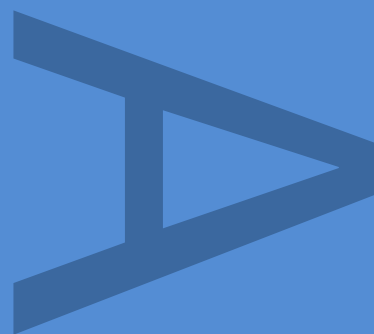


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## **1 NON- TECHNICAL SUMMARY**

Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (West) was commissioned by Katrina Walker to undertake an archaeological evaluation and watching brief at Bishops Sparkford, 57 St. Cross Road, Winchester, Hampshire. The archaeological evaluation comprised one trench (measuring approximately 9m x 2m) targeting the area of a proposed rear extension, immediately to the east of 57 St. Cross Rd. The watching brief observed excavation for foundations and a lightwell.

The archaeological evaluation was carried out between the 15th and 18th of February 2016. A number of monitoring visits were made between March and May 2016, which formed the archaeological watching brief.

A generally consistent deposition sequence was identified in both the evaluation and subsequent watching brief (comprising modern garden topsoil, a post-medieval levelling layer and natural geology). This sequence, however, had been subject to a substantial amount of modern and post-medieval disturbance in sections of the exposed sequence. Two sections of medieval wall (likely to be the truncated remains of the same structure) were identified in the southern end of the evaluation trench. Extensive modern and post-medieval disturbance and truncation made it difficult to suggest the form or function of the original medieval structure. A small number of late 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> century discreet features were also identified during the process of the evaluation. These are thought to reflect the extensive modern disturbance within the evaluation area and are not considered to be archaeologically significant.

Monitoring of excavation to extend a lightwell beside the north-east corner of the existing house revealed modern fill behind the existing lightwell wall; no natural or archaeological deposits were revealed. Groundwork to form a carport inside the western frontage was of limited depth and did not extend beneath modern deposits.

## **2 INTRODUCTION**

### **2.1 Project Background**

2.1.1 Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by Katrina Walker (the Client) to undertake an archaeological evaluation and watching brief at Bishops Sparkford, 57 St Cross Road, Winchester, Hampshire, (**Figure 1**), hereafter 'the Site' (NGR 447593 128049). The Site is the subject of a development comprising the erection of a single storey rear extension to the existing house, expansion of a basement lightwell and a new carport.

2.1.2 Planning permission for the development was granted by the Local Planning Authority (LPA) Winchester City Council in October 2015 (Planning Ref 15/01194/FUL), subject to two conditions concerning archaeology. The conditions were based on the advice of the LPA's archaeological advisor Tracy Matthews, Historic Environment Team Archaeologist (HETA) at Winchester City Council. The conditions (nos. 10 & 11) secured a programme of archaeological work intended to offset the potential impact of the development on any archaeological resources.

2.1.3 This report concerns the results of the archaeological work and has been prepared in accordance with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists standard and guidance for archaeological field evaluation (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, c. 1.3km south of the historic core of Winchester and within the historic suburb of St Cross, lies on the east side of St Cross Road and comprises a three-storey house with a rear garden and rear access from Cripstead Lane, to the north. The Site lies on the west side of the River Itchen valley floor, below rising ground to west.

2.2.2 Ground level across the Site is fairly flat and occurs at approximately 34m above Ordnance Datum.

2.2.3 Superficial geology comprises river terrace deposits of sand and gravel overlying Upper Chalk (BGS Sheets 315 & 316).

