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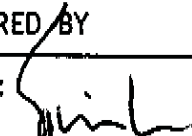
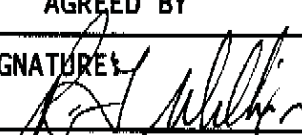

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STAGE 1
INITIAL APPRAISAL DESK STUDY

- 1 PURPOSE
- 1.1 The purpose of this Brief is to enable the Consulting Engineers, Kennedy Henderson (KH), to obtain specialist advice pertaining to archaeological matters along the corridor of the Preferred Route for the A5 Dunstable Eastern Bypass, so that they may advise the Department of Transport within the Scope of DOE Planning Policy Guidance Note PPG16, "Archaeology and Planning".
- 1.2 The assessment will follow a staged approach, each stage covered by a separate Brief and each requiring the appointment of a specialist archaeological sub-consultant. This Brief refers to Stage 1, the Initial Appraisal, which is to be in the form of a Desk Study and Non Intervention Field Survey along the corridor of the Boscombe Road Alternative, which was announced as the Preferred Route for the A5 Dunstable Eastern Bypass in July 1991.
- 1.3 Stage 2 will be field evaluation (to include the digging of trial trenches where necessary) of the areas of interest identified by Stage 1. Stage 3, if required, would be an Archaeological Rescue Survey or Preservation by Record of any area identified by the field evaluation as being of national importance, which would be destroyed by the Bypass works. The scope of works for Stages 2 and 3 will be in accordance with PPG16, but each will depend upon the findings of the preceding stage of Assessment.

2 KNOWN AREAS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL INTEREST

- 2.1 The earliest known evidence of man's activities in the vicinity of Dunstable has been recorded at Caddington and dates back to the Old Stone Age, some 125,000 or more years ago. Also in the area surrounding Dunstable significant Bronze Age and Iron Age finds have been recorded.
- 2.2 The present town of Dunstable is on the site of the Roman town of Durocbrivae, founded some 1700 years ago at the crossing of the Roman road Watling Street and Icknield Way, itself an ancient route, believed to date from some 4000 years ago.
- 2.3 The Preferred Route passes through two known areas of archaeological interest, both of which are shown on Drawing No. 73044/4B/GD001, Archaeological Assessment : Stage 1, Study Area Plan (at the back of this Brief). The Route also passes close to a third known area of interest, but is thought unlikely to have an effect upon it. This area, to the south-west of the A5, in the vicinity of Sewell, is also shown on Drawing No. 73044/4B/GD001
- 2.3.1 The first area encompasses the periphery of the disused Houghton Quarry on the northern outskirts of the Dunstable urban area. Numerous archaeological finds were discovered during the excavation of the quarry and it is considered likely that further discoveries may be made in the areas identified around its periphery.
- 2.3.2 The second area includes part of Blow's Down, principally the north-west and south-west facing scarp slopes but also part of the plateau to the north-west of Zouches Farm. The plateau contains substantial earthwork remains of a deserted medieval settlement, classified as a Scheduled Ancient Monument. The Preferred Route runs along the foot of the south-west facing scarp slope and hence through the area of archaeological interest.
- 2.3.3 Contained within the Blow's Down area of interest are two small sites that until 1987 were classified as Scheduled Ancient Monuments, thought to contain tumuli and hut circles. Both sites are now believed to be worked out areas of chalk quarrying and have accordingly been de-scheduled as Ancient Monuments. Both appear on Drawing No. 73044/4B/GD001.

3 SCOPE OF STUDY

3.1 Definition of Study Area

3.1.1 The Study Area is shown on Drg No. 73044/4B/GD001. It indicates the approximate centreline of the Preferred Route for the Bypass together with the known areas of archaeological interest described in Section 2 of this Brief.

3.1.2 The area defined on Drg No. 73044/4B/GD001 depicts the immediate area of interest within which any archaeological feature should be reported upon. However, within the scope of this Study any pertinent archaeological feature adjacent to the Study Area which, it is felt, may be affected by the Bypass, should be identified and reported upon.

3.2 Scope of Work

3.2.1 Review evidence contained in the County Sites and Monuments Record and in the National Archaeological Record.

3.2.2 Review the current vertical aerial photography of the Study Area held by Kennedy Henderson and, if appropriate, identify and review any aerial photography of a more historical nature that may be available.

3.2.3 Identify and consult any national or local body with an interest in the archaeology of the area, including those listed in Appendix B to this Brief.

3.2.4 Undertake a Non Intervention Field Survey along the Preferred Route, paying particular attention to known areas of archaeological interest, as defined in Section 2 of this Brief or identified under tasks 3.2.1, 3.2.2 and 3.2.3, above.

