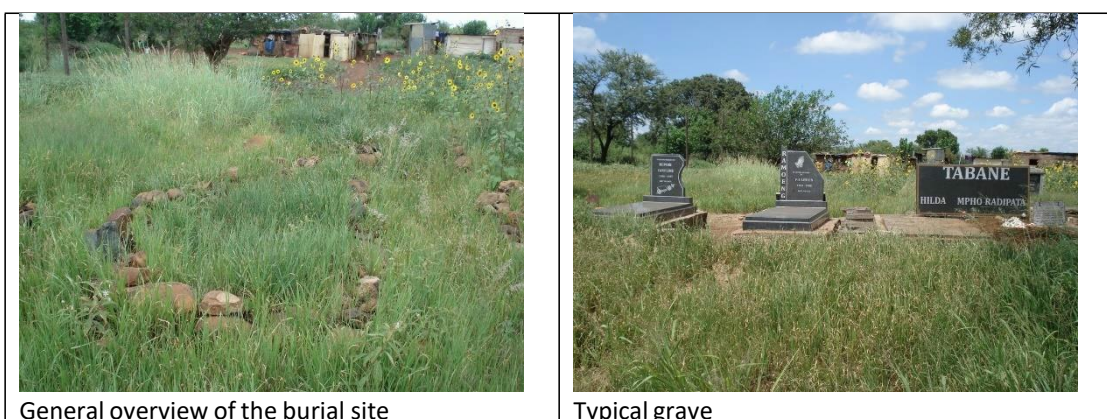
Mitigation
(1) Avoidance/Preserve: Because of its location outside the project development area, it would be possible to avoid this site. However, it should be fenced off at least for the duration of construction activities;
(2) Relocation of graves: If the former is not possible, the graves should be relocated after proper procedures have been followed – see Addendum Section 4 below.

Requirements
Conservation by local authority. Sites should be mitigated before impact. Permit required from provincial heritage authority, as well as other institutions – see Section 4 of the Addendum.

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NHRA Category	Graves, Cemeteries and Burial Grounds - Section 36
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7.3.2 Type: Burial site. Farm: Hekpoort 504-JQ Coordinates: S 25,88399; E 27,61873
Description
Informal burial site with thirty or more graves. These graves probably originated from people that stayed in the larger region, probably as landowners, although some might even have been farm labourers. These graves seem to be very old and have not been visited or cleared of vegetation in a very long time. Surnames include Deale, Engelbrecht, Geldenhuys and Potgieter, with the death dates ranging between 1938 to 1963. Due to the dense vegetation cover and the fact that some of the graves were originally only marked with stone cairns, it is difficult to establish a definite number.



General overview of the burial site

Typical grave

Significance of site/feature	Generally protected: High significance – Grade IV-A
Reasoned opinion: Burial sites are viewed as having high emotional and sentimental value. However, mitigation is possible if proper procedures have been followed.	

Impact assessment
This site is located inside the study area and therefore there is a high likelihood that it would be impacted on by the proposed development.

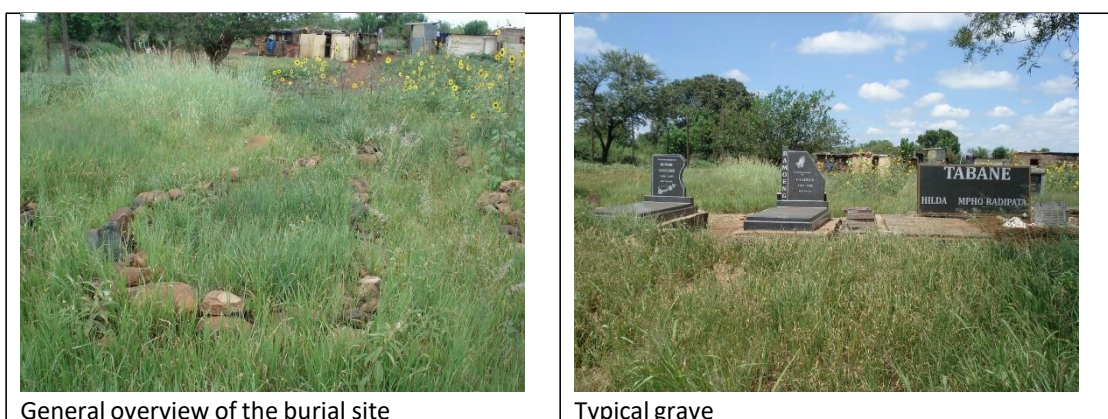
Mitigation
(1) Avoidance/Preserve: Because of its location within the larger project development area, it would be possible to avoid this site as it actually occupies a small footprint. If it is retained, a buffer zone of at least 20 m should be set out around the area, based on the outermost identified graves. This buffer zone should consist of a permanent and strong fence/palisade, with a gate for allowing access to the graves. (2) Relocation of graves: If the former is not possible, the graves should be relocated after proper procedures have been followed – see Section 4 of Addendum below.

