

**SCREENING REPORT FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORIZATION AS
REQUIRED BY THE 2014 EIA REGULATIONS – PROPOSED SITE
ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY**

EIA Reference number:

Project name: Wells North

Project title: Development

Date screening report generated: 04/06/2025 17:40:54

Applicant: Equites

Compiler: PHS Consulting

Compiler signature:

.....

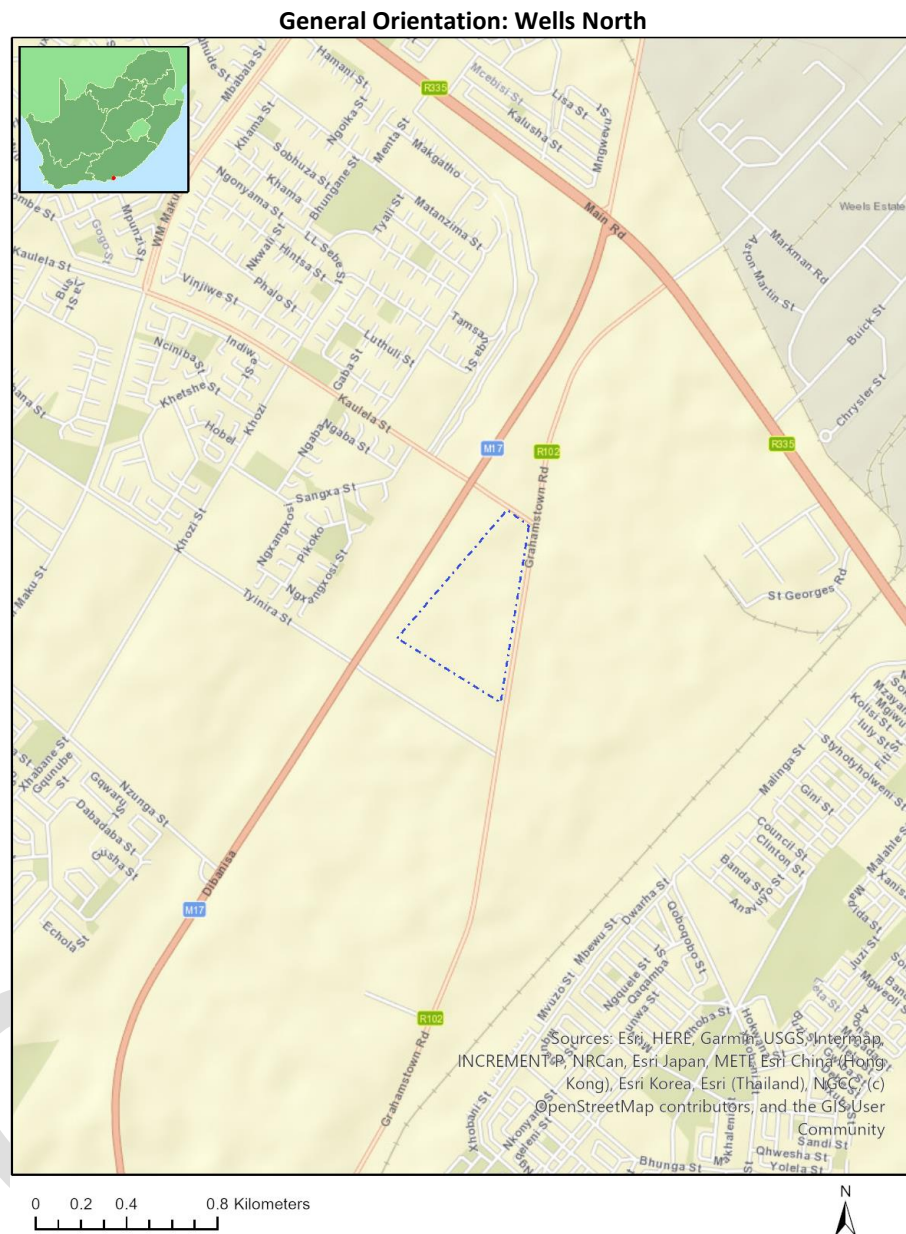
Application Category: Transformation of land | Indigenous vegetation

