

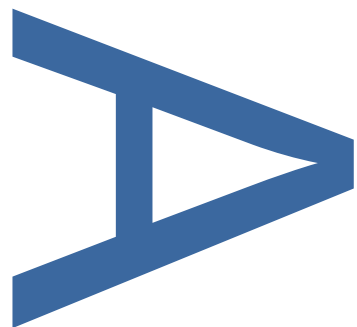
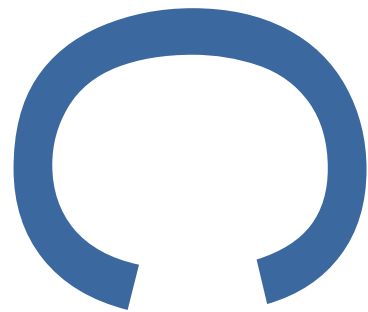
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1 ABSTRACT

Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by CFW Architects on behalf of the client Mr Gordon-James to carry out an archaeological investigation (watching brief), at 15 Peninsula Square, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 8GJ, hereafter 'the Site', (Figure 1). The Site is the subject of a proposed development comprising an extension to the eastern elevation of the existing house.

The proposed development lies within a Scheduled Monument (SM No. HA 1, HA 1001959), Winchester Castle, as defined under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979 (as amended). The watching brief was carried out in accordance with Scheduled Monument Consent granted under section 2 of the Act and followed an initial evaluation of the Site carried out in December 2020 (PCA 2021a) under Class 7 of the Ancient Monuments (Class Consent) Order 1994 and in accordance with the advice and requirements of Historic England. This report provides the result of the watching brief on groundwork for the proposed extension, which was carried out on the 25th of February 2021.

The foundation groundwork was formed as proposed and revealed modern deposits throughout; no archaeological features, deposits or finds were identified. The modern deposits and the depth at which they were recorded was consistent with what was revealed by the prior evaluation.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Project Background

- 2.1.1 Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by CFW Architects on behalf of the client Mr Gordon-James to carry out an archaeological investigation (watching brief), at 15 Peninsula Square, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 8GJ, hereafter 'the Site', (**Figure 1**). The Site is the subject of a proposed development comprising an extension to the eastern elevation of the existing house.
- 2.1.2 The proposed development lies within a Scheduled Monument (SM No. HA 1, HA 1001959), Winchester Castle, as defined under the *Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979 (as amended)*. The watching brief was carried out in accordance with Scheduled Monument Consent granted under section 2 of the Act and followed an initial evaluation of the Site carried out in December 2020 (PCA 2021a) under Class 7 of the *Ancient Monuments (Class Consent) Order 1994* and in accordance with the advice and requirements of Historic England.
- 2.1.3 This report provides the result of the watching brief, undertaken on the 25th of February 2021. It has been prepared in accordance with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists standard and guidance for archaeological watching briefs (ClfA 2014, updated June 2020) and Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (Historic England, 2015). PCA is a ClfA Registered Archaeological Organisation and is bound by its code of conduct.

2.2 Location, Topography and Geology

- 2.2.1 The Site (**Figure 2**), in the south wester quarter of the historic core of the City of Winchester, is currently a small courtyard on the east side of a four-storey house. The house forms the eastern property of a terrace of four-storey town houses erected at the southern end of the former Peninsula (Upper) Barracks in the 1990's, replacing a 1960's sergeants' mess. South of the terrace the land falls away sharply, following the slope of the historic defences of Winchester and Winchester Castle earthworks, toward St James Lane.
- 2.2.2 The Site occupies a position that dominates the southern part of the City and the courtyard lies at a height of 63.70m above Ordnance Datum (aOD)
- 2.2.3 The bedrock geology beneath the Site is mapped as Seaford Chalk Formation, which is likely to occur at a considerable depth beneath the Site and beneath made ground comprising the Castle earthworks.

