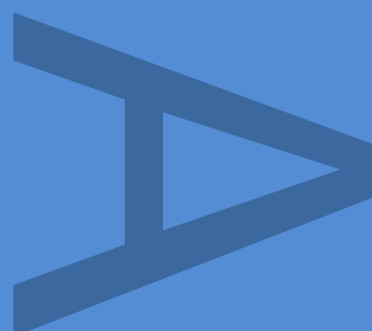


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Figure 1: Site Location

Figure 2: Trench Location

1 NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY

Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by Eastleigh Football Club to undertake a programme of archaeological work in connection with the erection of a two storey building to provide club house, education room and shop (ground floor) and executive club, board room and police surveillance (first floor) at Eastleigh Football Club, Stoneham Lane, Eastleigh, Hampshire, NGR 444195 117243, hereafter 'the Site'. This report concerns the results of the archaeological watching brief, which involved a series of monitoring visits made during October 2016.

Six foundation pits and connecting trenches were monitored, however no significant archaeological deposits, features, artefacts or environmental remains were identified. The presence of a modern drainage system in the north-east corner, as well as other services present in the east of the site, suggests any potential in situ archaeological deposits are likely to have been disturbed.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Project Background

2.1.1 Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by Eastleigh Football Club (the Client) to undertake a programme of archaeological work in connection with the erection of a two storey building to provide club house, education room and shop at ground floor and executive club, boardroom and police surveillance at first floor at Eastleigh Football Club, Stoneham Lane, Eastleigh, Hampshire, NGR 444195 117243, hereafter 'the Site'. This document reports on the result of the watching brief, which entailed the monitoring of ground works associated with the works.

2.1.2 The watching brief, and the subsequent reporting of the results, are requirements of Condition 7 of planning permission for the development granted by Eastleigh Borough Council (Planning reference F/16/78632). The condition was based on the advice of the Council's archaeological advisor Neil Adam, Senior Archaeologist, Hampshire County Council. The condition states:

No work shall start until the developer has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological work in accordance with a written scheme of investigation and recording which has first been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority.

Reason - To ensure that the archaeological interest of the historic building/Site is properly safeguarded and recorded.

2.1.3 This report has been prepared in accordance with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists standard and guidance for archaeological watching briefs (ClfA 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 west of Stoneham Lane, Eastleigh, and north of Junction 5 of the M27, in an area of playing fields south of Eastleigh town centre. The Site comprises Eastleigh Football Club's Silverlake Stadium. (**Figure1**)

2.2.2 The Site lies on fairly flat, level ground that characterises the lower River Itchen valley and lies west of a water course, the Monk's Brook, a tributary of the River Itchen. Ground level within the Site lies at approximately 14m above Ordnance Datum.

2.2.3 The Site lies on superficial deposits of sand, silt and clay, which overlie bedrock geology comprising clay, silt and sand formations of the Hampshire Basin: <http://mapapps.bgs.ac.uk/geologyofbritain/home.html>.

2.3 Archaeological and Historical Background

- 2.3.1 The Site lies in an area of known archaeological sites and findspots. Finds of Romano-British date have been recovered from the area, including a find spot some 240m north-east of the Site, while the historic medieval settlement of North Stoneham lies some 80m north-west of the Site. There is a record of a pit, undated and containing burnt material, found in 2004 during an archaeological watching brief on groundwork for the Silverlake Stadium's west stand.

3 AIMS

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 7 of planning permission. Otherwise, the report will aim to be sufficient to demonstrate to the Local Planning Authority that the watching brief was carried out in accordance with the WSI 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 code SLEH16 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 The monitored groundworks consisted a general ground reduction of an area approximately 50m x 15m and the subsequent excavation of foundation pits and trenches (**Figure 2**).

4.2.3 The groundworks were monitored over a series of visits between 12th and 20th October 2016.

4.3 Observations

4.3.1 The initial ground reduction removed the tarmac and subsoil. This was excavated to a depth of 0.15m Below Ground Level (BGL) in the east of the monitored area and to a depth of 0.45m BGL in the west of the monitored area.

