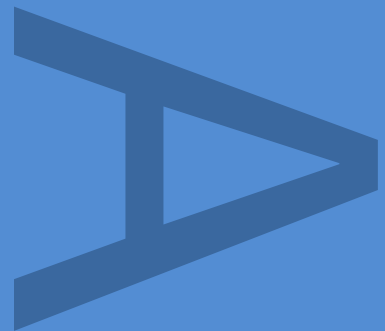


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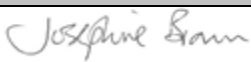

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## **1 NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY**

Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by Hampshire County Council Property Services to undertake an archaeological watching brief during groundworks for a proposed car park at The Wakes, High Street, Selborne, Hampshire, GU34 3JH, (NGR 474142 133518). This report concerns the results of the archaeological watching brief, which involved a series of monitoring visits made during October and November 2016.

Ground work to reduce the Site to the required level for the proposed car park required the excavation of approximately 0.5m of soil containing post-medieval and modern building materials and glass; the formation level was disturbed by tree roots. No significant archaeological deposits, features, or finds were observed. It is concluded that the Site area that was monitored retains no significant archaeological potential.

## 2 INTRODUCTION

### 2.1 Project Background

2.1.1 Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by Hampshire County Council Property Services to undertake an archaeological watching brief during groundwork for a new car park at The Wakes, High Street, Selborne, Hampshire, GU34 3JH (NGR 474142 133518), hereafter 'the Site' (**Figure 1**). The watching brief entailed monitoring of all groundwork associated with formation of the new car park surfacing and services.

2.1.2 The watching brief was a requirement of Condition 9 of planning permission for the new car park granted by the South Downs National Park Authority (Planning reference SDNP/15/06460/FUL) in April 2016, which was based on the advice of the Authority's archaeological advisor David Hopkins, County Archaeologist, Hampshire County Archaeological Officer (CAO). The condition states:

*'The applicant shall ensure the presence of a suitably qualified archaeologist, agreed in advance by the Local Planning Authority, to undertake a 'watching brief' in accordance with the Institute for Archaeologists' publication Standard and Guidance for an archaeological watching brief during all excavations and ground breaking arising as a consequence of the proposed car park area. The archaeologist shall be accorded safe access whenever required to monitor and preserve by record any archaeological deposits the presence and nature of which could not be established in advance of development. Should an archaeological find be made for which the resources allocated to the watching brief itself are not sufficient to support treatment to a satisfactory and proper standard, works shall cease to allow the archaeologist to notify all interested parties of that discovery and to make provision for satisfactory and appropriate treatment to be made.'*

*Reason: To ensure satisfactory archaeological investigation and retrieval of archaeological finds in accordance with policy CP30 Historic Environment of the East Hampshire District Local Plan: Joint Core Strategy.'*

2.1.3 This report presents the result of the watching brief and 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 (**Plate 1**), an area of 0.5ha, is located in the village of Selborne, Hampshire, approximately 200m north of Selborne Common. It is bounded to the north by the High Street and is immediately to the north of the Gilbert White Field Study Centre. The Site is

currently a mixture of open fields and wooded areas and forms part of the land associated to Gilbert White's House (Figure 2).

2.2.2 The Site is located at approximately 125m aOD on the northern edge of the South Downs National Park in Hampshire.

2.2.3 Two bedrock geological formations are present on site; most of the Site is mapped as West Merlbury Marly Chalk formation with the northern most part of the Site being on the border between the Chalk and the Upper Greensand Formation. No superficial deposits are mapped as being present on Site.

## **2.3 Archaeological and Historical Background**

2.3.1 The village of Selborne is first recorded in the Domesday survey of 1086 as a small settlement of eight households. The parish church of St. Mary is thought to have originated in the Saxon period, with much of the current fabric dating to the mid-12th century. Two religious institutions dominated Selborne during the medieval period; Selborne Priory (a Scheduled Ancient Monument, approximately 1.7km north-east of the Site), a house of the Augustinians, founded in AD 1233, and Temple Southerington (approximately 2km to the east of the Site), house of the Knights Templar, founded as early as AD 1240. Selborne Priory, the larger of the two houses, was dissolved in 1484 with the house both economically and physically in poor condition. Temple Southerington was dissolved in 1308 during the trials of the Templars, four years before the dissolution of the order, possession, presumably, passing to the Order of St. John at some point in the 14th century. The manors of both religious houses passed into private hands after the reformation. Selborne is famous for its connection to well renowned 18th century naturalist Gilbert White, who lived in the village at The Wakes; this currently houses the Gilbert White and the Oates Collections.

