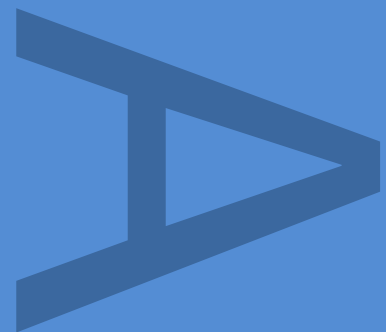


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## **1 NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY**

Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was commissioned by Acorn Design Ltd (the Client) to undertake an archaeological watching brief at 121 Andover Road, Winchester, Hampshire, at NGR 447342 131173, hereafter 'the site'. The site is the subject of a development comprising the erection of a four bedroom house and a double garage in the rear garden.

This document provides a report on the results of the watching brief, which was carried out between November 2014 and March 2015. Site visits coincided with ground work at the front of the site for re-arranged access and at the rear of the site during stripping of existing garden soil down to natural chalk and the excavation of a footing on along the southern boundary.

No archaeological features or deposits were observed. It is concluded that the site retains no archaeological resource potential and any potential that may have once existed was likely to have been removed during the creation of the pre-existing house and garden, which appears to have involved levelling of the natural slope, notably at the rear.

## 2 INTRODUCTION

### 2.1 Project Background

2.1.1 Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was commissioned by Acorn Design Ltd (the Client) to undertake an archaeological watching brief at 121 Andover Road, Winchester, Hampshire, at NGR 447342 131173, hereafter 'the site' (**Figure 1**). The site is the subject of a development comprising the erection of a four bedroom house and a double garage in the rear garden.

2.1.2 This document provides a report on the results of the watching brief, which was carried out between November 2014 and March 2015.

2.1.3 Planning permission for the development was granted in October 2013 by the Local Planning Authority (LPA) Winchester City Council (Planning Ref: 13/004343/FUL), subject to conditions including 7 and 8. These conditions, attached to the planning permission on the advice of the LPA's Historic Environment Officer (HEO) state:

*7) No development/demolition or site preparation shall take place until the applicant or their agents or successors in title has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological mitigation work in accordance with a Written Scheme of investigation that has been submitted to and approved by the local planning authority in writing. No demolition/development or site preparation shall take place other than in accordance with the Written Scheme of Investigation approved by the LPA. The Written Scheme of Investigation shall include:*

- 1. The programme and methodology of site investigation and recording*
- 2. Provision for post investigation assessment, reporting and dissemination*
- 3. Provision to be made for deposition of the analysis and records of the site investigation (archive)*
- 4. Nomination of a competent person or persons/organisation to undertake the works set out within the Written Scheme of Investigation.*

*Reason: To mitigate the effect of the development upon any heritage assets and to ensure that information regarding these heritage assets is preserved by record for future generations, in compliance with policy HE.1 of the Winchester District Local Plan Review.*

*8) Following completion of archaeological fieldwork a report will be produced in accordance with an approved programme including where appropriate post-excavation assessment, specialist analysis and reports and publication.*

*Reason: To ensure that evidence from the historic environment contributing to our knowledge and understanding of our past is captured and made publicly available, in compliance with policy HE.1 of the Winchester District Local Plan Review.*

2.1.4 This document addresses condition 7 and 8 of planning permission and has been prepared in accordance the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists standards and guidance for archaeological watching briefs (CIfA 2014).

### 2.2 Location, Topography and Geology

2.2.1 The site is located on the west side of Andover Road, north of its junction with Stoney Lane. It is currently occupied by a detached house and garden.

2.2.2 The site, at approximately 73m above Ordnance Datum, lies in an area of undulating land typical of the Downland to the west of the river Itchen valley. The adjacent Andover Road rises from Stoney Lane, northward to a crest at Halls Farm Close, while land to the east of the site falls gently toward Barton Farm.

- 2.2.3 The geology of Winchester is characterised by superficial deposits of river terrace sands and gravels, or on higher ground, clay-with-flint, overlying bedrock Chalk. The site is expected to lie on Chalk.

