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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Site name and location: The proposed Majella Park Residential Development is located on Erf 749 Oakdene Extension 19, Gauteng Province.

1: 50 000 Topographic Map: 2628 AC.

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Findings of the Assessment:

HCAC was appointed to assess the study area in terms of the archaeological component of Section 35 of the NHRA as part of the basic assessment for the project. No raw material suitable for stone tool manufacture occurs in the study area and no ceramics or stone walls attributed to the Iron Age were recorded. No further mitigation prior to construction is recommended in terms of Section 35 for the proposed development to proceed.

In terms of the built environment of the area (Section 34), no standing structures older than 60 years occur within the study area. From the 1945 topographic map of the study area it is clear that no historical features occurred in the area at the time.

In terms of Section 36 of the Act no burial sites were recorded in the study area. However if any graves are located in future they should ideally be preserved *in-situ* or alternatively relocated according to existing legislation. Due to the subsurface nature of archaeological remains and the fact that graves can occur anywhere on the landscape, it is recommended that a chance find procedure is implemented for the project as part of the EMP.

The study area is surrounded by industrial and residential developments and no significant cultural landscapes or viewsapes were noted during the fieldwork. An African church was recorded and is classified as living heritage and will require some mitigation as outlined under Section 7 of this report. Other studies in the area e.g. Huffman 2006, Birkholtz 2015 recorded historical structures, a historical midden and possible remains of African churches

Based on the results of the field survey of the proposed development there are no significant archaeological risks associated with the development and HCAC is of the opinion that from an archaeological point of view there is no reason why the development should not proceed if the recommendations as made in the report area adhered to and based on approval from SAHRA.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AIA: Archaeological Impact Assessment
ASAPA: Association of South African Professional Archaeologists
BIA: Basic Impact Assessment
CRM: Cultural Resource Management
ECO: Environmental Control Officer
EIA: Environmental Impact Assessment*
EIA: Early Iron Age*
EIA Practitioner: Environmental Impact Assessment Practitioner
EMP: Environmental Management Plan
ESA: Early Stone Age
GPS: Global Positioning System
HIA: Heritage Impact Assessment
LIA: Late Iron Age
LSA: Late Stone Age
MEC: Member of the Executive Council
MIA: Middle Iron Age
MPRDA: Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act
MSA: Middle Stone Age
NEMA: National Environmental Management Act
PRHA: Provincial Heritage Resource Agency
SADC: Southern African Development Community
SAHRA: South African Heritage Resources Agency

**Although EIA refers to both Environmental Impact Assessment and the Early Iron Age both are internationally accepted abbreviations and must be read and interpreted in the context it is used.*

GLOSSARY

Archaeological site (remains of human activity over 100 years old)

Early Stone Age (~ 2.6 million to 250 000 years ago)

Middle Stone Age (~ 250 000 to 40-25 000 years ago)

Later Stone Age (~ 40-25 000, to recently, 100 years ago)

The Iron Age (~ AD 400 to 1840)

Historic (~ AD 1840 to 1950)

Historic building (over 60 years old)

1 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Heritage Contracts and Archaeological Consulting CC (**HCAC**) was appointed to conduct an Archaeological Impact Assessment for the proposed Majella Park Residential development as part of the Basic Assessment process.

The aim of the study is to identify cultural heritage sites, document, and assess their importance within local, provincial and national context. It serves to assess the impact of the proposed project on non-renewable heritage resources, and to submit appropriate recommendations with regard to the responsible cultural resources management measures that might be required to assist the developer in managing the discovered heritage resources in a responsible manner. It is also conducted to protect, preserve, and develop such resources within the framework provided by the National Heritage Resources Act of 1999 (Act 25 of 1999).

The report outlines the approach and methodology utilized before and during the survey, which includes: Phase 1, a desktop study that includes collection from various sources and consultations; Phase 2, the physical surveying of the study area on foot and by vehicle; Phase 3, reporting the outcome of the study.

General site conditions were recorded by means of photographs, GPS locations, and site descriptions. Possible impacts were identified and mitigation measures are proposed in the following report.

This report must also be submitted to the SAHRA for review.

1.1. Terms of Reference

Desktop study

Conduct a brief desktop study where information on the area is collected to provide a background setting of the archaeology that can be expected in the area.

Field study

Conduct a field study to: a) systematically survey the proposed project area to locate, identify, record, photograph and describe sites of archaeological, historical or cultural interest; b) record GPS points identified as significant areas; c) determine the levels of significance of the various types of heritage resources recorded in the project area.

Reporting

Report on the identification of anticipated and cumulative impacts the operational units of the proposed project activity may have on the identified heritage resources for all 3 phases of the project; i.e., construction, operation and decommissioning phases. Consider alternatives, should any significant sites be impacted adversely by the proposed project. Ensure that all studies and results comply with Heritage legislation and the code of ethics and guidelines of ASAPA.