4.3.2 No archaeological deposits, features, artefacts or environmental remains, significant or otherwise, were observed in any of the six foundation pits or the connecting trenches that were observed (**Plate 1**).

4.3.3 Following the excavation of the six foundation pits, and associated foundation trenches, the following deposition sequence was observed:

- 0-0.25m BGL – Tarmac, made ground/hard standing and geo textile.
- 0.25-0.45m BGL – Highly mixed subsoil containing modern CBM.
- 0.45-1.45m BGL – Sandy Clay (Natural).

4.3.4 A number of modern services were observed during the excavation of the foundation pits and trenches. This suggests extensive modern disturbance to the ground, possibly related to the construction of nearby buildings related to the football club (**Plate 4**).

4.4 Conclusions

4.4.1 None of the six observed pits (**Figure 2, Plate 3**) contained any evidence of archaeological resources. The installation of modern services (**Plates 4 and 5**), possibly relating to the construction of nearby buildings, is likely to be common throughout the Site. This is likely to have previously disturbed any *in situ* archaeological remains.

5 ARCHIVE PREPARATION AND DEPOSITION

5.1 The Site Archive

5.1.1 The Site archive, to include all project records, was 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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5.2.3 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.

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Pre-Construct Archaeology is grateful to Eastleigh Football Club for commissioning the archaeological watching brief. The watching brief was carried out by Katherine Marshall and Dominic McAtominey. This report was prepared by Dominic McAtominey. The project was managed by Paul McCulloch.

7 REFERENCES

Eastleigh Football Club, Stoneham Lane, Eastleigh, Hampshire: WSI for an Archaeological Watching Brief © Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd. September 2016

Appendix 1: Site Photographs



Plate 1 View to East of site



Plate 2 View to North East of reduced level



Plate 3 View to South East foundation pits



Plate 4 View to West foundation pit showing modern services



Plate 5 View to East foundation pit showing modern brickwork

Appendix 2: Oasis Form

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Project details

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Project dates	Start: 12-10-2016 End: 20-10-2016
Previous/future work	Yes / No
Any associated project reference codes	SLEH16 - Sitecode
Type of project	Field evaluation
Current Land use	Community Service 2 - Leisure and recreational buildings

Project location

Country	England
Site location	HAMPSHIRE EASTLEIGH EASTLEIGH Eastleigh Football Club
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Study area	0 Square metres
Site coordinates	SU 44195 17243 50.952375521441 -1.370749776543 50 57 08 N 001 22 14 W Point

