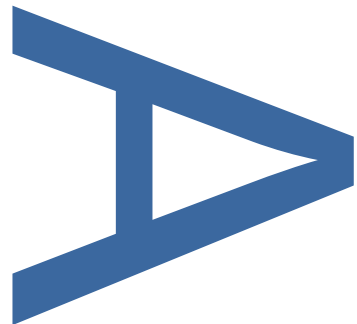
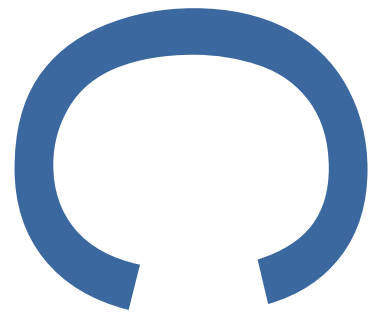


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## **1 ABSTRACT**

Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by Sean Connolly to undertake an archaeological evaluation at Sunways 23 Astor Crescent, Ludgershall, Wiltshire. The Site is the subject of a small housing development.

The aim of the archaeological evaluation was to determine the presence or absence of archaeological remains within the Site and, where present, determine their nature, extent, date, condition and significance, taking account of their potential to contain biological and palaeo-environmental remains.

The evaluation identified no archaeological features or finds in either of the two evaluation trenches. The Site appears to retain no archaeological potential. No further stage of archaeological investigation in respect of the proposed development is recommended.

## **2 INTRODUCTION**

### **2.1 Project Background**

2.1.1 Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by Sean Connolly to undertake an archaeological evaluation at Sunways 23 Astor Crescent, Ludgershall, Wiltshire (**Figure 1**), hereafter 'the Site' (centred at NGR SU 2645 5051). The Site is a subject of proposed residential development.

2.1.2 An initial stage archaeological evaluation was required by the Local Planning Authority Wiltshire County Council, acting on the advice of the Wiltshire Assistant County Archaeologist (WACA) and in keeping with NPPF Section 16 and Wiltshire Core Strategy policy. The evaluation was to be carried out prior to the determination of a planning application for the proposed development (PL/2022/02538) and was intended to provide information toward understanding the archaeological implications of the proposed development and determining the subsequent treatment of any archaeological remains found within it in consultation with the WACA.

2.1.3 This document provides the results of the trial trench evaluation, which comprised two 10m X 2m trenches. This document has been prepared in accordance with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists standard and guidance for archaeological field evaluation (CIfA 2020) and *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment* (Historic England, 2015).

### **2.2 Location, Topography and Geology**

2.2.1 The Site is located to the east of Astor Crescent and to the north of Granby Way, Ludgershall, Wiltshire, with the main proposal located within the current garden of 23 Astor Crescent. Ludgershall is a village that lies approximately 12km to the north-east of Andover and 3.5km to the east of Tidworth. The site is approximately 5km east of Salisbury Plain, an area of Lowland Calcareous Grassland.

2.2.2 The Site is an irregular quadrilateral plot of c. 0.1ha, which comprises the garden of 23 Astor Crescent. The Site is bounded to the east, north and west by residential housing and to the south by Granby Way.

2.2.3 The Site lies at approximately 132m above OD and is relatively level. The general levels in the wider area rise to both the north and west, and fall to the south and east.

2.2.4 The Site is mapped as having underlying bedrock geology of Seaford Chalk Formation – Chalk. It is possible that the bedrock may be overlain by superficial Head deposits of Clay, Silt, Sand & Gravel as they are mapped close to site (BGS online viewer).

### **2.3 Archaeological and Historical Background**

2.3.1 In providing advice to the LPA, in response to the planning application for development of the Site, the WACA stated: A number of archaeological interventions, including remote surveys, evaluations and excavations have been carried out over the past two decades

that have indicated scattered remains of later prehistoric, Romano-British and medieval activity in the area immediately surrounding the application site. There is a good chance that further, as yet unrecorded, features dating from these periods survive within the site and that such features would be heavily impacted by the proposed development.