Requirements
Conservation by local authority. Sites should be mitigated before impact. Permit required from provincial heritage authority, as well as other institutions – see Section 4 of the Addendum.

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NHRA Category	Graves, Cemeteries and Burial Grounds - Section 36
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7.3.3 Type: Burial site. Farm: Hekpoort 504-JQ Coordinates: S 25,88511; E 27,62042
Description
Informal burial site with ten or more graves. These graves probably originated from people that probably worked on the farm. These graves seem to be very old and have not been visited or cleared of vegetation in a very long time. Only two have headstones with inscriptions: J D Tabane, who died in 1981; and **sele** who died in 1967. It is difficult to establish a definite number as many of them have been destroyed, probably by cattle that are kept in a kraal adjacent to the graves.



General overview of the burial site

Typical grave

Significance of site/feature	Generally protected: High significance – Grade IV-A
Reasoned opinion: Burial sites are viewed as having high emotional and sentimental value. However, mitigation is possible if proper procedures have been followed.	

Impact assessment
This site is located just outside the study area and theoretically there would therefore be no impact on them by the proposed development.

Mitigation
(1) Avoidance/Preserve: Because of its location outside the project development area, it would be possible to avoid this site. However, it should be fenced off at least for the duration of construction activities;
(2) Relocation of graves: If the former is not possible, the graves should be relocated after proper procedures have been followed – see Addendum Section 4 below.

Requirements
Conservation by local authority. Sites should be mitigated before impact. Permit required from provincial heritage authority, as well as other institutions – see Section 4 of the Addendum.

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8. IMPACT ASSESSMENT RATINGS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

8.1 Impact assessment

Heritage impacts are categorised as:

- Direct or physical impacts, implying alteration or destruction of heritage features within the project boundaries;
- Indirect impacts, e.g. restriction of access or visual intrusion concerning the broader environment;
- Cumulative impacts that are combinations of the above.

Impact analysis of cultural heritage resources under threat of the proposed development, is based on the present understanding of the development and is summarised in Table 3 below:

Table 3: Calculation of the impact on the identified heritage features

IDENTIFIED HERITAGE RESOURCE: Burial site 7.3.1				
Nature: Informal burial site with probably fifty or more graves. This site is located just outside the study area and theoretically there would therefore be no impact on them by the proposed development.				
		Without mitigation		With mitigation
Extent		Local area (1)		Local area (1)
Duration		Permanent (5)		Permanent (5)
Intensity		Minor (2)		Minor (2)
Probability		Improbable (2)		Improbable (2)
Significance		Low (16)		Low (16)
Status (positive or negative)		Negative		Neutral
Reversibility		Non-reversible		Non-reversible
Irreplaceable loss of resources?		Yes		No
Can impacts be mitigated		Yes		
Mitigation: Avoidance of site				
Cumulative impact: Limited loss of similar features in the larger landscape.				
Site No.	Site type	NHRA category	Field rating	Impact rating: Before/After mitigation
7.3.1	Graves, cemeteries and burial grounds	Section 36	Generally protected: High significance – Grade IV-A	Low (16)
				Low (16)

IDENTIFIED HERITAGE RESOURCE: Burial site 7.3.2				
Nature: Informal burial site with probably thirty or more graves. This site is located inside the study area and therefore there is a high likelihood that it would be impacted on by the proposed development.				
		Without mitigation		With mitigation
Extent		Local area (1)		Local area (1)
Duration		Permanent (5)		Permanent (5)
Intensity		Moderate (6)		Minor (2)
Probability		Highly probable (4)		Improbable (2)
Significance		Medium (48)		Low (16)
Status (positive or negative)		Negative		Neutral
Reversibility		Non-reversible		Non-reversible
Irreplaceable loss of resources?		Yes		No
Can impacts be mitigated		Yes		
Mitigation: Avoidance of site				
Cumulative impact: Limited loss of similar features in the larger landscape.				
Site No.	Site type	NHRA category	Field rating	Impact rating: Before/After mitigation
7.3.2	Graves, cemeteries and burial grounds	Section 36	Generally protected: High significance – Grade IV-A	Medium (48)
				Low (16)

