

SITE NAME: RAITHBY

LANDSCAPE UNIT NUMBER: C31
LANDSCAPE UNIT GRADE: Grade II

ADDRESS OF THE SITE

PROPERTY NO
 SITE ADDRESS Raithby Road
 CURRENT USE Settlement
 ORIGINAL USE Settlement for the rehabilitation of freed slaves

PROTECTION AND GRADING

Curr.NHRA Protection S34
 >60YRS? **Yes**
 PROPOSED GRADING Grade IIIa

MAP



LATITUDE/LONGITUDE

-34.0231466667 18.80531



SIGNIFICANCE

Associational	High	Representivity	Medium
Age	Medium	Rarity	Medium
Scientific	None	Archaeology	
Symbolic	High	Intangible	High
Architectural	Low		

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE

Various vernacular styles

ARCHITECT/BUILDER

SITE DESCRIPTION

Settlement founded for emancipated slaves. Linear village with a central, slightly crescent-shaped green/common. The Methodist/Wesleyan church is located to the east as you enter the hamlet, and is rectangular and under pitched roof with bell-tower, c1861. The school is located alongside the church.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The site has high historical significance as a mission settlement for freed slaves. The primary significance of the settlement is its strong settlement pattern of occupation, which made physically manifest the relationship of the community to spirituality through the juxtaposition of the commonage space (the "heart" of the settlement) with the church and school. The area has historical, urban, spiritual, social, community and contextual significance. It is a rare remaining mission settlement site. It has an association with the history of slavery at the Cape.

INTERIOR DESCRIPTION

GROUPING WITH OTHER SITES

Jamestown

EVIDENCE OF DEMOLITION

SITE HISTORY

The hamlet was established after 1834 for freed slaves, and was set up by the Wesleyan church. Apparently, a £100 donation was made by Mrs Brackenbury of Raithby Hall in Yorkshire for the establishment of the hamlet. 800 freed slaves took up land there.

LANDSCAPE SIGNIFICANCE

Several mature trees

CONTEXTUAL DESIGN

The primary significance of the settlement is its strong mission settlement pattern of occupation, which made physically manifest the relationship of the community to spirituality, education and agriculture.

INVASIVE ELEMENTS

Gated housing estates to edges

HERITAGE VULNERABILITY