Table of Contents

| | |
|---|----|
| Proposed Project Location | 3 |
| Orientation map 1: General location | 3 |
| Map of proposed site and relevant area(s) | 4 |
| Cadastral details of the proposed site | 4 |
| Wind and Solar developments with an approved Environmental Authorisation or applications under consideration within 30 km of the proposed area | 4 |
| Environmental Management Frameworks relevant to the application | 5 |
| Environmental screening results and assessment outcomes | 5 |
| Relevant development incentives, restrictions, exclusions or prohibitions | 5 |
| Proposed Development Area Environmental Sensitivity | 5 |
| Specialist assessments identified | 6 |
| Results of the environmental sensitivity of the proposed area | 7 |
| MAP OF RELATIVE AGRICULTURE THEME SENSITIVITY | 7 |
| MAP OF RELATIVE ANIMAL SPECIES THEME SENSITIVITY | 8 |
| MAP OF RELATIVE AQUATIC BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY | 9 |
| MAP OF RELATIVE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE THEME SENSITIVITY | 10 |
| MAP OF RELATIVE CIVIL AVIATION THEME SENSITIVITY | 11 |
| MAP OF RELATIVE DEFENCE THEME SENSITIVITY | 12 |
| MAP OF RELATIVE PALEONTOLOGY THEME SENSITIVITY | 13 |
| MAP OF RELATIVE PLANT SPECIES THEME SENSITIVITY | 14 |
| MAP OF RELATIVE TERRESTRIAL BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY | 15 |

Proposed Project Location

Orientation map 1: General location



Map of proposed site and relevant area(s)



Cadastral details of the proposed site

Property details:

No intersection with any properties found.

Development footprint¹ vertices:

No development footprint(s) specified.

Wind and Solar developments with an approved Environmental Authorisation or applications under consideration within 30 km of the proposed area

| No | EIA Reference No | Classification | Status of application | Distance from proposed area (km) |
|----|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 | 12/12/20/2085/2/AM3 | Wind | Approved | 20.6 |
| 2 | 14/12/16/3/3/1/1172 | Solar PV | Approved | 28.8 |
| 3 | 12/12/20/2085/3/AM1 | Wind | Approved | 20.6 |
| 4 | 14/12/16/3/3/1/1172/AM1 | Solar PV | Approved | 28.8 |
| 5 | 12/12/20/1719/1 | Wind | Approved | 9.2 |
| 6 | 12/12/20/2085/3/AM2 | Wind | Approved | 8.9 |
| 7 | 14/12/16/3/3/2/1055 | Wind | Approved | 10.6 |
| 8 | 14/12/16/3/3/2/643 | Wind | Approved | 13.8 |
| 9 | 12/12/20/2085 | Wind | Approved | 13.8 |

¹ “development footprint”, means the area within the site on which the development will take place and includes all ancillary developments for example roads, power lines, boundary walls, paving etc. which require vegetation clearance or which will be disturbed and for which the application has been submitted.

| | | | | |
|----|---------------------|----------|----------|------|
| 10 | 14/12/16/3/3/1/2515 | Wind | Approved | 10.8 |
| 11 | 12/12/20/1719 | Wind | Approved | 3.8 |
| 12 | 12/12/20/2085/3/AM4 | Wind | Approved | 8.9 |
| 13 | 12/12/20/2085/3 | Wind | Approved | 20.6 |
| 14 | 12/12/20/2085/2 | Wind | Approved | 13.8 |
| 15 | 12/12/20/2449/AM2 | Solar PV | Approved | 11.1 |
| 16 | 14/12/16/3/3/1/1678 | Wind | Approved | 13.8 |
| 17 | 12/12/20/1719/AM4 | Wind | Approved | 9.2 |
| 18 | 12/12/20/2449 | Solar PV | Approved | 11.1 |
| 19 | 12/12/20/1719/AM3 | Wind | Approved | 9.2 |
| 20 | 12/12/20/2449/AM1 | Solar PV | Approved | 11.1 |
| 21 | 12/12/20/2449/AM3 | Solar PV | Approved | 11.1 |
| 22 | 14/12/16/3/3/1/2363 | Wind | Approved | 2.3 |
| 23 | 12/12/20/2085/1 | Wind | Approved | 17.6 |
| 24 | 12/12/20/2106/AM3 | Wind | Approved | 18.1 |
| 25 | 12/12/20/2085/3/AM3 | Wind | Approved | 20.6 |

Environmental Management Frameworks relevant to the application

No intersections with EMF areas found.

Environmental screening results and assessment outcomes

The following sections contain a summary of any development incentives, restrictions, exclusions or prohibitions that apply to the proposed development site as well as the most environmental sensitive features on the site based on the site sensitivity screening results for the application classification that was selected. The application classification selected for this report is:

Transformation of land | Indigenous vegetation.