3.3 Desk Study

3.3.1 Prepare a Desk Study of all information gathered from tasks 3.2.1 to 3.2.4 inclusive.

3.3.2 Advise upon sections of the Preferred Route for which detailed field evaluation is appropriate, giving recommendations for appropriate methods of evaluation for any area identified.

3.3.3 Produce 2 copies of a draft report and 10 copies of the approved Final Report.

3.4 Brief for Stage 2 Assessment

3.4.1 Produce as a separate document, a Brief identifying the work to be carried out under Stage 2 of the Archaeological Assessment, the field evaluation.

3.4.2 Produce 2 copies of a draft Brief and 2 copies of the final approved Brief. The copyright of all documents prepared as part of the Archaeological Assessment will be vested in the Department of Transport.

4 PROGRAMME FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT

- 4.1 It is envisaged that the Consultant will be appointed during April 1992.
- 4.2 The Consultant will be required to produce the draft Report within two months of appointment, and to incorporate all modifications required by the Department before producing the Final Report.
- 4.3 Subject to the satisfactory completion of Stage 1 as defined in this Brief, the Consultant will be invited to submit a tender for undertaking Stage 2. The timescale proposed for Stage 2 is that a consultant should be appointed during August 1992 allowing the field work to be carried out during Autumn 1992. Stage 2 should include recommendations for sites that may require an Archaeological Rescue Survey or Preservation by Record under Stage 3. It will be a requirement of the Stage 2 Assessment that a detailed Brief covering the work required under Stage 3 be produced.
- 4.4 Stage 3 rescue work would only be undertaken with the approval of the Department of Transport, on the recommendation of English Heritage. Any such work would take place after the publication of made Orders and prior to construction of the Bypass. Start of construction is not anticipated to take place before Summer 1995.

5 **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

5.1 **1990 Public Consultation Leaflet**

5.1.1 Included as Appendix A to this Report is a copy of the leaflet prepared for the 1990 Public Consultation, which contains information on the development of the Boscombe Road Alternative together with a route description.

5.2 **Information to be Made Available to the Appointed Sub-Consultant**

5.2.1 A film sub-master of the 1 : 10,000 scale base mapping used in the production of Drawing No. 73044/4B/GD001 will be supplied at no cost.

5.2.2 Copies of the vertical stereo aerial photographs flown in January 1992, as part of the Main Topographical Survey for the Bypass, are available for inspection. These are in colour and at scales of 1:3000 and 1:10000.

5.2.3 A wide variety of colour, oblique aerial photographs are held by Kennedy Henderson in Godalming, all of which will be available for inspection. These contain both "professional" and "amateur" (35mm) photographs dating from 1988 and 1990.

5.2.4 Information received from Bedfordshire County Council regarding archaeological constraints in the Dunstable area.

5.2.5 Copies of correspondence received from English Heritage.

5.3 **Access for Field Survey**

5.3.1 Access to private property for the field survey will be arranged by Kennedy Henderson on behalf of the Department of Transport.

Appendix A

**1990 CONSULTATION
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APPENDIX B: KNOWN INTERESTS

During the development of proposals for the A5 Dunstable Eastern Bypass, the Department of Transport have staged two Public Consultation Exhibitions. At the first, in April 1988, the public were presented with a Proposed Eastern Route, together with "Rejected" Western and West/East Routes. At the second Exhibition in May/June 1990 a Revised Eastern Route and the Boscombe Road Alternative were presented. On both occasions as part of the consultation process, a wide variety of organisations were asked to comment upon the proposals.

Listed below are those with a known interest in the archaeology of the study area.

B.1 English Heritage
Fortress House
23 Saville Row
London
W1X 1AB

Information has been received from two Divisions within English Heritage, both based at the above address, the most recent in response to the 1990 Consultation from the following:

Diana F Brown
Ancient Monuments Division (Midlands)
Tel: 071 973 3229

Ms A Holgate
Historic Areas Division
Tel: 071 973 3820

B.2 Bedfordshire County Council
Planning Department
County Hall
Cauldwell Street
Bedford
Bedfordshire
MK42 9AP

Contact: Stephen R Coleman
Archaeological Conservation Officer
Tel: 0234 288072

Stephen Coleman has provided Kennedy Henderson with details of archaeological constraints in the Dunstable area, and should be contacted for information held by the County Council including details contained on the County Sites and Monuments Record.

The County Structure Plan published by Bedfordshire County Council contains policies relating to the preservation of archaeological remains.