To assist the developer in managing the discovered heritage resources in a responsible manner, and to protect, preserve, and develop them within the framework provided by the National Heritage Resources Act of 1999 (Act 25 of 1999).

1.2. Archaeological Legislation and Best Practice

Phase 1, an AIA or a HIA is a pre-requisite for development in South Africa as prescribed by SAHRA and stipulated by legislation. The overall purpose of a heritage specialist input is to:

- » Identify any heritage resources, which may be affected;
- » Assess the nature and degree of significance of such resources;
- » Establish heritage informants/constraints to guide the development process through establishing thresholds of impact significance;
- » Assess the negative and positive impact of the development on these resources;
- » Make recommendations for the appropriate heritage management of these impacts.

The AIA or HIA, as a specialist sub-section of the EIA, is required under the National Heritage Resources Act NHRA of 1999 (Act 25 of 1999), Section 23(2) (b) of the NEMA and section S. 39 (3) (b) (iii) of the MPRDA.

The AIA should be submitted, as part of the EIA, BIA or EMP, to the PHRA if established in the province or to SAHRA. SAHRA will be ultimately responsible for the professional evaluation of Phase 1 AIA reports upon which review comments will be issued. 'Best practice' requires Phase 1 AIA reports and additional development information, as per the EIA, BIA/EMP, to be submitted in duplicate to SAHRA after completion of the study. SAHRA accepts Phase 1 AIA reports authored by professional archaeologists, accredited with ASAPA or with a proven ability to do archaeological work.

Minimum accreditation requirements include an Honours degree in archaeology or related discipline and 3 years post-university CRM experience (field supervisor level).

Minimum standards for reports, site documentation and descriptions are set by ASAPA in collaboration with SAHRA. ASAPA is based in South Africa, representing professional archaeology in the SADC region. ASAPA is primarily involved in the overseeing of ethical practice and standards regarding the archaeological profession. Membership is based on proposal and secondment by other professional members.

Phase 1 AIA's are primarily concerned with the location and identification of sites situated within a proposed development area. Identified sites should be assessed according to their significance. Relevant conservation or Phase 2 mitigation recommendations should be made. Recommendations are subject to evaluation by SAHRA.

Conservation or Phase 2 mitigation recommendations, as approved by SAHRA, are to be used as guidelines in the developer's decision making process.

Phase 2 archaeological projects are primarily based on salvage/mitigation excavations preceding development destruction or impact on a site. Phase 2 excavations can only be conducted with a permit, issued by SAHRA to the appointed archaeologist. Permit conditions are prescribed by SAHRA and includes (as minimum requirements) reporting back strategies to SAHRA and deposition of excavated material at an accredited repository.

In the event of a site conservation option being preferred by the developer, a site management plan, prepared by a professional archaeologist and approved by SAHRA, will suffice as minimum requirement.

After mitigation of a site, a destruction permit must be applied for from SAHRA by the client before development may proceed.

Human remains older than 60 years are protected by the National Heritage Resources Act, with reference to Section 36. Graves older than 60 years, but younger than 100 years fall under Section 36 of Act 25 of 1999 (National Heritage Resources Act), as well as the Human Tissues Act (Act 65 of 1983), and are the jurisdiction of SAHRA. The procedure for Consultation Regarding Burial Grounds and Graves (Section 36[5]) of Act 25 of 1999) is applicable to graves older than 60 years that are situated outside a formal cemetery administrated by a local authority. Graves in this age category, located inside a formal cemetery administrated by a local authority, require the same authorisation as set out for graves younger than 60 years, in addition to SAHRA authorisation. If the grave is not situated inside a formal cemetery, but is to be relocated to one, permission from the local authority is required and all regulations, laws and by-laws, set by the cemetery authority, must be adhered to.

Human remains that are less than 60 years old are protected under Section 2(1) of the Removal of Graves and Dead Bodies Ordinance (Ordinance no. 7 of 1925), as well as the Human Tissues Act (Act 65 of 1983), and are the jurisdiction of the National Department of Health and the relevant Provincial Department of Health and must be submitted for final approval to the office of the relevant Provincial Premier. This function is usually delegated to the Provincial MEC for Local Government and Planning; or in some cases, the MEC for Housing and Welfare. Authorisation for exhumation and reinternment must also be obtained from the relevant local or regional council where the grave is situated, as well as the relevant local or regional council to where the grave is being relocated. All local and regional provisions, laws and by-laws must also be adhered to. To handle and transport human remains, the institution conducting the relocation should be authorised under Section 24 of Act 65 of 1983 (Human Tissues Act).

1.3. Description of Study Area

1.3.1 Location Data

The proposed residential development with related infrastructure is located on Erf 749 Oakdene Extension 19, Gauteng (Figure 1). The study area is located at 26° 15' 42.4932" S, 28° 02' 23.4885" E. The site is located just south of the M38 national road and is directly accessible from Oakdene Park Drive.