IDENTIFIED HERITAGE RESOURCE: Burial site 7.3.3				
Nature: Informal burial site with probably ten or more graves. This site is located just outside the study area and theoretically there would therefore be no impact on them by the proposed development.				
		Without mitigation		With mitigation
Extent		Local area (1)		Local area (1)
Duration		Permanent (5)		Permanent (5)
Intensity		Minor (2)		Minor (2)
Probability		Improbable (2)		Improbable (2)
Significance		Low (16)		Low (16)
Status (positive or negative)		Negative		Neutral
Reversibility		Non-reversible		Non-reversible
Irreplaceable loss of resources?		Yes		No
Can impacts be mitigated		Yes		
Mitigation: Avoidance of site				
Cumulative impact: Limited loss of similar features in the larger landscape.				

Site No.	Site type	NHRA category	Field rating	Impact rating: Before/After mitigation
7.3.3	Graves, cemeteries and burial grounds	Section 36	Generally protected: High significance – Grade IV-A	Low (16)
				Low (16)

8.2 Mitigation measures

Mitigation: means to anticipate and prevent negative impacts and risks, then to minimise them, rehabilitate or repair impacts to the extent feasible.

For the current study, the following mitigation measures are proposed for each of the identified sites.

- 7.3.1 Burial site
 - (1) Avoidance/Preserve: Because of its location outside the project development area, it would be possible to avoid this site. However, it should be fenced off at least for the duration of construction activities;
 - (2) Relocation of graves: If the former is not possible, the graves should be relocated after proper procedures have been followed – see Addendum Section 4 below.

- Site 7.3.2: Burial site
 - (1) Avoidance/Preserve: Because of its location within the larger project development area, it would be possible to avoid this site as it actually occupies a small footprint. If it is retained, a buffer zone of at least 20 m should be set out around the area, based on the outermost identified graves. This buffer zone should consist of a permanent and strong fence/palisade, with a gate for allowing access to the graves.
 - (2) Relocation of graves: If the former is not possible, the graves should be relocated after proper procedures have been followed – see Section 4 of Addendum below.

- Site 7.3.3: Burial site
 - (1) Avoidance/Preserve: Because of its location outside the project development area, it would be possible to avoid this site. However, it should be fenced off at least for the duration of construction activities;
 - (2) Relocation of graves: If the former is not possible, the graves should be relocated after proper procedures have been followed – see Addendum Section 4 below.

- ***Finally, it is highly recommended that all three burial sites are consolidated into a single larger burial site, which, ideally would be site no. 7.3.1 as it is located well outside the proposed development area. However, this can only be done after all the necessary steps – see Addendum Section 4 - have successfully been implemented.***

9. MANAGEMENT MEASURES

Heritage sites are fixed features in the environment, occurring within specific spatial confines. Any impact upon them is permanent and non-reversible. Those resources that cannot be avoided and that are directly impacted by the proposed development can be excavated/recorded and a management plan can be developed for future action. Those sites that are not impacted on can be written into the management plan, whence they can be avoided or cared for in the future.

Sources of risk were considered with regards to development activities defined in Section 2(viii) of the NHRA that may be triggered and are summarised in Table 4A and 4B below. These issues formed the basis of the impact assessment described. The potential risks are discussed according to the various phases of the project below.

9.1 Objectives

- Protection of archaeological, historical and any other site or land considered being of cultural value within the project boundary against vandalism, destruction and theft.
- The preservation and appropriate management of new discoveries in accordance with the NHRA, should these be discovered during construction activities.

The following shall apply:

- Known sites should be clearly marked in order that they can be avoided during construction activities.
- The contractors and workers should be notified that archaeological sites might be exposed during the construction activities.
- Should any heritage artefacts be exposed during excavation, work on the area where the artefacts were discovered, shall cease immediately and the Environmental Control Officer shall be notified as soon as possible;
- All discoveries shall be reported immediately to a heritage practitioner so that an investigation and evaluation of the finds can be made. Acting upon advice from these specialists, the Environmental Control Officer will advise the necessary actions to be taken;
- Under no circumstances shall any artefacts be removed, destroyed or interfered with by anyone on the site; and
- Contractors and workers shall be advised of the penalties associated with the unlawful removal of cultural, historical, archaeological or palaeontological artefacts, as set out in the National Heritage Resources Act (Act No. 25 of 1999), Section 51. (1).

