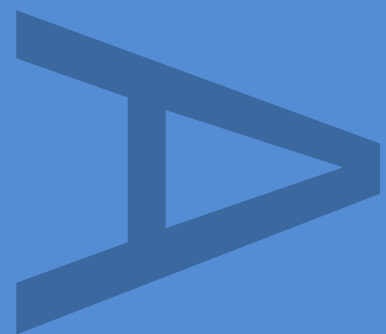


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## **1 NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY**

Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (West) was commissioned by Mr M. Budny to undertake an archaeological evaluation at Abbey Cottage, Titchfield, Hampshire (453980 106572). The evaluation was required as a condition of planning permission for development of the Site comprising the erection of a stable block (replacing a workshop) and associated menage and horse walker.

Three evaluation trenches were opened: trench 1 targeted the site of the proposed menage (to the north of the Site) and trench 2 and 3 targeted the Site of the proposed stable block (to the south of the Site). This report concerns the results of the evaluation, which was carried out between the 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2016.

No significant archaeological deposits, features, artefacts or environmental remains were found. Trench 1 revealed evidence that northern part of the Site has been reduced, probably by sand and gravel extraction (substantiated by a verbal account of the Site's former owner), exposing a sequence of natural sandy clay beneath subsoil and topsoil. Trenches 2 and 3 demonstrated that construction of the pre-existing workshop on the Site, and its concrete slab, caused heavy disturbance to the Site through reduction of the natural slope to form level ground.

The archaeological evaluation appears to have demonstrated that the Site retains no archaeological resource potential and that modern disturbance is likely to have removed any archaeological resources that may have once been present. It is recommended that this report is submitted to the Local Planning Authority in satisfaction of condition 6 of planning permission and that no further archaeological work, in respect of conditions 7 and 8 of planning permission, is necessary.

## **2 INTRODUCTION**

### **2.1 Project Background**

2.1.1 Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by Mr M. Budny (the client) to undertake an archaeological evaluation on land at Abbey Cottage, Titchfield, Hampshire (**Figure 1**), hereafter 'the site' (centred on 453980 106572). The Site is the subject of a development proposal comprising the erection of a stable block and related menage and horse walker.

2.1.1 The archaeological evaluation was required by the Local Planning Authority Fareham Borough Council, acting on the advice of their archaeological advisor Neil Adam, Senior Archaeologist, Hampshire County Council, and is in keeping with NPPF Section 12 and Local Plan Policy. The requirement for the evaluation was been secured by Condition 6 of planning permission for the development granted by the LPA (Planning Ref: P/15/1254/FP). The condition states:

*6. No ground works shall take place until the applicant has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological assessment in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation that has been submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority. The assessment should take the form of trial trenching within the footprints of the proposed stable block (following the demolition of the existing tin barn), the menage and the horse walker.*

*Reason: To assess the extent, nature and date of any archaeological deposits that might be present and the impact of the development upon these heritage assets.*

2.1.2 This report provides the result of the evaluation, which comprised three trial trenches opened between the 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2016, and is intended to address the requirement of Condition 6. It has been prepared in accordance with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists standard and guidance for archaeological field evaluation (IfA 2014) 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 north of the village of Titchfield, Hampshire, on land west of Mill Lane and comprises paddocks and former agricultural buildings south-west of the site of Titchfield Abbey, a Scheduled Monument. The Site lies 300m west of the River Meon.

2.2.2 The site is relatively low-lying and occurs at approximately 90m above Ordnance Datum.

2.2.3 The underlying geology of the site is mapped as sand, silt and clay of the Wittering Formation a Sedimentary Bedrock formed approximately 40 to 56 million years ago in the Palaeogene Period. Superficial deposits in the area of the Site comprise sand and gravel.

