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**AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL
WATCHING BRIEF REPORT**

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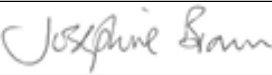

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1 ABSTRACT

Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by Bascomb & Drew Ltd to carry out an archaeological watching brief at Lambourne House, Upper Chute, Wiltshire, (NGR429853 154001) hereafter 'the Site' (Figure 1). The Site is the subject of a development including the proposed demolition of existing rear and side extensions and outbuildings and construction of a new rear and side extension, detached double garage and detached workshop and associated works.

The watching brief was conducted on the 18th of August 2016.

No archaeological deposits, features or finds were observed. Areas of the Site stripped for new building work revealed clay-with-flint and on the western side of the Site this was observed immediately beneath modern made ground, suggesting the Site had been subject to ground reduction and levelling previously. It is concluded the Site, south of the existing garden, retains no archaeological potential.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Project Background

2.1.1 Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by Bascomb & Drew Ltd to carry out an archaeological watching brief at Lambourne House, Upper Chute, Wiltshire, (NGR429853 154001) hereafter 'the Site' (**Figure 1**). The Site is the subject of a development including the proposed demolition of existing rear and side extensions and outbuildings and construction of a new rear and side extension, detached double garage and detached workshop and associated works.

2.1.2 Planning permission for the development was granted by the Local Planning Authority (LPA) Wiltshire County Council (Planning Ref: 16/02129/FUL), subject to conditions including 4. This condition, attached to the planning permission on the advice of the LPA's archaeological advisor Claire King, Asst. County Archaeological Officer, states:

4. No development shall commence on the development site until:

- A written programme of archaeological investigation, which should include on- site work and off-site work such as the analysis, publishing and archiving of the results, has been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority;
and
- The approved programme of archaeological work has been carried out in accordance with the approved details.

REASON: The application contained insufficient information to enable this matter to be considered prior to granting planning permission and to enable the recording of any matters of archaeological interest.

2.1.3 This document reports on the result of the watching brief, which entailed the monitoring of groundworks associated with the works. 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 is located in the core of the historic village of Upper Chute, Wiltshire, close to the parish church of St Nicolas and the historic site of Chute Manor. The Site comprises Lambourne House, outbuildings and garden.

2.2.2 The topography of the Site is typical of its semi-rural location and is generally level, lying at approximately 200m above Ordnance Datum. The geology of the area is Upper Chalk, in places overlain by superficial deposits of clay-with-flint.

2.3 Archaeological and Historical Background

2.3.1 The Site lies in an area of known archaeological resources, notably of late pre-historic, Romano-British and medieval date. The village is likely to have its origins in the medieval period and the Parish Church of St Nicolas, east of the Site, contains a Norman font. The site of Chute Manor, built in the 17th century and now destroyed, lies to the east of the church. The medieval origin of the village is indicated archaeologically by the discovery of finds of 12th to 14th century date to the south of the Site in 1994.

3 AIM

3.1 Archaeological Watching Brief

3.1.1 The aim of the archaeological watching brief was to monitor ground work for the presence of archaeological resources and, if present and where necessary, to investigate and record the resources and determine, as may be 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 address Condition 5 of planning permission 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 comprises a Site diary and digital photographs. The archive is held at PCA's Winchester office under the Site code **LUCW16** 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 watching brief focused on monitoring groundworks for the construction of a new rear and side extension, a detached double garage and a detached workshop (**Figure 2 & Plates 1 & 2**). The watching brief was conducted on the 18th of August 2016.

4.3 Observations

4.3.1 No archaeological deposits, features, artefacts or environmental remains, significant or otherwise, were observed during the course of the watching brief.

4.3.2 On the west side of the Site, ground reduction revealed made ground (**Plate 1**, below) – building rubble – overlying natural clay-with-flint at approximately 0.5m bgl – i.e. at a depth lower than undisturbed clay-with-flint natural that was exposed further east.. This suggests that in the western part of the Site the natural clay-with-flint had previously been reduced.

4.3.3 At the east end of the new footprint and in the area of the proposed new terrace and extension an area of clay-with-flint natural was revealed in plan over an area of some 10m X 10m (**Plate 2**, below). It was noted that footings of the retained structure sat on the clay-with-flint, suggesting that the Site had been levelled, cut into the natural slope that falls from north to the south.

4.3.4 It is concluded that the Site, south of the existing garden, has been significantly modified and levelled previously and in consequence retains no archaeological potential.



Plate 1: On the western side of the Site, the stripped footprint of the proposed workshop revealed modern made-ground. View to south-east.



Plate 2: Stripped area for new terrace and extension revealed natural clay-with-flint. View to south-east.

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The watching brief was carried out by Paul McCulloch. This report was prepared by Thomas Hayes.

The report illustrations were prepared by Jennifer Simonson.

6 REFERENCES

PCA, 2016, 'Lambourne House, Upper Chute, Wiltshire: Written Scheme of Investigation for an Archaeological Watching Brief.' Client document.

APPENDIX 1: OASIS RECORD

OASIS ID: preconst1-274158

Project details

Project name Lambourne House, Upper Chute, Wiltshire

Short description of the project A watching brief was carried out during ground work for a new extension, terrace, garage and outbuilding. No archaeological deposits, features or finds were observed. There was evidence that the site had been previously reduced and levelled into the underlying clay-with-flint natural.

Project dates Start: 18-08-2016 End: 18-08-2016

Previous/future work No / No

Any associated project reference codes LUCW16 - Sitecode

Any associated project reference codes 16/02129/FUL - Planning Application No.