The vegetation and landscape is described by Mucina and Rutherford 2006 as Moderately undulating plains and low hills supporting tall, usually *Hyparrhenia hirta*-dominated grassland, with some woody species on rocky outcrops or rock sheets. The rocky habitats show a high diversity of woody species, which occur in the form of scattered shrub groups or solitary small trees.

1.3.2. Location Map

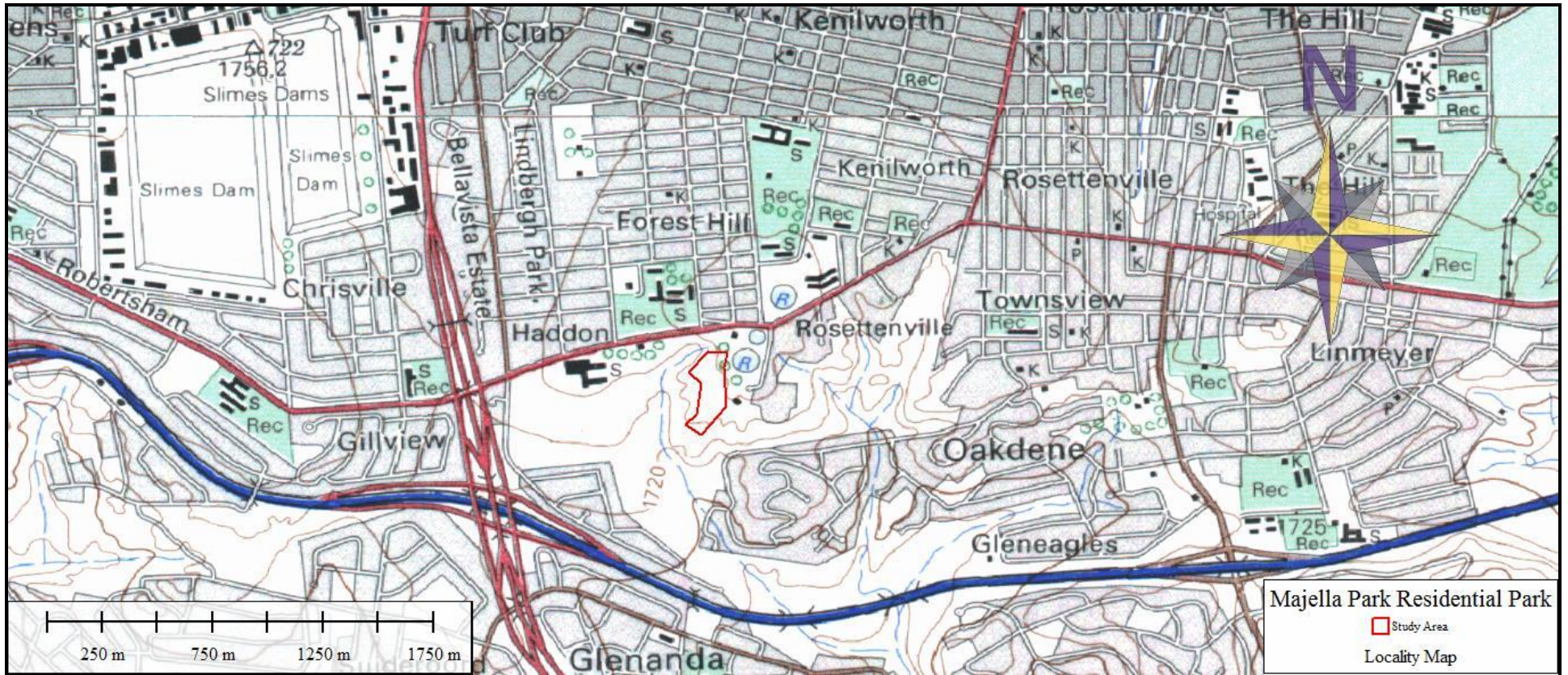


Figure 1. Location map

2. APPROACH AND METHODOLOGY

The aim of the study is to cover archaeological databases to compile a background of the archaeology that can be expected in the study area followed by field verification; this was accomplished by means of the following phases.

2.1 Phase 1 - Desktop Study

The first phase comprised desktop, scanning existing records for archaeological sites, historical sites, graves, architecture (structures older than 60 years) of the area. The following approach was followed:

2.1.1 Literature Search

This was conducted by utilising data stored in the national archives and published reports relevant to the area. The aim of this is to extract data and information on the area in question.

2.1.2 Information Collection

SAHRIS was consulted to collect data from previously conducted CRM projects in the region to provide a comprehensive account of the history of the study area.

2.1.3 Consultation

No public consultation was done by the author as this was done independently as part of the BA.

2.1.4 Google Earth and Mapping Survey

Google Earth and 1:50 000 maps of the area were utilised to identify possible places where sites of heritage significance might be located.

2.1.5 Genealogical Society of South Africa

The database of the Genealogical Society was consulted to collect data on any known graves in the area.

2.2 Phase 2 - Physical Surveying

Due to the nature of cultural remains, the majority of which occurs below surface, a field survey of the proposed development was conducted. The study area was surveyed by means of vehicle and extensive pedestrian surveys during the week of 9 May 2016.

The survey was aimed at covering the proposed development footprint, focussing on specific areas on the landscape that would be more likely to contain archaeological and/or other heritage remains like drainage lines, rocky outcrops as well as slight elevations in the natural topography. These areas were searched more intensively, but many other areas were walked in order to confirm expectations in those areas. Track logs of the areas covered were taken (Figure 2).

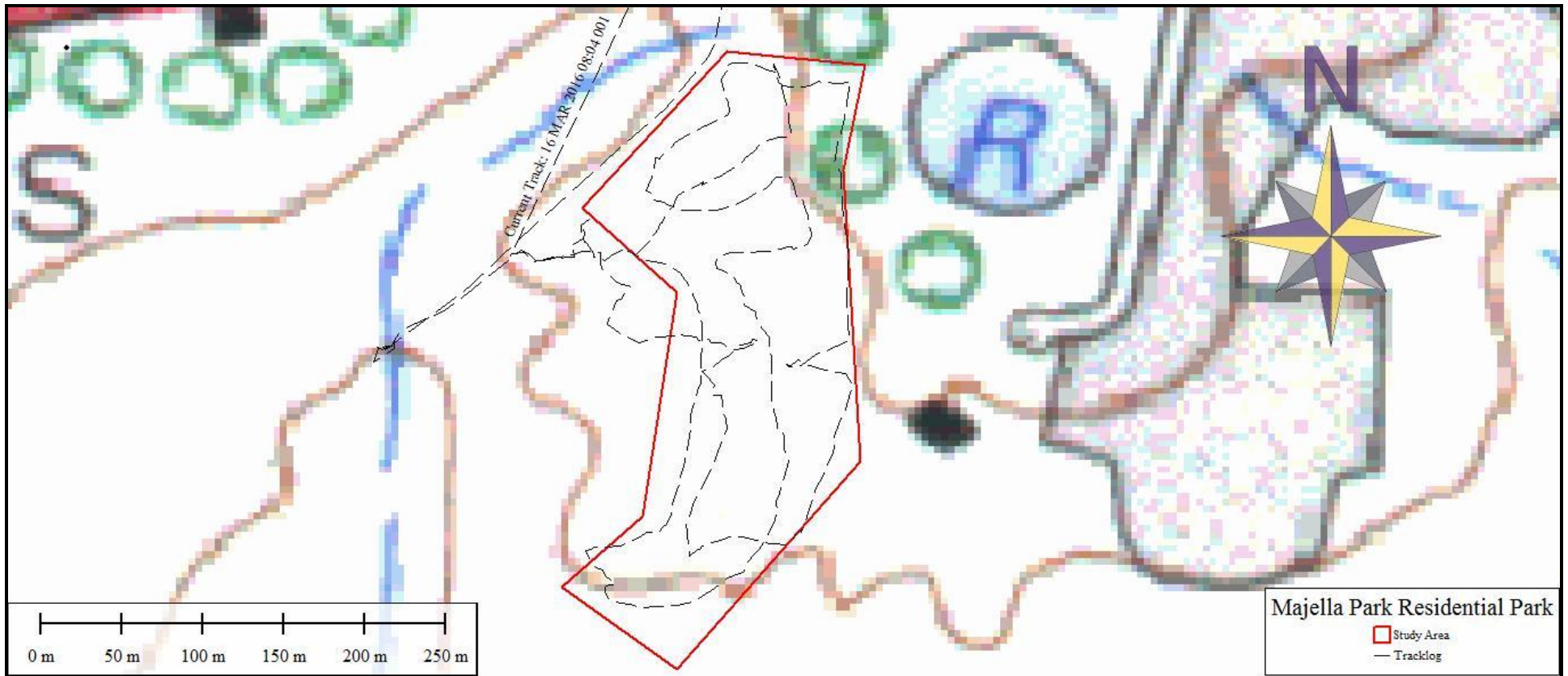


Figure 2. Track logs of the areas surveyed indicated in black with the development footprint indicated in red.

2.3. Restrictions

Due to the subsurface nature of archaeological artefacts, the possibility exists that some features or artefacts may not have been discovered/ recorded during the survey and the possible occurrence of unmarked graves and other cultural material cannot be excluded. This report only deals with the footprint area of the proposed development as indicated in the location map.

Although HCAC surveyed the area as thoroughly as possible, it is incumbent upon the developer to stop operations and inform the relevant heritage agency should further cultural remains, such as graves, stone tool scatters, artefacts, bones or fossils, be exposed during the process of development.

3. NATURE OF THE DEVELOPMENT

The proposed development is to include a residential development with related infrastructure on Erf 749 Oakdene Extension 19 with an extent of 5, 2739 hectares. The proposed development is a "Residential 3" 4 storeys development with approximately 430 units.