## **2.3 Archaeological and Historical Background**

- 2.3.1 The principal archaeological and historical background to the Site derives from its close proximity to the site of medieval Titchfield Abbey, remains of which are a Scheduled Monument. Titchfield Abbey was a Premonstratensian house founded by Peter des Roches, Bishop of Winchester, in 1232. It was named the Abbey of St Mary and St John the Evangelist. One of 33 Premonstratensian houses founded in England, the abbey estate included 15 manors, 1000 acres of arable land and 1500 sheep.
- 2.3.2 Although the Site does not lie within the Scheduled area, it lies in an area associated with the Abbey farm that lay within the Outer Precinct of the Abbey. The farm included a timber grain storage barn built in the 15th century, which has survived, altered, and partially rebuilt in stone and brick, that lies to the south of the Site. The barn is a Listed Building.
- 2.3.3 When the Abbey was dissolved in 1537 it was granted to Thomas Wriothesley and converted into a mansion, Palace House, which was demolished in 1781.

## **3 AIMS**

### **3.1 Archaeological Evaluation**

- 3.1.1 The aim of the archaeological evaluation was to determine the presence or absence of archaeological resources within the Site and, if present, determine their character, extent, date, condition and significance, taking account of their potential to contain biological and palaeo-environmental remains.
- 3.1.2 This report, which details the results of the evaluation, aims to provide sufficient information so that the Local Planning Authority can determine if further archaeological work, in satisfaction of Condition 7 and 8 of planning permission for the development of the Site, is required.

## **4 RESULTS**

### **4.1 Introduction**

- 4.1.1 The following contains a summary of the evaluation results based upon the site archive, which comprises a site diary, trench recording sheets, context sheets and digital photographs. A summary of recorded contexts is provided in a Trench Index in **Appendix 1** and photographs of the trenches and trench sections in **Appendix 2**. The archive is held at PCA's Winchester office under the site code ACTH16 and will in due course be deposited with the Hampshire Cultural Trust.
- 4.1.2 The evaluation revealed a high level of post-medieval/modern disturbance and truncation on the Site. No archaeological features, deposits or artefacts were identified.

## 4.2 Methodology

4.2.1 The archaeological evaluation was undertaken following the methodology that was detailed in the Written Scheme of Investigation (PCA 2016), which was approved on behalf of the Local Planning Authority by Neil Adam, Senior Archaeologist, Hampshire County Council, in advance of the commencement of works.

4.2.2 The evaluation comprised the excavation of three trenches, trench 1 measuring 20m x 1.8m and trenches 2 and 3 measuring 10m x 1.8m (**Figure 2**). The location of these trenches was intended to address the potential impact of the proposed development on any surviving archaeological resources. Owing to the presence of a steep bank towards the western end of the Site trench 2 was limited to 8m in length.

## 4.3 Summary of Deposition Sequence

4.3.1 Trench 1, located in the northern part of the Site, was excavated across an open grass field, targeting the proposed location for the menage. The trench had an average depth of cover (turf layer and subsoil) of 0.42m Below Ground Level (BGL) above the natural geology. The subsoil was mixed and very diffuse with the turf layer, but appeared sterile, containing no artefacts and very little gravel or other inclusions (**Figure 3 and Plates 1 & 4**). The natural geology encountered in trench 1 was a sterile sandy clay. No archaeological features or deposits, significant or otherwise, were identified in trench 1.

4.3.2 Trenches 2 and 3 were located in the southern part of the site, in a location previously occupied by a large steel framed workshop and the location of the proposed stable block. Both trenches displayed evidence of modern disturbance relating to the erection of the former workshop.

4.3.3 Trench 2 was located within an area that appeared to have been the subject of ground reduction of approximately 0.50m, possibly representing a levelling of the area ahead of construction of the workshop (**Figure 3 and Plates 2 & 5**). The trench was excavated to a total depth of approximately 0.30m, which exposed 0.17m of modern hardcore and asphalt lying directly above orange brown natural clay. No archaeological features or deposits were identified.

4.3.4 Trench 3, located within the footprint of the former workshop, demonstrated multiple modern surfacing and hardcore layers, lying directly above natural clay deposits (**Plates 3 & 6**). Section 3 (**Figure 3**), demonstrates the interaction between the build-up of the internal space (to the north) of the workshop and the external space (to the south). Both areas, inside and outside the location of the former workshop, have been the subject of a substantial amount of modern disturbance, possibly representing a levelling of the Site. No archaeological features or deposits, significant or otherwise, were identified in trench 3.