2.3 Archaeological and Historical Background

- 2.3.1 The Site lies in an area of known and significant archaeological remains considered to be of national importance, which is recognised by their protection as a Scheduled Monument. The remains comprise the elements of the southern defences of medieval Winchester Castle and the earlier defences of the Roman town *Venta Belgarum*. Additionally, the remains include important evidence for the Late Saxon *burh*, associated with the re-emergence of Winchester prior to the establishment of the Castle in the early Norman period.
- 2.3.2 Archaeological investigations of the area immediately north of Site were carried out in the 1990's following demolition of the 1960's sergeants mess and prior to the construction of the existing house and terrace of which it forms the eastern property. These investigations characterised the general sequence of the archaeological remains that survive beneath the Site, which mainly comprised evidence of the defensive earthworks of the Roman town and medieval Castle, and included, immediately north-east of the Site, well-preserved remains of a 13th century stone-built tower, one of a number built into the circuit of the Castle walls. Following the investigations, the remains were covered over, and the present terrace block erected on piled foundations partially to the south of the former sergeants' mess.
- 2.3.3 The investigations established that the highest archaeological remains occurred fairly evenly at approximately 63m aOD, shallowly buried beneath the former Peninsula (Upper) Barracks parade ground and the former Sergeants mess immediately north of the Site.
- 2.3.4 The Site, to the south of the investigations, was paved and the paving slabs lay at c. 63.70m a OD, some 700mm higher than archaeological remains investigated to the north. The height at which archaeological remains occur beneath the Site of the proposed extension is not known, but is likely to be lower than the height at which archaeological remains were recorded in the previous investigations to the north, i.e. lower than 63m aOD; this may be accounted for by the steep fall south of the Site and over which the Site was constructed in the 1990's. The fall represents the outer slope of the medieval Castle mound and rampart.
- 2.3.5 The archaeological evaluation of the Site comprised the excavation of a 1.5m X 1.5m and 0.7m deep test pit. The test pit revealed modern deposits throughout. The modern deposits and the depth at which they were recorded was consistent with the location of the Site, and the proposed extension, to the south of the line of the Castle Wall and above the sloped face of the Castle mound earthwork. The depth of the test pit was greater than required to form the proposed extension and thereby confirmed that the extension was highly unlikely to disturb *in situ* archaeological remains.

3 AIM

3.1 Archaeological Watching Brief

- 3.1.1 The aim of the archaeological watching brief was to monitor groundwork for the extension and any related sub-surface disturbance and carry out detailed investigation and recording of any remains revealed and account for the date, nature, extent, bio-archaeological and palaeo-environmental potential of the remains.
- 3.1.2 A further aim was to prepare an archive of the results of the investigation leading to the preparation an appropriate report. The aim of this report is to provide sufficient information to demonstrate that the watching brief was carried out in fulfilment of the conditions of Scheduled Monument consent and planning consent.

4 RESULT

4.1 Introduction

4.1.1 The following presents a summary of the watching brief results and is based upon the Site archive, which comprises a Site diary, written and drawn records and digital photographs. Photographs of the site appear in **Appendix 1**. An OASIS report is provided in **Appendix 2**. The archive is held at PCA's Winchester office under the site code **AY722** and will in due course be deposited with Hampshire Cultural Trust.

4.2 Methodology

4.2.1 The archaeological watching brief was undertaken following the methodology that was detailed in the Written Scheme of Investigation (PCA 2021b), which was approved by Historic England on behalf of the Secretary of State in keeping with Scheduled Monument Consent.

4.2.2 The watching brief was carried out on the 25th of February 2021. The monitored ground works included ground reduction of 0.1m from existing ground level (63.70m above OD) across the footprint of the extension, and excavation of a 0.3m wide foundation trench to 0.4m BGL on the north and south sides of the footprint and to 0.5m BGL on its east and west sides.

4.3 Deposit Sequence

4.3.1 Natural solid or drift geology was not revealed.

4.3.2 The west, north and east sides of the foundation trench were formed against existing walls and revealed those walls' concrete ground beam foundations. All observed deposits post-dated these foundations. A grey soil containing modern materials was observed across the whole area (**Figure 2 & Plates 1-4**).

4.3.3 No significant archaeological features, deposits or finds were identified during the watching brief.

4.4 Conclusion

4.4.1 The foundation groundwork was formed as proposed and revealed modern deposits throughout; no archaeological features, deposits or finds were identified. The modern deposits and the depth at which they were recorded was consistent with what was revealed by the prior evaluation.

