

Addendum to Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment submitted July 2021 for proposed new residential development on Portion 20 of Farm Lilyvale 2313, Bloemfontein, Free State of Province.

A Phase 1 Heritage Impact Assessment, that was carried out in June 2021 for a proposed new township development on Portion 20 of Farm Lilyvale 2313 in Bloemfontein, identified three historically significant, man-made structures, namely a Sangar, the remains of a single, Rectangular Stonewalled Building and a thin, lensing soil accumulation, possibly representing the remnants of an old Ash Heap (**Fig. 1**). It was recommended that proposed development may proceed, provided that the Sangar and Rectangular Stonewalled Building are protected as part of a designated open space, accompanied by appropriate information displays, and preferably with a clearly visible fence during the construction phase of the development. It was also recommended that the ash heap area is protected as part of a designated open space, preferably capped by grass. Furthermore, the likelihood that isolated, military-related artifacts are recovered from unconsolidated topsoils during construction phase of the development was deemed moderate to high with the recommendation that a professional archaeologist / heritage specialist is notified immediately for confirmation and appropriate mitigation.

The most recent layout plan for the township development, dated May 2023 (**Fig. 2**) show that:

- The Ash Heap area will be directly affected by road construction and in an area designated for high-density residential development (**Fig. 2**, Erf 40 yellow zone). However, a follow-up visit to the site in July 2023, indicated that the accumulation appears to have been destroyed in the interim, most probably as a result of erosion and trampling. Proposed development at this site can therefore proceed with no additional mitigation measures required.
- The Rectangular Stonewalled Building is included in an area designated “private open space” and should therefore not be negatively impacted by the proposed development (**Fig. 2**, green zone). No additional mitigation measures are required.
- The Sangar structure is included in an area designated for low density residential development (**Fig. 2**, Erf 36, brown zone). In this case it is advised that the development can proceed provided that the Sangar structure is protected as part of the assigned property, or alternatively; that the Sangar structure is, pending permission from SAHRA, carefully removed and reconstructed within one of the two “private open spaces” before the start of the construction phase of the development and under supervision of a qualified heritage specialist. This process will require a removal permit from SAHRA. The reconstruction must be accompanied by appropriate information displays.

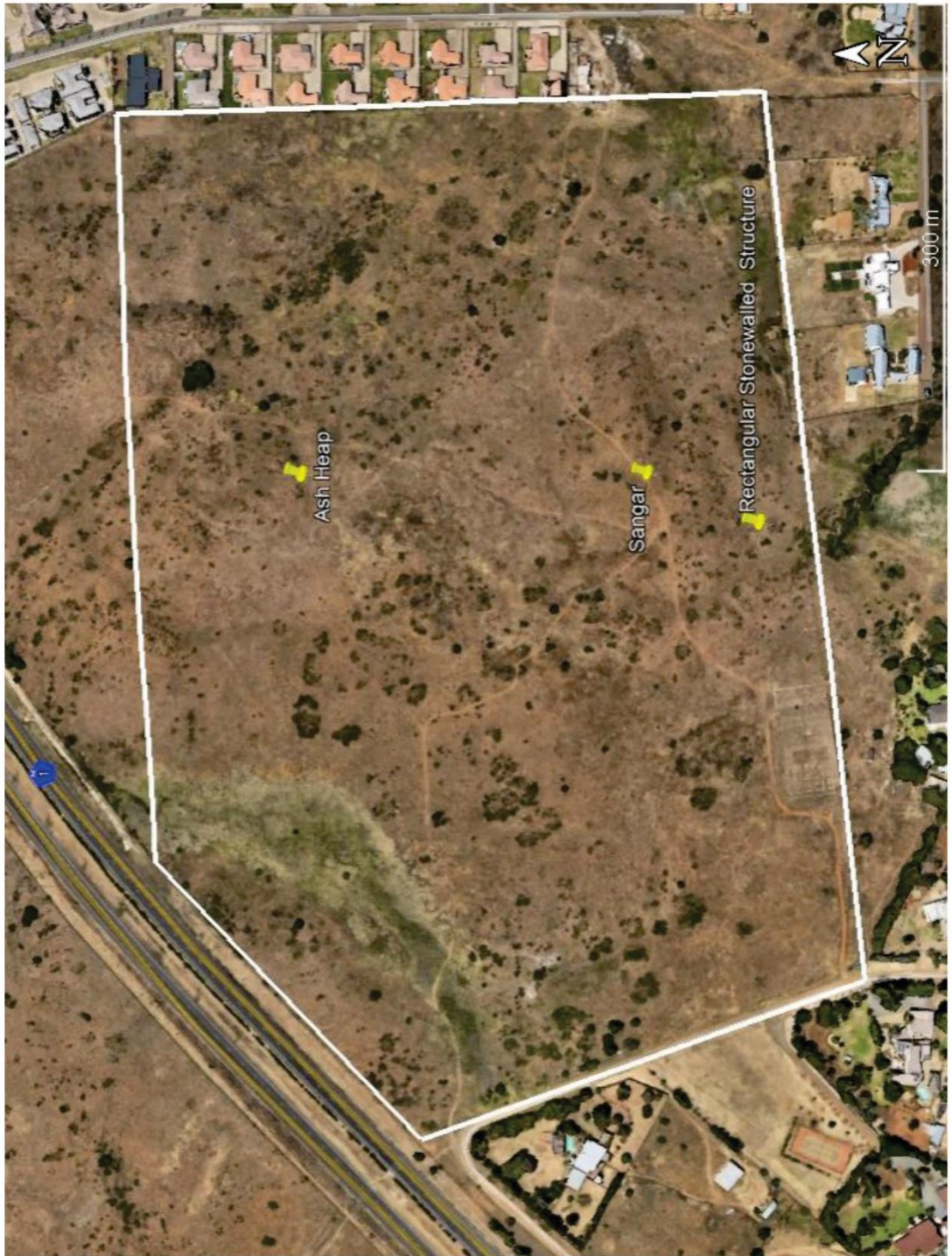


Figure 1. Historically significant structures recorded during 2021 field assessment.

