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ISITHEBE SUBSIDISED RURAL HOUSING

K2m Environmental is undertaking the EIA for the proposed housing upgrade study. The proposed housing development will occur on Wards 11, 12, 16 and 17 of the Mandeni Local Municipality. The project area falls on land belonging to the Mathonsi Traditional Authority. The Mandeni Local Municipality is one of four local municipalities making up the Ilembe District Municipality of central KwaZulu-Natal. The in-situ houses to be built are approximately 2000.

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 (fig. 2).

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 stylized and somewhat cursive, with a prominent initial 'G'.

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Fig. 1: Palaeontological Sensitivity

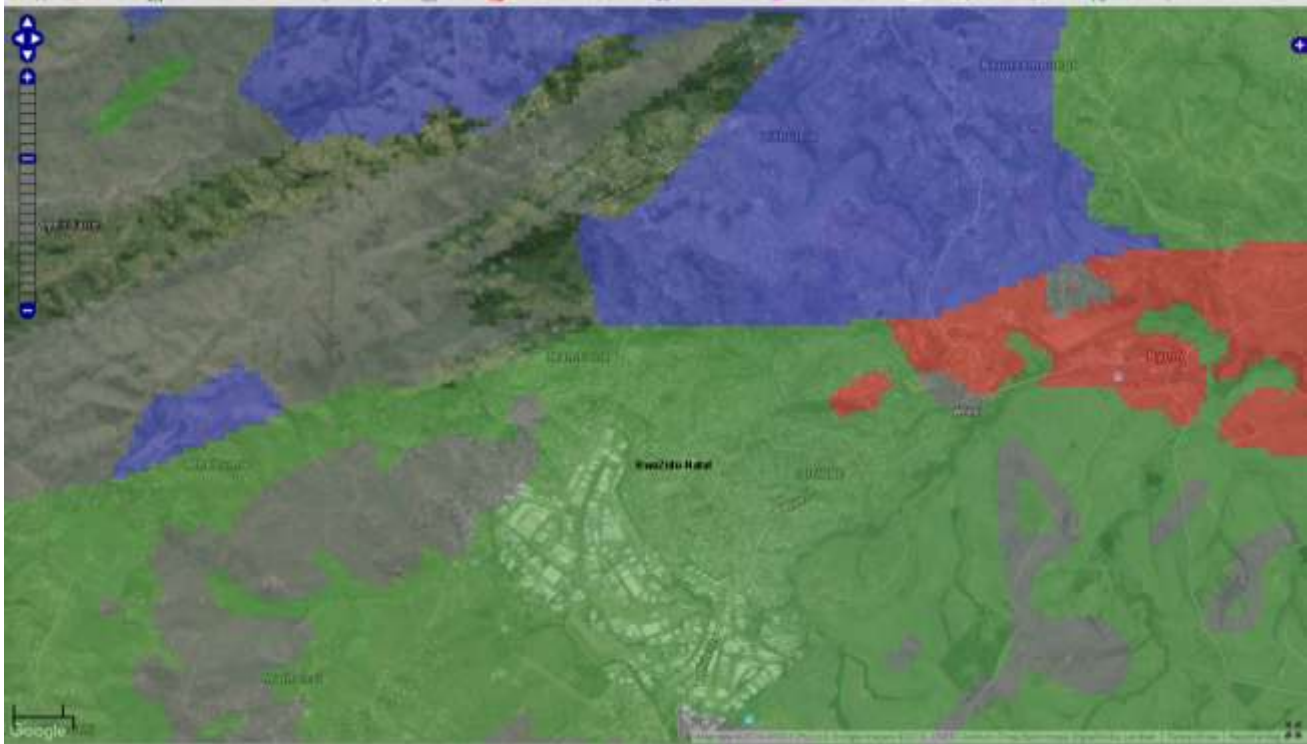


Fig. 2: Location Of Known Heritage Sites