Relevant development incentives, restrictions, exclusions or prohibitions

The following development incentives, restrictions, exclusions or prohibitions and their implications that apply to this site are indicated below.

| Incentive, restriction or prohibition | Implication |
|---|---|
| Strategic Transmission Corridor-Eastern Corridor | https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/DevelopmentZones/Combined_EGI.pdf |
| Strategic Gas Pipeline Corridors-Phase 2: Mossel Bay to Coega | https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/DevelopmentZones/Combined_GAS.pdf |

Proposed Development Area Environmental Sensitivity

The following summary of the development site environmental sensitivities is identified. Only the highest environmental sensitivity is indicated. The footprint environmental sensitivities for the proposed development footprint as identified, are indicative only and must be verified on site by a suitably qualified person before the specialist assessments identified below can be confirmed.

| Theme | Very High | High | Medium | Low |
|-------|-----------|------|--------|-----|
|-------|-----------|------|--------|-----|

| | sensitivity | sensitivity | sensitivity | sensitivity |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Agriculture Theme | | | X | |
| Animal Species Theme | | X | | |
| Aquatic Biodiversity Theme | X | | | |
| Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Theme | | | | X |
| Civil Aviation Theme | | | X | |
| Defence Theme | | | X | |
| Paleontology Theme | | | X | |
| Plant Species Theme | | | X | |
| Terrestrial Biodiversity Theme | | | | X |

Specialist assessments identified

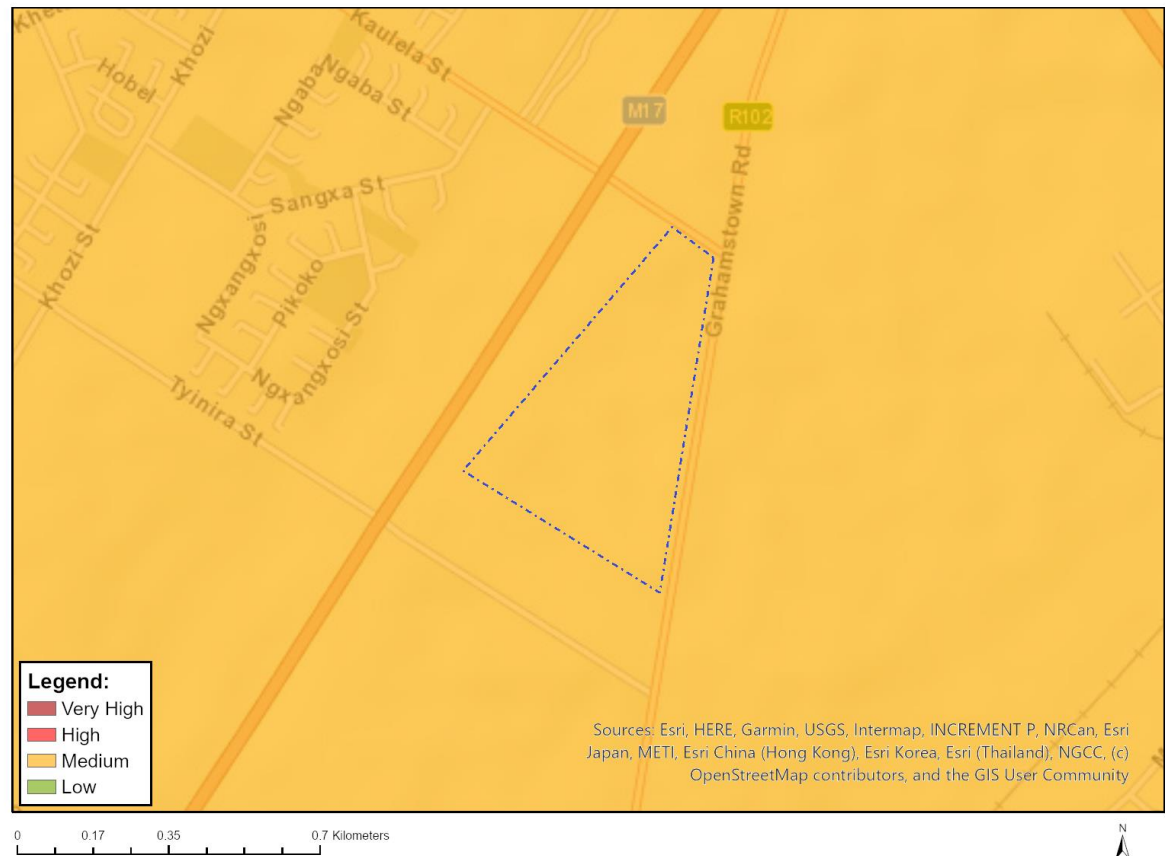
Based on the selected classification, and the known impacts associated with the proposed development, the following list of specialist assessments have been identified for inclusion in the assessment report. It is the responsibility of the EAP to confirm this list and to motivate in the assessment report, the reason for not including any of the identified specialist study including the provision of photographic evidence of the site situation.