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Physical Archive Exists?	No
Digital Archive recipient	Hampshire Cultural Trust
Digital Media available	"Database", "Images raster / digital photography"
Paper Archive recipient	Hampshire Cultural Trust
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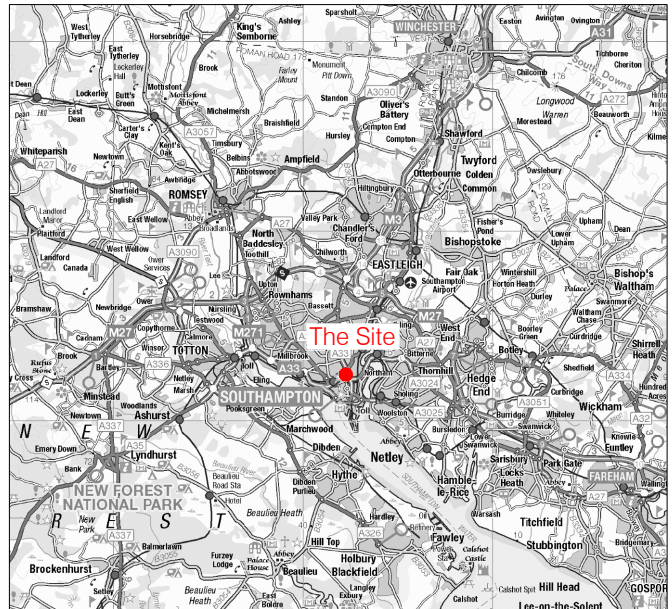
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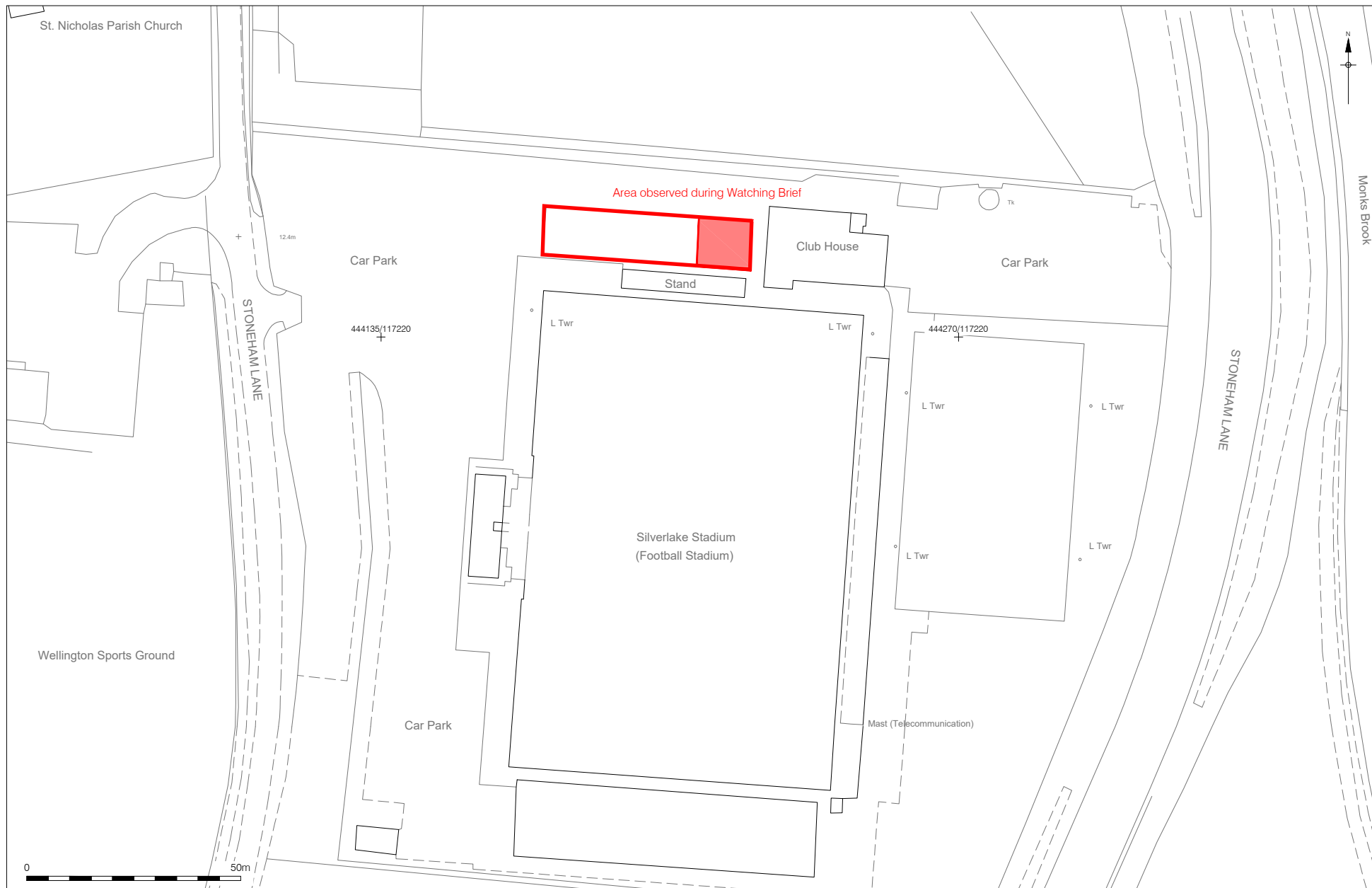


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Figure 1
Site Location
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