2.3.2 During the 1990's two archaeological investigations were carried out by Christopher K Currie on behalf of the Wakes Museum, under the project name 'Gardens Archaeological Project', immediately adjacent to the Site. The first excavation, in 1992, aimed to test features identified by Gilbert White in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. The excavations recorded a number of post-medieval garden features, possibly matching with written descriptions of the garden by Gilbert White (Currie, 1992). A second excavation in 1996 recorded further evidence of garden features and structures of 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century date (Currie 1996).

### **3 AIMS**

#### **3.1 Archaeological Watching Brief**

3.1.1 The aim of the watching brief was to monitor ground work for the proposed car park (**Figure 3**) for the presence of archaeological resources, in particular historic garden features 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, is intended to satisfy the South Downs National Park Planning Authority's requirement set out in Condition 9 of planning permission for new car park.



## **4 RESULTS**

### **4.1 Introduction**

4.1.1 The following summary is based on the Site archive, which consists of a Site diary and digital photographs. The archive is held at PCA's Winchester office under the unique code TWHS16 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 groundwork, which consisted of the removal of topsoil from the Site (**Plates 1 & 2**) and the excavation of a service trench (**Plate 3**), were monitored over a series of visits in October and November 2016.

### **4.3 Observations**

4.3.1 No significant archaeological deposits, features, artefacts or environmental remains were observed during ground reduction and the excavation of the service trench. The topsoil that was removed, up to 0.5m thick, contained mixed post-medieval and modern finds including ceramic building material and one fragment of animal bone – no finds were retained. At formation level, which revealed natural greensand, there was considerable root disturbance across the Site. One potential circular feature (**Plate 4**) was investigated but proved to be ephemeral (**Plate 5**) and contained no finds.

4.3.2 The south-eastern end of the service trench was dug through existing hard standing and tarmac (**Plate 6**), where it was observed brick had been used to level the some areas of the ground.

### **4.4 Conclusions**

4.4.1 It is concluded that the Site area that was monitored retains no significant archaeological potential.

## **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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## Appendix 1: Site Photographs



Plate 1 View from South West of the site



Plate 2 View to North West, levelled area



**Plate 3 View to South East of excavation of service trench**



**Plate 4 View to South West of natural feature**



Plate 5 View to South West of slot in natural feature



Plate 6 View to North East of section of service trench

## Appendix 2: Oasis Form

### 7.1 OASIS ID: preconst1-267207

#### Project details

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Short description of the project	Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) has been appointed by Hampshire County Council Property Services to undertake an archaeological watching brief during groundworks for a proposed car park at The Wakes, High St., Selborne, Hampshire, GU34 3JH. The groundworks involved reducing the ground level in a crescent shape in the north of the site for the laying of the road surface and parking bays as well as the monitoring of trenching for extending existing water, electricity and internet services. Fragments of post-medieval and modern building materials as well as modern glass was observed scattered across the site, No discernible archaeological features, in particular historic garden features, were noted.
Project dates	Start: 10-10-2016 End: 07-11-2016
Previous/future work	Yes / Yes
Any associated project reference codes	TWHS16 - Sitecode
Type of project	Field evaluation
Site status	National Park

