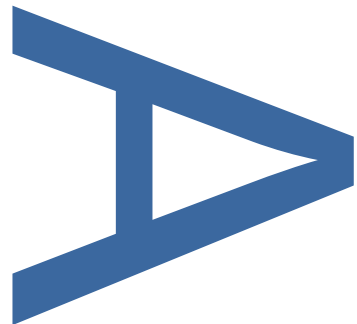
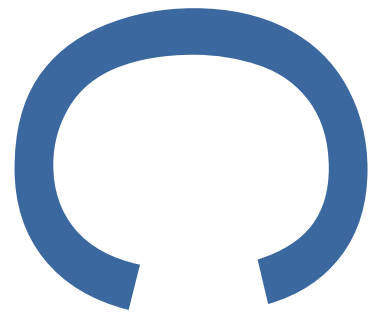


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1 NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY

Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd was appointed Roger Davey to carry out an archaeological evaluation at 2 Chester Road Winchester, Hampshire SO23 0EL. The Site is the subject of a proposed development comprising a new dwelling.

The evaluation was designed in discussion with the Local Planning Authority's Historic Environment Team Archaeologist and reflected the potential of the Site to contain archaeological remains that may be affected by the proposed development, specifically Romano-British burials within the eastern cemetery of Roman Winchester.

The evaluation comprised the excavation of one 10m X 2m trench. The work was undertaken on the 26th of April 2022.

No significant archaeological features or finds were identified during the course of this evaluation. As such it is considered that the proposed development will not affect any significant archaeological remains.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Project Background

2.1.1 Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) Roger Davey to carry out an archaeological evaluation at 2 Chester Road Winchester, Hampshire SO23 0EL, hereafter 'the Site', NGR SU 48674 29548 (**Figure 1**). The Site is the subject of a proposed development comprising a new dwelling.

2.1.2 The archaeological evaluation and subsequent reporting was a requirement of the Local Planning Authority (LPA), Winchester City Council secured by conditions 4, 5 and 6 of planning consent for the development (planning reference 20/01450/FUL) and as amended (planning reference 21/01846 with parallel conditions 4, 5 & 6). The evaluation, required by Condition 4, was intended to determine the presence or absence of archaeological remains on the Site and inform a decision on the subsequent treatment of any remains, should these be present as required by Conditions 5 and 6. The conditions were attached to consent for the development based on the advice of the archaeological advisor to the LPA, Tracy Matthews, Historic Environment Team Archaeologist (HETA), Winchester City Council.

2.1.3 This document provides a report on the results of the evaluation, carried out on the 25th and 26th of April 2022, and has been prepared in accordance with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists standard and guidance for an archaeological evaluation (CIfA 2020) and Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (Historic England, 2015). PCA is a CIfA Registered Archaeological Organisation and is bound by its code of conduct

2.2 Location, Topography and Geology

2.2.1 The Site (**Figure 2**) comprised a plot of land between 1 & 2 Chester Road, Winchester, currently occupied by a lean-to garage and office. The Site lies on the east side of Chester Road, a residential street running north-south across the steeply sloping topography of the historic eastern suburb of Winchester, below St Giles Hill, and overlooks Water Lane and the River Itchen to the west. The Site lies at approximately 43m above Ordnance Datum. The bedrock geology of the Site is mapped as Seaford Chalk Formation, with superficial deposits likely to include gravel beneath alluvial deposits. The bedrock geology of the Site is mapped as Chalk.

2.3 Archaeological and Historical Background

2.3.1 The Site lies in an area of known archaeological monuments, sites and findspots in the historic core of Winchester. It is considered to have significant archaeological potential, specifically for Romano-British burials that were made within the Romano-British cemetery that extended over a large area of land east of the River Itchen and below St Giles Hill, outside of the Roman town at Winchester, Venta Belgarum. In providing advice to the LPA, the HEO set out the archaeological background to the Site as follows:

‘The application site lies within the historic eastern suburb of Winchester and is in an area identified as having high archaeological potential. In particular the site lies within the area of the eastern Roman cemetery of Venta Belgarum (Roman Winchester).