### **2.3 Archaeological and Historical Background**

2.3.1 The following background information is taken from the advice of the HETA to the LPA and is not exhaustive:

*The application site lies to the south of the historic walled city of Winchester, within the historic settlement of St Cross. The site is situated adjacent to St Cross Road; the main route way between Winchester and Southampton during the Roman, Saxon and medieval periods. Archaeological remains (both structural and artefactual) have been located at several locations in St Cross Road, Cripstead Lane and Back Street, within the vicinity of the proposal site. The date of these suggests that the historic settlement of St*

*Cross originated in the Late Saxon period. The medieval Hospital of St Cross and the major thoroughfare of St Cross Road is also likely to been a focus for settlement and activity during the medieval period'.*

### **3 AIM**

#### **3.1 Archaeological Evaluation and Watching Brief**

3.1.1 The aim of the archaeological evaluation was to determine the character, extent, date, condition and significance of archaeological resources within the Site, taking account of their potential to contain biological and palaeo-environmental remains. Additionally, the evaluation was intended to demonstrate whether further archaeological works will be required in mitigation of the impact of the proposed development.

3.1.2 The aim of the watching brief was to monitor ground work for the proposed development and investigate and record archaeological resources that might be uncovered.

3.1.3 This document reports on the results of the evaluation and watching brief and aims to provide sufficient information in order to satisfy the requirements of the relevant conditions of planning consent for the development.



## **4 RESULTS**

### **4.1 Introduction**

4.1.1 The following summary is based on the Site archive, which comprises a site diary, context recording sheets, site drawings and digital photographs. The archive is held at PCA's Winchester office under the site code AY593 and will in due course be deposited with the Hampshire Cultural Trust.

4.1.2 The archaeological evaluation was carried out between the 15th and 18th of February 2016. A number of monitoring visits were made between March and May 2016, which formed the archaeological watching brief.

### **4.2 Methodology**

4.2.1 The evaluation was undertaken following the methodology that was detailed in the Written Scheme of Investigation (PCA 2016).

4.2.2 The evaluation comprised the excavation of one trench measuring 9m by 1.8m in plan with a small dog leg to the east of the south end of the trench (**Figure 2**). The trench was located within the footprint of the proposed extension to the east of 57 St. Cross Road.

### **4.3 Evaluation Results**

4.3.1 The evaluation trench was excavated within an area of the garden which had already been subject of a ground reduction, which had removed the existing garden topsoil. However, a complete section was exposed in the south-eastern extension of the trench. The following general deposition sequence was observed (although this can be considered to accurately represent the general deposition sequence, a substantial amount of modern and post-medieval disturbance was present across the trench that disrupted this sequence).

- Modern Garden Topsoil (001) – 0-0.41m below ground level (BGL)
- Post-medieval build up/levelling layer (014) – 0.41-0.88m BGL
- Natural geology (Clay with flint) (003) – 0.88m BGL+

4.3.2 A layer of modern crush was seen overlying the post-medieval build up (014) in the areas that had already been reduced. This was linked to ongoing building work on the Site.

4.3.3 Two sections of wall ([008] and [009]) were identified running along the southern baulk of the trench. These structural remains appeared to be constructed from the same material; flint and chalk with a buff yellow mortar indicative of medieval construction. No obvious coursing could be identified, suggesting that these structural elements might represent foundation material. Both walls were on the same alignment (east-west) and were separated by a post-medieval linear feature [011], which truncated both features. It is therefore likely that [008] and [009] originally formed part of a single structure, that was later truncated by [011].

4.3.4 Two discreet features were identified within the trench ([005 and [013]), both of a post-medieval or modern date. Pit [013] contained a relatively substantial amount of pottery dating to the 19<sup>th</sup> or early 20<sup>th</sup> century; a date consistent with pottery found in the garden soil. A further post-medieval or modern linear feature ([007]) was identified running under the western baulk, likely to be consistent with the other post-medieval features.

#### **4.4 Watching Brief Results**

4.4.1 Following the completion of the archaeological evaluation, excavations for foundations for the rear extension, a lightwell and a carport were monitored.

4.4.2 In the footprint of the rear extension, a deposit sequence similar to that observed in the evaluation was identified; a modern garden soil overlying a post-medieval build-up layer lying on top of the natural clay.

4.4.3 Flint and mortar rubble was uncovered, but did not appear to form an *in situ* structural element. The buff yellow mortar would be indicative of medieval construction, with the rubble possibly relating to the remains of the structure identified during the evaluation.