B.3 Council for British Archaeology
Regional Group 9
Milton Keynes Archaeology Unit
16 Erica Road
Stacey Bushes
Milton Keynes
MK12 6PA

Tel: 0908 312475

A letter was received in response to the 1988 Consultation from R J Zeepvat, the Secretary of CBA Regional Group 9, expressing a preference for the Proposed Eastern Route.

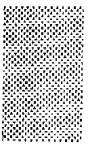
B.4 South Bedfordshire District Council
Planning Services Department
The District Offices
High Street North
Dunstable
Bedfordshire
LU6 1LF

Tel: 0582 472222

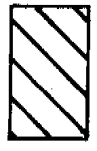
The South Bedfordshire Local Plan, published by South Bedfordshire District Council as a consultation draft (dated December 1991), contains a section covering archaeology. This includes a listing of all Scheduled Ancient Monuments within their administrative area and details of their Planning Policy BE1 relating to the protection of archaeological remains.

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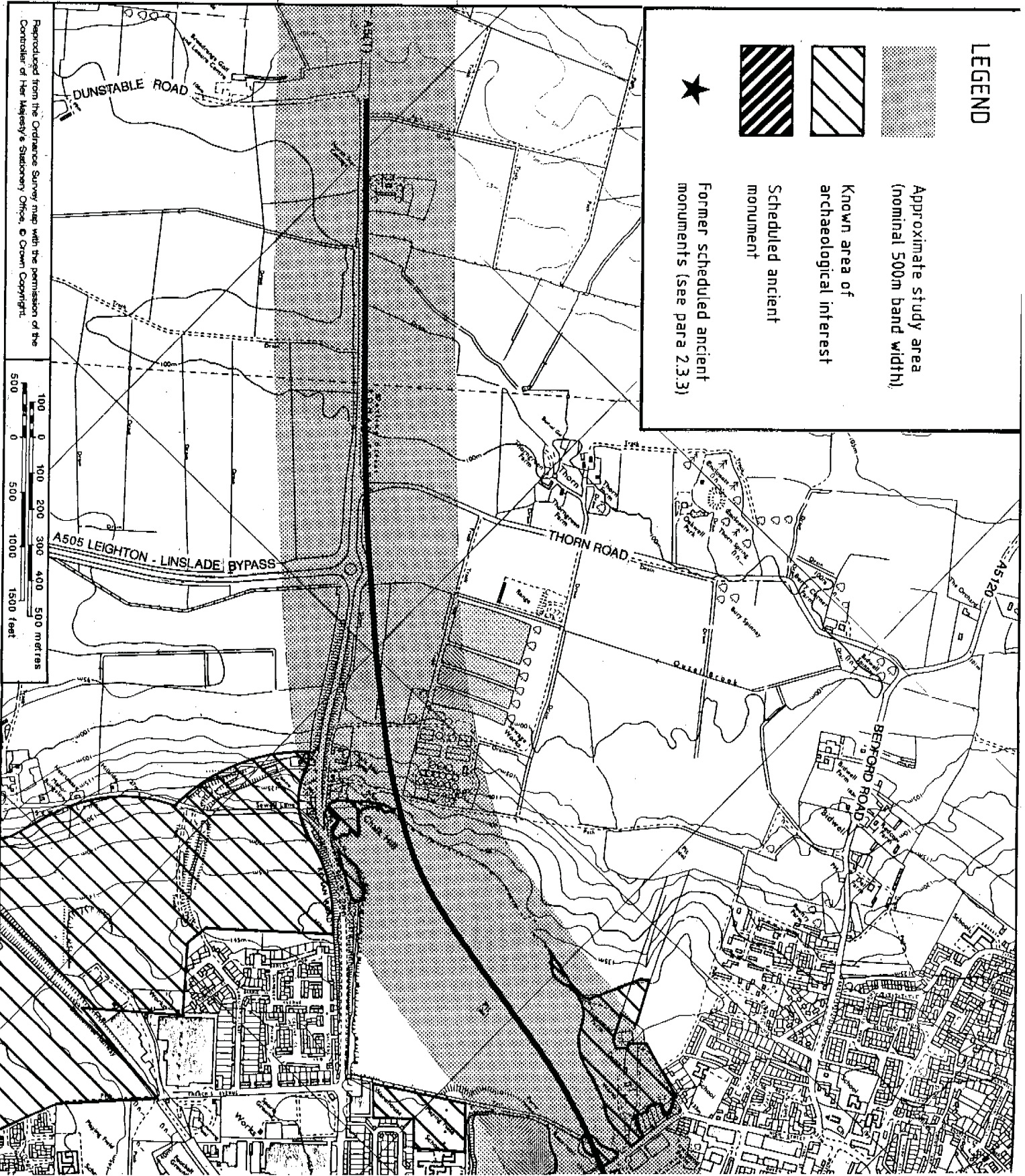
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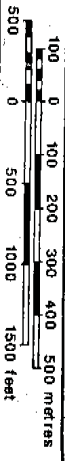
Scheduled ancient
monument