Although para. 4.3 of the submitted Heritage Statement states that the site has been previously terraced into the chalk hillside, “and therefore not likely to yield further archaeological information”, information from previous archaeological investigations in the area suggests this is unlikely to be the case.

Archaeological excavation on the east side of Chester Road 29m to the south of the proposal site in 1976-80 (CHR Tr. III), revealed a deep sequence of stratified hill wash and archaeological deposits. In the SW of the excavation area natural chalk was found to lie 4.36m below ground level (bgl) with the uppermost Roman deposits located 0.8m bgl. Archaeological and hill-wash deposits became shallower towards the east of the excavation area (upslope) where they were present immediately below the surface.

The archaeological stratigraphy in CHR Tr. III comprised Roman quarrying or terracing activity and a long sequence of Roman cemetery activity dating from the 2nd or 3rd century AD (with the earliest burials cut into silts filling the quarry / terrace). Some graves in the eastern part of Tr. III may have been destroyed by erosion, however seven phases of Roman burial were identified, comprising over 100 inhumation and several cremation burials, some with grave goods / personnel items. Evidence for later activity also survived, including several Anglo-Saxon pits forming a possible boundary, although later deposits suffered truncation by 19th century development, particularly towards the east.

The cemetery remains found in CHR Tr. III form part of the wider Eastern Roman cemetery, further remains of which have been found in the vicinity of the application site. This includes 4 inhumation burials found during the excavation of a soakaway in the rear garden of the Blue Boar just the east of the site in 1971, and further burials at Rosemary Close, St Martins Close and further south on Chester Road and Water Lane.’

2.3.2 The required archaeological evaluation of the Site is based on the potential that has been identified in the advice provided. The Chester Road burials are discussed in detail in the published account of the archaeological excavations (Ottaway 2012).

3 AIM

3.1 Archaeological Evaluation

3.1.1 The aim of the evaluation was to determine the character, extent, date, condition and significance of archaeological remains within the Site, taking account of their potential to contain biological and palaeo-environmental remains. A further and more specific aim will be to determine whether the Site contains Romano-British burials and related archaeological remains, such as recorded to the south of the Site

3.1.2 A further aim was to prepare an archive of the results of the investigations leading to the preparation of this final report, so that the future treatment of any archaeological resources beneath the Site, in respect of the proposed development, may be determined.

4 RESULTS

4.1 Introduction

4.1.1 The following presents a summary of the evaluation results based upon the Site archive, which comprises a Site diary, digital photographs. Photographs of the site appear in **Appendix 1**. The archive of all stages of the archaeological work is held at PCA's Winchester office under the site code **AY769** and will in due course be deposited with the Hampshire Cultural Trust.

4.2 Methodology

4.2.1 The archaeological evaluation was undertaken following the methodology detailed in the Written Scheme of Investigation (PCA 2022), which was approved by the Local Planning Authority in advance of the works and on the advice of the HETA.

4.2.2 The evaluation comprised the excavation of one 10m by 2m trench and was undertaken on the 26th of April 2022. Two deeper test pits were formed at both ends of the trench to further assess the depth of the deposits that were revealed.

4.3 Results

4.3.1 The trench was excavated to a total depth of c. 1m, to c. 39.73m aOD at the deepest point of its base. No natural deposits or significant archaeological features or finds were observed. Immediately below the modern ground surface a layer of chalk rubble was encountered, seen to continue below base the trench (**Figures 2 & 3 & Plates 1 & 2**). The chalk rubble appeared to be redeposited but there was no evidence to suggest at what date that redeposition occurred or for what purpose.

4.4 Conclusion

4.4.1 No significant archaeological features or finds were identified during the course of the evaluation. As such it is considered that the proposed development, to be built on trench footings not exceeding 1m below existing ground level, will not affect any significant archaeological remains.

5 ARCHIVE PREPARATION AND 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 Institute for Archaeologists 'Standard and Guidance for the creation, compilation, transfer and deposition of archaeological archives' (ClfA 2014). On completion of the project PCA will arrange for the archive to be deposited with the Hampshire Cultural Trust.