### **3 AIM**

#### **3.1 Archaeological Evaluation**

- 3.1.1 The aim of the archaeological evaluation was to establish, within the strategy of trenching that is proposed, 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.
- 3.1.2 This report on the results of the evaluation will aim to provide sufficient information so that the future treatment of any archaeological remains within the Site, in respect of the proposed development of the Site, 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 trench recording sheets, drawings and digital photographs and survey data. A summary of recorded contexts is provided in a Trench Index in **Appendix 1** and photographs of the trenches in **Appendix 2**. The archive is held at PCA's Winchester office under the site code **WACL22** and will in due course be deposited with Wiltshire Heritage Museum.

### **4.2 Methodology**

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

4.2.2 The evaluation comprised the excavation of two trenches measuring 10m x 2m (**Figure 2, Plates 1 and 2**). The trench arrangement is intended to target areas of the Site where the impact of the proposed development may affect its archaeological potential and provide good representation of the site in general. All proposed trenches were opened and investigated on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

### **4.3 Summary of Deposition Sequence**

4.3.1 Natural geology was reached in all trenches and was consistent across the Site. The Natural geology consisted of a firm, mid orange brown sandy clay and chalk.

4.3.2 The topsoil observed across the Site was a consistent firm, mid brown grey sandy clay with common chalk and charcoal inclusions. Small amounts of modern ceramic building material and metal work were noted throughout the topsoil. The thickness of the topsoil in Trench 1 was 0.26m BGL (below ground level) and in trench 2 it was 0.3m BGL. (**Figures 3 and 4, Plates 3 & 4**).

### **4.4 Archaeological Features**

4.4.1 No archaeological features or finds were recorded during the evaluation.

### **4.5 Conclusion**

4.5.1 The evaluation identified no archaeological features or finds in either of the two evaluation trenches. The Site appears to retain no archaeological potential. No further stage of archaeological investigation in respect of the proposed development is recommended.

## **5 ARCHIVE PRERARATION 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' (CIfA 2014). On completion of the project PCA will arrange for the archive to be deposited with Wiltshire Heritage Museum

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## Appendix 1: Trench Index

Context Number	Trench	Type	Description	Interpretation	Depth (m) BGL
101	1	Layer	Firm, mid brown grey sandy clay with common chalk, charcoal.	Turf and Topsoil	0 - 0.26
102	1	Layer	Firm, mid orange brown sandy clay and chalk	Natural	0.26 +
201	2	Layer	Firm, mid brown grey sandy clay with common chalk, charcoal.	Turf and Topsoil	0 - 0.3
202	2	Layer	Chalk mottled with firm mid orange brown sandy clay	Natural	0.3 +

