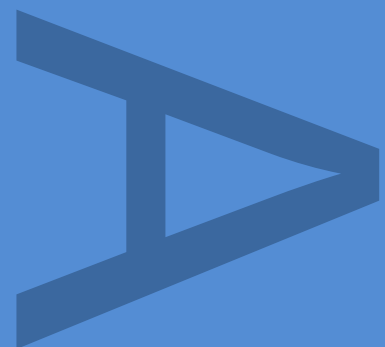


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1 NON – TECHNICAL SUMMERY

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2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Project Background

2.1.1 Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was been appointed by Mark Oakley, to carry out an archaeological strip, map and record, at Texas, Texas Drive, Olivers Battery, Winchester Hampshire, SO22 4HT, hereafter 'the site' (**Figure 1**). The site was the subject of the demolition of the existing dwelling and outbuildings, and the development of a proposed replacement single storey dwelling with attached garage. The investigation was carried out on the 29th and 30th November 2016.

2.1.2 The archaeological strip, map and record, and this report are required as conditions 3 and 4 of planning permission for the development of the site granted by the Local Planning Authority (LPA) Winchester City Council (planning ref. 16/00320/FUL). The conditions are based on the advice of the Council's Historic Environment Team Archaeologist (HETA) and reflect the potential of the site to contain archaeological resources that may be put at risk by the development.

2.1.3 Planning condition 3 states:

'No development/demolition or site preparation shall take place until the applicant or their agents or successors in title has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological mitigation work in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation that has been submitted to and approved by the local planning authority in writing. No demolition/development or site preparation shall take place other than in accordance with the Written Scheme of Investigation approved by the LPA. The Written Scheme of Investigation shall include: 1. The programme and methodology of site investigation and recording 2. Provision for post investigation assessment, reporting and dissemination 3. Provision to be made for deposition of the analysis and records of the site investigation (archive) 4. Nomination of a competent person or persons/organisation to undertake the works set out within the Written Scheme of Investigation. Reason: To mitigate the effect of the development upon any heritage assets and to ensure that information regarding these heritage assets is preserved by record for future generations, in compliance with policy HE.1 of the Winchester District Local Plan Review.'

2.1.4 Planning condition 4 states:

'Following completion of all archaeological fieldwork a report will be produced in accordance with an approved programme including where appropriate post-excavation assessment, specialist analysis and reports and publication Reason: To ensure that evidence from the historic environment contributing to our knowledge and understanding of our past is captured and made publicly available, in compliance with policy HE.1 of the Winchester District Local Plan Review.'

2.1.5 This document has been prepared in accordance with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists standard and guidance for archaeological excavation (CIfA 2014) and Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (Historic England 2015). PCA is a CIfA Registered Archaeological Organisation and is bound by its code of conduct.

2.2 Location, Topography and Geology

- 2.2.1 The site, SU 45670 26910 (**Figure 1**), lies immediately to the south of the Olivers battery suburb of Winchester, to the south of the City. The site is located at the southern end of Texas drive and is bounded to the south, west and east by open fields and to the north by another residential property.
- 2.2.2 The site is located in a prominent position on chalk downland, falling in height from 100m aOD in the north-west of the Site to 85m aOD in the south-east of the Site.
- 2.2.3 The geology is mapped as two separate chalk formations; Newhaven Chalk Formation in the western corner of the Site and Seaford Chalk Formation in the remainder of the site. No superficial deposits are mapped as being present on Site, however it is possible nearby Head deposits may also be present.

2.3 Archaeological and Historical Background

- 2.3.1 The site lies in an area of known archaeological sites and monuments of prehistoric and later periods. Two Bronze Age bowl barrows (National Monument no. 12145) lie 130m north-west of the site and two more (National Monument no. 12121) lie 1130m east of the site north of Attwoods Drove Farm. Previous archaeological discoveries nearby made in the 19th century and in the 1960's include evidence of a cemetery thought to be of prehistoric date. Taken with the barrow, the area of the site would appear to have been used for funerary purposes in the prehistoric period, with other evidence suggesting some prehistoric settlement activity.
- 2.3.2 The written scheme of investigation for this archaeological investigation (PCA 2016) contained a detailed search of all archaeological and built heritage entries in the Winchester Historic Environment Record (HER), within a 750m radius of the Site. The following is the conclusion of the HER results:

'The HER enquiry demonstrates that the Site lies within an area rich with archaeological site and monuments. In particular, there appears to be a density of prehistoric sites and monuments immediately surrounding the Site, including significant funerary remains and possible evidence of settlement/occupation in the form of enclosures. Furthermore, the potential WW1 practice trenches, identified in aerial photography in the field adjacent to the Site, represents potentially significant archaeological resources'

3 AIM

3.1 Archaeological Strip Map Record

3.1.1 The aim of the archaeological work was to investigate an area of the site around the proposed development for any evidence of archaeological resources and to determine the date, nature and extent of those resources, taking account of their potential to contain biological and palaeo-environmental remains.

