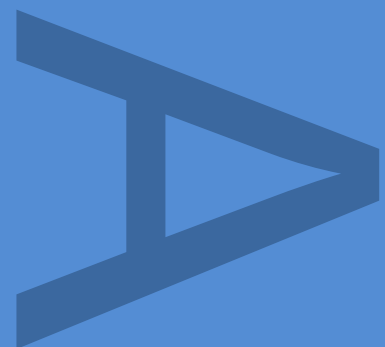


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Figure 1: Site Location

Figure 2: Watching Brief Location

1 NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY

Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by John Burrows to undertake an archaeological watching brief at 109 Andover Road, Winchester, Hampshire. The site is subject to the proposed construction of a two bedroom detached house in the south garden of 109 Andover Road.

This document reports on the findings of the watching brief, which was carried out on 23rd and 24th June 2016.

Chalk natural was exposed across most of the site, which revealed no archaeological resources. The proposed parking area and drive way exposed made ground. In situ archaeological resources may still exist on the eastern side of the site below levelling layers. However, this area will not be impacted by the building works. In conclusion, no archaeological resources were observed and any that may exist are sufficiently protected from damage by the proposed building works.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Project Background

2.1.1 Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by John Burrows (the Client) to undertake an archaeological watching brief at 109 Andover Road, Winchester, Hampshire, at NGR 447410 131147, hereafter 'the site' (**Figure 1**). The site is to be used for the construction of a two bedroom detached house in the south garden of 109 Andover Road.

2.1.2 This document reports on the findings of the watching brief, which was carried out on 23rd and 24th June 2016. The methodology was set out in a Written Scheme of Investigation (PCA 2016).

2.1.3 Planning permission for the development has been granted by the Local Planning Authority (LPA) Winchester City Council (Planning Ref: 12/01908/FUL), subject to conditions. Condition 10, attached to the planning permission on the advice of the LPA's Historic Environment Officer (HEO) states:

No development or site preparation prior to operations which has any effect on disturbing or altering the level of composition of the land, shall take place within the site until the applicant or their agents or successors in title has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological work in accordance with a written scheme of investigation to be submitted by the applicant and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that the archaeological interest of the site is properly safeguarded.

2.1.4 This document has been prepared in accordance the Consent, with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists 'Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Watching Briefs' (CIfA 2014) and 'Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment' (Historic England, 2015). PCA is a Registered Archaeological Organisation with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists.

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 (British Geological Survey 2016).

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.
- 2.3.2 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 document reports on the results of the watching brief and 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 2016), pursuant to the relevant planning requirements.

4 RESULTS

4.1 Introduction

4.1.1 The following provides a summary of the results of the watching brief and is based on the site archive, which comprises written, drawn and photographic records. The site archive is held at the PCA West office in Winchester under site code AYTBC.

4.2 The Watching Brief

4.2.1 The watching brief took place on the 23rd and 24th June 2016. The monitored works included the stripping of garden soil within the footprint of the proposed building (western part of the Site) and the stripping of topsoil from the proposed location of a parking area and driveway (eastern edge of the Site. Both of these areas are immediately to the south of the 109 Andover Road (**Figure 2**).

4.3 Deposit Sequence

4.3.1 Groundworks in the area of the proposed building involved removing the garden soil (**Plate 1**). This consisted of a layer of topsoil of between 0.15m and 0.25m thick forming an interface with the chalk natural below (**Plate 2**). Removal of this topsoil revealed six discrete features. The northernmost two features were shown to be the result of natural processes, likely the result of tree roots. The other four features formed a loose square with modern brick inclusions within the fill. They are likely to represent a modern feature relating to the site's use as a garden.

4.3.2 The area of the proposed driveway parking area had the same layer of topsoil removed, at about 0.15m deep and slightly lighter in colour than was seen in the area to the west. However, beneath it there were two layers of post-medieval/modern deposited material (**Plate 3**). The upper layer, observed on the eastern side of the intervention and about 2.5m from the entrance to the site, was between 0.10m and 0.15m thick, mid greyish brown in colour and contained significant amounts of gravel, flint and modern brick. The layer below it was similar in colour but with fewer inclusions. It did, however, contain a length of clay pipe (not retained), suggesting that it was no earlier than the post medieval period in date. At the above location, the base of the layer was not established. On the western side of the driveway it was observed to begin to overlap the chalk natural as the chalk began to slope eastwards towards the road. Given that there is a steep drop on the eastern side of Andover Road, it is likely that these two layers are part of the levelling works ahead of construction.

4.4 Conclusion

4.4.1 In the majority of the site the chalk natural was exposed and revealed no significant archaeological resources. The stripping of the area designated for parking and hardstanding exposed only made ground. In conclusion, no archaeological resources were

observed during the course of the watching brief. Any archaeological resources that may be present elsewhere on site would be sufficiently protected from damage by the proposed building works.

5 ARCHIVE PREPARATION & DEPOSITION

5.1 The Site Archive

5.1.1 The Site archive, to include all project records, 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 2009). On completion of the project PCA will arrange for the archive to be deposited in accordance with the provisional arrangements made at the onset of the watching brief with Hampshire Cultural Trust.