A new water connection will be installed and as an existing water connection will be upgraded. The development will have two sewer connections to the existing sewer infrastructure. In terms of traffic, the proposed development will involve road upgrades. With regards to electricity, an existing electrical connection will be utilised.

4. HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY AREA

4.1 Databases Consulted

Several sites are on record for the larger geographical area at the Wits database. These sites consist of Stone Age (ESA & LSA), Late Iron Age, Anglo Boer War remains and Historic remains (mostly to the west of the study area). None of these sites are located within or close to the project area but provide a background of to the sites that can be expected.

At least four previous CRM projects were conducted in the general vicinity of the study area. The projects include salvage excavations (Huffman and Murimbika 2007) on sites first recorded by Mason (1986). Huffman conducted another study on Stone Walled Settlements in the Meyersdal nature Estate in 2002. Two other projects in the area were done by Huffman and Lathy (1997) and by Steyn, Fourie and Nienaber (2006), who completed a grave relocation project in Alberton. Closer to the study area Huffman 2006 and Birkholtz 2015 recorded historical structures (Huffman 2006), a historical midden (Birkholtz 2015) and possible remains of African churches (Huffman 2006).

Genealogical Society and Google Earth Monuments

No cemeteries are indicated for the area under investigation.

4.2. Brief background to the study area

A farm does not exist in isolation and the history of the surrounding area will be briefly discussed. Sources for the history of the area surrounding the study area include secondary source material, maps, electronic sources, and archival documents. A brief history of human settlement from the source of J. S. Bergh (1999) will be used to write a short history of the area.

4.2.2. Historical background of the area

J. S. Bergh's historical atlas of the four northern provinces of South Africa is a very useful source for the writing of local and regional history. The Difaqane (Sotho), or Mfekane ("the crushing" in Nguni) was a time of bloody upheavals in Natal and on the Highveld, which occurred around the early 1820's until the late 1830's. (Bergh 1999: 10) It came about in response to heightened competition for land and trade, and caused population groups like gun-carrying Griquas and Shaka's Zulus to attack other tribes. (Bergh 1999: 14; 116-119) It seems that, in 1827, Mzilikazi's Ndebele started moving through the area where Johannesburg is located today. This group went on raids to various other areas in order to expand their area of influence. (Bergh 1999: 11)

During the time of the Difaqane, a northwards migration of white settlers from the Cape was also taking place. Some travellers, missionaries and adventurers had gone on expeditions to the northern areas in South Africa, some already as early as the 1720's.

It was however only by the late 1820's that a mass-movement of Dutch speaking people in the Cape Colony started advancing into the northern areas. This was due to feelings of mounting dissatisfaction caused by economical and other circumstances in the Cape. This movement later became known as the Great Trek. This migration resulted in a massive increase in the extent of that proportion of modern South Africa dominated by people of European descent. (Ross 2002: 39) By 1939 to 1940, farm boundaries were drawn up in an area that includes the present-day Johannesburg and Krugersdorp. (Bergh 1999: 15).

Anglo-Boer War

An Anglo Boer War battle known as the Battle of Doornkop took place in the area on 29 May 1900. The British were advancing toward Johannesburg led by General John French. De La Rey and his men held the Klipriviersberg Ridge for the first two days but on the third day the Boers were outflanked by French's cavalry to the West, where General Sarel Oosthuizen's commando was forced to withdraw. This opened the road to Johannesburg and the British took the city peacefully on 30 May 1900 (Bikholtz 2013). Huffman (2008) recorded several sangers dating to the Boer war close to the study area on a ridge.

4.2.2. Alberton

Alberton is located about 8 km to the east of the current study area. At the age of 13 Johannes Petrus Meyer bought 11 hectare of his father's farm, Elandsfontein (www.alberton.co.za) from his stepfather. After his death his brother Org took over the farm. General Alberts purchased a part of the farm Elandsfontein from Org and he planned to split it up into erven and sell it. As the Meyer family originally came from Prins Albert in the Cape colony, General Alberts decided to name the new township Alberton. The first family to settle was the Van der Merwe family in 1903. In 1905 at least five families had settled on the properties. Alberton's first town hall and factory was built in 1918. The first company in Alberton was CJ Fuchs (Pty) Limited and still doing business under the name Fuchsware. Alberton's first street lights were also installed during this time and a huge rat plague hit Alberton in 1924 (www.alberton.co.za).

4.2.3. Archaeology of the area

Although there are no well-known Stone Age sites located on or around the study area there is evidence of the use of the larger area by Stone Age communities for example along the Kliprivier where ESA and MSA tools were recorded. LSA material is recorded along ridges to the south of the Alberton (Huffman 2008). Petroglyphs occur at Redan as well as along the Vaal River (Berg 1999).

Extensive Stone walled sites are recorded at Klipriviers Berg Nature reserve belonging to the Late Iron Age period. A large body of research is available on this area. These sites (Taylor's Type N, Mason's Class 2 & 5) are now collectively referred to as Klipriviersberg (Huffman 2007). These settlements are complex in that aggregated settlements are common, the outer wall sometimes includes scallops to mark back courtyards, there are more small stock kraals, and straight walls separate households in the residential zone. These sites dates to the 18th and 19th centuries and were built by people in the Fokeng cluster.