4.4.4 Further extensive modern and post-medieval ground disturbance was observed during the watching brief. This included a number of services and a post-medieval, brick constructed well.

4.4.5 Excavations for the light well, on the north-east corner of the house, revealed a bulk fill comprising brick rubble and demolition waste. No features or deposits of an archaeological nature were encountered. Groundwork for the new carport constructed within the Site's western boundary was of limited depth and did not extend beneath modern deposits.

4.4.6 A small assemblage of post-medieval and later pottery was recovered during the evaluation. This has been recorded and will be discarded.

#### **4.5 Discussion**

- 4.5.1 The size and fabric of the medieval structural remains, identified along the southern baulk of the evaluation trench, along with the flint rubble observed during the watching brief, provides evidence of a relatively substantial medieval structure. This reflects the historic nature of the St. Cross area (in particular, the medieval activity of the area) and adds to other archaeological investigations that have taken place in close proximity of the Site, which have also revealed archaeological resources of a medieval date (Souterrain 2010).
- 4.5.2 The number of post-medieval and modern intrusions observed give an indication of the level of disturbance that the Site has been subject to. This appears to have extensively truncated medieval archaeological resources, as suggested in the evaluation trench.

#### **4.6 Conclusion**

- 4.6.1 Although the Site has been the subject of significant post-medieval and modern disturbance, archaeological resources survived on Site in the form of mortar bonded flint and chalk foundations of a medieval structure. However, extensive post-medieval truncation has prevented further interpretation and the form or function of the structure represented remains unknown. Other features identified during the evaluation were of late 19<sup>th</sup> or early 20<sup>th</sup> century date and did not represent a significant archaeological resource.

## **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 Chartered Institute for Archaeologists 'Standard and Guidance for the creation, compilation, transfer and deposition of archaeological archives' (ClfA 2015). 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 evaluation with Hampshire Cultural Trust.

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## Appendix 1: Context Index

Context No	Trench	Plan	Section	Type	Description	Same As
001	1		2 & 4	Layer	Modern Garden Topsoil	
002	1		2 & 4	Layer	Modern Crush/levelling material	
003	1	1	2 & 4	Layer	Clay with flint natural geology	
004	1	1	3	Fill	Fill of posthole [005]	
005	1	1	3	Cut	Possible modern square posthole	
006	1	1		Fill	Fill of modern linear [007]	
007	1	1		Cut	Modern linear feature	
008	1	1	2	Structure	Medieval flint and chalk wall	009?
009	1	1	2	Structure	Medieval flint and chalk wall	008?
010	1		2	Fill	Fill of post-medieval linear feature [011]	
011	1		2	Cut	Post-medieval linear feature	
012	1	1		Fill	Fill of pit [013]	
013	1	1		Cut	Fill of post-medieval rubbish pit	
014	1		2	Layer	Post-medieval build up layer	
015	1	1	2	Cut	Foundation cut for wall [008]	016?
016	1	1	2	Cut	Foundation cut for wall [009]	015?