| No | Specialist assessment | Assessment Protocol |
|----|--|---|
| 1 | Landscape/Visual Impact Assessment | https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf |
| 2 | Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment | https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/GuidanceforHIA.pdf |
| 3 | Palaeontology Impact Assessment | https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/GuidanceforPIA.pdf |
| 4 | Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment | https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Terrestrial_Biodiversity_Assessment_Protocols.pdf |
| 5 | Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment | https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Aquatic_Biodiversity_Assessment_Protocols.pdf |
| 6 | Socio-Economic Assessment | https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_General_Requirement_Assessment_Protocols.pdf |
| 7 | Plant Species Assessment | https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Plant_Species_Assessment_Protocols.pdf |
| 8 | Animal Species Assessment | https://screening.environment.gov.za/ScreeningDownloads/AssessmentProtocols/Gazetted_Animal_Species_Assessment_Protocols.pdf |

Results of the environmental sensitivity of the proposed area.

The following section represents the results of the screening for environmental sensitivity of the proposed site for relevant environmental themes associated with the project classification. It is the duty of the EAP to ensure that the environmental themes provided by the screening tool are comprehensive and complete for the project. Refer to the disclaimer.

MAP OF RELATIVE AGRICULTURE THEME SENSITIVITY

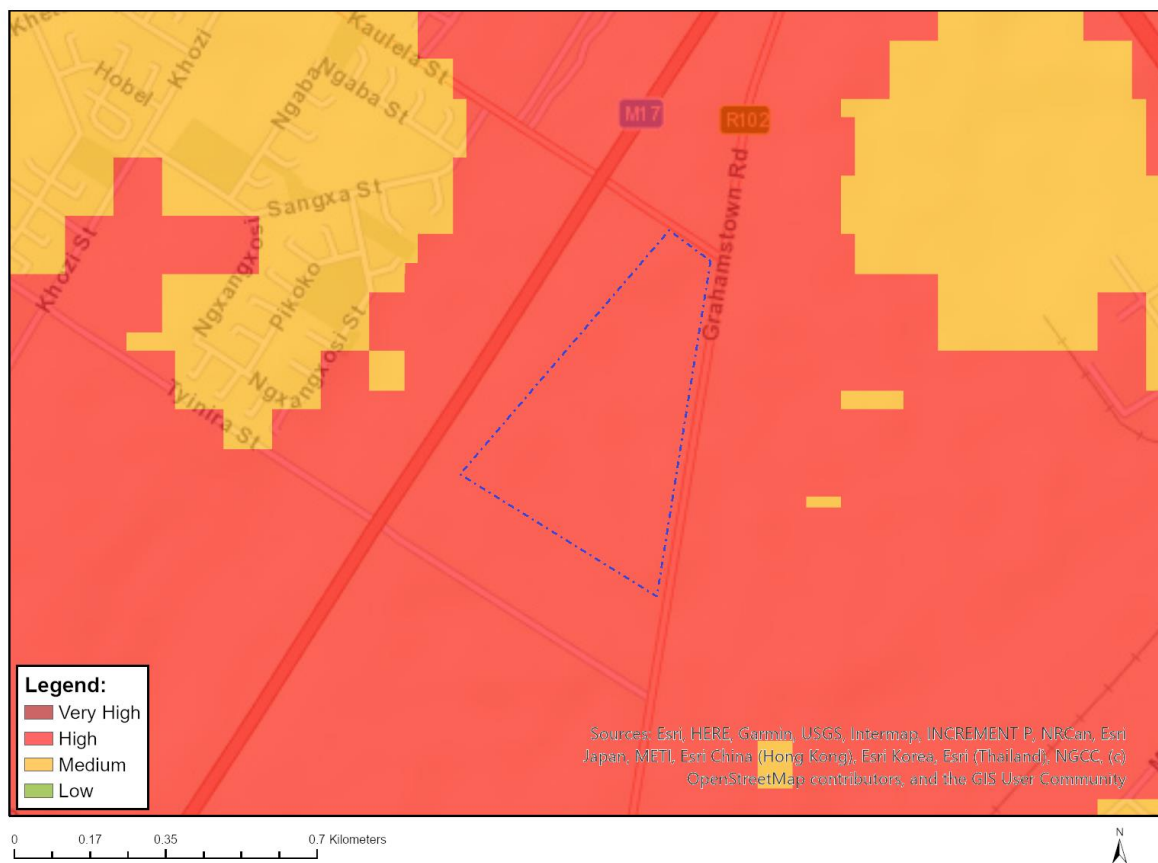


| Very High sensitivity | High sensitivity | Medium sensitivity | Low sensitivity |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| | | X | |