3.1.2 The following report on the results of the investigation will aim to provide an assessment of the results of the investigation and recommendations, as appropriate, for further analysis and publication, in keeping with the methods, archiving and reporting requirements set out in this document and the requirements of planning permission for the proposed development.

3.2 Research Questions

3.2.1 The following research questions underpinned and were addressed by the archaeological work carried out on site:

- To what extent are the below ground archaeological resources preserved?
- Is there any evidence of prehistoric funerary activity, relating to the nearby scheduled barrow monuments?
- Is there any evidence for prehistoric settlement activity, reflecting the monuments identified in the HER?
- Does any evidence relating to the possible WW1 training trenches, in the adjacent field, extend into the study site?
- How does the evidence contribute to local and regional research frameworks (Hey & Hinds et al 2014)?

4 RESULTS

4.1 Introduction

4.1.1 The following presents a summary of the Strip, Map Record, results based upon the Site archive. A summary of recorded contexts is provided in a Trench Index in **Appendix 1** and photographs of the trenches and trench sections in **Appendix 2**. The archive is held at PCA's Winchester office and will in due course be deposited with Hampshire Cultural Trust.

4.2 Methodology

4.2.1 The archaeological work was undertaken following the methodology that was detailed in the Written Scheme of Investigation (PCA 2016), which was approved on behalf of the Local Planning Authority in advance of the commencement of works.

4.3 Summary of Deposition Sequence

4.3.1 The deposition sequence seen during the archaeological works was consistent over the stripped area. Both a topsoil and subsoil were seen above the natural chalk geology, which was at a depth of approximately 0.45m. No Head deposits were seen.

4.3.2 Areas to the north of the site and in the west of the striped area have been previously disturbed by previous buildings

4.3.3 Two modern trenches were seen dug across the site, both containing modern pipes.

4.4 Archaeological Features

4.4.1 A number of features were identified during the strip, map, record.

4.4.2 A series of roughly circular pits, approximately 110 in total, were uncovered in the east of the stripped area, and carried on into the bulk. A small sample of pits were excavated and recorded and contained no finds or dating evidence. The pits were arranged in roughly straight lines and are between 0.35m and 0.20m in width and between 0.07m and 0.17m in depth. The pits are thought to be modern in date and possibly relate to previous planting activity on the site.

4.4.3 Four large circles were uncovered to the east of the stripped area, forming a square. Approximately 1.20m wide and 0.20m deep, due to their shape and very dark peaty fill, they are thought to relate to modern planting/horticultural activity.

4.5 Conclusion

4.5.1 The deposition sequence across the site was consistent, with a chalk geology seen at approximately 0.45m

4.5.2 No archaeological features were seen during the strip, map, record and, therefore, It is concluded that the excavation has demonstrated that the Site retains no significant archaeological resources.

4.5.3 The research questions (section 3.2) can be addressed as such:

To what extent are the below ground archaeological resources preserved?

No archaeological resources were uncovered during the course of the excavation; therefore, it is not possible to comment upon the levels of preservation. However, the site did not appear to have been truncated or disturbed in any way.

Is there any evidence of prehistoric funerary activity, relating to the nearby scheduled barrow monuments? / Is there any evidence for prehistoric settlement activity, reflecting the monuments identified in the HER? / Does any evidence relating to the possible WW1 training trenches, in the adjacent field, extend into the study site?

No evidence for any archaeological activity, of any period was identified during the course of the excavation.

How does the evidence contribute to local and regional research frameworks (Hey & Hinds et al 2014)?

The lack of archaeological resources means the site does not directly contribute to the local and regional research frameworks.

5 ARCHIVE PRERARATION AND 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 Institute for Archaeologists 'Standard and Guidance for the creation, compilation, transfer and deposition of archaeological archives' (ClfA 2014). On completion of the project PCA will arrange for the archive to be deposited with the Hampshire Cultural Trust on behalf of Winchester City Council.

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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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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

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7 REFERENCES

PCA, 2016, Texas, Texas Drive, Olivers Battery, Winchester, Hampshire: Written Scheme of Investigation for Archaeological Strip, Map and Record, unpublished client document.