5 ARCHIVE PREPARATION & DEPOSITION

5.1 The Site Archive

5.1.1 The Site archive, to include all project records and cultural material produced by the project, will be prepared in accordance with Guidelines for the Preparation of Excavation Archives for Long-term Storage (UKIC 1990) and the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists 'Standard and Guidance for the creation, compilation, transfer and deposition of archaeological archives' (CIfA 2009), taking account of recommended approaches to archive selection strategies and data management plans: <https://www.archaeologists.net/selection-toolkit?amp%3Bqid=814643>. The requirements of the Hampshire Cultural Trust for digital archives to be prepared in accordance with standards defined by the Archaeology Data Service will also be followed, as will the Trust's recommendation for digital archives to be deposited with the Archaeology Data Service. The designated receiving museum for the non-digital archive is Hampshire Cultural Trust. The Curator of Archaeology will be contacted in advance of the fieldwork for a Site code. Any alternative arrangements will be agreed with Historic England and the HETA and the Local Planning Authority.

5.2 Copyright

- 5.2.1 The full copyright of the written/illustrative archive relating to the Site will be retained by Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd under the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 with all rights reserved. Winchester City Council, however, will be granted an exclusive licence for the use of the archive for educational purposes, including academic research, providing that such use shall be non-profitmaking, and conforms to the Copyright and Related Rights regulations 2003. Further distribution and uses of the report either in its entirety or part thereof in paper or electronic form is prohibited without the prior consent of Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd.
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APPENDIX 1: PLATES



Plate 1. General view of the Site. View to north. Scale 1m.



Plate 2. Western side of foundation. View to west. Scale 1m.



Plate 3. Eastern side of foundation trench. View to east. Scale 1m.

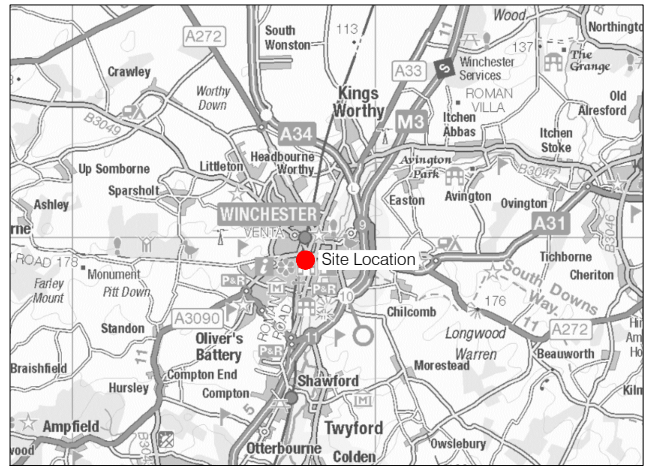


Plate 4. North west corner of foundation trench. View to north-west. Scale 1m.

APPENDIX 2: OASIS RECORD

Summary for preconst1-501397

OASIS ID (UID)	preconst1-501397
Project Name	Watching Brief at 15 Peninsula Square
Activity type	Watching Brief
Project Identifier(s)	15 Peninsula Square
Planning Id	APP/L1765/D/18/3193360, 17/02070/HOU
Reason For Investigation	Planning: Between application and determination
Organisation Responsible for work	Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd
Project Dates	25-Feb-2021 - 25-Feb-2021
Location	15 Peninsula Square NGR : SU 47697 29280 LL : 51.0608845424494, - 1.32076295600222 12 Fig : 447697,129280
Administrative Areas	Country : England County : Hampshire District : Winchester District (B) Parish : Winchester, unparished area
Project Methodology	The archaeological watching brief was undertaken following the methodology that was detailed in the Written Scheme of Investigation (PCA 2021), which was approved by Historic England on behalf of the Secretary of State in keeping with Scheduled Monument Consent. The watching brief was carried out on the 25th of February 2021. The monitored ground works included ground reduction of 0.1m across the whole footprint of the extension, and excavation of a 0.3m wide trench measuring a further 0.3m deep on the north and south sides of the area and a further 0.4m deep on the east and west sides of the area.
Project Results	No significant archaeological features, deposits or finds were identified during the watching brief.
Keywords	
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Archives	PAPER, DIGITAL - to be deposited with Winchester Museums