## Appendix 2: Photographs (Plates 1 - 4)



**Plate 1. Trench 1, View to south east, scale 1m**



**Plate 2. Trench 2, View to south west, scale 1m**



**Plate 3. Trench 1 Representative Section, view to south east, scale 1m**



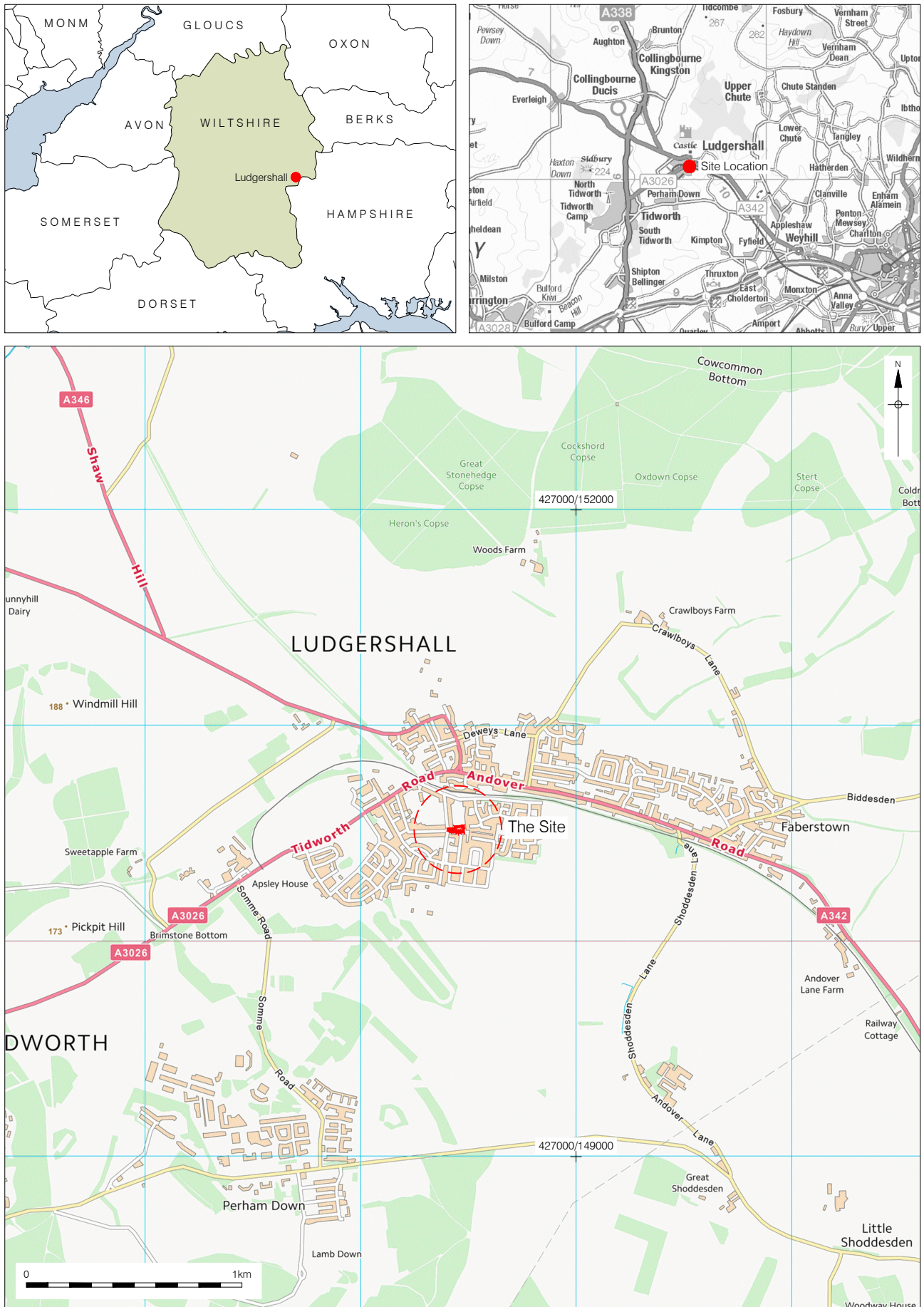
**Plate 4. Trench 2 Representative section, view to south west, scale 1m**

