

SITE NAME: DUTCH REFORMED CHURCH FRANSCHHOEK

LANDSCAPE UNIT NUMBER: H04
LANDSCAPE UNIT GRADE: Grade II

ADDRESS OF THE SITE

PROPERTY NO 304
 SITE ADDRESS Huguenot Road
 CURRENT USE Religious
 ORIGINAL USE Religious

PROTECTION AND GRADING

Curr.NHRA Protection S34
 >60YRS?
 PROPOSED GRADING Grade II

MAP



LATITUDE/LONGITUDE

-33.9096116667 19.1190133333



SIGNIFICANCE

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| Associational | Representivity | | |
| Age | Rarity | | |
| Scientific | Archaeology | | |
| Symbolic | High | Intangible | High |
| Architectural | Medium | | |

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE

Church Neo-Gothic, Hall and associated facilities 1943 Neo Cape Dutch T-plan with
ARCHITECT/BUILDER

SITE DESCRIPTION

Neo-Gothic church, Victorian pastorie, 20th century hall, bell-tower (1830), all within ringmuur. Extensive site with layered history. Original church built in 1847, rectangular with a thatched roof (Fransen mentions an earlier Chapel from 1833). Church significantly altered during the 1880s, when the building was given a Latin Cross plan.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Situated in a central position in the Franschhoek Valley and settlement, the site has had notable heritage significance from at least 1833 when there were accounts of religious gatherings in an early structure no longer in existence. The site is a landmark in the Franschhoek valley going beyond its religious functions: Regular, well patronised Saturday morning markets are held under the shade of the mature trees. Graced by heritage-worthy buildings (a Latin cross plan neo-Gothic church, a bell-tower and a Parsonage) and a ringmuur marking a distinctive large werf, the extensive site has considerable aesthetic, landscape, historic and cultural significance, despite a relatively non-intrusive hall of the 1960s.

INTERIOR DESCRIPTION

GROUPING WITH OTHER SITES

Yes it constitutes a significant grouping: Church, Pastorie, Bell tower, Cemetery (across Dirkie Uys Street) and many mature trees and landscape features

EVIDENCE OF DEMOLITION

SITE HISTORY

LANDSCAPE SIGNIFICANCE

A significant open landscape space in the middle of the town and valley

CONTEXTUAL DESIGN

INVASIVE ELEMENTS

None

HERITAGE VULNERABILITY