Sensitivity Features:

| Sensitivity | Feature(s) |
|-------------|------------------|
| Medium | 06. Low-Moderate |
| Medium | 07. Low-Moderate |

MAP OF RELATIVE ANIMAL SPECIES THEME SENSITIVITY



Where only a sensitive plant unique number or sensitive animal unique number is provided in the screening report and an assessment is required, the environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) or specialist is required to email SANBI at eiadatarequests@sanbi.org.za listing all sensitive species with their unique identifiers for which information is required. The name has been withheld as the species may be prone to illegal harvesting and must be protected. SANBI will release the actual species name after the details of the EAP or specialist have been documented.

| Very High sensitivity | High sensitivity | Medium sensitivity | Low sensitivity |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| | X | | |

Sensitivity Features:

| Sensitivity | Feature(s) |
|-------------|------------------------------------|
| High | Aves-Circus ranivorus |
| High | Aves-Circus maurus |
| High | Aves-Afrotis afra |
| Medium | Aves-Neotis denhami |
| Medium | Sensitive species 5 |
| Medium | Mammalia-Chlorotalpa duthieae |
| Medium | Sensitive species 8 |
| Medium | Invertebrate-Aneuryphymus montanus |

MAP OF RELATIVE AQUATIC BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY



| Very High sensitivity | High sensitivity | Medium sensitivity | Low sensitivity |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| X | | | |

Sensitivity Features:

| Sensitivity | Feature(s) |
|-------------|------------|
| Very High | ESA 1 |

MAP OF RELATIVE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE THEME SENSITIVITY

