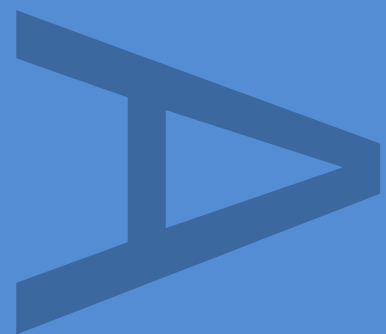


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Plate 1: D4, view to North of new foundation trench. Scale 0.5m.

Plate 2: D9, view to South of new foundation trench. Scale 0.5m.

1 NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY

Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by Solvarchitects on behalf of Mr Christopher Turner, to carry out an archaeological watching brief at 33 Hyde Close, Winchester, Hampshire, during construction of a rear extension to the existing property. The watching brief was conducted in two visits, on the 11th and 15th May 2015. Visits coincided with ground work at the rear of the site during excavation for a new foundation for the proposed rear extension and drainage.

The new foundation trench was excavated from existing ground level to a depth of 0.5m below ground level and was c. 0.6m wide. The trench was formed along the western site boundary from the existing house and returned to run east across the width of the property. The sides and base of the trench were inspected and comprised dark grey post-medieval/modern garden soil throughout with occasional chalk and ceramic building material fragments. No archaeological features, deposits or artefacts, or natural deposits, were observed.

It is concluded that excavation for the new foundation and drainage was not deep enough to expose any underlying archaeological resources, such as Romano-British burials that are known to occur in the area of the site.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Project Background

2.1.1 Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by Solvarchitects on behalf of Mr Christopher Turner, to carry out an archaeological watching brief, at 33 Hyde Close, Winchester, Hampshire, hereafter 'the site' (**Figure 1**). The site is the subject of a development to provide a rear extension to the existing property.

2.1.2 The archaeological watching brief and subsequent reporting were required as conditions 3 and 4 of planning permission for the development of the site granted by the Local Planning Authority Winchester City Council (planning ref. 14/02608/FUL). The conditions were based on the advice of the Council's Historic Environment Officer (HEO) and reflect the potential of the site to contain archaeological resources that may be put at risk by the development.

2.1.3 Planning condition 3 states: '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. The Written Scheme of Investigation shall include:

- An assessment of significance and research questions
- The programme and methodology of site investigation and recording
- Provision for post investigation assessment, reporting and dissemination
- Provision to be made for deposition of the analysis and records of the site investigation (archive)

2.1.4 Planning condition 4 states: 'Following completion of all archaeological fieldwork a report shall be produced in accordance with an approved programme including where appropriate post-excavation assessment, specialist analysis and reports and publication'. This document provides an outline for post-excavation assessment reporting, which would include proposals for subsequent specialist analysis reports and an appropriate level of publication.

2.1.5 This document addresses condition 3 and 4 of planning permission and has been prepared in accordance with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists standard and guidance for an archaeological watching brief (ClfA 2014) and *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment* (English Heritage, 2006). 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, NGR 447965 130065 (**Figure 1**), lies in the historic northern suburb of Winchester. It is located on the southern side of Hyde Close, which runs between Hyde Street and Worthy Lane. The existing property forms part of a Victorian terrace.

- 2.2.2 The natural and historic topography of the site falls gently from west to east toward the valley floor of the River Itchen. The modern urban topography close to the site is characterised by streets of Victorian housing and later 20th century development. Ground level within the site lies at approximately 47m above OD.
- 2.2.3 The geology of the site is expected to comprise Upper Chalk beneath superficial deposits of clay and flint and weathered chalk.

2.3 Archaeological and Historical Background

- 2.3.1 The site lies to the north of the historic core of Winchester, within the area of the Romano-British and medieval suburbs and within the area of an extensive Romano-British cemetery in use from the late 1st century to the late 4th century AD. Burials within the cemetery have been found by chance and by archaeological excavation at numerous locations east of Andover Road and Worthy Lane (once known as 'Bone Lane') and these discoveries have been recently published (Ottaway et al 2012). The previous discoveries, made since the 19th century, include Roman cremation and inhumation burials found at properties in Hyde Close.

3 AIM

3.1 Archaeological Watching Brief

- 3.1.1 The aim of the archaeological watching brief was to monitor groundwork for the proposed rear extension and investigate and record archaeological resources, taking account of the date, nature, extent, bio-archaeological and palaeo-environmental potential of the resources and the research aims and questions that were been identified.
- 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, 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 **AY574**. Photographic images of the site are provided in **Appendix 1, Plates 1-2** and located on **Figure 1**.

4.2 The Watching Brief

4.2.1 The watching brief was conducted in two visits, on the 11th and 15th May 2015. Visits coincided with ground work at the rear of the site during excavation of a new foundation for the proposed rear extension and drainage.