#### **4.4 Discussion**

4.4.1 All trenches three appeared to have been located in areas of the Site that had been subject to extensive modern disturbance. As such, no archaeological deposits or features were identified. The sterile nature of deposits within trench 1 appear to be indicative of sand and gravel extraction, such industry being common in the surrounding landscape.

4.4.2 Trenches 2 and 3 both demonstrated modern disturbance, most likely caused by the construction of the pre-existing workshop that occupied the southern part of the Site. Neither of the trenches showed a sub-soil, suggesting that ground reduction had taken place. This is particularly noticeable in the south-western area of the site where the site appears to have been levelled, cutting into a slope in the surrounding landscape.

#### **4.5 Conclusion**

4.5.1 The archaeological evaluation appears to have demonstrated that the Site retains no archaeological resource potential and that modern disturbance is likely to have removed any archaeological resources that may have once been present. It is recommended that this report is submitted to the Local Planning Authority in satisfaction of condition 6 of planning permission and that no further archaeological work, in respect of conditions 7 and 8 of planning permission, is necessary.

## **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 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 Contents of Archive**

<b>Items</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Sheets</b>
Trench Recording Sheets	1	3
Context Register	1	1
Context Register	9	9
Digital Photographic Register	1	1
Digital Photographs	36	n/a
Drawing Register	1	1
Drawings	6	3

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## **6           ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

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## **7            BIBLIOGRAPHY**

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## Appendix 1: Trench Index

Trench No.	Section No.	Context	Type	Description	Depth (m) BGL
1	1a	001	Layer	Topsoil	0 - 0.11
		002	Layer	Subsoil	0.11-0.35
		003	Layer	Natural	0.35+
2	2a	004	Layer	Modern surfacing layer	0.17
		005	Layer	Natural	0.17+
3	3a	006	Layer	Modern surfacing layer	0-0.03
		007	Layer	Modern Layer	0.03-0.17
		008	Layer	Natural - Diffuse with modern surfacing	0.17-0.41
		009	Layer	Natural	0.41+

## Appendix 2: Site Photographs (Plates)



*Plate 1 South facing view of Trench 1*



*Plate 2 West facing view of Trench 2*



*Plate 3 North facing view of Trench 3*





*Plate 4 East facing section of Trench 1*



*Plate 5 North facing section of Trench 2*



*Plate 6 West facing section of Trench 3*

## Appendix 3: OASIS Form

### OASIS ID: preconst1-248256

#### Project details

Project name	Abbey Cottage, Titchfield, Hampshire
Short description of the project	Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (West) was commissioned by Mike Bundy to undertake an archaeological evaluation at Abbey Cottage, Titchfield, Hampshire (453980 106572). The investigation was designed to evaluate the archaeological potential of the study site, ahead of development. Three evaluation trenches were excavated as a part of this evaluation; trench 1 targeting the site of a proposed menage (to the north of the site) and trench 2 and 3 targeting the site of a proposed stable (to the south of the site). This report concerns the results of the archaeological evaluation, which was carried out between the 14th and 16th of March 2016. No significant archaeological deposits, features, artefacts or environmental remains were uncovered owing to site wide extensive modern disturbance. Trench 1 revealed a sequence of topsoil and subsoil above a sandy clay natural. The sterile nature of all deposits encountered suggest that sand/gravel extraction may have taken place; this was also indicated by an account of a former landowner. Trench 2 and 3 revealed evidence for extensive modern disturbance related to the construction of a workshop. The archaeological evaluation revealed no evidence for any archaeological deposits or features, owing to site wide extensive modern disturbance. This disturbance, comprising potential sand extraction and construction, is likely to have removed or significantly damaged any archaeological resource that may have once been present.
Project dates	Start: 14-03-2016 End: 16-03-2016
Previous/future work	No / No
Any associated project reference codes	ACTH16 - Sitecode
Type of project	Field evaluation
Site status	Area of Archaeological Importance (AAI)
Current Land use	Grassland Heathland 3 - Disturbed
Monument type	NONE None
Significant Finds	NONE None
Methods & techniques	"Targeted Trenches"
Development type	Farm infrastructure (e.g. barns, grain stores, equipment stores, etc.)
Prompt	National Planning Policy Framework - NPPF
Position in the planning process	After full determination. As a condition)

