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AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF ON THE A30 JENKINS HILL ON LINE-DUALLING IMPROVEMENTS

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Introduction

During April and May 1998, the Surrey County Archaeological unit carried out a watching brief on the A30 Jenkins Hill Improvement near Bagshot. This followed on from recommendations made in the Preliminary Archaeological Assessment, also by SCAU in 1993.

Three specific areas of potential archaeological interest were identified, however, updated development proposals reduced the level of ground disturbance in two of these areas, Bagshot Village and the Cedars. The extent of this disturbance was too limited to require an active archaeological response. It was decided that it would be appropriate to monitor the more substantial works in the area of the Jolly Farmer public house, due to the possibility of the presence of an earlier inn, and also generally to examine new areas of land take proposed.

Methodology

Upon liaison with staff on site, it became clear that the majority of the ground works would be shallow, for example path widening / rerouting and the like. Thus any surviving archaeological remains would not be affected. However there were some deeper excavations made on traffic islands and pathways surrounding the Jolly Farmer. These, where possible, were monitored for any surviving evidence of archaeological activity.

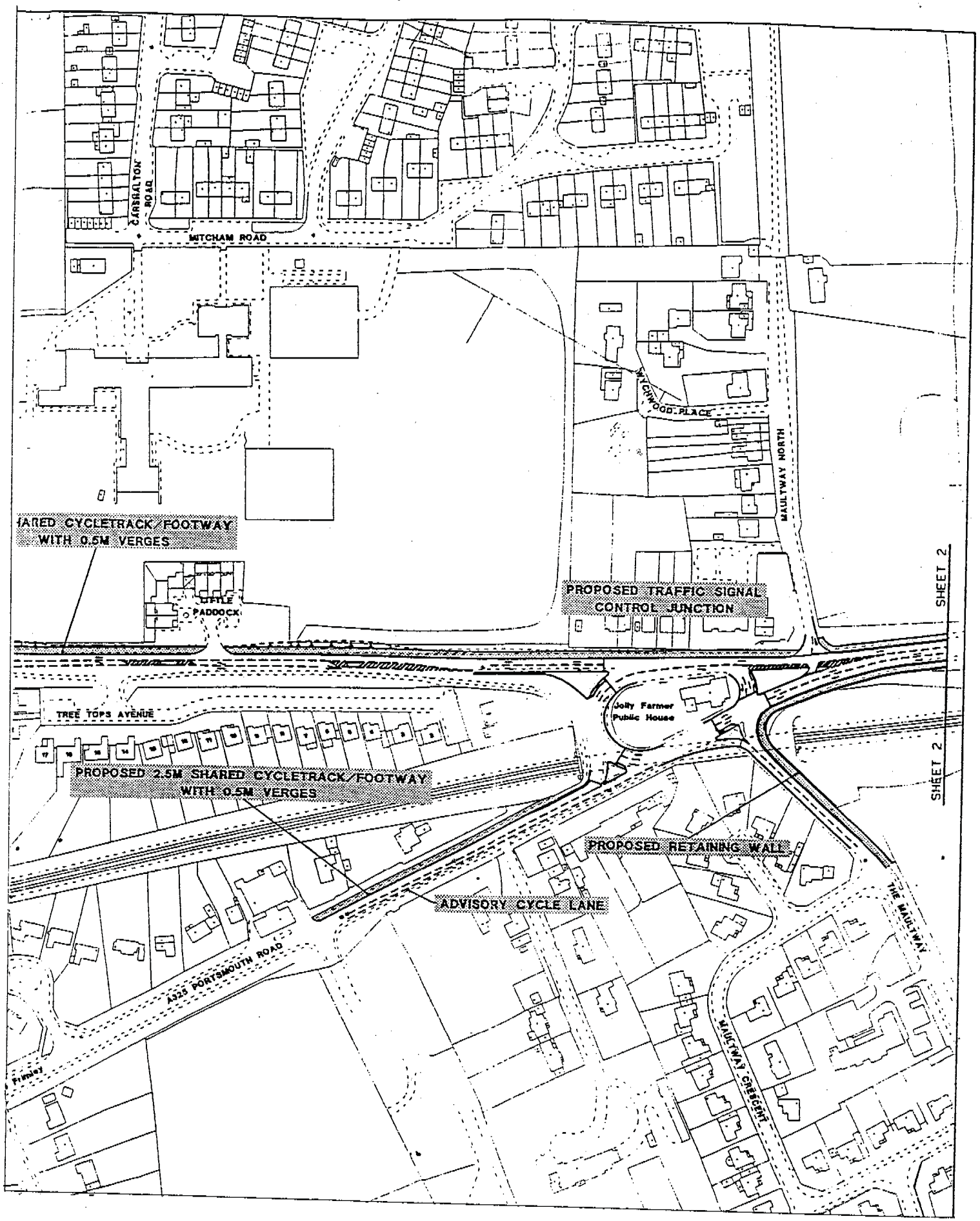
Results

All of the more substantial excavations examined revealed a sequence that was entirely of modern made ground and services. This is not surprising as the trenches were located along the edges of, and in some cases in the middle of, the A30 and some disturbance was therefore expected. Predictably, no evidence of archaeological remains were observed.