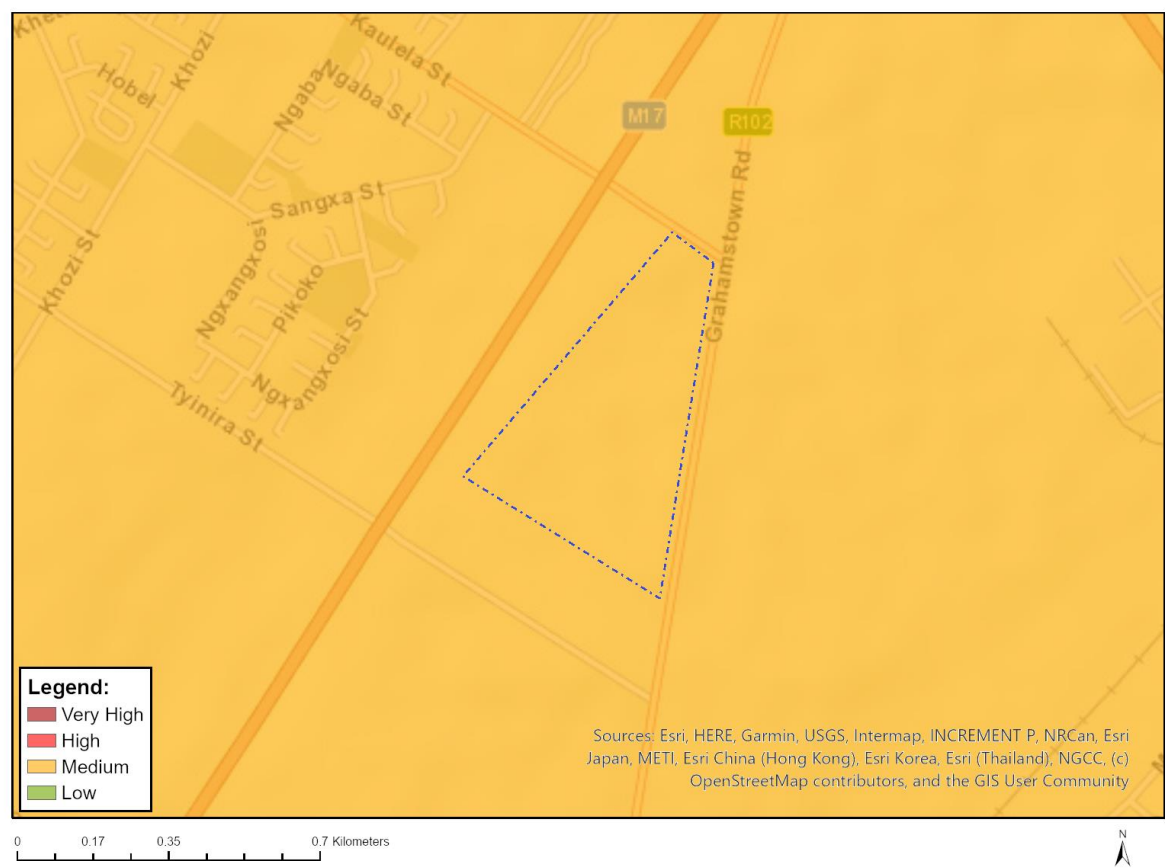


| Very High sensitivity | High sensitivity | Medium sensitivity | Low sensitivity |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| | | | X |

Sensitivity Features:

| Sensitivity | Feature(s) |
|-------------|-----------------|
| Low | Low Sensitivity |

MAP OF RELATIVE CIVIL AVIATION THEME SENSITIVITY

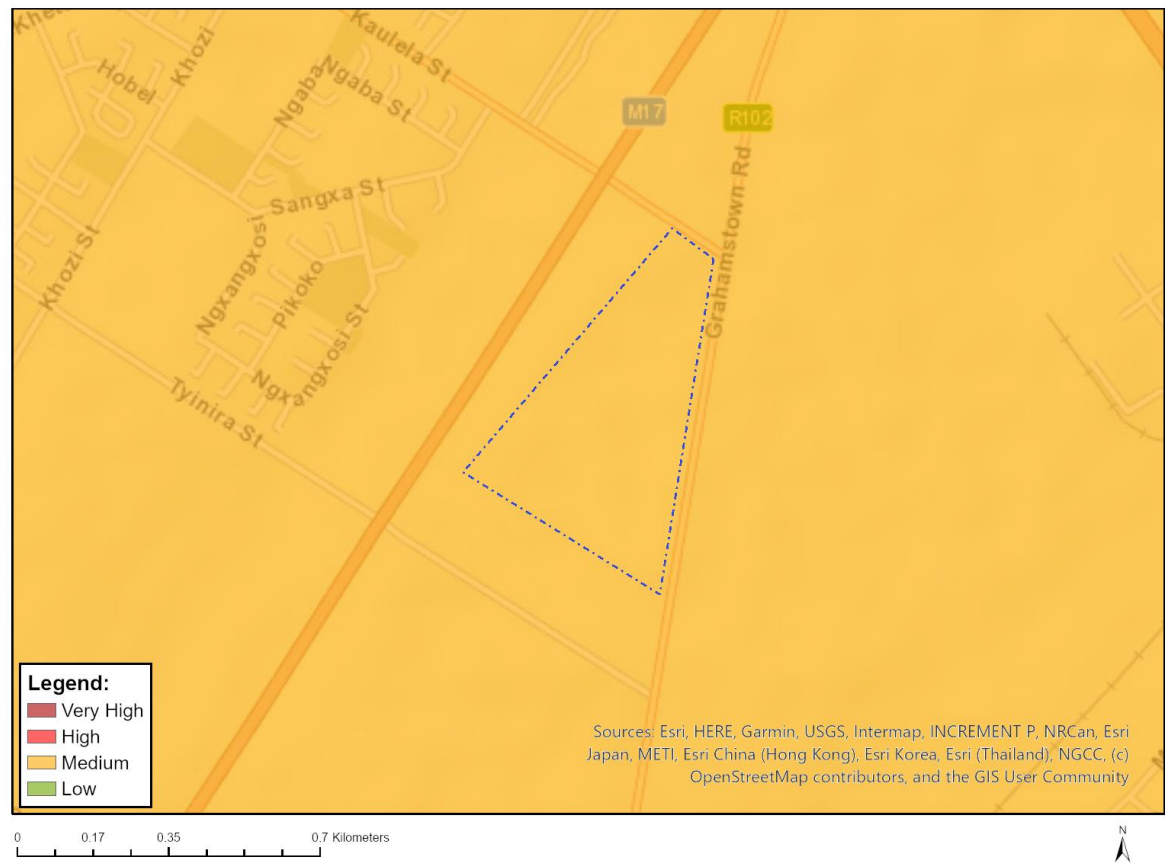


| Very High sensitivity | High sensitivity | Medium sensitivity | Low sensitivity |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| | | X | |