## **2.3 Archaeological and Historical Background**

- 2.3.1 The site lies in an area of known archaeological resources, notably of late pre-historic, Romano-British and medieval date. Some 150m to the north of the site, in the area of Halls Farm Close, an enclosed Iron Age settlement was investigated in the 1990's, one of several that characterised Iron Age occupation of the upper Itchen valley. Further evidence of the settlement was subsequently uncovered during a housing development south of Halls Farm Close and approximately 100m north of the site. The area of the settlement, which appears to have taken advantage of the higher ground north of the site, was extensive and conceivably extended as far south as the site. Related field systems are known from aerial photographs and probable examples of these have been recorded to the east of the site on farmland around Barton Farm. The Andover Road follows the line of a Roman road that ran north from the Roman town of Venta Belgarum (Winchester). The road is known to have been flanked by ditches, field systems and enclosures, evidence for which was recorded during the investigations near Halls Farm Close, along with a Romano-British corn-dryer, and which could extend to the area of the site. South of the site, Romano-British pottery is recorded as being found at No.1 Stoney Lane in 1956. Although the site lies some distance from known medieval settlement, it lies approximately 150 south of a documented late Saxon execution site, archaeological evidence for which was found in the 1960's and in 1990 at Dairy Cottage, immediately west of Andover Road; at least 15 burials are recorded, many showing evidence of having been decapitated.

### **3 AIM**

#### **3.1 Archaeological Watching Brief**

- 3.1.1 The aim of the archaeological watching brief was to monitor all ground work for the presence of archaeological resources and, if present and where necessary, to investigate and record the resources and determine, as may be possible, their character, including their date, nature and extent.
- 3.1.2 This report on the results of the watching brief aims to be sufficient to demonstrate to the LPA that the watching brief was carried out in accordance with the approved Written Scheme of Investigation (PCA, 2014), pursuant to the relevant planning requirements.



## 4 RESULTS

### 4.1 Introduction

4.1.1 The following sections provide a summary of the results of the watching brief, based on the site archive, which consists of written and photographic records. The site archive is held by PCA's Winchester office under the WINCM site code **AY573**. Photographic images of the site are provided in **Appendix 1, Plates 1-6** and located on **Figure 1**.

### 4.2 The Watching Brief

4.2.1 The watching brief was conducted in three visits, on the 19th November 2014, 19th February 2014 and 2nd March 2015. Visits coincided with ground work at the front of the site for re-arranged access and at the rear of the site during stripping of existing garden soil down to natural chalk and the excavation of a footing on along the southern boundary.

### 4.3 Deposit Sequence

4.3.1 Excavation for a new access from Andover Road at the east end of the site involved stripping off existing surfaces to reveal an area of bare natural chalk; no archaeological features or deposits were seen. A footing for a retaining wall on the north side of the driveway, against the existing front garden, provided an east to west profile (**Plates 1 & 2**); this revealed natural chalk at a depth of 0.3m in the west deepening to 0.6m in the east beneath a thin subsoil and garden soil.

4.3.2 At the rear of the site, preparation for the proposed new house involved stripping of the existing garden down to the underlying chalk (**Plates 3-5**); this was monitored and no archaeological features or deposits were seen. Additionally, the footing for a new garage was monitored at the southern edge of the site, which revealed natural chalk beneath garden soil at a depth of 0.5m below ground level (**Plate 6**); no archaeological features or deposits were seen. It was noted that the existing garden was flat, in contrast to land to the north, which followed the natural slope down from the north. It is suggested that the existing garden had been created following levelling and this may have removed any archaeological potential that the site may have had.

### 4.4 Conclusion

4.4.1 It is concluded that the site retains no archaeological resource potential and any potential that may have once existed was likely to have been removed during the creation of the pre-existing house and garden, which appears to have involved levelling of the natural slope, notably at the rear.

## **5 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

PCA is grateful to Acorn Design & Project Management Ltd for commissioning the watching brief.

## APPENDIX 1: PLATES 1-6



Plate 1: D1, view to West, profile at east end of the site. 1m scale.



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## APPENDIX 2: OASIS REPORT

OASIS ID: preconst1-217643

### PROJECT DETAILS

Project name 121 Andover Road, Winchester, Hampshire

Short description of the project: A watching brief was carried out between Nov 2014 and March 2015 during ground work for access and a new house at the rear of 121 Andover Road, Winchester, Hampshire. No archaeological resources were found.

Project dates Start: 19-11-2014 End: 02-03-2015

Previous/future work No / No

Any associated project reference codes WINCM: AY573 - Sitecode

Any associated project reference codes 13/00434/FUL - Planning Application No.

