

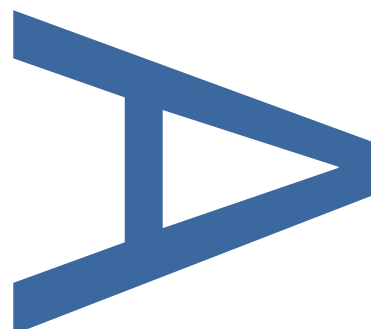
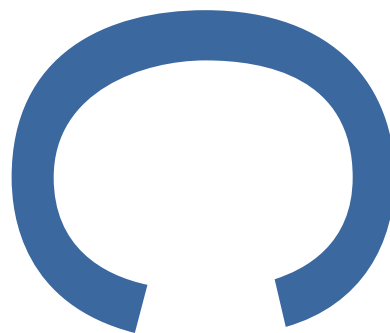
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## **1 ABSTRACT**

- 1.1 This report details the results and working methods of an archaeological evaluation carried out on land at Sandy Lane, Waltham Chase, Hampshire. The archaeological works were carried out by Pre-Construct Archaeology Limited on behalf of CgMs Consulting. The project was supervised by Ryan Wolfe and the work monitored by Tracy Mathews, the Historic Environment Team Archaeologist on behalf of Winchester City Council. The evaluation works were carried out between the 17<sup>th</sup> July and 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017.
- 1.2 The archaeological evaluation revealed no archaeologically significant features, deposits or finds.
- 1.3 The site was underlain by natural clay, encountered across the site between 57.13m OD and 54.48m OD. The natural clay was overlain by a sandy clay sub-soil up to 0.30m thick which was in turn overlain by a clayey silty top-soil up to 0.18m thick.
- 1.4 No further archaeological work is recommended.

## **2 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by Pre-Construct Archaeology Limited (Winchester) on land off Sandy Lane, Waltham Chase, Hampshire (Figure 1). The fieldwork was carried out between the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017.
- 2.2 The site, a roughly rectangular parcel of land, lies on the south side of Waltham Chase and is bordered to the west by Sandy Lane, to the east by housing along Club House Lane, to the south by Bull Lane and to the north by Curdridge Lane. The northern part of the site contains a house, barns and a yard, while the remainder of the site was grazing land. The site covered an area of 3.174 hectares and is centred at National Grid Reference 455906 115293.
- 2.3 The archaeological works were carried out in advance of the proposed residential development of the site comprising of 63 houses. The evaluation comprised twenty trenches (Trenches 1 – 20); Trenches 1 and 2 were to the north of the house and farm buildings and the remainder were to the south (see Figure 2).
- 2.4 There are no designated heritage assets within the site. The desk based assessment (Wessex Archaeology 2015) identified that the site was of archaeological interest with potential for buried archaeological remains relating to the medieval and post-medieval periods. The potential for Neolithic, Bronze Age and Romano-British periods is poorly understood and because of the lack of previous archaeological investigation on site and in the surrounding area could not be accurately assessed.
- 2.5 The archaeological evaluation was supervised by Ryan Wolfe and was project managed by Paul McCulloch, both of Pre-Construct Archaeology Limited. The work was monitored by Tracy Mathews the Historic Environment Team Archaeologist acting as planning advisor to Winchester City Council and Matt Smith of CgMs Consulting.
- 2.6 The completed archive comprising written, drawn and photographic records will be deposited with Hampshire Cultural Trust.
- 2.7 The site was allocated the unique site code AY 621.

### **3 PLANNING BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 This report details the results of an archaeological evaluation required by the Local Planning Authority Winchester City Council, acting on advice of their Historic Environment Team Archaeologist and in keeping with National Planning Policy Framework Section 12 and Local Planning Policy. The requirement was been secured by conditions 21 and 22 of planning permission for the proposed development (Planning reference 15/02765/FUL).
- 3.2 The evaluation report is intended to provide information toward understanding the implications of the proposed development upon the archaeological resource found within the site and to determine the requirements for any further mitigation of the archaeological resource.

## **4 EVALUATION OBJECTIVES**

- 4.1 The Written Scheme of Investigation (CgMs Consulting 2017) stated that 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.

## **5 GEOLOGY AND TOPOGRAPHY**

### 5.1 Introduction

5.1.1 The geological and topographical background cited below was obtained from the Desk Based Assessment (Wessex Archaeology 2016) and from the archaeological evaluation.

### 5.2 Geology

5.2.1 The underlying bedrock geology across the site is mapped as the London Clay Formation, with no superficial deposits recorded (British Geological Survey).

5.2.2 The natural clay was encountered in all trenches between 0.42m and 0.15m below ground. The highest level on the natural was in the south of the site at 57.13m OD, recorded in Trench 14. The level in the north of the site was at c. 54.48m OD in Trench 1. The lowest level on the natural 53.99m OD was recorded in Trench 20 in the southeast of the site although this appears to be an anomaly.

### 5.3 Topography

5.3.1 The site is relatively level ground with a gentle slope falling to the north reflecting the underlying natural topography.

5.3.2 The site lies 2km to the west of the River Meon.



## **6 ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

6.1 The archaeological and historical background of this site has been laid out in the Historic Environment Desk-Based Assessment (Wessex Archaeology 2016). The ensuing text forms a summary of that document.

### **6.2 Prehistoric**

6.2.1 No Palaeolithic features or artefacts are known from the study area (a 1km radius of the site).

6.2.2 A sand-pit (HER No MWC4052) excavated in the 1950s c. 950m to the southwest of the site produced many Mesolithic flint tools, evidence that the local landscape was being exploited by groups of probably nomadic hunter-gatherer peoples.