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. Hampshire Cultural Trust, 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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6 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd. Is grateful to Roger Davey for commissioning the archaeological evaluation and to Tracy Matthews, Winchester City Council Historic Environment Team Archaeologist, for her advice.

The evaluation was undertaken by Paul McCulloch assisted onsite by Maisie Marshall. The report was prepared by Gareth Howland and the report illustrations were prepared by Malgorzata Malecka. The project was managed for PCA by Paul McCulloch.

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APPENDIX 1: PLATES



Plate 1. Overview of trench, taken looking east with a 0.5m scale.

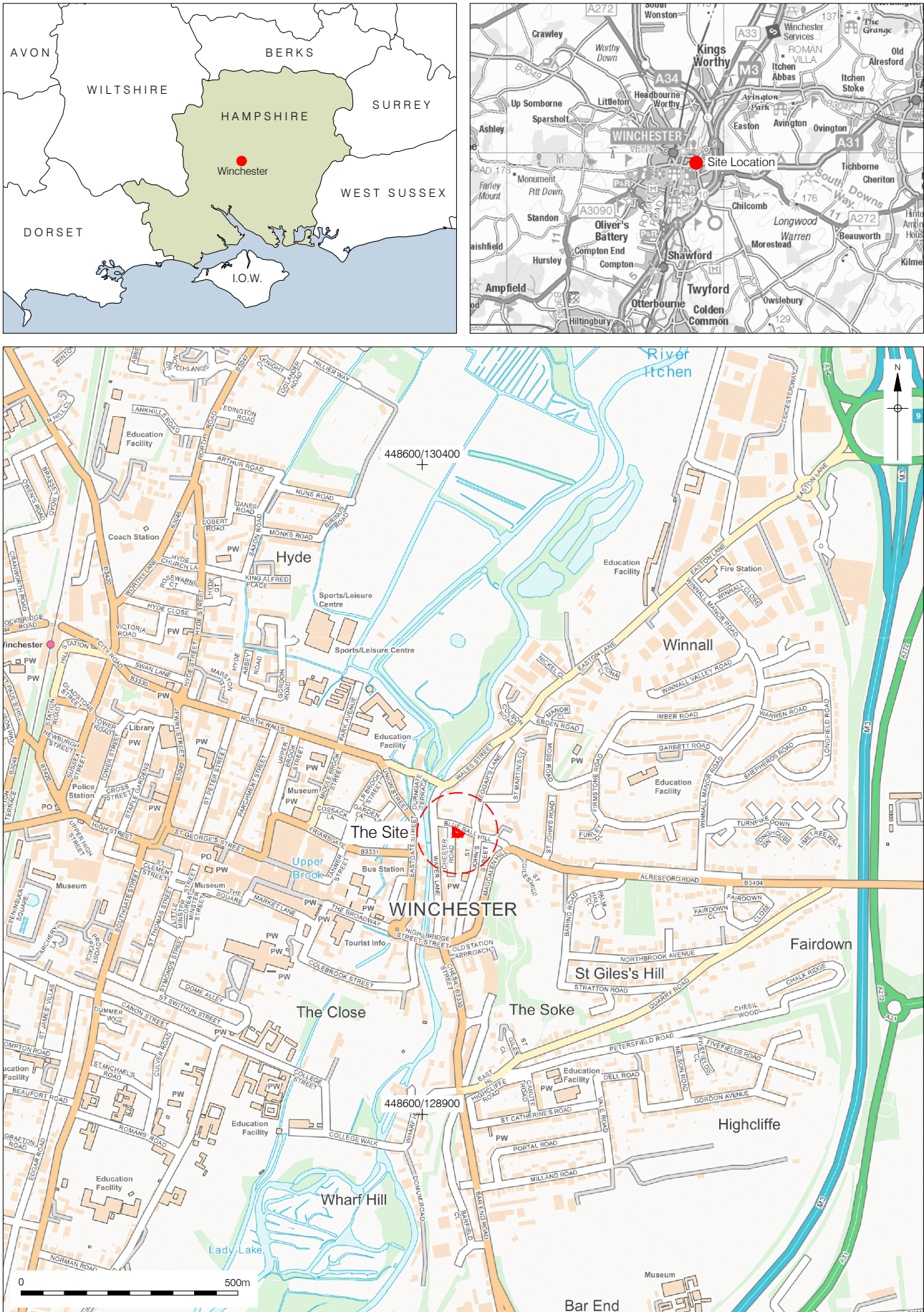


Plate 2. South facing section of trench, looking north with a 0.5m scale.

