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Proposed Dukuza Rural Subsidised Housing Project

K2m Environmental is undertaking the EIA for the proposed housing upgrade study. The project area falls within the jurisdiction of the Okhahlamba Local Municipality, which is one of five local municipalities making up the uThukela District Municipality. The proposed Dukuza Rural Subsidised Housing Project is aimed at providing suitable housing to beneficiaries residing in portions of Ward 4 and 5 of the Okhahlamba Local Municipality. The project area includes land falling under the rule of the Amangwane Traditional Authority which make-up Wards 4 and 5..

The development is rated as having medium to very high palaeontological sensitivity (fig. 1) and would normally require a desktop study as a minimum requirement. However the area is highly disturbed and the palaeontological layers tend to occur ~1.5m below the surface. The housing development will not be reaching these depths. There are two known archaeological sites in the study area of which both are Stone Age scatters. This survey formed part of the Woodstock Dam survey. Many more sites were recorded before the Woodstock Dam was built. No other heritage surveys occur in the study area.

The proposed development will only occur in the footprints of existing homesteads and thus will not impact heritage sites or graves. Any graves occurring within a settlement near a footprint will be known to the household and would not be affected.

I support the request that no further heritage management occurs for this development.

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Fig. 1: Palaeontological Sensitivity

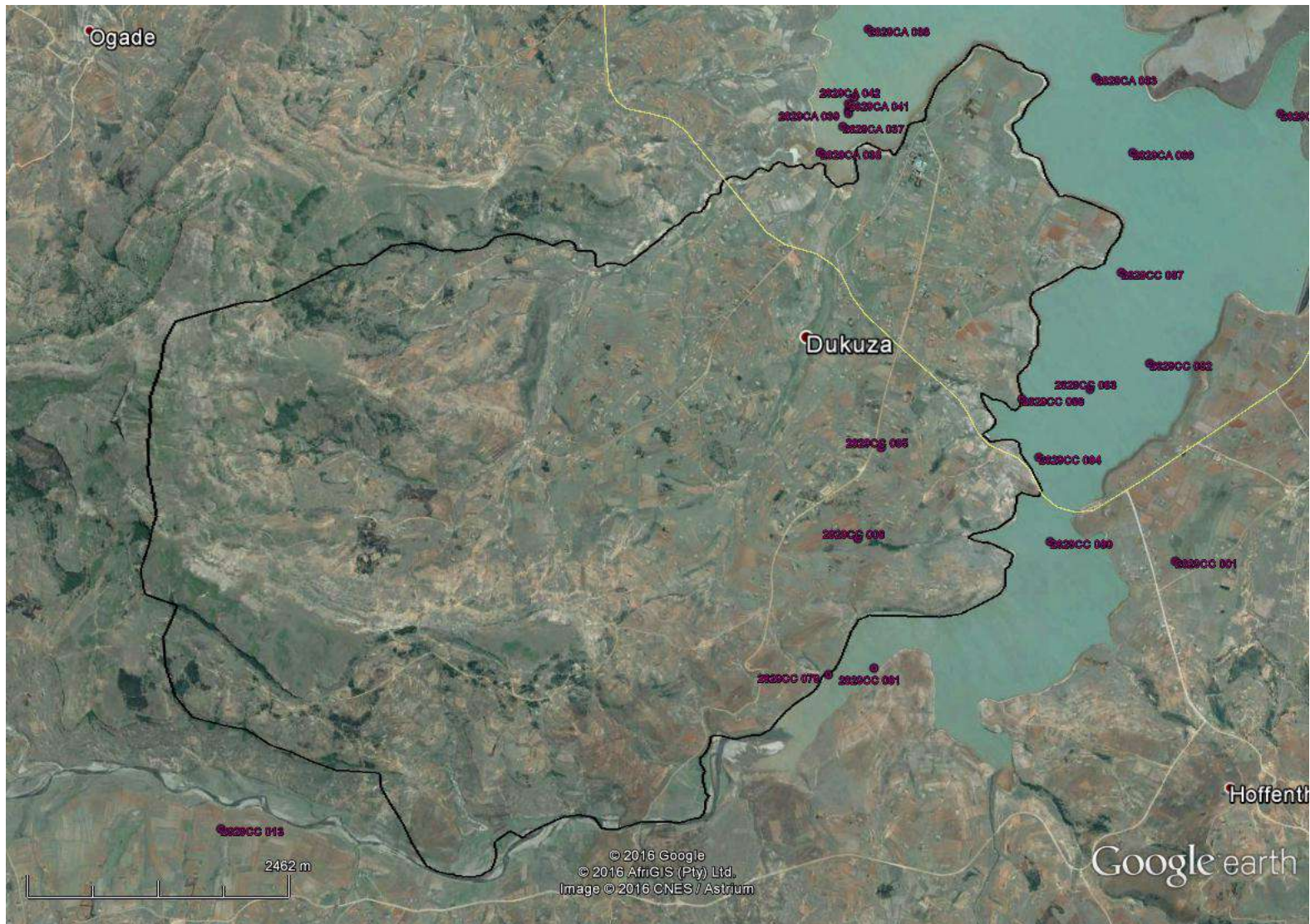


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Fig. 2: Location Of Known Heritage Sites



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Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gavin Anderson'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Gavin' being more prominent and the last name 'Anderson' written in a smaller, more compact script.

Gavin Anderson