Appendix 1: Context Index

Context	Type	Description
101	Cut	Cut of Pit
102	Fill	Fill of Pit [101]
103	Cut	Cut of Pit
104	Fill	Fill of Pit [103]
105	Cut	Cut of Pit
106	Fill	Fill of Pit [105]
107	Cut	Cut of Pit
108	Fill	Fill of Pit [107]
109	Cut	Cut of Pit
110	Fill	Fill of Pit [109]

Appendix 2: Photographs (Plates 1 – 4)



Plate 1 - Site overview, looking north-west



Plate 2 – Regular circular pits, looking north



Plate 3 – South facing section of pit [105], looking north



Plate 4 – Large regular circles, looking north

Appendix 3: OASIS Record

OASIS ID: preconst1-271116

Project details

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Project dates	Start: 29-11-2016 End: 30-11-2016
Previous/future work	No / No
Any associated project reference codes	AY--- - Sitecode
Type of project	Recording project
Current Land use	Residential 1 - General Residential
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 WINCHESTER OLIVERS BATTERY Texas, Texas Drive
Postcode	SO22 4HQ
Study area	100 Square metres
Site coordinates	SU 45670 26910 51.039192921436 -1.348533970996 51 02 21 N 001 20 54 W Point

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Digital Archive ID	AY---
Digital Contents	"Stratigraphic"
Digital Media available	"Images raster / digital photography", "Text"
Paper Archive recipient	Hampshire Cultural Trust
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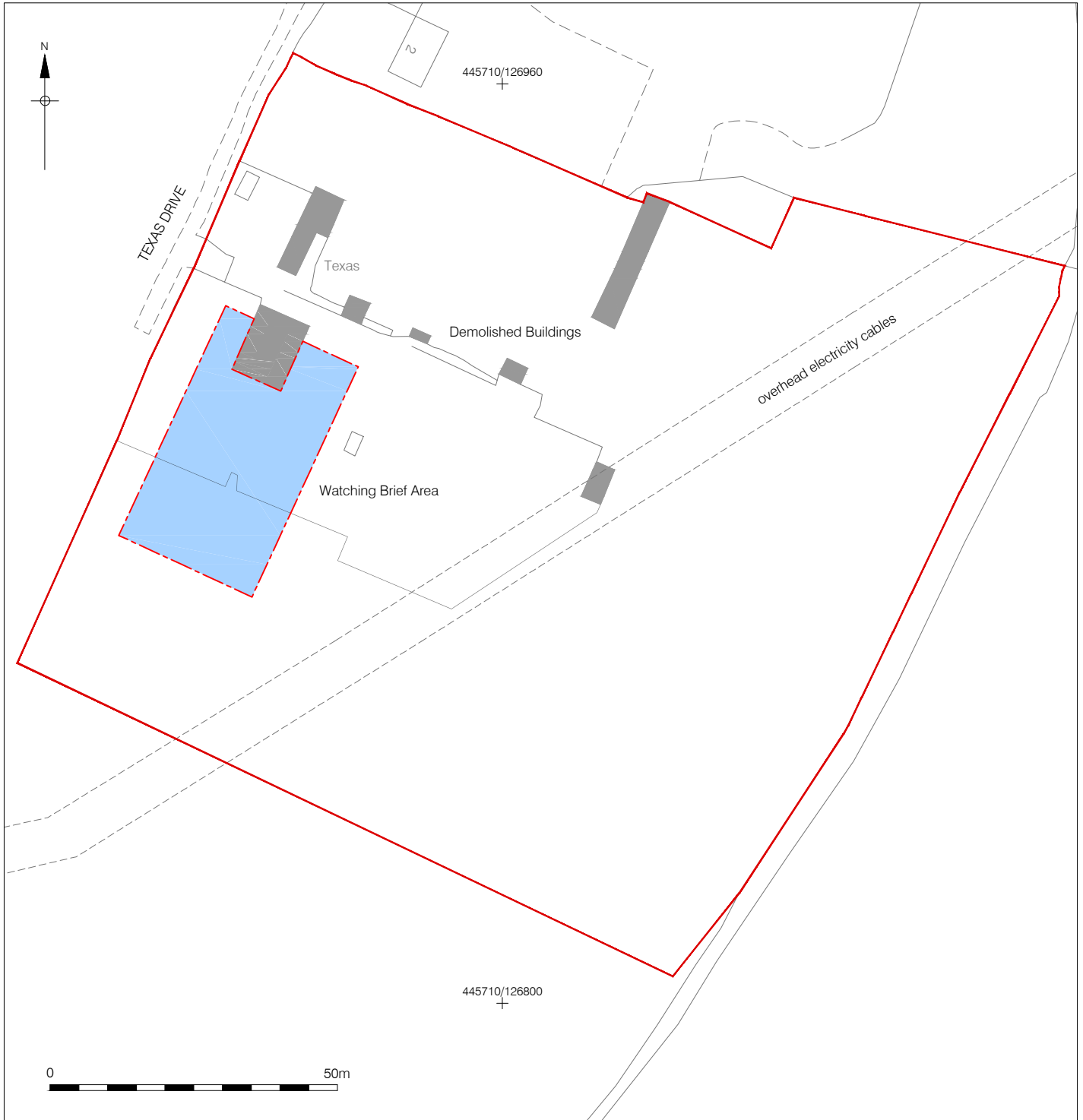
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Figure 1
 Site Location
 1:2,000,000 and 1:25,000 at A4



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Figure 2
Trench Location
1:1,000 at A4

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