

INTRODUCTION

Simpkins and Associates Int. cc contracted the Institute for Cultural Resource Management to undertake archaeological mitigation for the site FPE1. The test-pit excavations have been completed and no further mitigation is required.

The site is located northwest of Scottburgh, in the Freeland Park area. The site is situated between the Vodacom and MTN towers, as well as a water reservoir. Thus, some construction activity has occurred on the site and negatively impacted it without prior mitigation.

A total of thirteen 2 m x 2 m squares were excavated over a three day period (fig. 1). The artefacts indicate that the site dates to the mid to late Late Iron Age. Several features were recorded and sampled as well.

STRATIGRAPHY

The site has a basic stratigraphy. It consists of the top soil which contains mostly the upper 30 cm of sugar cane debris and soil. The next layer is a dark brown sand that varies between 20 – 40 cm in depth. This layer contains most of the artefacts and features. The last layer, depending on the area of the square, is a soft brown (-red) sand with few artefacts (fig. 2)