## Appendix 2: OASIS Form

### OASIS ID: preconst1-268547

#### Project details

Project name	Bishops Sparkford, 57 St Cross Road, Winchester, Hampshire: An Archaeological Evaluation and Watching Brief
Short description of the project	<p>Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (West) was commissioned by Katrina Walker to undertake an archaeological evaluation and watching brief at Bishops Sparkford, 57 St. Cross Road, Winchester, Hampshire. The archaeological evaluation comprised 1 trench (measuring approximately 9m x 2m) targeting the area of a proposed extension, immediately to the east of 57 St. Cross Rd. The watching brief observed excavation for foundations and a light well. The archaeological evaluation was carried out between the 15th and 18th of February 2016. A number of monitoring visits were made between March and May 2016, which formed the archaeological watching brief. A generally consistent deposition sequence was identified in both the evaluation and subsequent watching brief (comprising modern garden topsoil, a post-medieval levelling layer and natural geology). This sequence, however, had been subject to a substantial amount of modern and post-medieval disturbance in sections of the exposed sequence. Two sections of medieval wall (likely to be the truncated remains of the same structure) were identified in the southern end of the evaluation trench. Extensive modern and post-medieval disturbance and truncation made it difficult to suggest the form or function of the original medieval structure. A small number of late 19th/20th century discreet features were also identified during the process of the evaluation. These are thought to reflect the extensive modern disturbance within the evaluation area and are not considered to be archaeologically significant. Although the site has been the subject of significant post-medieval and modern disturbance, some archaeological resources have survived. However, these resources have been extensively damaged by the site wide disturbance.</p>
Project dates	Start: 15-02-2016 End: 27-05-2016
Previous/future work	No / No
Any associated project reference codes	AY593 - Sitecode
Type of project	Field evaluation
Site status	None
Current Land use	Other 5 - Garden
Monument type	WALL Medieval
Monument type	PIT Post Medieval
Monument type	LINEAR FEATURE Post Medieval
Significant Finds	POT Post Medieval
Significant Finds	CLAY PIPE (SMOKING) Post Medieval
Methods & techniques	"Sample Trenches"
Development type	Small-scale extensions (e.g. garages, porches, etc.)
Prompt	National Planning Policy Framework - NPPF



Position in the planning process After full determination (eg. As a condition)

### Project location

Country England  
Site location HAMPSHIRE WINCHESTER WINCHESTER BISHOPS SPARKFORD, 57 ST. CROSS ROAD, WINCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE  
Postcode SO23 9RE  
Study area 420 Square metres  
Site coordinates SU 47576 28063 51.049406618158 -1.32119604843 51 02 57 N 001 19 16 W Point  
Height OD / Depth Min: 33.5m Max: 33.65m

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### Appendix 3: Site Photographs



*Plate 1 Plan shot (view to the east) of evaluation trench*



*Plate 2 North facing section, showing walls [008] and [009], truncated by [011] (same as depicted in Figure 4)*



*Plate 3 View to the east of southern end of evaluation trench. Showing general deposition sequence and modern intrusions*



*Plate 4 View to the south of evaluation trench, showing extensive modern disturbance in foreground*



*Plate 5 View to the south of the area monitored during the watching brief*



*Plate 6 View to the west of the area monitored by the watching brief*



*Plate 7 View to the east of general deposition as exposed during the watching brief*



