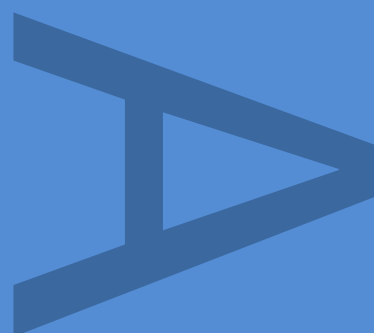


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Figure 1: Site Location

Figure 2: Detailed Site Location

1 NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY

Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd. was commissioned by CFW Architects to undertake an archaeological watching brief during works involving the partial demolition of a barn for conversion to two accommodation units and the replacement of a garage/stable at Rolle House, East Tytherley, Hampshire. This report concerns the results of the archaeological watching brief, which involved a series of monitoring visits made during February and March 2016.

Two areas were monitored, however, neither produced any significant archaeological deposits, features, artefacts or environmental remains. Furthermore, the central area of the site appears to have been subject to a significant ground reduction ahead of previous construction works, leaving a deep 'sub-soil' layer containing modern CBM. This is likely to have previously disturbed any in situ archaeological remains.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Project Background

2.1.1 Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by CFW Architects to undertake an archaeological watching brief during works involving the partial demolition of a barn for conversion to two accommodation units and the replacement of a garage/stable at Rolle House, East Tytherley, Hampshire, (**Figure 1**), NGR 429431 128792, hereafter 'the Site'. This document reports on the result of the watching brief, which entailed the monitoring of groundworks associated with the works.

2.1.2 The watching brief and report are requirements of Condition 5 of planning permission for the development granted by the Local Planning Authority Test Valley Borough Council (Planning reference 15/024256/FULLS) in December 2015. The advice was informed by an archaeological desk-based Assessment (PCA 2015). The condition states:

No development shall take place (including site clearance within the application site/area indicated red), 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 brief and specification for a scheme of investigation and mitigation, which has been submitted by the developer and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: The site is potentially of archaeological significance in accordance with Test Valley Borough Local Plan 2006 policy ENV11.

2.1.3 This report has been prepared in accordance 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).

2.2 Location, Topography and Geology

2.2.1 The Site (Figure 2), an area of approximately 1ha, is located in East Tytherley, Hampshire approximately 50m to the South-East of a Scheduled Ancient Monument. It is bounded to the West by East Tytherley Road and by an unnamed road to the South. It is currently occupied by Rolle House (a former school house and current private dwelling), as well as other buildings associated with the dwelling. The land around Rolle House has been used for gardens, including a tennis court and swimming pool.

2.2.2 The Site is located at approximately 44m aOD on the western side of the valley of the River Test, which flows approximately 3.5km to the east of the Site.

2.2.3 Two bedrock geological formations are present on site; the northern three-quarters of the Site is mapped as Culver Chalk Formation and the southern quarter is mapped as Reading Formation Sandy Clay. Superficial head deposits are also present across the Site (www.bgs.ac.uk/data/home.html).

2.3 Archaeological and Historical Background

2.3.1 A small number of archaeological investigations, observations and find spots, identified in the deskbased assessment, fall within a 500m radius of the Site and provide an indication of its archaeological resource potential. These include the site of the medieval Manor of East Tytherley, a Scheduled Ancient Monument, to the north-east of the Site. The Site lies within the deep park of the Manor.

2.3.2 No sites or finds of prehistoric, Roman or Saxon date lie within 500m of the Site. The Site is currently occupied by an 18th century charity school house.

3 AIM

3.1 Archaeological Watching Brief

3.1.1 The aim of the watching brief was to monitor ground work for the proposed development for the presence of archaeological resources and, if present, investigate and preserve by record the resources, determining, where possible, their character, including their date, nature and extent.

3.1.2 This document, which reports on the results of the watching brief, aims to provide an assessment of any significant archaeological resources that were recovered in the context of local and regional research frameworks and in order to address Condition 5 of planning permission. Alternatively, the report will aim to be sufficient to demonstrate to the Local Planning Authority that the watching brief was carried out in accordance with this document and the Condition.

4 RESULTS

4.1 Introduction

4.1.1 The following summary is based on the site archive, which comprised a site diary and digital photographs. The archive is held at PCA's Winchester office under the unique site code RHET16 and will in due course be deposited with the Hampshire Cultural Trust

4.2 Methodology

4.2.1 A detailed methodology was set out in the Written Scheme of Investigation (PCA 2016) and is not repeated here.

4.2.2 Two separate areas were monitored as a part of the archaeological watching brief (**Figure 2**): Area A (the site of a proposed garage) and Area B (a proposed extension to an existing barn). The groundworks were monitored over a series of visits between the 8th of February and the 3rd of March 2016.