9.2 Control

In order to achieve this, the following should be in place:

- A person or entity, e.g. the Environmental Control Officer, should be tasked to take responsibility for the heritage sites and should be held accountable for any damage.
- Known sites should be located and isolated, e.g. by fencing them off. All construction workers should be informed that these are no-go areas, unless accompanied by the individual or persons representing the Environmental Control Officer as identified above.
- In areas where the vegetation is threatening the heritage sites, e.g. growing trees pushing walls over, it should be removed, but only after permission for the methods proposed has been granted by SAHRA. A heritage official should be part of the team executing these measures.

Table 4A: Construction Phase: Environmental Management Programme for the project

Action required	Protection of heritage sites, features and objects		
Potential Impact	The identified risk is damage or changes to resources that are generally protected in terms of Sections 27, 28, 31, 32, 34, 35, 36 and 37 of the NHRA that may occur in the proposed project area.		
Risk if impact is not mitigated	Loss or damage to sites, features or objects of cultural heritage significance		
Activity / issue	Mitigation: Action/control	Responsibility	Timeframe
1. Removal of Vegetation 2. Construction of required infrastructure,	See discussion in Section 9.1 above	Environmental Control Officer	During construction only

e.g. access roads, water pipelines			
Monitoring	See discussion in Section 9.2 above		

Table 4B: Operation Phase: Environmental Management Programme for the project

Action required	Protection of heritage sites, features and objects		
Potential Impact	It is unlikely that the negative impacts identified for pre-mitigation will occur if the recommendations are followed.		
Risk if impact is not mitigated	Loss or damage to sites, features or objects of cultural heritage significance		
Activity / issue	Mitigation: Action/control	Responsibility	Timeframe
1. Removal of Vegetation 2. Construction of required infrastructure, e.g. access roads, water pipelines	See discussion in Section 9.1 above	Environmental Control Officer	During construction only
Monitoring	See discussion in Section 9.2 above		

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The *Gauteng Department of Human Settlements* plans, under their Rapid Land Release Programme, to develop a residential complex on a section of land in the Hekpoort region, northwest of Mogale City, Mogale City Local Municipality, Gauteng Province.

This report describes the methodology used, the limitations encountered, the heritage features that were identified and the recommendations and mitigation measures proposed relevant to this. It should be noted that the implementation of the mitigation measures is subject to SAHRA/PHRA's approval.

The cultural landscape qualities of the region essentially consist of two components. The first is a rural area in which the human occupation is made up of a pre-colonial element (Stone Age and Iron Age) component. The second is later colonial (farmer) component with a rapidly expanding urban development.

Identified sites

(6.4) During the survey, the following sites, features or objects were identified, but are viewed as having very low significance due to the fact that they are very common to the larger region or have been impacted on to such an extent that it is not worth to implement full mitigation measures – Section 6.4.

- 6.4.1: Homesteads.

These structures do not differ in nature, type or material from any of the large number other such homesteads in contiguous areas or the larger region. Although there were structures here for a considerable period of time, it is impossible to determine if any of them are still in an 'original' state, or if they are older than 60 years.

According to the system proposed by Heritage Western Cape in their *Short Guide to and Policy Statement on Grading*, these structures are deemed not conservation worthy and have a grading of:

- Generally protected 4C: Low significance - Requires no further recording before destruction.

- However, it is proposed that some form of documentation should be done, and it is recommended that an intensive photographic record of the structures is made, which can then be deposited with SAHRA/PHRA for safekeeping.
- 6.4.2: Farmstead.

The main house does not show any interesting or unique features. It is brick built and have a corrugated iron roof. It has an ordinary gable roof, which have been expanded by the addition of 'lean-to' elements that were later added to the main structure, probably as more rooms were required over time.

- Local people encountered on site during the field survey were uncertain as to the age of the main house; in addition, no formal documentation regarding the origin of this structure could be tracked down. Neither is it possible to determine an age for the structure from a study of the building style or the material used. Aerial photographs (Fig. 7) indicate a structure to have existed here for some time, but it is impossible to correlate it with the current structure.
 - The implication is that although there was a structure here for a considerable period of time, it is impossible to determine if it is in an 'original' state, or if it is older than 60 years.

