

No Aboriginal archaeological sites or areas of potential archaeological deposit were identified although an unworked silcrete cobble and other potential artefact source materials were found.

Apart from a recommendation to consider preservation of a typical outcrop of Maroota Sands, Ms Corkhill found that no objection should be raised, on archaeological grounds, to the proposed quarry.

In the event that any archaeological material is found during development, operations in the area should cease immediately and National Parks and Wildlife Service should be contacted to expedite an assessment of the situation.

4.10.2 Historic Archaeology

There are no historical archaeological or heritage items on the proposed development site.

The nearest heritage items listed in Schedule 1 of the Baulkham Hills Shire Council Local Environmental Plan 1991 are at Wisemans Ferry, approximately seven kilometres north of the site. These items include a convict stockade site and the cable ferry. Old Northern Road, adjacent to the development site, is part of the convict constructed main route between Sydney and the Hunter Valley, built during the early 1800's.

The nearest heritage sites listed by the Register of the National Estate (Australian Heritage Commission) and the NSW State Heritage Inventory are at Maroota South (a drain and house sites and the Felton Matthew Marked Tree respectively).

Should any heritage material be found, work should cease in order to assess its significance and determine whether further action is necessary. Historical archaeological finds should be reported to the NSW Heritage Office.

4.11 TRAFFIC AND ACCESS

4.11.1 Existing Road Network And Conditions

The proposed road network to be used by the development included the quarry access road and Crown Reserve Road, Old Northern Road and Wisemans Ferry Road. Trucks will generally travel south from the site along Old Northern Road to the Wisemans Ferry Road intersection. From this intersection, approximately 65 percent continue south along Old Northern Road towards Glenorie and Dural and