4.3 Observations

4.3.1 No archaeological deposits, features, artefacts or environmental remains, significant or otherwise, were observed in wither of the two monitored areas.

4.3.2 Area A (**Figure 2 and Plates 1, 2 and 3**) covered an area of approximately 7mx15m, approximately 15m due east of Rolle House. A concrete slab was removed before excavations took place. The following deposition sequence was observed:

- 0-0.15m Below Ground Level (BGL) – Concrete Slab
- 0.15-0.50m BGL – Highly mixed sub-soil (containing modern CBM)
- 0.50-0.75m BGL – Clay with gravel (natural deposit)
- 0.75m+ BGL – Clay (Natural)

4.3.3 No archaeological deposits were observed in Area A. The highly mixed subsoil observed to depth of 0.75m, suggests that the site may have been subject to ground reduction in advance of the placement of the concrete slab.

4.3.4 Area B (**Figure 2 and Plates 4, 5 and 6**) covered an area of approximately 12mx3m immediately to the south of the existing barn. The watching brief monitored the excavation of top-soil and sub-soil, revealing natural deposits. Further excavations to deeper levels were also monitored. The following general deposition sequence was observed:

- 0-0.20m BGL – Top-soil
- 0.20-0.27m BGL – Sub-soil
- 0.27m+ BGL – Clay with gravel (natural deposit)

4.3.5 The modern foundations of the existing barn were also observed along the northern edge of Area B.

4.3.6 No archaeological deposits were observed in Area A.

4.4 Conclusions

4.4.1 Areas A and B contained no evidence of any archaeological resources. Furthermore, the central area of the site (around Area A) appears to have been subject to a significant ground reduction ahead of previous construction works, leaving a deep 'sub-soil' layer containing modern CBM. This is likely to have previously disturbed any *in situ* archaeological remains.

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.

5.2 Copyright

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. Hampshire County 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.

5.2.2 The licence extends to the use of all documents arising from this project in all matters relating directly to the project, as well as for bona fide research purposes (which includes the Hampshire Archaeology and Historic Buildings Record).

5.2.3 Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd has made every effort to ensure the accuracy of the content of this report. However, Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd cannot accept any liability in respect of, or resulting from, errors, inaccuracies or omissions this report contains.

6 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Pre-Construct Archaeology is grateful to CFW Architects for commissioning the archaeological watching brief. The watching brief was carried out by Thomas Hayes. This report was prepared by Thomas Hayes with Illustrations prepared by Charlotte Faiers. The project was managed by Paul McCulloch.

Appendix 1: Site Photographs



Plate 1 View to the west of Area A, showing concrete slab and modern overburden



Plate 2 View to the south of Area A



Plate 3 View to the north of Area A



Plate 4 View to the west of Area B



Plate 5 View to the south of north facing section of Area B



Plate 6 View to the west of Area B (showing lower excavation level)

Appendix 2: OASIS Form

OASIS ID: preconst1-263234

Project details

Project name	Rolle House, East Tytherley, Hampshire: an Archaeological Watching Brief
Short description of the project	Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd. was commissioned by CFW Architects to undertake an archaeological watching brief during works involving the partial demolition of a barn for conversion to two accommodation units and the replacement of a garage/stable at Rolle House, East Tytherley, Hampshire. This report concerns the results of the archaeological watching brief, which involved a series of monitoring visits made during February and March 2016. Two areas were monitored, however, neither produced any significant archaeological deposits, features, artefacts or environmental remains. Furthermore, the central area of the site appears to have been subject to a significant ground reduction ahead of previous construction works, leaving a deep 'sub-soil' layer containing modern CBM. This is likely to have previously disturbed any in situ archaeological remains.
Project dates	Start: 08-02-2016 End: 03-03-2016
Previous/future work	No / Not known
Any associated project reference codes	RHET16 - Sitecode
Type of project	Recording project
Site status	None
Current Land use	Other 5 - Garden
Monument type	NONE None
Significant Finds	NONE None
Investigation type	"Watching Brief"
Prompt	National Planning Policy Framework - NPPF

Project location

Country	England
Site location	HAMPSHIRE TEST VALLEY EAST TYTHERLEY Rolle House, East Tytherley
Postcode	SP5 1LQ
Study area	1 Hectares
Site coordinates	SU 29431 28792 51.057179475284 -1.580015910077 51 03 25 N 001 34 48 W Point
Height OD / Depth	Min: 43.25m Max: 43.7m