According to the system proposed by Heritage Western Cape in their *Short Guide to and Policy Statement on Grading*, this structure is deemed not conservation worthy and has a grading of:

- Generally protected 4C: Low significance - Requires no further recording before destruction.
 - However, it is proposed that some form of documentation should be done, and it is recommended that an intensive photographic record of the structure is made, which can then be deposited with SAHRA/PHRA for safekeeping.
- 6.4.3: Farming related features.

These structures are either of recent origin or have become so run down due to lack of use and maintenance that they are deemed not conservation worthy and have a grading of:

- Generally protected 4C: Low significance - Requires no further recording before destruction
 - Consequently, no mitigation measures are proposed for these features.

(7.3) During the survey, the following sites, features or objects that are viewed as having significance have been identified – Section 7.

- 7.3.1 Informal burial site with probably fifty or more graves. These graves probably originated from people that worked on the farm itself, as well as others who lived in the larger region. Some of the grave seems to be very old and are only marked with stone cairns. Other are of more recent origin and belong to people who are still staying adjacent to the burial site.
- 7.3.2 Informal burial site with thirty or more graves. These graves probably originated from people that stayed in the larger region, probably as landowners, although some might even have been farm labourers. These graves seem to be very old and have not been visited or cleared of vegetation in a very long time.
- 7.3.3 Informal burial site with ten or more graves. These graves probably originated from people that probably worked on the farm. These graves seem to be very old and have not been visited or cleared of vegetation in a very long time. Only two have headstones with inscriptions

Impact assessment and proposed mitigation measures

Impact analysis of cultural heritage resources under threat of the proposed development, is based on the present understanding of the development:

Site No.	Site type	NHRA category	Field rating	Impact rating: Before/After mitigation
7.3.1	Graves, cemeteries and burial grounds	Section 36	Generally protected: High significance – Grade IV-A	Low (16) Low (16)
7.3.2	Graves, cemeteries and burial grounds	Section 36	Generally protected: High significance – Grade IV-A	Medium (48) Low (16)
7.3.3	Graves, cemeteries and burial grounds	Section 36	Generally protected: High significance – Grade IV-A	Low (16) Low (16)

For the current study, the following mitigation measures are proposed for each of the identified sites.

- 7.3.1 Burial site
 - (1) Avoidance/Preserve: Because of its location outside the project development area, it would be possible to avoid this site. However, it should be fenced off at least for the duration of construction activities;
 - (2) Relocation of graves: If the former is not possible, the graves should be relocated after proper procedures have been followed – see Addendum Section 4 below.
- Site 7.3.2: Burial site
 - (1) Avoidance/Preserve: Because of its location within the larger project development area, it would be possible to avoid this site as it actually occupies a small footprint. If it is retained, a buffer zone of at least 20 m should be set out around the area, based on the outermost identified graves. This buffer zone should consist of a permanent and strong fence/palisade, with a gate for allowing access to the graves.
 - (2) Relocation of graves: If the former is not possible, the graves should be relocated after proper procedures have been followed – see Section 4 of Addendum below.
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 - (1) Avoidance/Preserve: Because of its location outside the project development area, it would be possible to avoid this site. However, it should be fenced off at least for the duration of construction activities;
 - (2) Relocation of graves: If the former is not possible, the graves should be relocated after proper procedures have been followed – see Addendum Section 4 below.
- ***Finally, it is highly recommended that all three burial sites are consolidated into a single larger burial site, which, ideally would be site no. 7.3.1 as it is located well outside the proposed development area. However, this can only be done after all the necessary steps – see Addendum Section 4 - have successfully been implemented.***

Legal requirements

The legal requirements related to heritage specifically are specified in Section 3 of this report. For this proposed project, the assessment has determined that no sites, features or objects of heritage significance occur in the study area. If heritage features are identified during construction, as stated in the management recommendation, these finds would have to be assessed by a specialist, after which a decision will be made regarding the application for relevant permits.

Reasoned opinion as to whether the proposed activity should be authorised:

- From a heritage point of view, it is recommended that the proposed development be allowed to continue on acceptance of the proposed mitigation measures as well as the conditions proposed below.

Conditions for inclusion in the environmental authorisation:

- The Palaeontological Sensitivity Map (SAHRIS) indicate that a small section in the north has a high possibility of fossil remains to be found and therefore a field assessment and a protocol for finds is required. Over the rest of the site a moderate sensitivity is indicated and therefore a desktop study is required.
- Should archaeological sites or graves be exposed in other areas during construction work, it must immediately be reported to a heritage practitioner so that an investigation and evaluation of the finds can be made.