4.2.2 The new foundation trench was excavated from existing ground level to a depth of 0.5m below ground level and was c. 0.6m wide. The trench was formed along the western site boundary from the existing house and returned to run east across the width of the property. The sides and base of the trench were inspected and comprised dark grey post-medieval/modern garden soil throughout with occasional chalk and ceramic building material fragments. No archaeological features, deposits or artefacts, or natural deposits, were observed.

4.3 Conclusion

4.3.1 It is concluded that excavation for the new foundation and drainage was not deep enough to expose any underlying archaeological resources, such as Romano-British burials that are known to occur in the area of the site.

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APPENDIX 1: PLATES



Plate 1: D4, View to North of new foundation trench. Scale 0.5m



Plate 2: D9, View to South of foundation trench. Scale 0.5m

APPENDIX 2: OASIS REPORT

OASIS ID: preconst1-217717

Project details

Project name 33 Hyde Close, Winchester, Hampshire
Short description of the project: A watching brief was carried out in May 2015 at the rear of 33 Hyde Close, Winchester, Hampshire. The site lies in the area of the 'Northern Roman Cemetery' and construction of a rear extension to the existing property had the potential to disturb burials. Trench excavations for new foundations and drainage were shallow and did not reveal any archaeological resources.
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Previous/future work No / No
Any associated project reference codes WINCM: AY574 - Sitecode
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Type of project Recording project
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Current Land use Residential 1 - General Residential
Monument type NONE None
Monument type NONE None
Significant Finds NONE None
Significant Finds NONE None
Investigation type "Watching Brief"
Prompt Planning condition