Conclusions

As highlighted above, the majority of work involved rerouting and extending of the pathways and the like which did not affect any *in situ* archaeological evidence that

may be surviving. The deeper excavations showed that any archaeological remains at this level would have been destroyed. It is therefore recommended that there is no more archaeological involvement with these works.



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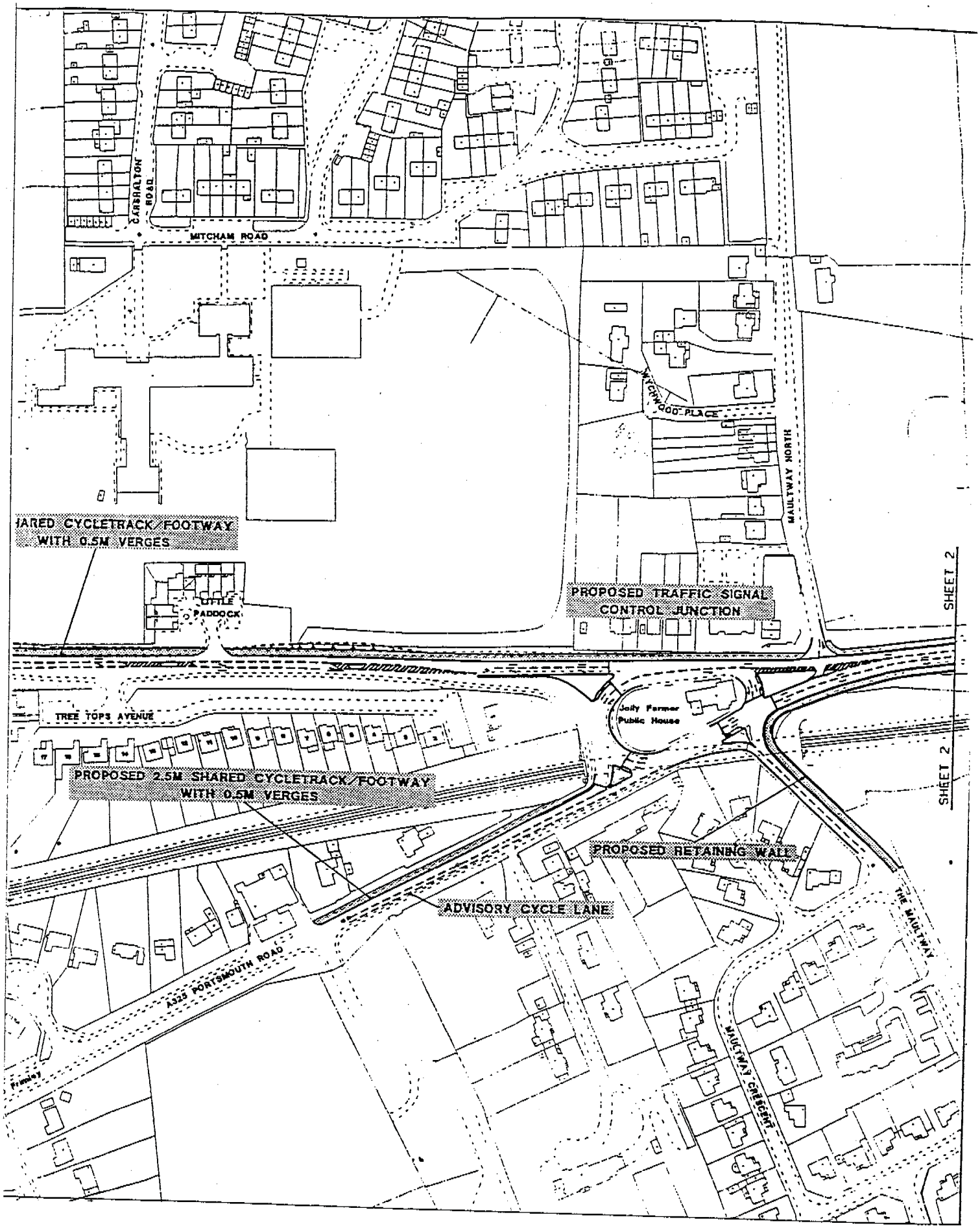

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