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11.3 Archival sources, maps and aerial photographs

1: 50 000 Topographic maps

Google Earth

Aerial Photographs: Chief Surveyor-General

12. ADDENDUM

1. Indemnity and terms of use of this report

The findings, results, conclusions and recommendations given in this report are based on the author's best scientific and professional knowledge as well as available information. The report is based on survey and assessment techniques which are limited by time and budgetary constraints relevant to the type and level of investigation undertaken and the author reserve the right to modify aspects of the report including the recommendations if and when new information may become available from ongoing research or further work in this field, or pertaining to this investigation.

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2. Assessing the significance of heritage resources and potential impacts

A system for site grading was established by the NHRA and further developed by the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA 2007) and has been approved by ASAPA for use in southern Africa and was utilised during this assessment.

2.1 Significance of the identified heritage resources

According to the NHRA, Section 2(vi) the **significance** of a heritage sites and artefacts is determined by it aesthetic, architectural, historical, scientific, social, spiritual, linguistic or technical value in relation to the uniqueness, condition of preservation and research potential. It must be kept in mind that the various aspects are not mutually exclusive, and that the evaluation of any site is done with reference to any number of these.

Matrix used for assessing the significance of each identified site/feature

1. SITE EVALUATION				
1.1 Historic value				
Is it important in the community, or pattern of history				
Does it have strong or special association with the life or work of a person, group or organisation of importance in history				
Does it have significance relating to the history of slavery				
1.2 Aesthetic value				
It is important in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group				
1.3 Scientific value				
Does it have potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of natural or cultural heritage				
Is it important in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period				
1.4 Social value				
Does it have strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons				
1.5 Rarity				
Does it possess uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of natural or cultural heritage				
1.6 Representivity				
Is it important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class of natural or cultural places or objects				
Importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a range of landscapes or environments, the attributes of which identify it as being characteristic of its class				
Importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of human activities (including way of life, philosophy, custom, process, land-use, function, design or technique) in the environment of the nation, province, region or locality.				
2. Sphere of Significance		High	Medium	Low
International				
National				
Provincial				
Regional				
Local				
Specific community				
3. Field Register Rating				
1.	National/Grade 1: High significance - No alteration whatsoever without permit from SAHRA			
2.	Provincial/Grade 2: High significance - No alteration whatsoever without permit from provincial heritage authority.			
3.	Local/Grade 3A: High significance - Mitigation as part of development process not advised.			

4.	Local/Grade 3B: High significance - Could be mitigated and (part) retained as heritage register site	
5.	Generally protected 4A: High/medium significance - Should be mitigated before destruction	
6.	Generally protected 4B: Medium significance - Should be recorded before destruction	
7.	Generally protected 4C: Low significance - Requires no further recording before destruction	

2.2 Significance of the anticipated impact on heritage resources

All impacts identified during the HIA stage of the study will be classified in terms of their significance. Issues would be assessed in terms of the following criteria:

Nature of the impact

A description of what causes the effect, what will be affected and how it will be affected.

Extent

The physical **extent**, wherein it is indicated whether:

- 1 - The impact will be limited to the site;
- 2 - The impact will be limited to the local area;
- 3 - The impact will be limited to the region;
- 4 - The impact will be national; or
- 5 - The impact will be international.

Duration

Here it should be indicated whether the lifespan of the impact will be:

- 1 - Of a very short duration (0–1 years);
- 2 - Of a short duration (2-5 years);
- 3 - Medium-term (5–15 years);
- 4 - Long term (where the impact will persist possibly beyond the operational life of the activity); or
- 5 - Permanent (where the impact will persist indefinitely).

Magnitude (Intensity)

The magnitude of impact, quantified on a scale from 0-10, where a score is assigned:

- 0 - Small and will have no effect;
- 2 - Minor and will not result in an impact;
- 4 - Low and will cause a slight impact;
- 6 - Moderate and will result in processes continuing but in a modified way;
- 8 - High, (processes are altered to the extent that they temporarily cease); or
- 10 - Very high and results in complete destruction of patterns and permanent cessation of processes.

Probability

This describes the likelihood of the impact actually occurring and is estimated on a scale where:

- 1 - Very improbable (probably will not happen);
- 2 - Improbable (some possibility, but low likelihood);
- 3 - Probable (distinct possibility);
- 4 - Highly probable (most likely); or
- 5 - Definite (impact will occur regardless of any prevention measures).