#### Project location

Country	England
Site location	HAMPSHIRE FAREHAM FAREHAM Abbey Cottage, Titchfield, Hampshire
Postcode	PO15 5DZ
Study area	0.61 Hectares
Site coordinates	SU 53990 06620 50.856012163687 -1.232871918488 50 51 21 N 001 13 58 W

Point

Height OD / Depth Min: 17.12m Max: 17.64m

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Physical Archive Exists? No

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Digital Contents "Stratigraphic","Survey"

Digital Media available "Database","Geophysics","Images raster / digital photography","Spreadsheets","Survey","Text"

Paper Archive recipient Hampshire Cultural Trust

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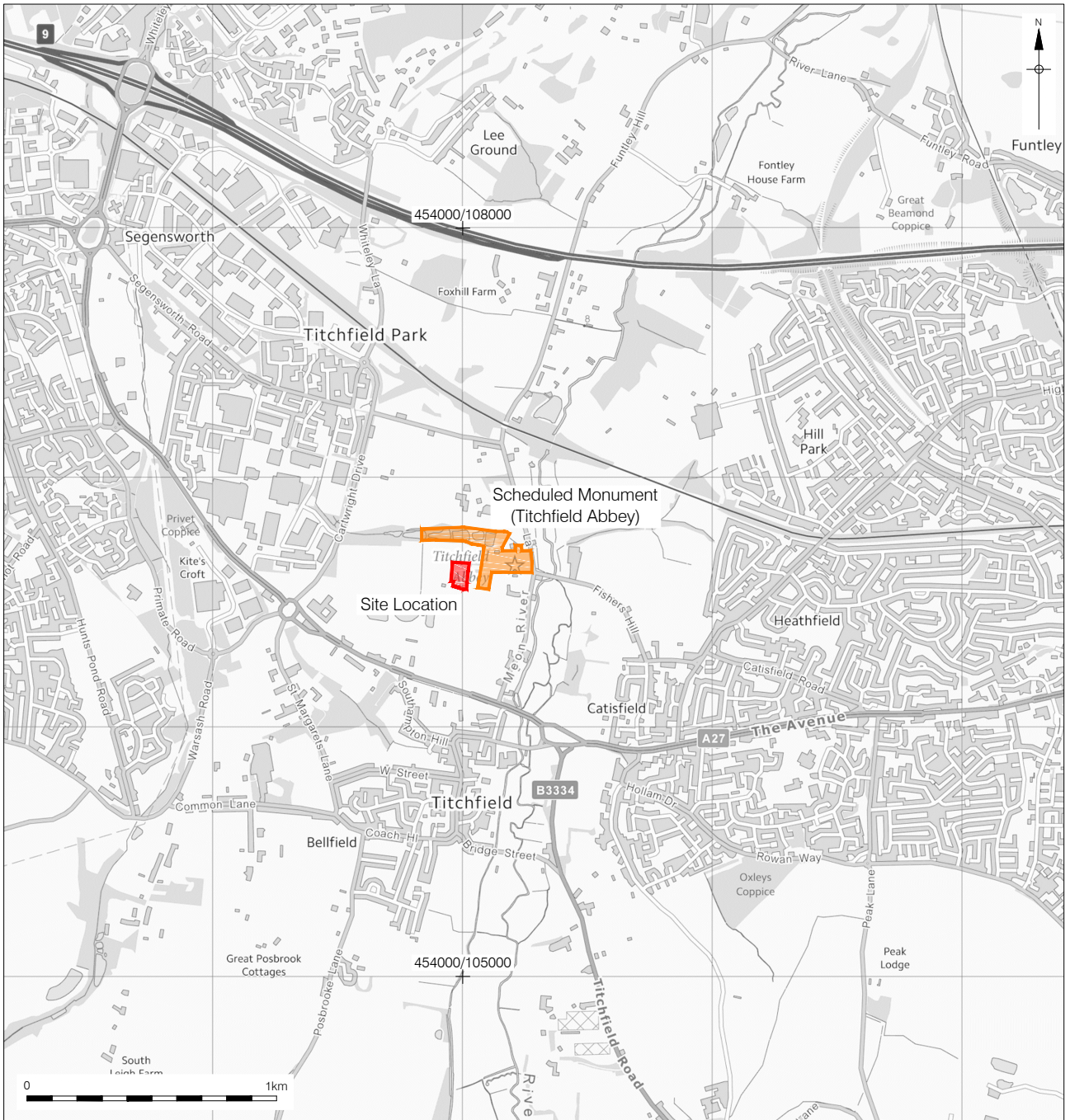
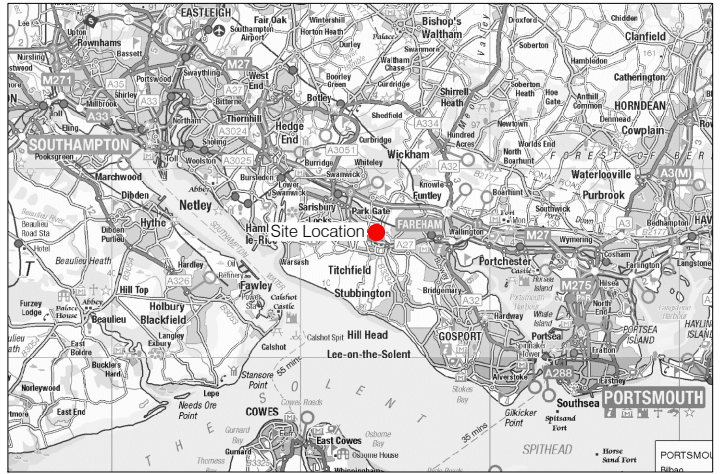
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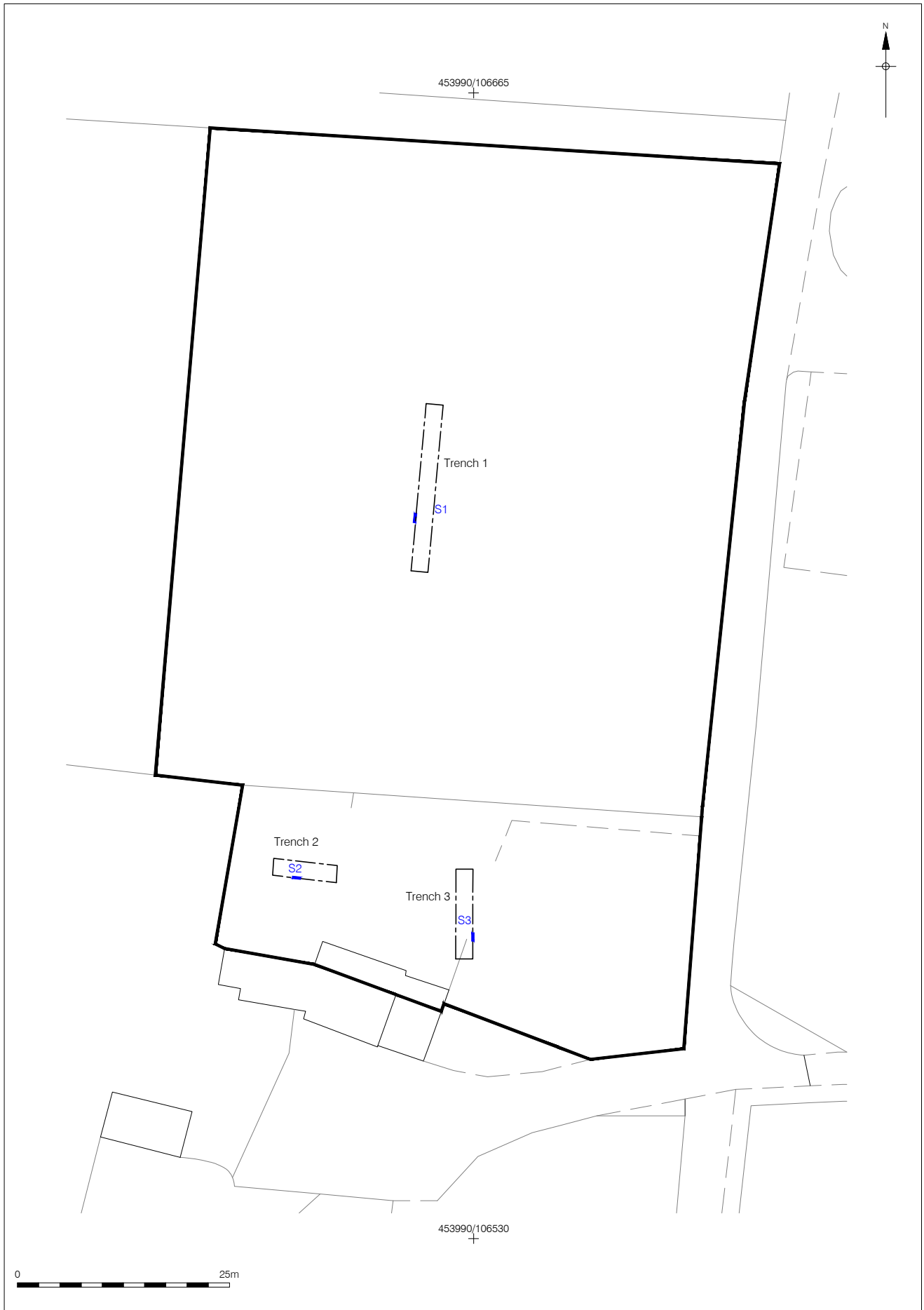