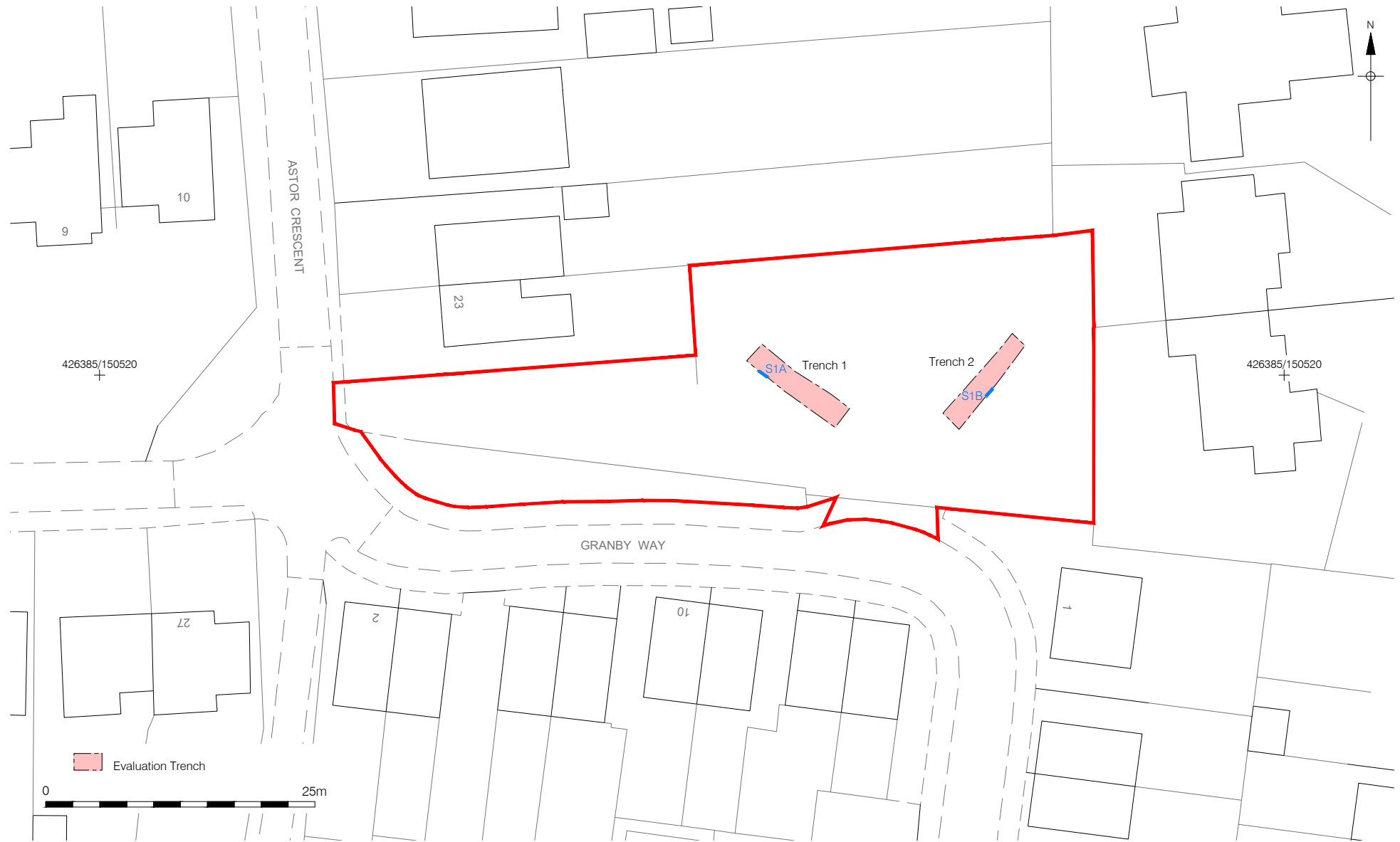
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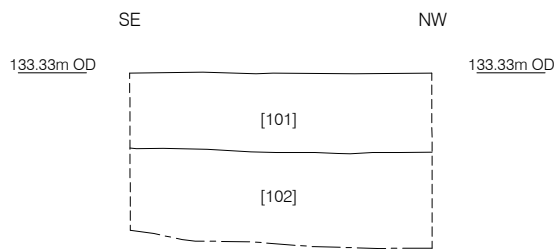
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Planning Id	
Reason For Investigation	Planning: Pre application
Organisation Responsible for work	Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd
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Section 1A  
Northeast Facing  
Trench 1



Section 1B  
Northwest Facing  
Trench 2



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