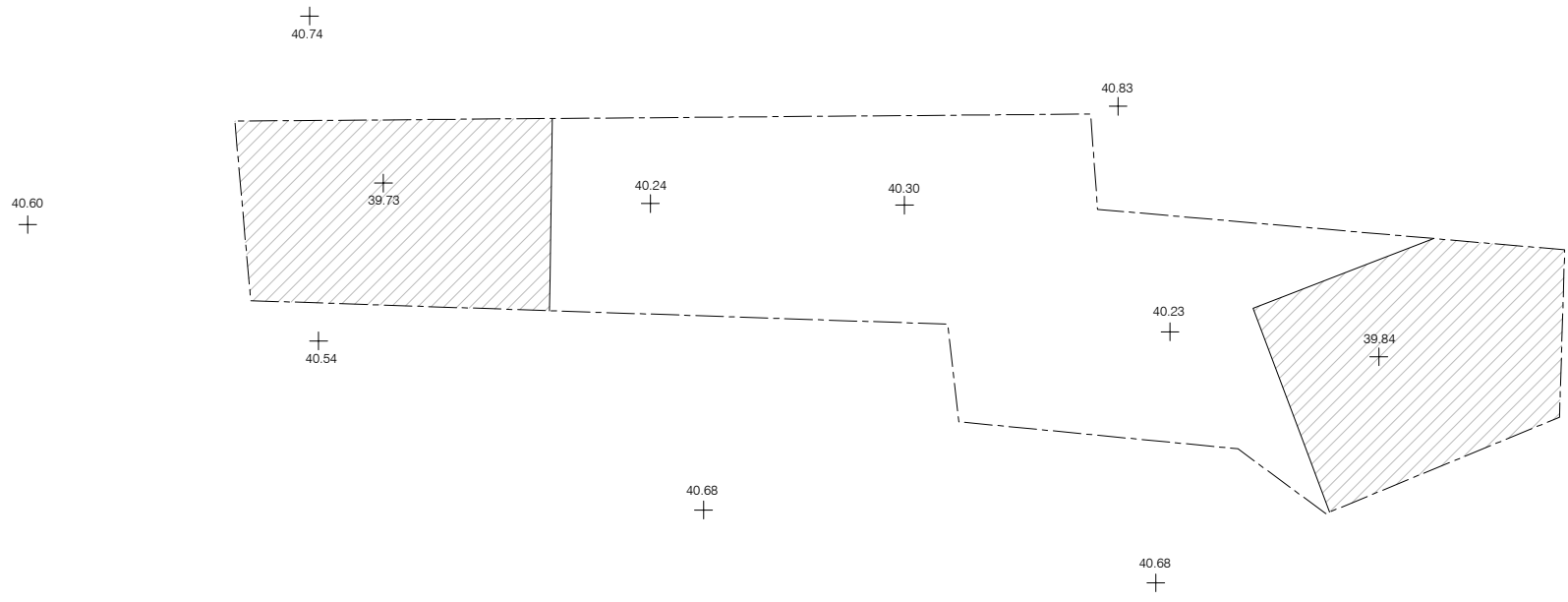
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Activity type	Evaluation
Project Identifier(s)	2 Chester Road, Winchester
Planning Id	20/01450/FUL , 21/01846/FUL
Reason For Investigation	Planning requirement
Organisation Responsible for work	Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd
Project Dates	26-Apr-2022 - 26-Apr-2022
Location	2 CHESTER ROAD, WINCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE, SO23 8EB NGR : SU 48674 29548 LL : 51.0632124540251, -1.30678673988554 12 Fig : 448674,129548
Administrative Areas	Country : England County : Hampshire District : Winchester Parish : Winchester, unparished area
Project Methodology	The evaluation comprised the excavation of one 10m X 2m trench.
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