Former scheduled ancient
monuments (see para 2.3.3)



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WEST STREET

HIGH STREET NORTH

HIGH STREET SOUTH

GREAT NORTH ROAD

NEWTON ROAD

STURTON ROAD

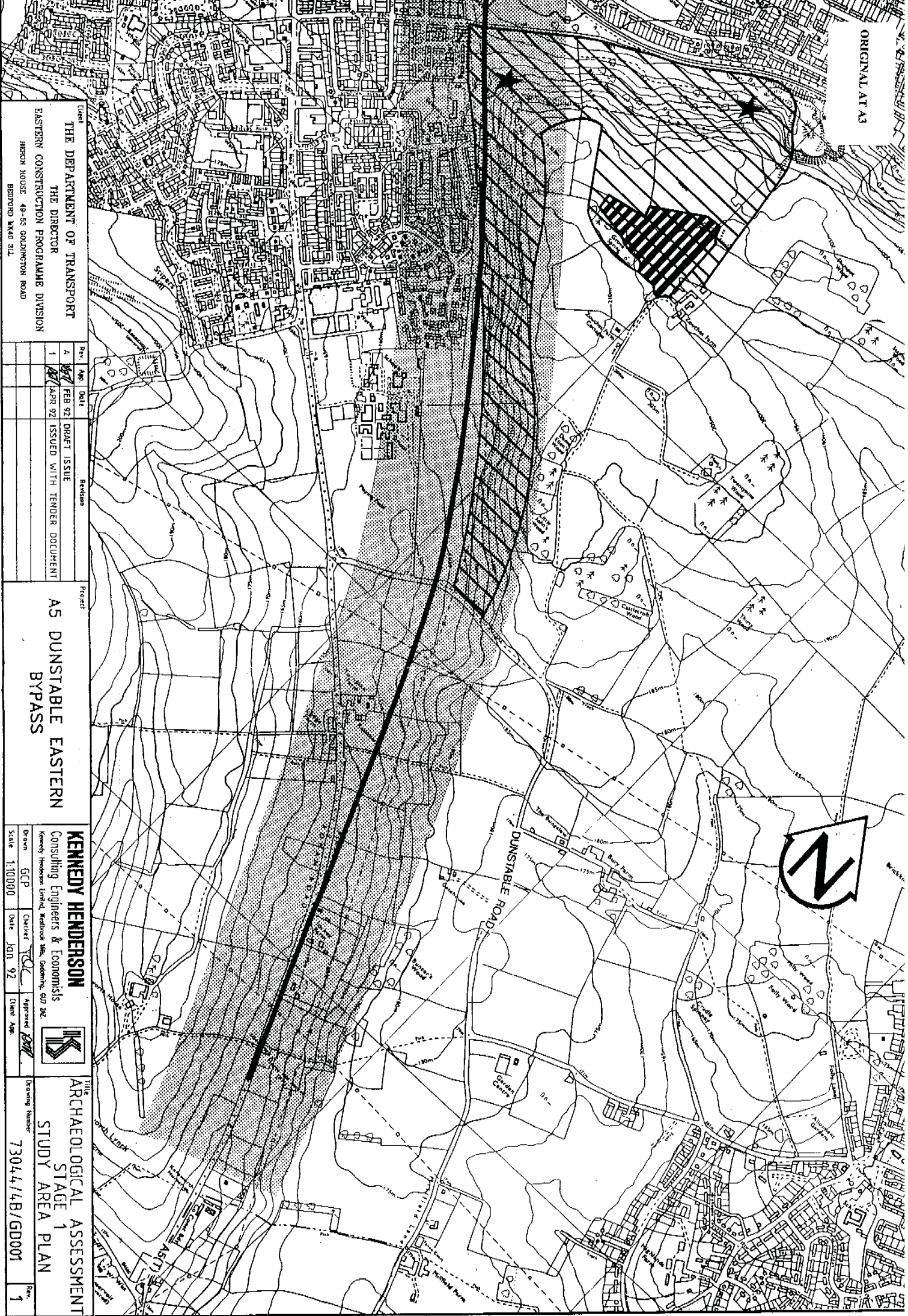
BENFORD ROAD

PARK ROAD NORTH

PRESBYTERIAN ROUTE (PRESBYTERIAN EASTERN ASSOCIATION)

THE DEPOT
EASTERN CONST
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