In this area the Klipriviersberg walling would have ended at about AD 1823, when Mzilikazi entered the area (Rasmussen 1978). This settlement type may have lasted longer in other areas because of the positive interaction between Fokeng and Mzilikazi.

5. HERITAGE SITE SIGNIFICANCE AND MITIGATION MEASURES

The presence and distribution of heritage resources define a 'heritage landscape'. In this landscape, every site is relevant. In addition, because heritage resources are non-renewable, heritage surveys need to investigate an entire project area, or a representative sample, depending on the nature of the project. In the case of the proposed project the local extent of its impact necessitates a representative sample and only the footprint of the areas demarcated for development were surveyed. In all initial investigations, however, the specialists are responsible only for the identification of resources visible on the surface.

This section describes the evaluation criteria used for determining the significance of archaeological and heritage sites. The following criteria were used to establish site significance:

- » The unique nature of a site;
- » The integrity of the archaeological/cultural heritage deposits;
- » The wider historic, archaeological and geographic context of the site;
- » The location of the site in relation to other similar sites or features;
- » The depth of the archaeological deposit (when it can be determined/is known);
- » The preservation condition of the sites;
- » Potential to answer present research questions.

Furthermore, The National Heritage Resources Act (Act No 25 of 1999, Sec 3) distinguishes nine criteria for places and objects to qualify as 'part of the national estate' if they have cultural significance or other special value. These criteria are:

- » Its importance in/to 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;
- » Sites of significance relating to the history of slavery in South Africa.

5.1. Field Rating of Sites

Site significance classification standards prescribed by SAHRA (2006), and acknowledged by ASAPA for the SADC region, were used for the purpose of this report. The recommendations for each site should be read in conjunction with section 7 of this report.

FIELD RATING	GRADE	SIGNIFICANCE	RECOMMENDED MITIGATION
National Significance (NS)	Grade 1	-	Conservation; national site nomination
Provincial Significance (PS)	Grade 2	-	Conservation; provincial site nomination
Local Significance (LS)	Grade 3A	High significance	Conservation; mitigation not advised
Local Significance (LS)	Grade 3B	High significance	Mitigation (part of site should be retained)
Generally Protected A (GP.A)	-	High/medium significance	Mitigation before destruction
Generally Protected B (GP.B)	-	Medium significance	Recording before destruction
Generally Protected C (GP.C)	-	Low significance	Destruction

6. BASELINE STUDY-DESCRIPTION OF SITES

It is important to note that the entire farm was not surveyed but only the development footprint. The topography of the study area is steep in some places as the study area is sited on a ridge. The study area is characterised by rock outcrops and covered by veld grass and therefore archaeological visibility is high to medium (Figure 3 - 6). From google imagery it is deduced that the study area has been fallow for a number of years.

The study area was assessed in terms of the archaeological component of Section 35 of the NHRA and no surface indicators of archaeological (Stone or Iron Age) sites were identified in the study area. In terms of the built environment of the area (Section 34), no standing buildings older than 60 years occur in the areas visited. The demolished remains of three structures (Table 1 & Figure 8) was however recorded consisting of cement slabs, either rectangular or circular (Figure 9 & 10). These buildings (Feature 457 – 459) are not indicated on the 1945 topographic map of the study area (Figure 7) and similarly no structures are indicated on the 1990's maps of the area (Figure 2). These demolished ruins are assumed therefore not to be older than 60 years. These features are completely demolished to be of any significance apart from noting its presence, which has been done so in this report.

An informal church (Table 1 & Figure 8) was recorded and is classified as living heritage (Feature 456). The church is located under a cluster of trees in the western portion of the study area. The sites are marked by white crosses painted on the rocks (Figure 11), and open areas demarcated by upright standing stones (Figure 12). The recorded features interpreted as ruins could also be the remains of African churches.

No burial grounds or graves were recorded and no significant cultural landscapes or viewsapes were noted during the fieldwork due to the extensive residential developments surrounding the study area. As graves can be expected anywhere on the landscape and the fact that the area has been disturbed it is recommended that a chance find procedure is incorporated for this project.

