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## **A. A CULTURAL HERITAGE Investigation into the hostel**

### **CULTURAL HERITAGE INVESTIGATION ON THE NANCEFIELD HOSTEL AT THE FARM KLIPSPRUIT 318 IQ NANCEFIELD PRECINCT, SOWETO, JOHANNESBURG GAUTENG PROVINCE**

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## **DESCRIPTION OF SITES IDENTIFIED AND MAPPED**

The Hostel in Kliprivier was visited on 26 February 2018. The premises have high security all around the hostel. The site is locally known as the Compound or the Nancefield Compound which is used as a facility for men working for Johannesburg City Council. There are no facilities for families in the complex.

The two of us who had to do the investigation had to obtain permission from the site manager Janine to get access to the premise.

The site was inspected on foot together with a security guard. The outer rim of the complex is formed by sleeping facilities for men. These buildings also serve as security from outside intruders (see Google image). In the centre of the complex are large open spaces with large exotic trees – see photographs



**Entrance gate to compound**



**Outer wall formed by sleeping facilities**



**Sleeping facilities seen from the inside of the complex**

There is a small shop near the entrance. Most buildings are sleeping facilities but there is also a large kitchen, dining local, storage, parking, and garages etc. – see photographs.



**Small shop for residence**



**Dining room and kitchen**



**Storage facility**



**General view with large trees**



**General view with hedges and trees**

The majority of the buildings are built with good red face bricks. These bricks are typical of the late 1950's. We could find no one who knew how old the buildings are. We are of the opinion that the buildings date to the 1950's. These buildings are well kept and in a good condition, though some of the roofs need paint.

As these buildings are probably older than 60 years they are protected by the National Heritage Resources Act No 25 of 1999. They may not be altered or demolished without a permit from PHRA Gauteng.

To alter or demolish the building a Phase I & II Cultural Heritage Resources Impact Assessment is needed. As these buildings have heritage value we are of the opinion that they have to be retained but could be redeveloped. According to people interviewed this is the oldest facility of its kind in the area.

As the buildings belong to the city of Johannesburg a section of the complex could be retained for its present function while the rest of the complex could be redeveloped for other purposes.

On the northern and eastern sides of the compound is vacant land which is illegally occupied by informal settlers – see photographs

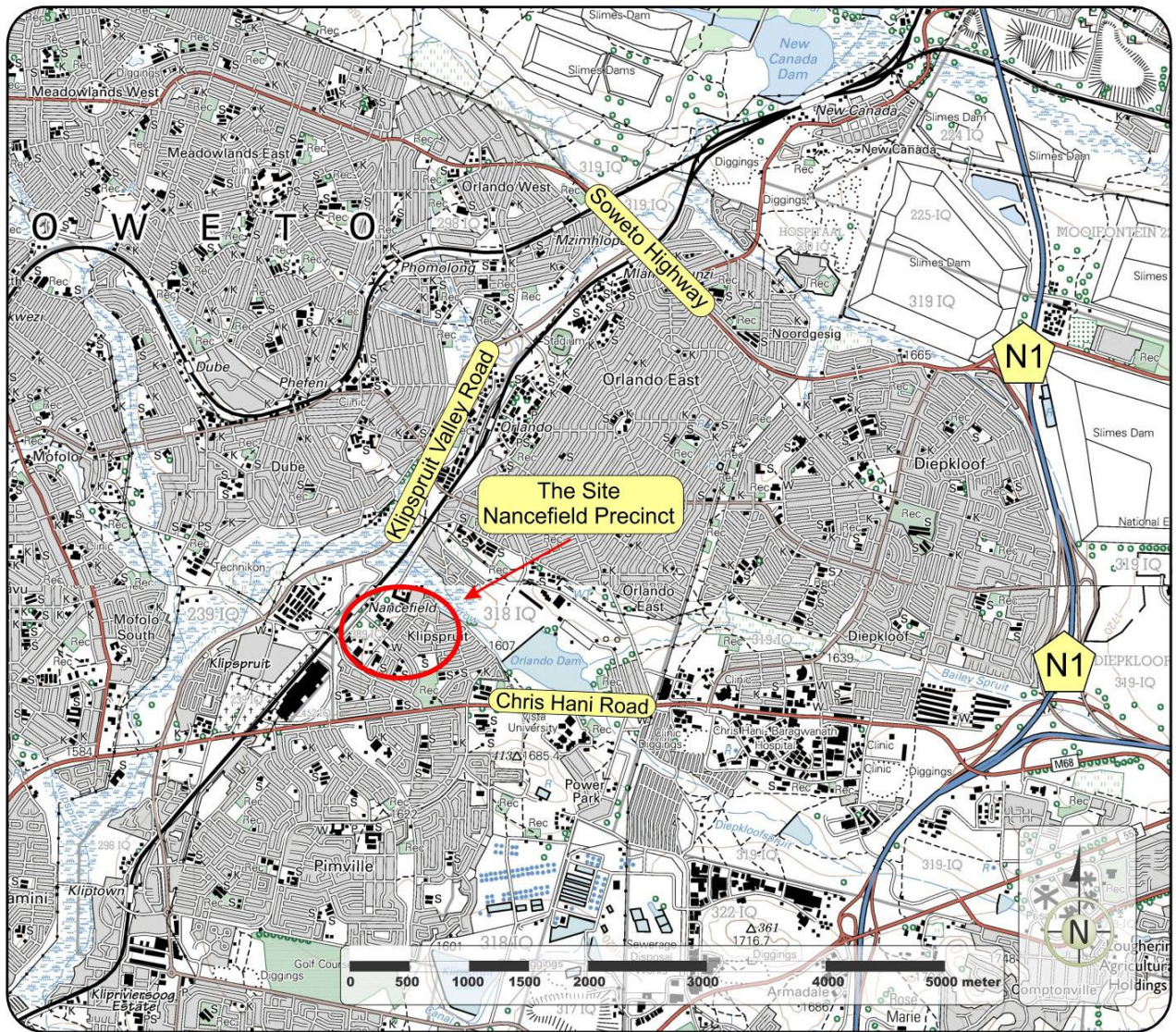
**Photographs of informal settlements:**





**Co-ordinate: S26° 15' 03.59" & S27 248 54' 34.32"**

**The compound with scatters on the north and eastern sides**



**Legend:**


**The Site**  
 26° 15' 08.68" S  
 27° 54' 35.08" E  
 (Centre of Site)

Topographical Sheets:  
2627BB & 2627BD

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**Figure 1a:**  
Locality Map