Significance

The significance is determined through a synthesis of the characteristics described above (refer to the formula below) and can be assessed as low, medium or high:

$S = (E+D+M) \times P$; where
S = Significance weighting

E = Extent
 D = Duration
 M = Magnitude
 P = Probability

Significance of impact		
Points	Significant Weighting	Discussion
< 30 points	Low	Where this impact would not have a direct influence on the decision to develop in the area.
31-60 points	Medium	Where the impact could influence the decision to develop in the area unless it is effectively mitigated.
> 60 points	High	Where the impact must have an influence on the decision process to develop in the area.

Confidence

This should relate to the level of confidence that the specialist has in establishing the nature and degree of impacts. It relates to the level and reliability of information, the nature and degree of consultation with I&AP's and the dynamic of the broader socio-political context.

- High, where the information is comprehensive and accurate, where there has been a high degree of consultation and the socio-political context is relatively stable.
- Medium, where the information is sufficient but is based mainly on secondary sources, where there has been a limited targeted consultation and socio-political context is fluid.
- Low, where the information is poor, a high degree of contestation is evident and there is a state of socio-political flux.

Status

- The status, which is described as either positive, negative or neutral.

Reversibility

- The degree to which the impact can be reversed.

Mitigation

- The degree to which the impact can be mitigated.

Nature:		
	Without mitigation	With mitigation
Construction Phase		
Probability		
Duration		
Extent		
Magnitude		
Significance		
Status (positive or negative)		
Operation Phase		
Probability		
Duration		
Extent		
Magnitude		
Significance		
Status (positive or negative)		
Reversibility		
Irreplaceable loss of resources?		
Can impacts be mitigated		

3. Mitigation measures

- *Mitigation: means to anticipate and prevent negative impacts and risks, then to minimise them, rehabilitate or repair impacts to the extent feasible.*

Impacts can be managed through one or a combination of the following mitigation measures:

- Avoidance
- Investigation (archaeological)
- Rehabilitation
- Interpretation
- Memorialisation
- Enhancement (positive impacts)

For the current study, the following mitigation measures are proposed, to be implemented only if any of the identified sites or features are to be impacted on by the proposed development activities:

- (1) Avoidance/Preserve: This is viewed to be the primary form of mitigation and applies where any type of development occurs within a formally protected or significant or sensitive heritage context and is likely to have a high negative impact. This measure often includes the change / alteration of development planning and therefore impact zones in order not to impact on resources. The site should be retained *in situ* and a buffer zone should be created around it, either temporary (by means of danger tape) or permanently (wire fence or built wall). Depending on the type of site, the buffer zone can vary from
 - 10 metres for a single grave, or a built structure, to
 - 50 metres where the boundaries are less obvious, e.g. a Late Iron Age site.
- (2) Archaeological investigation/Relocation of graves: This option can be implemented with additional design and construction inputs. This is appropriate where development occurs in a context of heritage significance and where the impact is such that it can be mitigated. Mitigation is to excavate the site by archaeological techniques, document the site (map and photograph) and analyse the recovered material to acceptable standards. This can only be done by a suitably qualified archaeologist.
 - This option should be implemented when it is impossible to avoid impacting on an identified site or feature.
 - This also applies for graves older than 60 years that are to be relocated. For graves younger than 60 years a permit from SAHRA is not required. However, all other legal requirements must be adhered to.
 - Impacts can be beneficial – e.g. mitigation contribute to knowledge
- (3) Rehabilitation: When features, e.g. buildings or other structures are to be re-used. Rehabilitation is considered in heritage management terms as an intervention typically involving the adding of a new heritage layer to enable a new sustainable use.
 - The heritage resource is degraded or in the process of degradation and would benefit from rehabilitation.
 - Where rehabilitation implies appropriate conservation interventions, i.e. adaptive reuse, repair and maintenance, consolidation and minimal loss of historical fabric.
 - Conservation measures would be to record the buildings/structures as they are (at a particular point in time). The records and recordings would then become the 'artefacts' to be preserved and managed as heritage features or (movable) objects.
 - This approach automatically also leads to the enhancement of the sites or features that are re-used.

- (4) Mitigation is also possible with additional design and construction inputs. Although linked to the previous measure (rehabilitation) a secondary though 'indirect' conservation measure would be to use the existing architectural 'vocabulary' of the structure as guideline for any new designs.
 - The following principle should be considered: **heritage informs design**.
 - This approach automatically also leads to the enhancement of the sites or features that are re-used.