Project location

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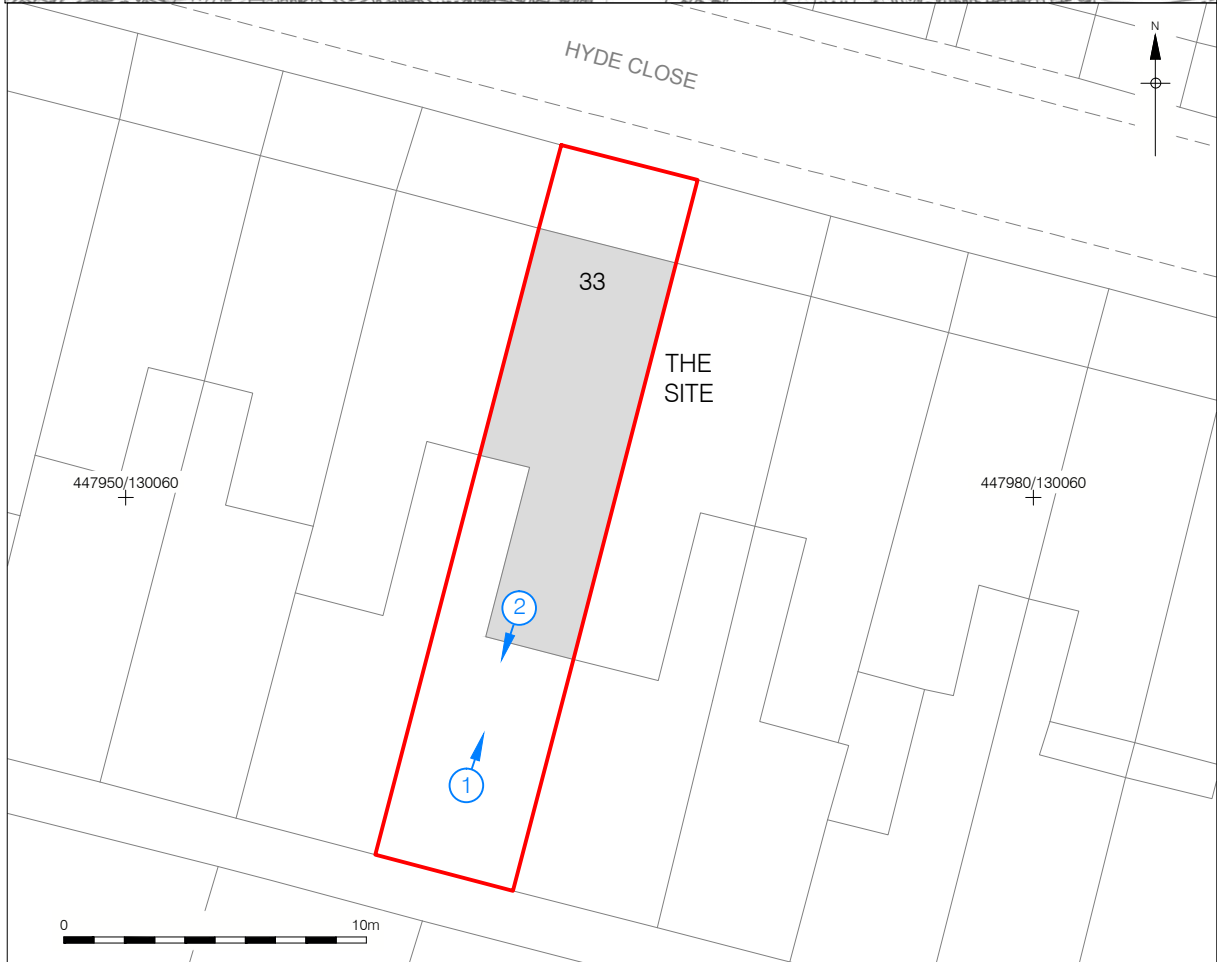
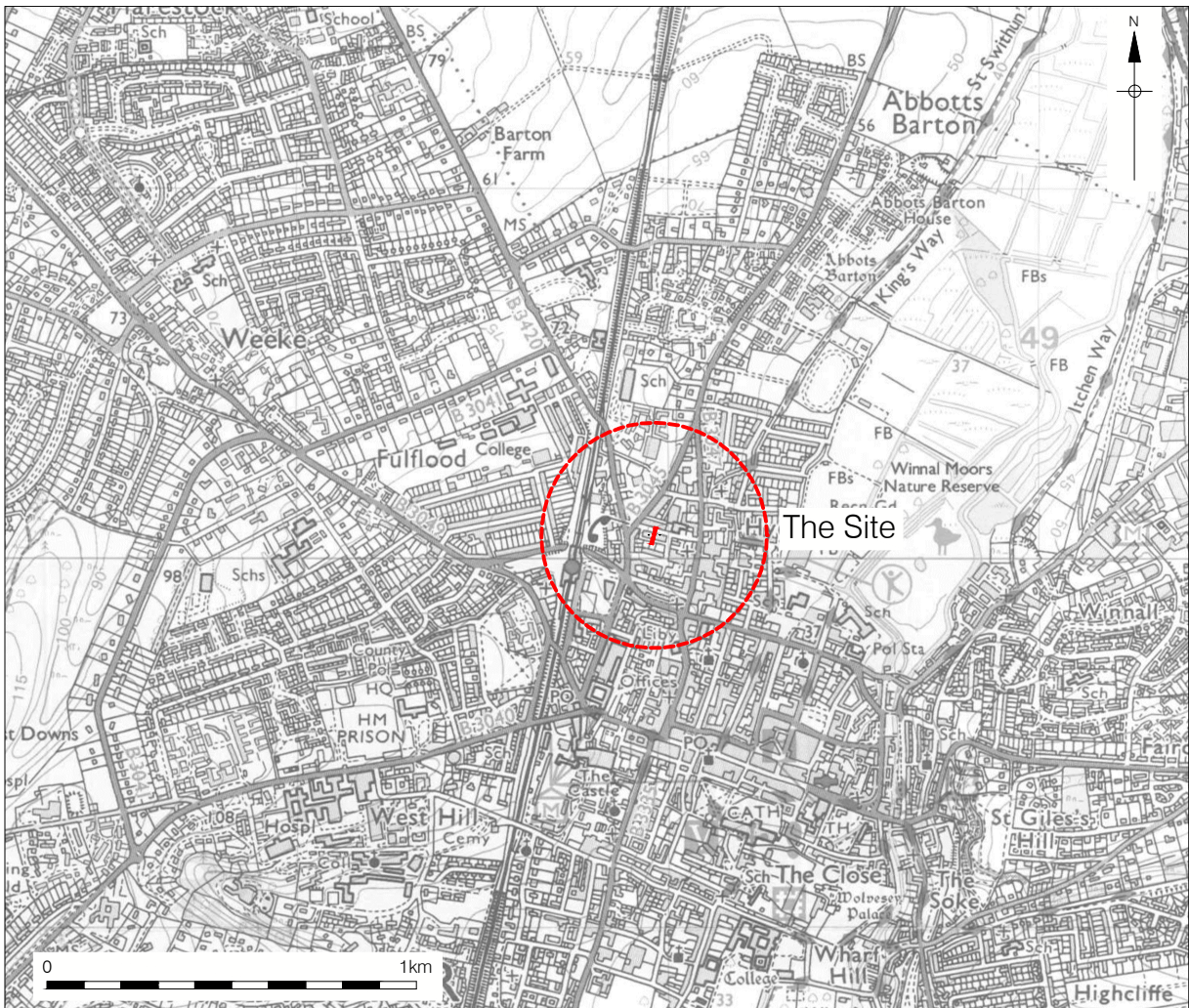


Figure 1
 Site location and site plan,
 showing direction of photographs shown on Plates 1-2
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