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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. Winchester City Council, 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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Appendix 1: Site Photographs



Plate 1 View of Main Area of Construction



Plate 2 Section through Main Area of Construction



Plate 3 Section through Driveway and Hard Standing

Appendix 2: OASIS Form

OASIS ID: preconst1-255957

Project details

Project name	109 Ander Road, Winchester SO22 6AX
Short description of the project	The site is to be used for the construction of a two bedroom detached house in the south garden of 109 Andover Road. A watching brief was carried out. In the majority of the site the chalk natural was exposed and revealed no archaeological resources. Potential may still exist on the eastern side of the site below levelling layers. However, this will not be impacted by the building works. In conclusion, no archaeological resources were observed and any that may exist are sufficiently protected from damage by the proposed building works.
Project dates	Start: 23-06-2016 End: 24-06-2016
Previous/future work	No / No
Any associated project reference codes	AYtba - Museum accession ID
Type of project	Field evaluation
Site status	None
Current Land use	Residential 1 - General Residential

Project location

Country	England
Site location	HAMPSHIRE WINCHESTER WINCHESTER 109 Andover Road, Winchester, SO22 6AX
Postcode	SO22 6AX
Study area	200 Square metres
Site coordinates	SU 47410 31147 51.077153379875 -1.323160014872 51 04 37 N 001 19 23 W Point
Height OD / Depth	Min: 72m Max: 72m

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Type of sponsor/funding body Private Client

Name of sponsor/funding body John Burrows

Project archives

Physical Archive Exists? No

Digital Archive recipient Hampshire Cultural Trust

Digital Media available "Images raster / digital photography","Text"

Paper Archive recipient Hampshire Cultural Trust

Paper Media available "Diary","Drawing","Plan","Report"

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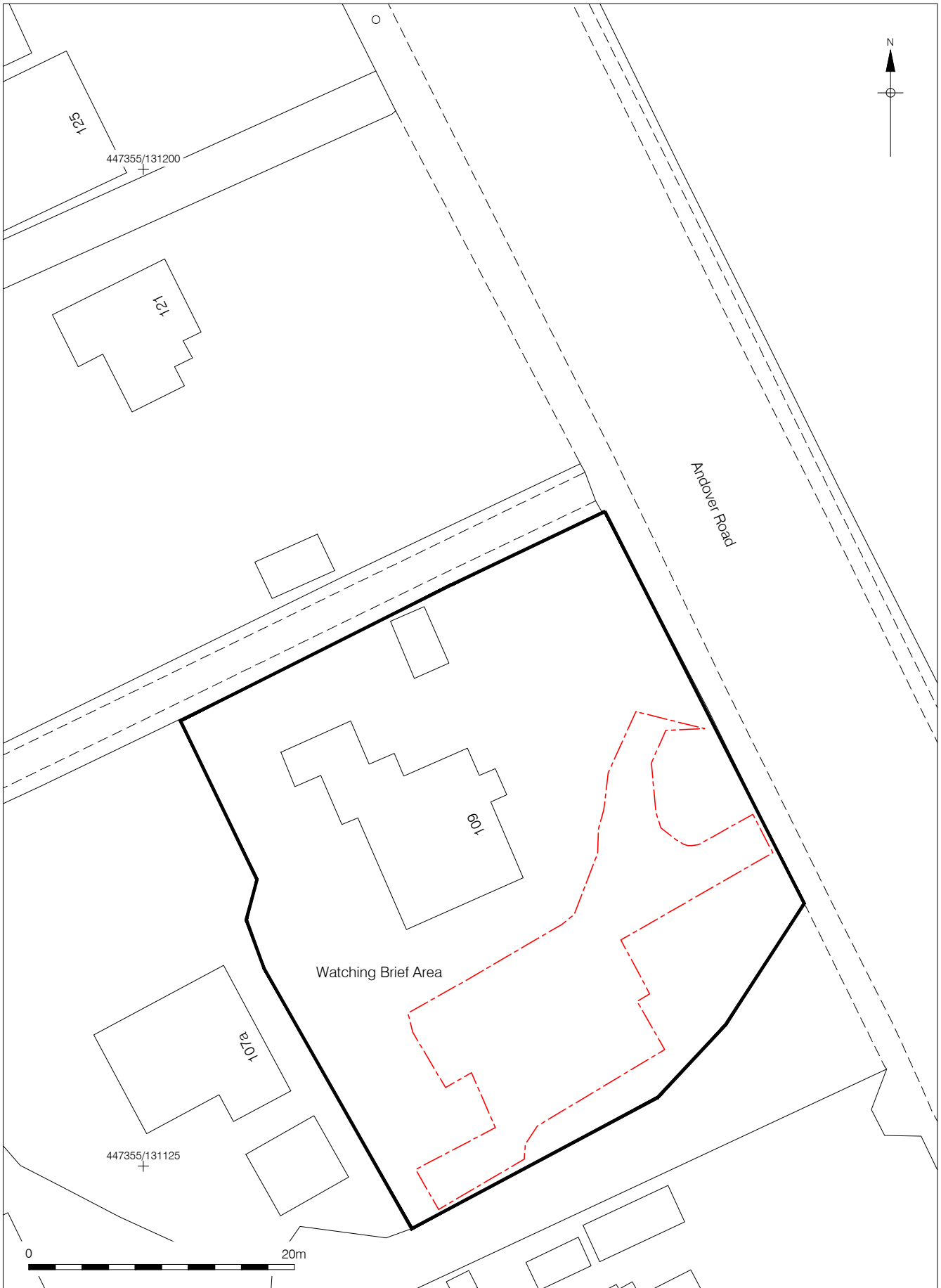


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Figure 1
 Site Location
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Figure 2
Watching Brief Location
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