

High Sensitivity	Restricted location for the proposed development with highest visual sensitivity – no positive criteria and one or more restrictions (negative criteria).
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The visual sensitivity of the study area is illustrated on **Figure 4.14**. The following is of relevance:

- A core area of low visual sensitivity (preferred location) is located within a 2,5km radius of the existing power station. Highly sensitive aspects (exclusions) within this zone include settlements and homesteads, the major roads and the water bodies. These exclusion zones are concentrated in the west, north and east of the core area.
- Areas of medium visual sensitivity (neutral location) are located between 2,5 and 5km from the power station. Again, visually sensitive aspects (exclusions) are to be found, spread sparsely throughout the entire zone.
- Areas of high visual sensitivity (restricted locations) include all areas beyond a 5km radius of the power station.

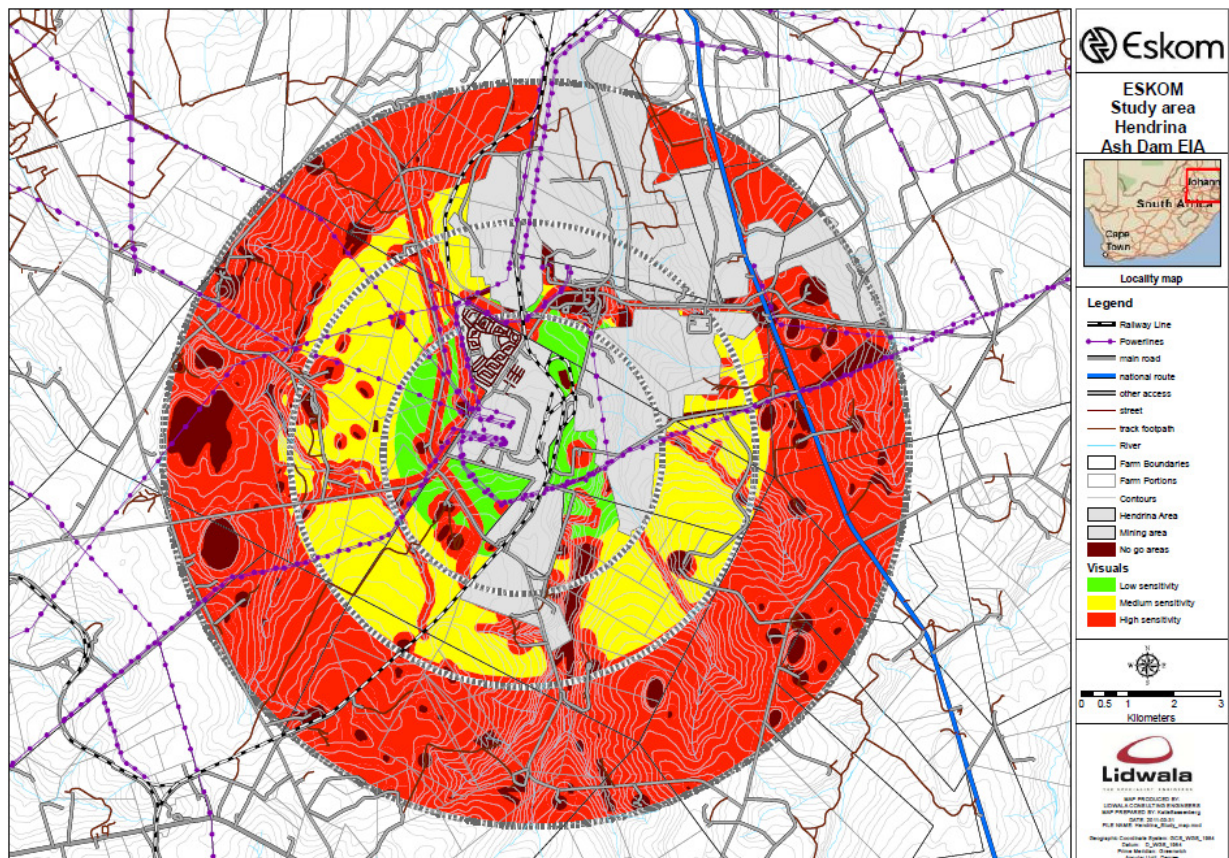


Figure 4.14: Visual Sensitivity of the study area

In terms of visual sensitivity, it is recommended that a site within 2,5km of the power station be favoured for the development of the proposed ash dam. The following visually sensitive aspects should be excluded as far as possible: