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### **Mobono Area Housing Development Upgrade, Msinga**

K2m Environmental is undertaking the EIA for the proposed housing upgrade study. The proposed Mbono Rural Subsidised Housing Project is aimed at providing suitable housing to beneficiaries residing on a portion of Wards 14 and 15 of the Msinga Local Municipality, KwaZulu Natal. The project area falls within the jurisdiction of the Msinga Local Municipality, which is one of four local municipalities making up the Umzinyathi District Municipality. The total extend of the project area is approximately 8 171.2 Ha. The entire project area falls under the rule of the Bomvu (2) Traditional Authority which makes up a portion of Wards 13, 14 and 15 of the Msinga Local Municipality.

The development is rated as having low 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 fo which both are Stone Age scatters. Two HIA reports have been undertaken for the road upgrades within the study area (Active Heritage 2015; GA Heritage 2015). Both studies noted the occurrence of various graves at various homesteads.

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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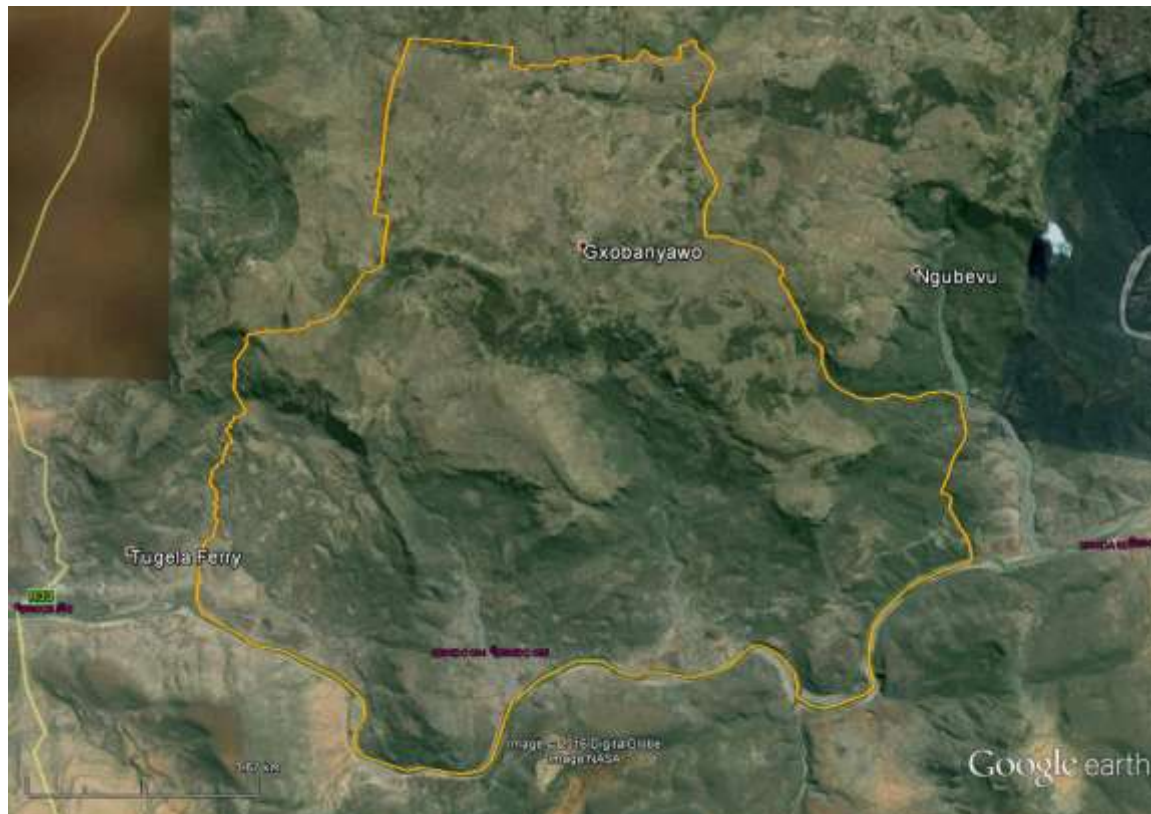
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**Fig. 1: Palaeontological Sensitivity**



**Fig. 2: Location Of Known Heritage Sites**



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Active Heritage. 2015. Phase One Heritage Impact Assessment Of The Proposed Upgrade Of An Existing Road (L2514) To A Type 7a Gravel Road Near Msinga, Kwazulu-Natal

GA Heritage. 2015. Mbhono Road Upgrade Project, near Tugela Ferry, Kwa Zulu-Natal Province.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gavin Anderson'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'G' and 'A'.

Gavin Anderson