Type of project Recording project

Site status None

Monument type NONE None

Significant Finds NONE None

Investigation type "Watching Brief"

Prompt Planning condition

Project location

Country England

Site location WILTSHIRE SALISBURY SALISBURY Lambourne House, Upper Chute

Postcode SP11 9EH

Study area 2000 Square metres

Site coordinates SU 429853 154001 50.935894139125 -1.38819003885 50 56 09 N 001 23 17 W
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Type of sponsor/funding body Building contractor

Name of sponsor/funding body Boscomb & Drew Ltd

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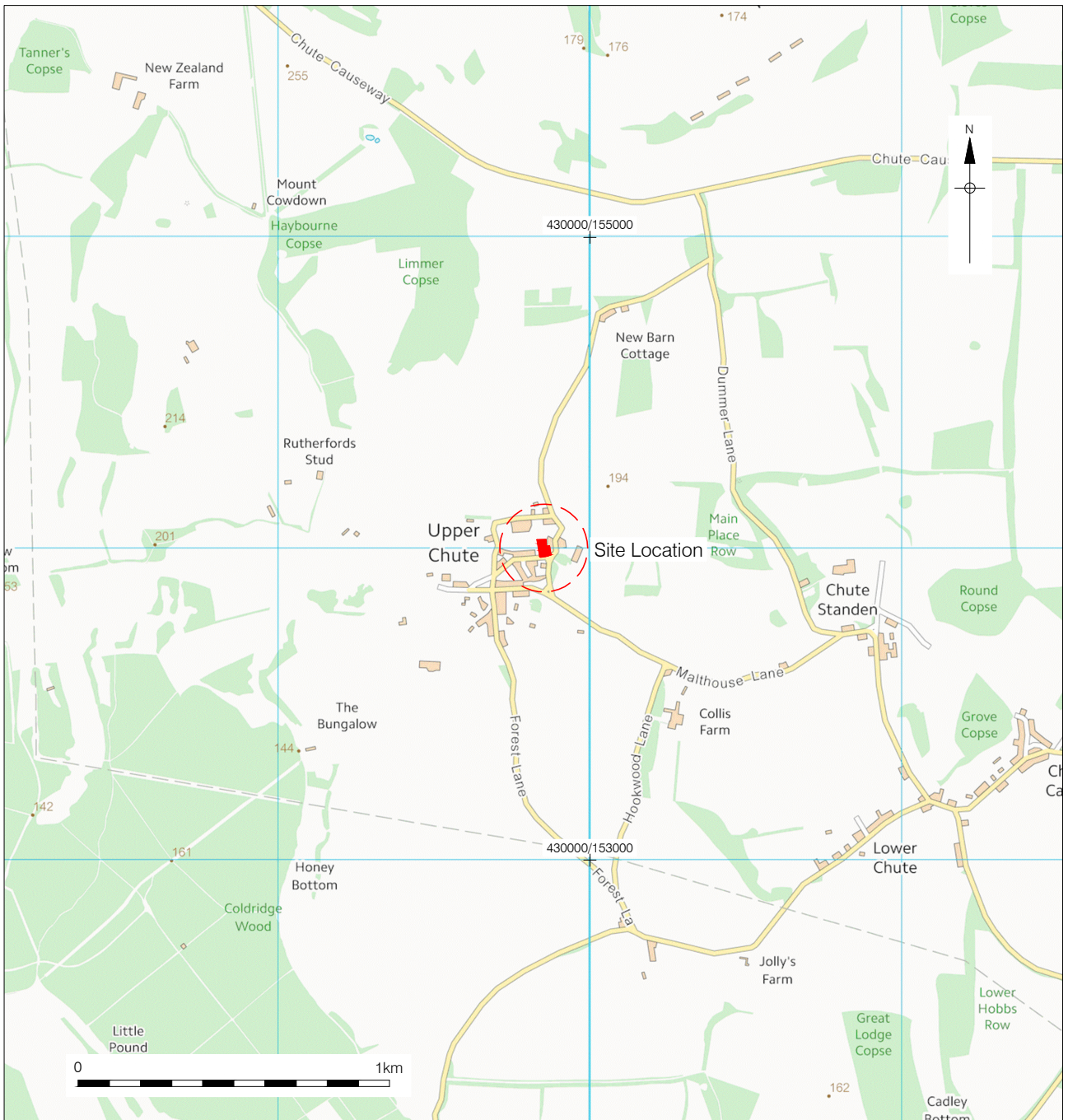
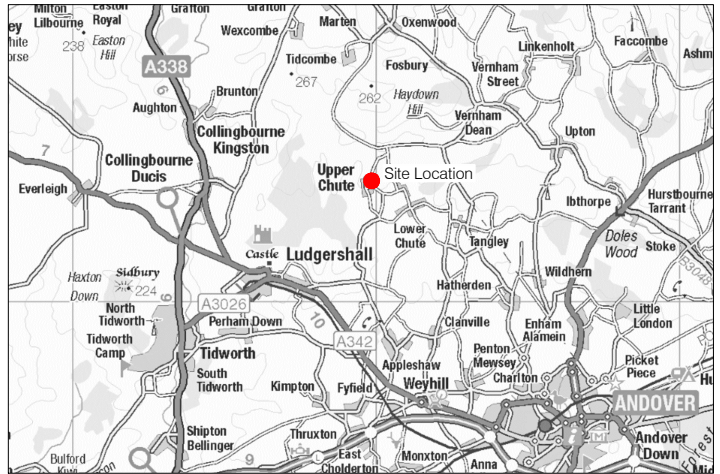
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Figure 1
 Site Location
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Figure 2
 Existing and Proposed Site Plans
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