Sensitivity Features:

| Sensitivity | Feature(s) |
|-------------|--|
| Medium | Between 15 and 35 km from a civil aviation radar |
| Medium | Between 15 and 35 km from a major civil aviation aerodrome |

MAP OF RELATIVE DEFENCE THEME SENSITIVITY

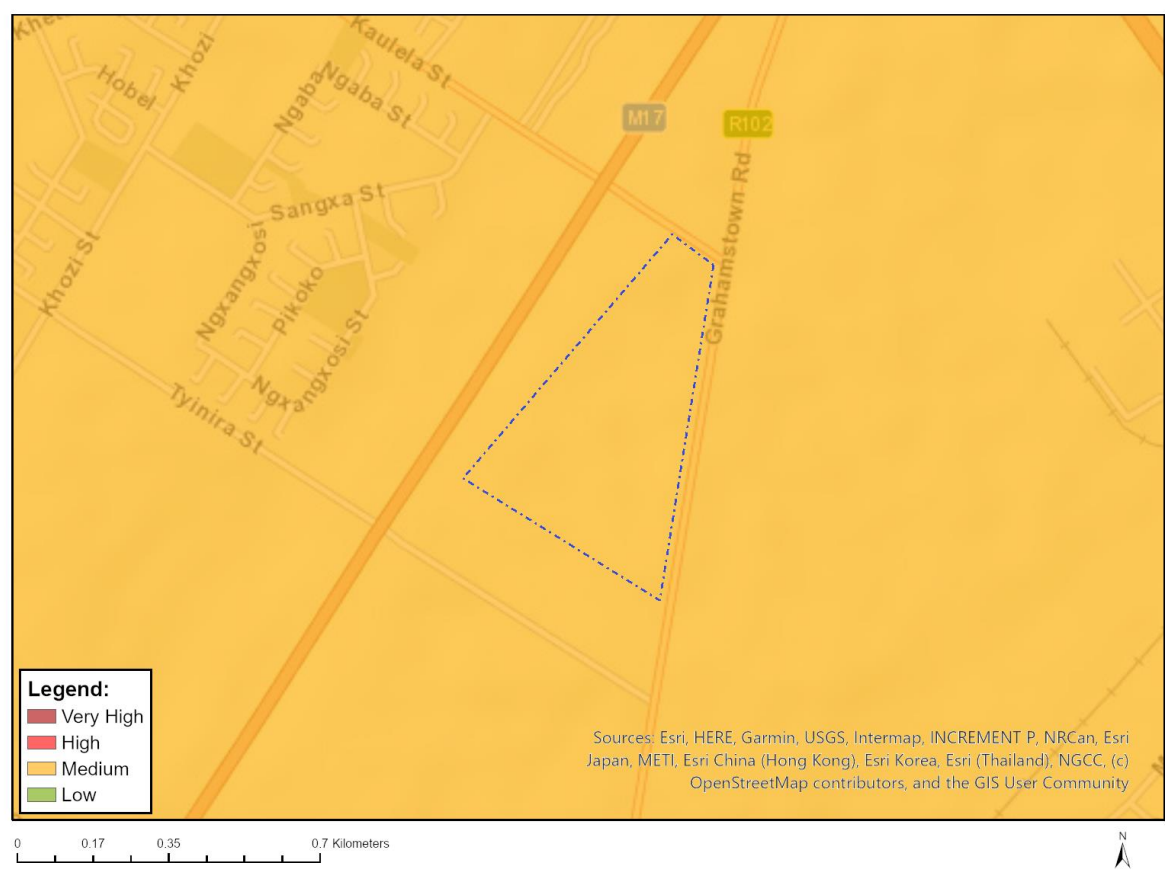


| Very High sensitivity | High sensitivity | Medium sensitivity | Low sensitivity |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| | | X | |

Sensitivity Features:

| Sensitivity | Feature(s) |
|-------------|---------------------------|
| Medium | Military and Defence Site |