Project creators

Name of Organisation	Pre-Construct Archaeology Limited
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Project director/manager	Paul McCulloch
Project supervisor	Thomas Hayes
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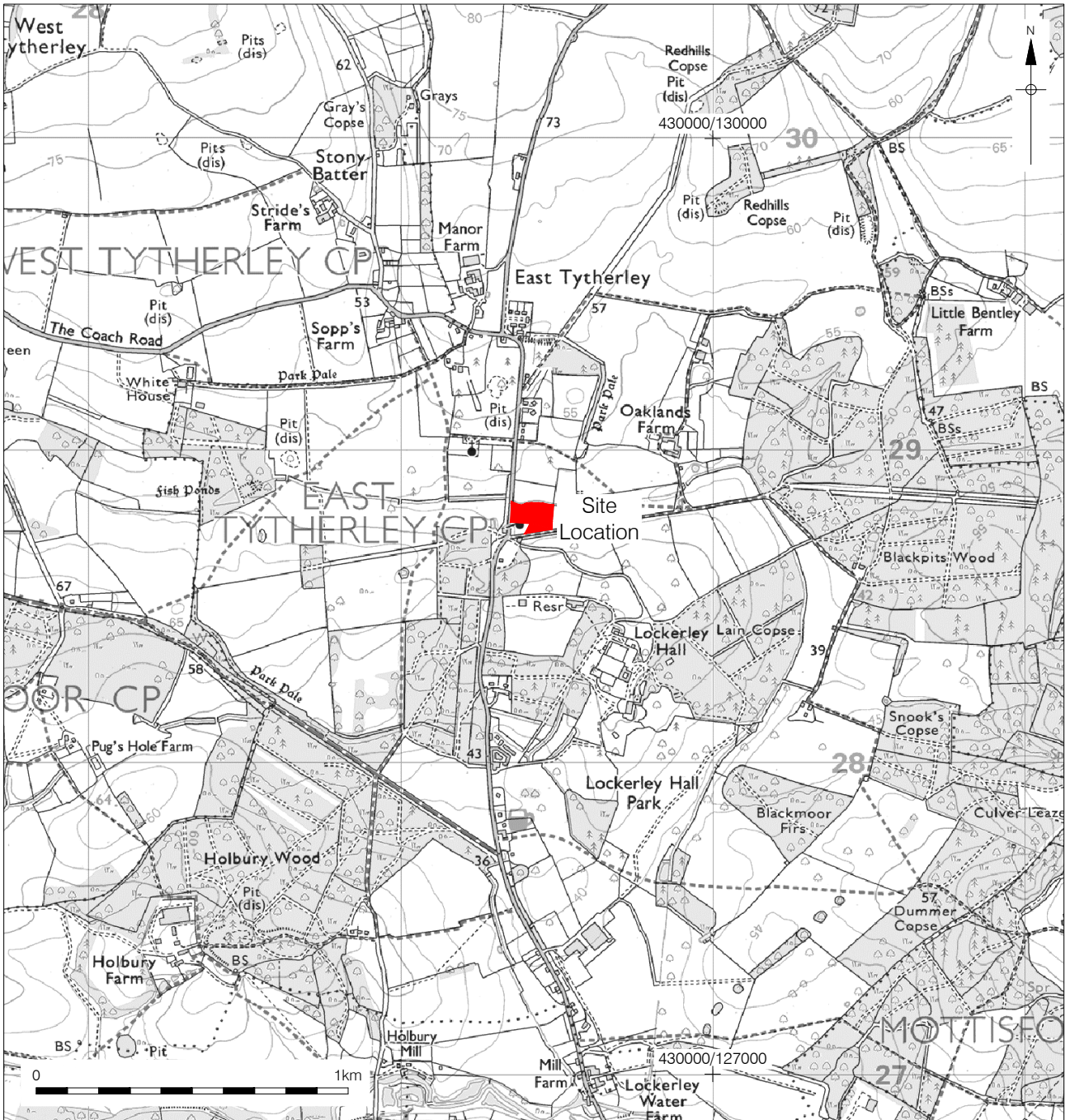
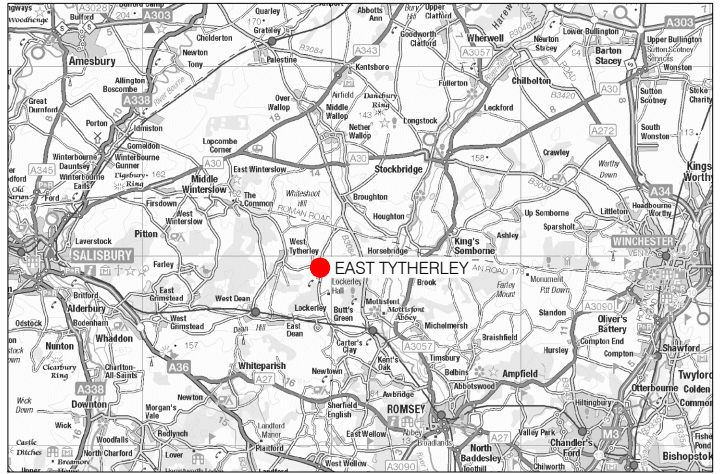