Type of project Recording project

Site status None

Current Land use Residential 1 - General Residential

Monument type NONE None

Significant Finds NONE None

Investigation type "Watching Brief"

Prompt Planning condition

### PROJECT LOCATION

Country England

Site location HAMPSHIRE WINCHESTER 121 Andover Road

Postcode SO22 6FA

Study area 0.20 Hectares

Site coordinates SU 447342 131173 50.915232211 -1.36357971534 50 54 54 N 001  
21 48 W Point

Height OD / Depth Min: 70.00m Max: 75.00m

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Type of sponsor/funding body Developer

Name of sponsor/funding body Acorn Design & Project Management Ltd

## **PROJECT ARCHIVES**

**Physical Archive Exists?** No  
**Physical Archive notes** No Finds or environmental remains were found  
**Digital Archive recipient** Hampshire Cultural Trust  
**Digital Contents** "none"  
**Digital Media available** "Images raster / digital photography", "Text"  
**Digital Archive notes** Digital images of watching brief and electronic versions of site notes and project documents.  
**Paper Archive recipient** Hampshire Cultural Trust  
**Paper Contents** "none"  
**Paper Media available** "Diary", "Photograph", "Unpublished Text"

## **PROJECT BIBLIOGRAPHY 1**

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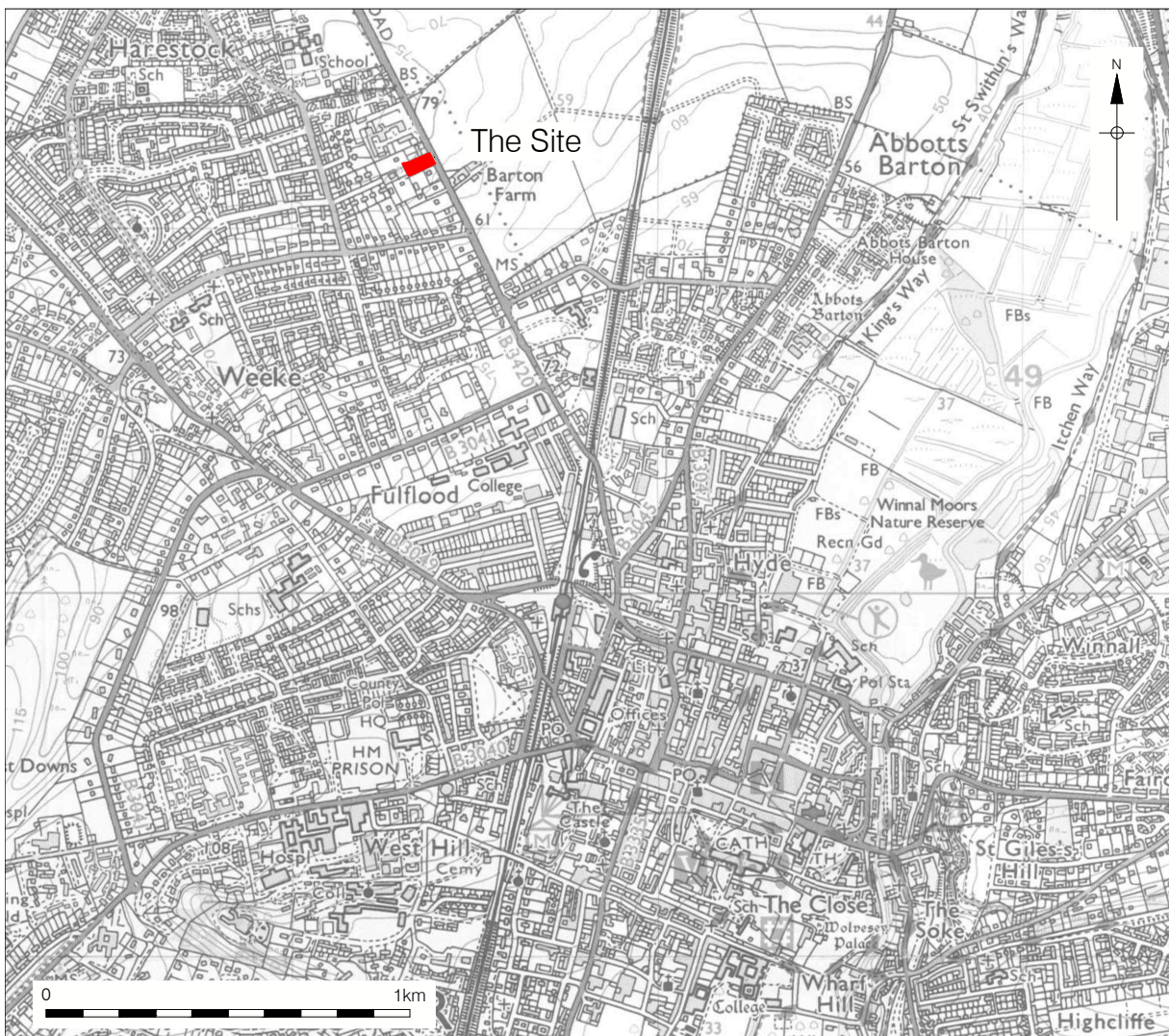


Figure 1  
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