Table 1: Recorded features with Co-ordinates

Feature Number	Type Site	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE	ELEVATION
456	Informal church	28° 02' 22.6716" E	26° 15' 42.2567" S	1768.415527
457	Ruin younger than 60 years	28° 02' 25.1987" E	26° 15' 38.7108" S	1781.11145
458	Ruin younger than 60 years	28° 02' 24.0071" E	26° 15' 37.0225" S	1782.02417
459	Ruin younger than 60 years	28° 02' 22.5023" E	26° 15' 39.1393" S	1776.924438

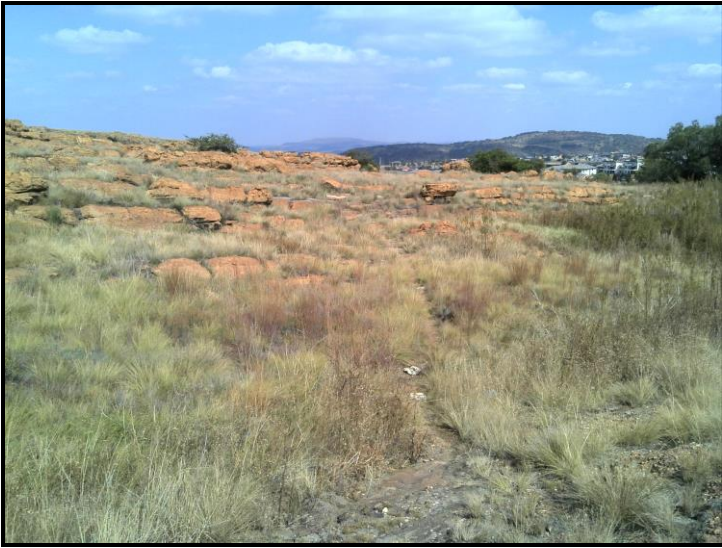


Figure 3: Study area viewed from the west.



Figure 4. Eastern portion of the study area.



Figure 5: South western portion of the study area.

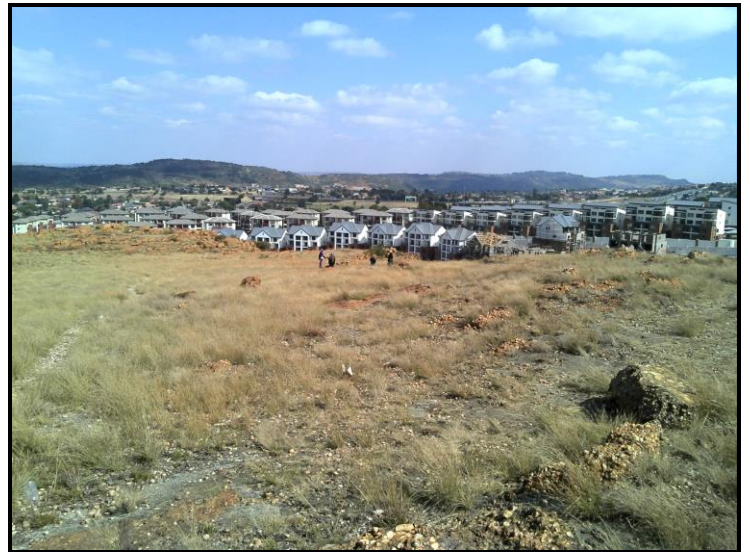


Figure 6. Southern portion of the study area.