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Digital Contents	"none"
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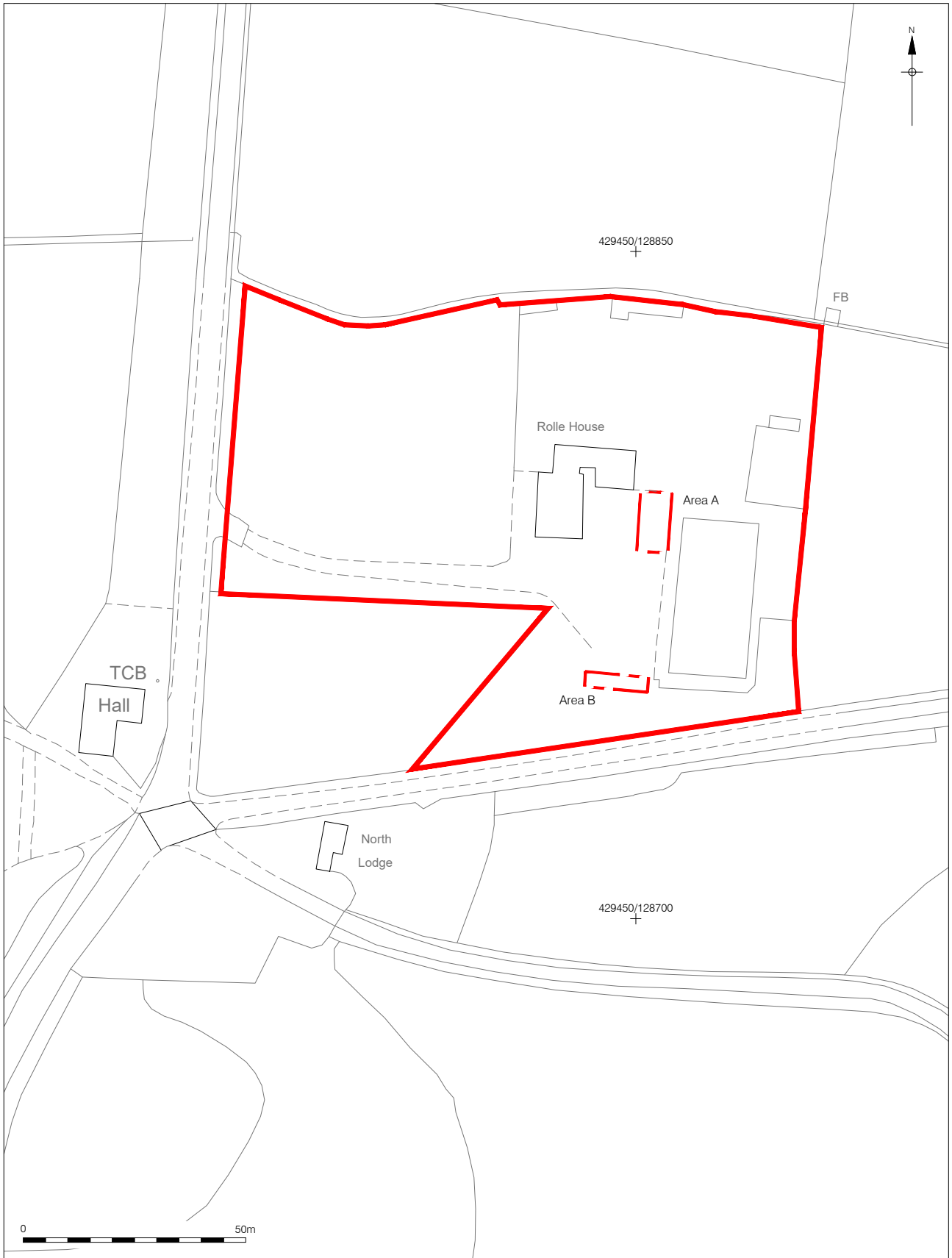


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Figure 1
Site Location
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Figure 2
Detailed Site Location
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