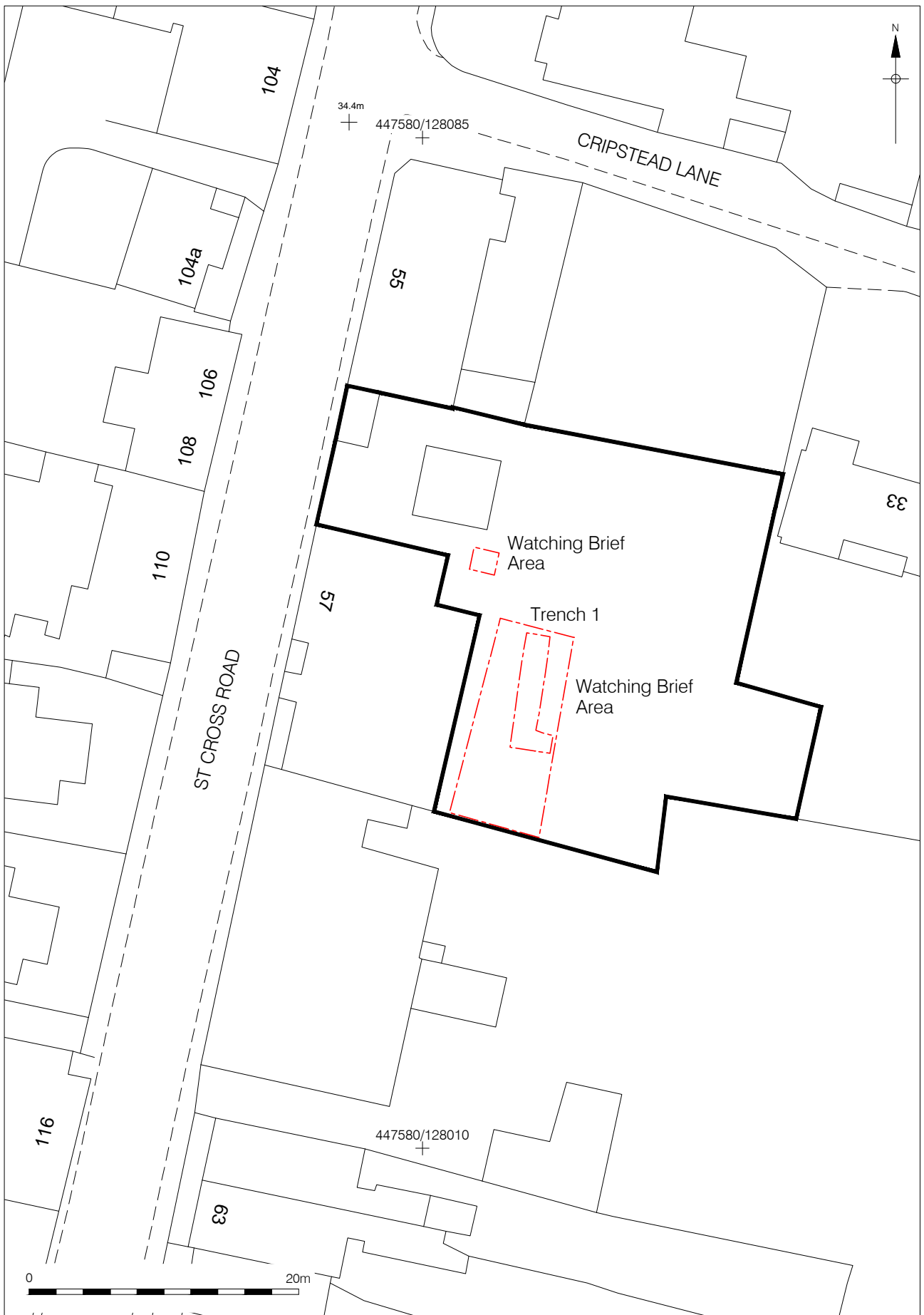
*Plate 8 View to the south-east of post-medieval/modern well*