MAP OF RELATIVE PALEONTOLOGY THEME SENSITIVITY

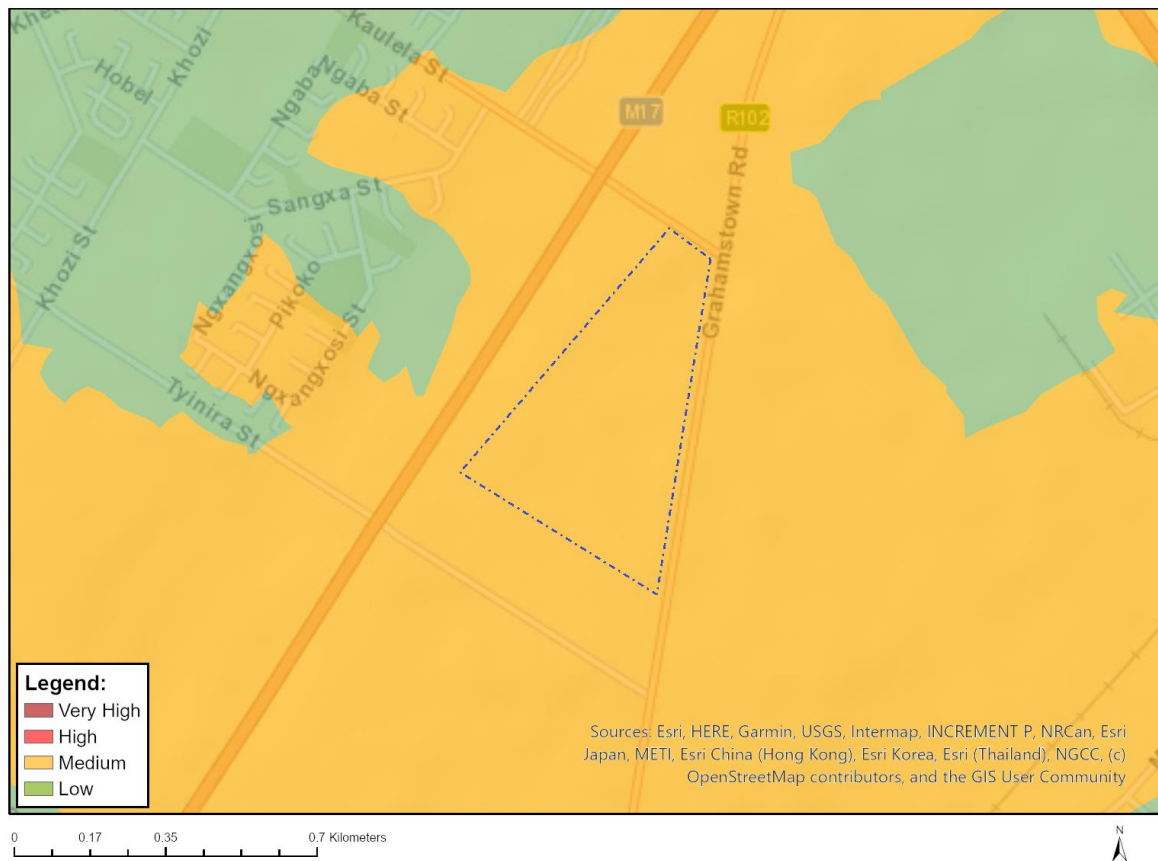


| Very High sensitivity | High sensitivity | Medium sensitivity | Low sensitivity |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| | | X | |

Sensitivity Features:

| Sensitivity | Feature(s) |
|-------------|--|
| Medium | Features with a Medium paleontological sensitivity |

MAP OF RELATIVE PLANT SPECIES THEME SENSITIVITY



Where only a sensitive plant unique number or sensitive animal unique number is provided in the screening report and an assessment is required, the environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) or specialist is required to email SANBI at eiadatarequests@sanbi.org.za listing all sensitive species with their unique identifiers for which information is required. The name has been withheld as the species may be prone to illegal harvesting and must be protected. SANBI will release the actual species name after the details of the EAP or specialist have been documented.

| Very High sensitivity | High sensitivity | Medium sensitivity | Low sensitivity |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| | | X | |

Sensitivity Features:

| Sensitivity | Feature(s) |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| Medium | Rhombophyllum rhomboideum |
| Medium | Selago zeyheri |
| Medium | Rapanea gilliana |
| Medium | Syncarpha recurvata |
| Medium | Sensitive species 91 |
| Medium | Zygophyllum divaricatum |
| Medium | Cotyledon adscendens |
| Medium | Justicia orchiodes subsp. orchiodes |

MAP OF RELATIVE TERRESTRIAL BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY



| Very High sensitivity | High sensitivity | Medium sensitivity | Low sensitivity |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| | | | X |

Sensitivity Features:

| Sensitivity | Feature(s) |
|-------------|-----------------|
| Low | Low Sensitivity |