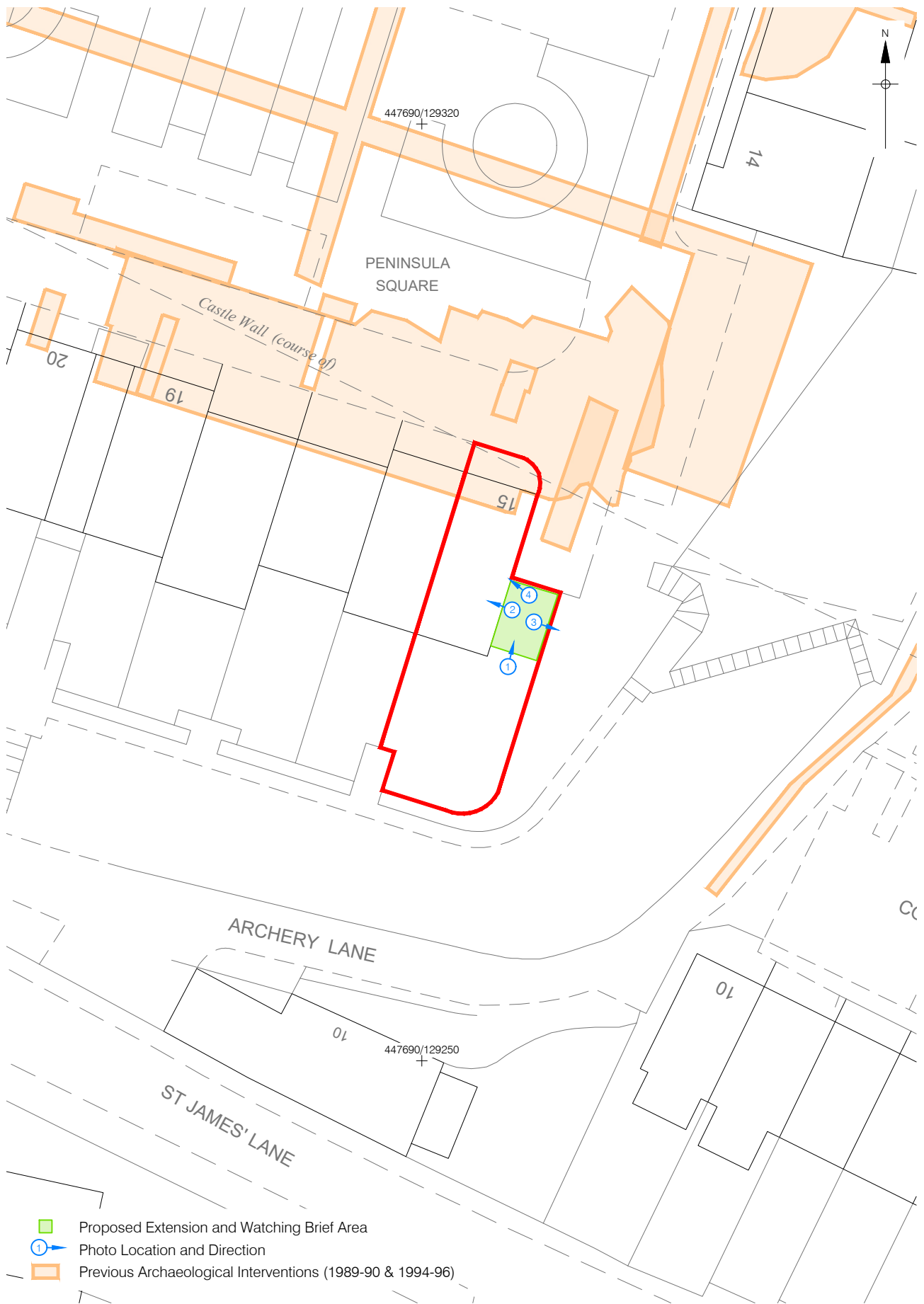


Figure 2
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