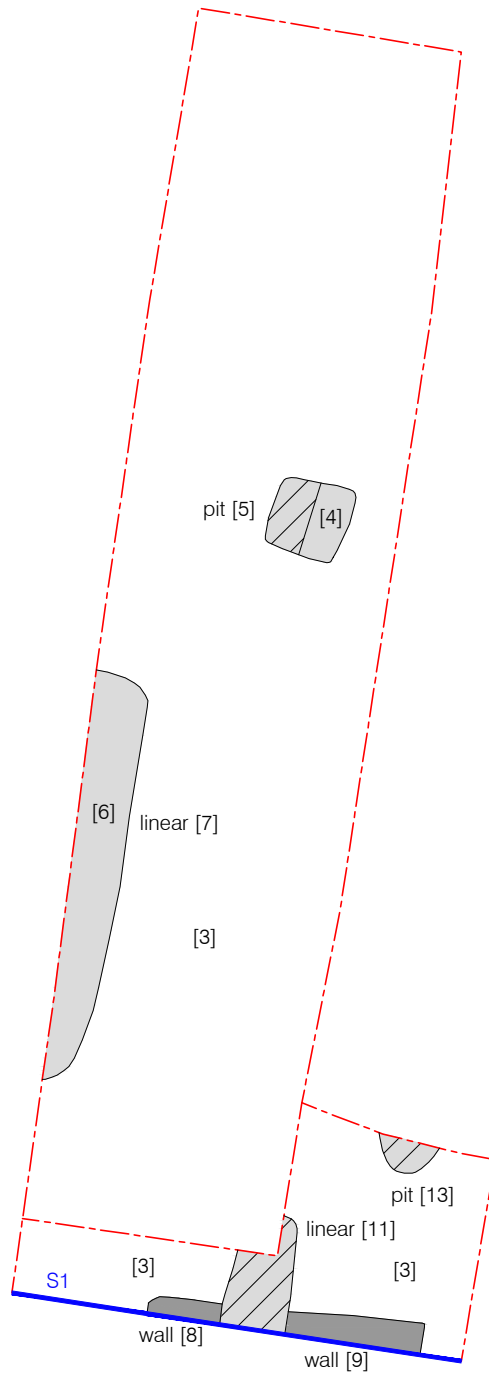
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 Trench and Watching Brief Areas  
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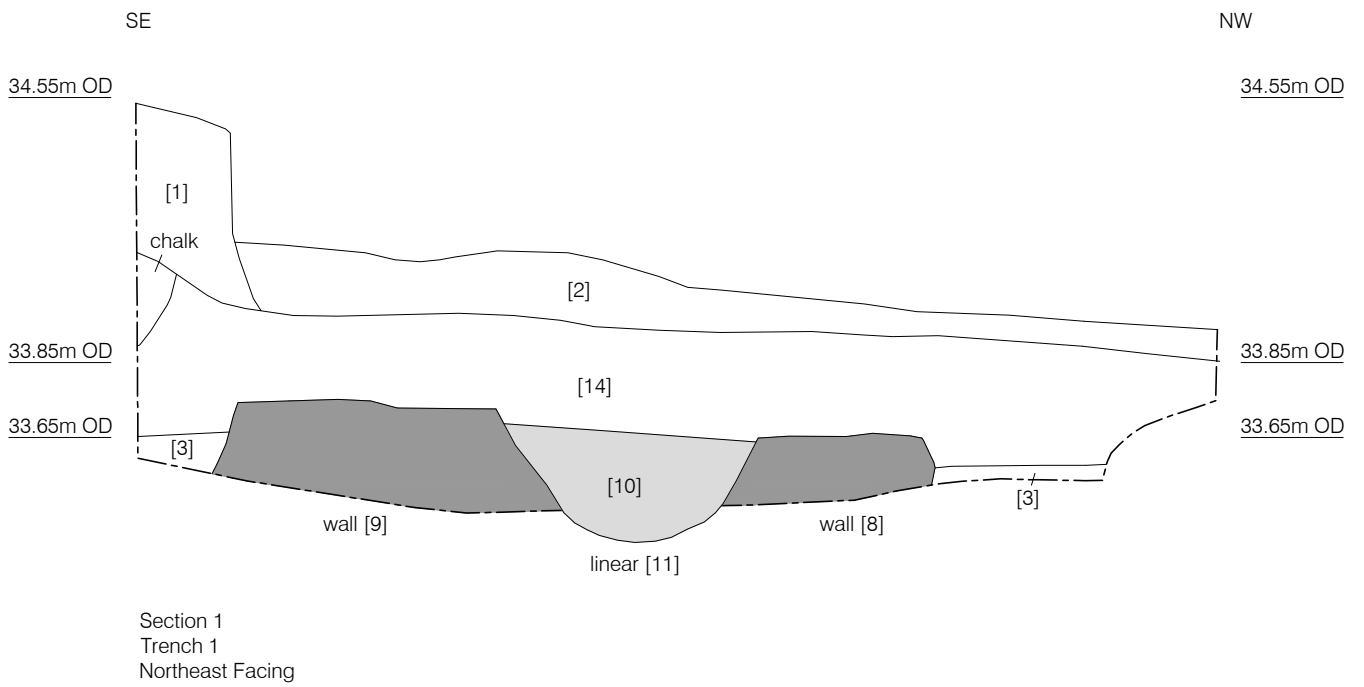


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Figure 3  
Trench 1 Plan  
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Figure 4  
Section 1  
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