#### Project location

Country	England
Site location	HAMPSHIRE EAST HAMPSHIRE SELBORNE Gilbert White and The Oates Collection, Selborne; Proposed Car Park: An Archaeological Watching Brief
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Study area	0 Square metres
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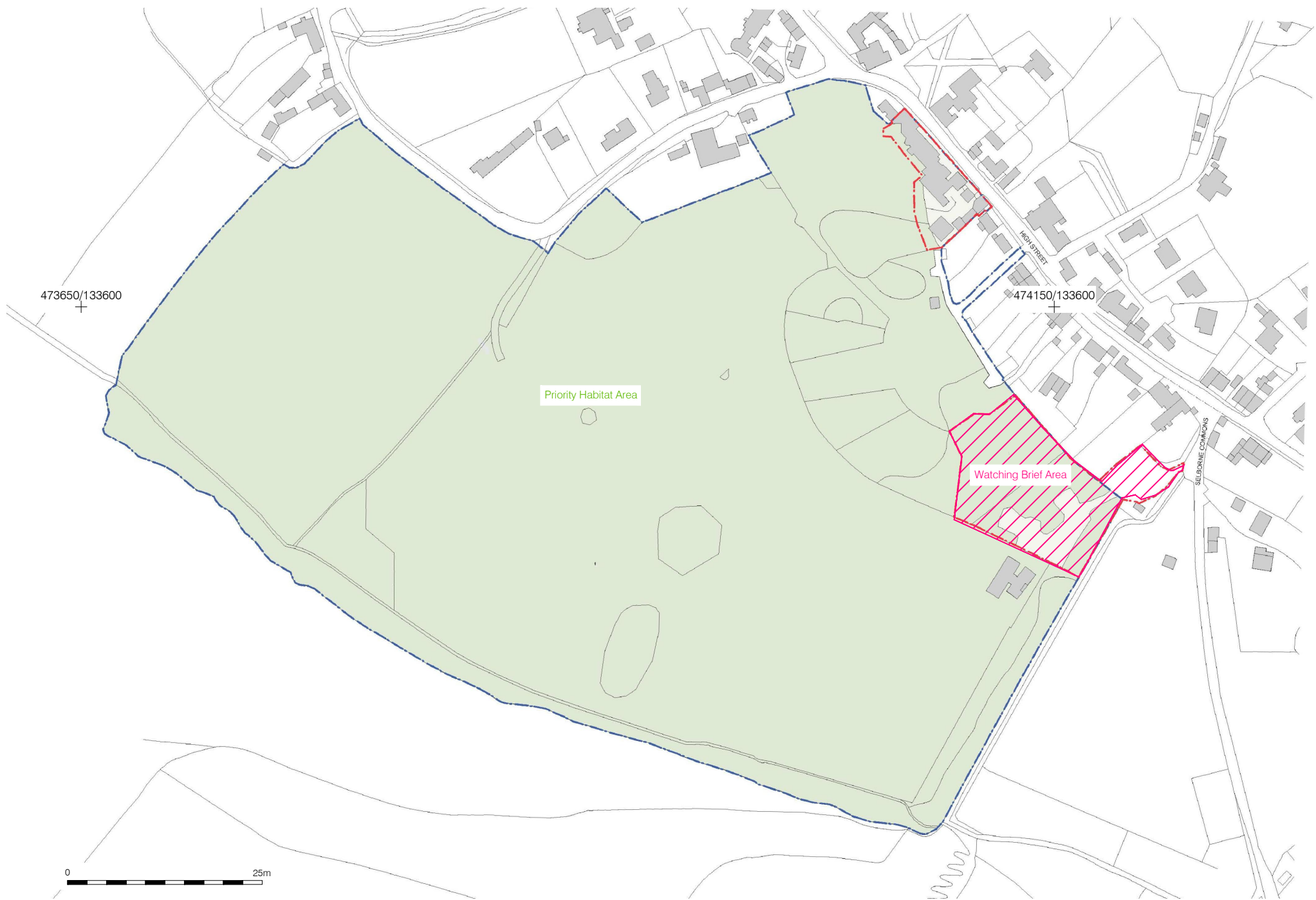
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Figure 1  
 Site Location  
 1:2,000,000 and 1:25,000 at A4



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Priority Habitat Area

Watching Brief Area

HIGH STREET

SELBORNE COMMONS



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Figure 2  
Detailed Site Location Showing Watching Brief Area and Priority Habitat Area  
1:2,500 at A4





-  Site Boundary
-  Area Watched



Figure 3  
Watching Brief Area  
1:625 at A4

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