- (5) No further action required: This is applicable only where sites or features have been rated to be of such low significance that it does not warrant further documentation, as it is viewed to be fully documented after inclusion in this report.
 - Site monitoring during development, by an ECO or the heritage specialist are often added to this recommendation in order to ensure that no undetected heritage/remains are destroyed.

4. Relocation of graves

If the graves are younger than 60 years, an undertaker can be contracted to deal with the exhumation and reburial. This will include public participation, organising cemeteries, coffins, etc. They need permits and have their own requirements that must be adhered to.

If the graves are older than 60 years old or of undetermined age, an archaeologist must be in attendance to assist with the exhumation and documentation of the graves. This is a requirement by law.

Once it has been decided to relocate particular graves, the following steps should be taken:

- Notices of the intention to relocate the graves need to be put up at the burial site for a period of 60 days. This should contain information where communities and family members can contact the developer/archaeologist/public-relations officer/undertaker. All information pertaining to the identification of the graves needs to be documented for the application of a SAHRA permit. The notices need to be in at least 3 languages, English, and two other languages. This is a requirement by law.
- Notices of the intention needs to be placed in at least two local newspapers and have the same information as the above point. This is a requirement by law.
- Local radio stations can also be used to try contact family members. This is not required by law, but is helpful in trying to contact family members.
- During this time (60 days) a suitable cemetery need to be identified close to the development area or otherwise one specified by the family of the deceased.
- An open day for family members should be arranged after the period of 60 days so that they can gather to discuss the way forward, and to sort out any problems. The developer needs to take the families requirements into account. This is a requirement by law.
- Once the 60 days has passed and all the information from the family members have been received, a permit can be requested from SAHRA. This is a requirement by law.
- Once the permit has been received, the graves may be exhumed and relocated.
- All headstones must be relocated with the graves as well as any items found in the grave.

Information needed for the SAHRA permit application

- The permit application needs to be done by an archaeologist.
- A map of the area where the graves have been located.
- A survey report of the area prepared by an archaeologist.
- All the information on the families that have identified graves.
- If graves have not been identified and there are no headstones to indicate the grave, these are then unknown graves and should be handled as if they are older than 60 years. This information also needs to be given to SAHRA.
- A letter from the landowner giving permission to the developer to exhume and relocate the graves.
- A letter from the new cemetery confirming that the graves will be reburied there.
- Details of the farm name and number, magisterial district and GPS coordinates of the gravesite.

5. Curriculum vitae

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Qualifications

1995 DLitt et Phil (Anthropology), University of South Africa
1985 MA (Anthropology), University of Pretoria
1981 BA (Hons), Anthropology, University of Pretoria
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1978 BA (Hons), Archaeology, University of Pretoria
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Non-academic qualifications

12th HSRC-School in Research Methodology - July 1990
Dept. of Education and Training Management Course - June 1992
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Professional experience

Private Practice
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1992 - 2017: Senior researcher: Head of Department of Research. Manage an average of seven researchers in this department and supervise them in their research projects. Did various projects relating to Anthropology and Archaeology in Limpopo Province, Mpumalanga, North West Province and Gauteng. Headed the Museum's Section for Heritage Impact Assessments.
1978 - 1991: Curator of the Anthropological Department of the Museum. Carried out extensive fieldwork in both anthropology and archaeology

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1976 - 1977: Assistant researcher responsible for excavations at various sites in Limpopo Province and Mpumalanga.

Awards and grants

1. Hanisch Book Prize for the best final year Archaeology student, University of Pretoria - 1976.
2. Special merit award, National Cultural History Museum - 1986.
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4. Grant by the Department of Arts, Culture, Science and Technology, to visit the various African countries to study museums, sites and cultural programmes - 1993.
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Publications

Published more than 70 papers, mostly in scientifically accredited journals, but also as chapters in books.

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Regularly presented papers at conferences, locally as well as internationally, on various research topics, ranging in scope from archaeology, anthropological, historical, cultural historical and tourism development.

Heritage Impact Assessments

Since 1992, I have done more than 2000 Phase 1 and Phase 2 impact assessments (archaeological, anthropological, historical and social) for various government departments and developers. Projects include environmental management frameworks, roads, pipeline-, and power line developments, dams, mining, water purification works, historical landscapes, refuse dumps and urban developments.