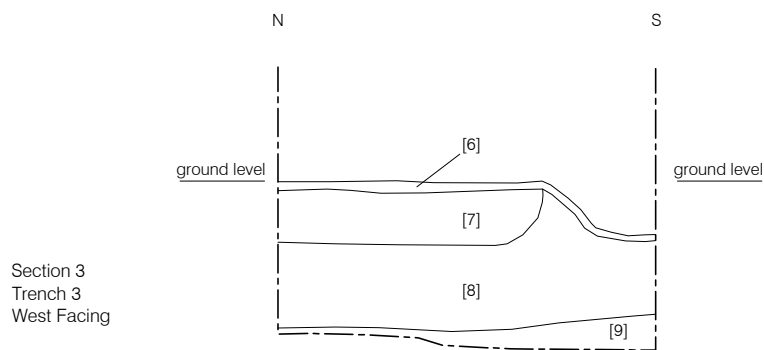
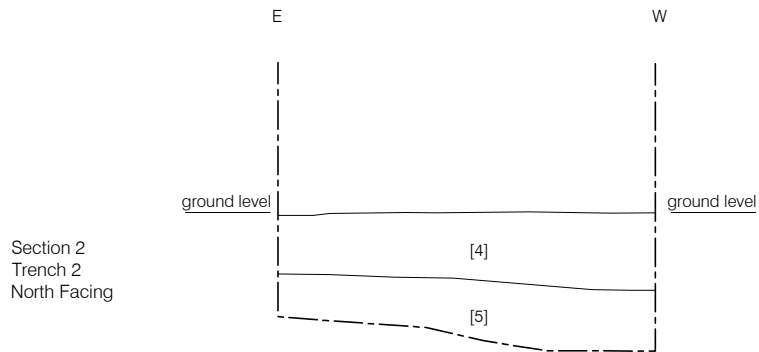
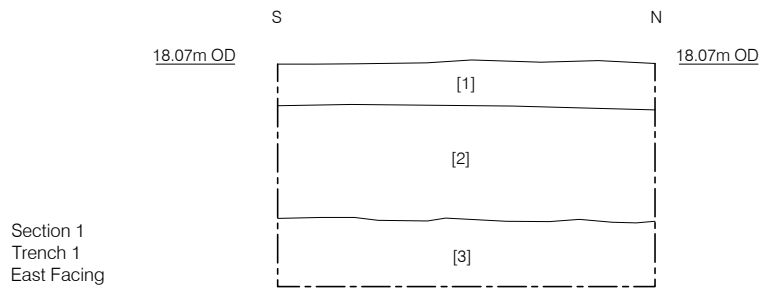
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Figure 1  
Site Location  
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