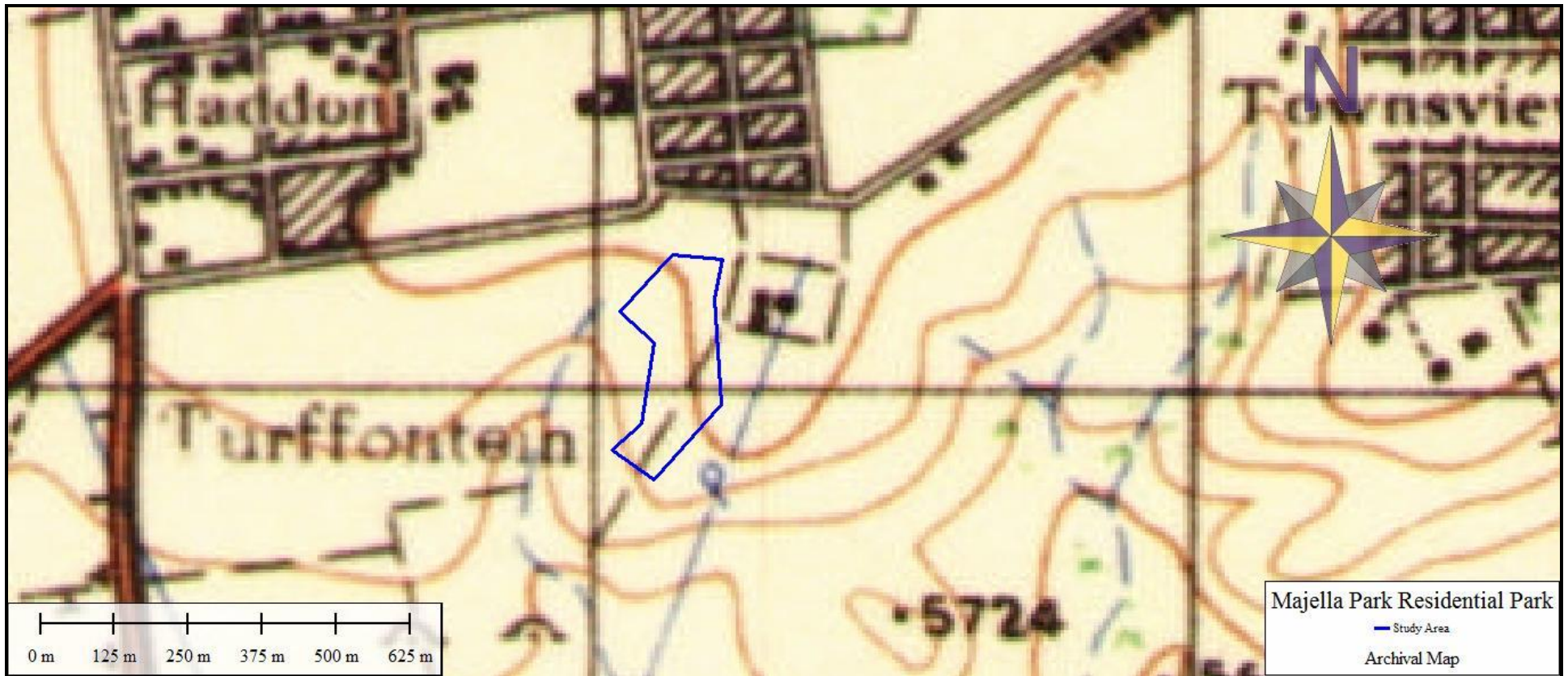


Figure 7. Extract of the 1945 topographical map.



Figure 8. Google Image of the study area showing no features or structure in the study area.



Figure 9: Feature 547.



Figure 10: Feature 458.



Figure 11. White crosses painted on rocks marking informal church.



Figure 12. Church area.

7. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

HCAC was appointed to assess the study area in terms of the archaeological component of Section 35 of the NHRA. No raw material suitable for stone tool manufacture occurs in the study area and no ceramics or stone walls attributed to the Iron Age were recorded within the study area. No further mitigation is recommended in terms of Section 35 for the proposed development to proceed.

The demolished remains of three structures (Feature 457 – 459) were however recorded consisting of cement slabs, either rectangular or circular. These buildings are not indicated on the 1945 topographic map of the study area and similarly no structures are indicated on the 1990's maps of the area. These demolished ruins are assumed therefore not to be older than 60 years. These features are completely demolished to be of any significance apart from noting its presence, which has been done so in this report and no further action is necessary for these features. The recorded features interpreted as ruins could also be the remains of African churches.

An informal church (Feature 456) was recorded and is classified as living heritage. The church is located under a cluster of trees in the western portion of the study area. It is recommended that during the public participation process the congregation must be involved in the process and informed of the proposed development, giving them adequate time to find a suitable replacement site.

In terms of Section 36 of the Act no burial sites were recorded. However if any graves are located in future they should ideally be preserved *in-situ* or alternatively relocated according to existing legislation. Due to the subsurface nature of archaeological remains and the fact that graves can occur anywhere on the landscape, it is recommended that a chance find procedure is implemented for the project as part of the EMP:

Chance find procedure

This procedure applies to the developer's permanent employees, its subsidiaries, contractors and subcontractors, and service providers. The aim of this procedure is to establish monitoring and reporting procedures to ensure compliance with this policy and its associated procedures. Construction crews must be properly inducted to ensure they are fully aware of the procedures regarding chance finds as discussed below.

- If during the pre-construction phase, construction, operations or closure phases of this project, any person employed by the developer, one of its subsidiaries, contractors and subcontractors, or service provider, finds any artefact of cultural significance or heritage site, this person must cease work at the site of the find and report this find to their immediate supervisor, and through their supervisor to the senior on-site manager.
- It is the responsibility of the senior on-site Manager to make an initial assessment of the extent of the find, and confirm the extent of the work stoppage in that area.
- The senior on-site Manager will inform the ECO of the chance find and its immediate impact on operations. The ECO will then contact a professional archaeologist for an assessment of the finds who will notify the SAHRA.

The study area is surrounded by residential developments and no significant cultural landscapes or viewsapes were noted during the fieldwork.

7.1 Reasoned Opinion

From a heritage perspective the proposed project is acceptable from a heritage point of view. If the above recommendations are adhered to and based on approval from SAHRA, HCAC is of the opinion that the development can continue as the development will not impact negatively on the archaeological record of the area. If during the pre-construction phase or during construction, any archaeological finds are made (e.g. graves, stone tools, and skeletal material), the operations must be stopped, and the archaeologist must be contacted for an assessment of the finds. Due to the subsurface nature of archaeological material and graves the possibility of the occurrence of unmarked or informal graves and subsurface finds cannot be excluded, but can be easily mitigated by preserving the sites *in-situ* within the development.

8. PROJECT TEAM

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9. STATEMENT OF COMPETENCY

I (Jaco van der Walt) am a member of ASAPA (no 159), and accredited in the following fields of the CRM Section of the association: Iron Age Archaeology, Colonial Period Archaeology, Stone Age Archaeology and Grave Relocation. This accreditation is also acknowledged by SAHRA and AMAFA.

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