Motivation for Heritage Western Cape

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Supporting Photographs of Cultural Landscape
Notice received from Heritage Western Cape, dated 26 February 2010, (see Appendix F), requested a further Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) study for the proposed Aan De Doorns Multi Purpose Community Centre. HWC motivated this HIA to determine the impact of the proposed development on the cultural landscape of the surrounding area.

The Aan De Doorns Multi Purpose Community and Sports Field is a farm worker/rural community development project with a limited budget, and many services are offered pro-bono. As an intergovernmental project, led by the Department of Agriculture, the project lead would have to seek additional funding, which would delay the project substantially.

In terms of the potential impact of the proposed development on the local cultural heritage, we are of the opinion that the development will not detract from any cultural landscape but rather would add to the receiving environment. The local region to the north is typified by low cost housing (Avian Park and Riverview) (Figures 1 & 2). Furthermore the cultural landscape is dominated by the Worcester Regional Solid Waste Disposal Site (Figure 3), the Worcester Waste Water Treatment Works outfall, a number of scrap yards and second hand truck dealers (Figures 4 & 5) and finally the large industrial sheds and warehouses of the Aan-de-Doorns Wine Cellar (Figure 6) immediately opposite the Subject Land. The cultural landscape of the local region to the south of the proposed development consists of picturesque agricultural landscape dotted with small white-walled red-roofed farm worker cottages (Figures 9-12 & 14) and a few larger homesteads (Figures 7 & 13), further away the landscape is dominated by the Breede River bridge (Figure 16), canal systems (Figure 17) and the Greater Brandvlei Dam wall (Figure 19). The imposing Cilmore Wine Cellar (Figure 18) and expansive grassed lawns will probably be suitably complimented by the proposed development. Based on the above observations, we question whether it is necessary for additional cost and time delays resulting from the requested HIA.
Fig. A. Annotated Google Image indicating the location of the structure depicted in Figures 1-8, between Worcester and Aan de Doorns Primary School (adjacent to the proposed site).
Fig. 1 Riverview low income housing

Fig. 2 Avian Park informal settlement

Fig. 3 Worcester Regional Solid Waste Site (note the person the dump for scale)

Fig. 4 Andrzej’s Scrap Yard and Truck Spares
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Fig. 5 Tony’s Scrap Yard and Truck Centre

Fig. 6 Aan De Doorns Wine Cellar

Fig. 7 Farm homestead (note setback from the main road)

Fig. 8 Aan De Doorns Primary School

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Fig. B. Annotated Google Image indicating the location of the structures depicted in Figures 9-15, occurring south of Aan De Doorns Wine Cellar.

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Fig. C. Annotated Google Image indicating the location of the structure depicted in Figures 16-19, further south towards the Brandvlei dam wall.
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Fig. 9 Farm workers housing

Fig. 10 Farm homestead and workers housing

Fig. 11 Farm shed

Fig. 12 Workers housing

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Fig. 13 Farm homestead (note setback from the main road)

Fig. 14 Signs and workers cottage at Eilandia turn-off

Fig. 15 Housing on farm

Fig. 16 Bridge over Breede River

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Fig. 17 Brandvlei irrigation channel

Fig. 18 Cilmore Cellar

Fig. 19 Brandvlei dam wall (arrow)