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SOMSHOEK AND ESIKOKO SUBSIDISED RURAL HOUSING

K2m Environmental is undertaking the EIA for the proposed housing upgrade study. The proposed 19 419.8 Ha Subsidised Rural Housing Project is aimed at providing suitable housing to beneficiaries residing on a portion of Ward 5 and a very small portion of ward 8 of the Indaka Local Municipality, uThukela District Municipality. The in-situ houses to be built are approximately 1000.

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 no known archaeological sites within the study area. While they will occur in the study the proposed project will not affect any sites.

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.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gavin Anderson'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a prominent initial 'G'.

Gavin Anderson

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Fig. 1: Palaeontological Sensitivity

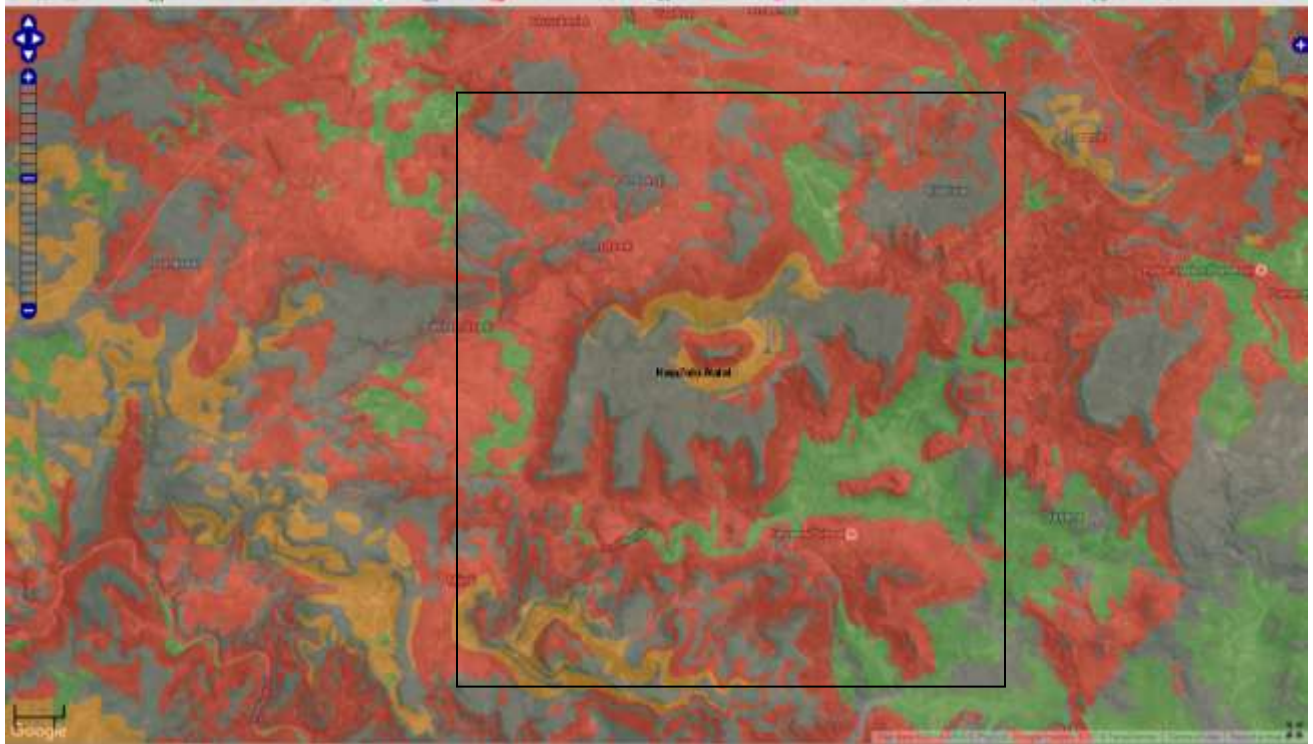


Fig. 2: Location Of Known Heritage Sites