6.2.3 The Neolithic and Bronze Age are periods associated with more permanent patterns of settlement and the beginning of farming. Only a few find spots attest to activity dated to the Neolithic and Bronze Age periods. A Neolithic hand axe was found at the sand-pit site and another was found c.900m to the southeast of the site near Black Horse Farm (HER No MWC4064). Early Bronze Age axe and some associated pottery was discovered c.450m to the southwest of the site at Shedfield (HER No 234682).

6.2.4 No pre-Roman Iron Age finds or features are known in the vicinity of the site nor in the wider area.

### **6.3 Roman**

6.3.1 The Winchester to Chichester Roman road lies approximately 1.2km to the southwest of the site and evidence for Roman activity has been found in the vicinity of Shedfield House c. 1km to the south of the site. A 3<sup>rd</sup> century coin hoard found in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century c. 900m to the north of the site, opposite Forest Farm (HER No MWC25) is evidence for late Roman activity in this location.

### **6.4 Saxon and Medieval**

6.4.1 Lying to the northwest of the site was an extensive deer park owned by the Bishop of Winchester. The deer park was first documented in the Domesday Survey (1086) but it may have earlier Saxon origins. The park was bounded by a pale (fence) and lug (ditch) and beyond this lay the 'chase' where animals may have been released for sport. The 'chase' was probably part of the Forest of Bere which would have included the site.

6.4.2 Some crop-marks have been identified 800m to the west of the site and southeast of Woodmans Farm (HER No MWC7729) that may relate to medieval or later field boundaries

### **6.5 Post-medieval**

6.5.1 The site lies in an area of farm land with many of the surrounding farms dating to the 17<sup>th</sup> century when the Bishop of Winchester's deer park was sold off.

- 6.5.2 An area of post-medieval drainage has been identified from crop marks c. 800m to the southwest of the site and south of Spencer Place Farm (HER No MWC7748).
- 6.5.3 The Droxford tithe map 1841 shows the site and the land immediately around it enclosed. Around the fringes of the site lie a number of cottages. Beyond the fields to the east of the site unenclosed land is labelled as 'The Chase' and recorded as waste ground.
- 6.5.4 The site and the surrounding area remains largely unchanged on the Droxford enclosure map of 1855.
- 6.5.5 By the 1868-9 Ordnance Survey map the site is bounded on the west by Sandy Lane. Residential development is focused on the Winchester Road to the east and Bull Lane to the south.
- 6.5.6 On the 1909 Ordnance Survey map further development can be seen with large glass-houses immediately to the east of the site. The late 19<sup>th</sup> century house located in the northern part of the site is shown on the 1909 O.S. map. This building was still standing at the time of the excavation. Later barn buildings on the site at the time of the excavation date to the 1960s or later. None of the buildings occupying the site are deemed to have any historic or architectural importance.
- 6.5.7 The site lies on the western margins of the village of Waltham Chase. The main expansion of this settlement appears to have been post 1964.

## **7 METHODOLOGY**

- 7.1 The archaeological evaluation comprised twenty trenches (Trench 1 – 20) measuring 30m x 2m. It was intended that the trenches be arranged in accordance with the agreed Written Scheme of Investigation (CgMs Consulting 2017) however the footprint of Trenches 18, 19 and 20 adjusted to avoid an ecology constraint.
- 7.2 The trenches were laid out using a Global Positioning System to ensure their location was accurately recorded. The trenches were mechanically excavated using a 360° tracked excavator fitted with a wide toothless bucket. The machine excavation was under archaeological supervision at all times. The machine excavation continued in 100mm spits until significant archaeological horizons or natural geology was encountered. The trenches were excavated to a maximum depth of c. 0.70m below ground level.
- 7.3 All trenches and deposits were recorded according to accepted professional standards. It was anticipated that any archaeological features encountered would be sampled by hand sufficient to meet the aims of the evaluation so as to characterise the nature, extent, depth and date of them. In the event no archaeological deposits were encountered.
- 7.4 All trenches and evaluated deposits were recorded on PCA *pro forma* Trench Recording Sheets. A representative section (1m wide) from each trench was cleaned by hand and drawn at 1:10 on polyester based drafting film. All trenches and sections were digitally photographed.

## **8            ARCHAEOLOGICAL SEQUENCE**

- 8.1            The earliest deposit encountered during the evaluation was a naturally deposited yellowish/orange brown/grey clay. This natural clay was reached in all trenches. The level on the clay was between 53.99m OD recorded in Trench 20 and 57.15m OD recorded in Trench 14. The low level on the clay in Trench 14 may be an indication of natural hollow in this location. Generally, the level on the clay across the site was around 56m OD dipping to c. 54.48m OD in the north (Trench 1).
- 8.2            The natural clay was overlain by brownish grey sandy clay sub-soil with a maximum thickness of c. 0.30m.
- 8.3            The sub-soil was in turn covered by dark grey brown clayey silt topsoil with a maximum thickness of 0.18m.
- 8.4            No archaeological features or deposits were encountered in the evaluation and no artefacts found.

## **9 CONCLUSIONS**

- 9.1 The archaeological evaluation produced no archaeological evidence for settlement or activity.
- 9.2 The heavy clay soils found on the site were probably not conducive for early agricultural techniques and the site may have remained unenclosed woodland until the post-medieval period.
- 9.3 Historical sources suggest that the area surrounding the site was not widely developed for farming until after the breakup of the Bishop of Winchester's deer-park in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Up until the 20<sup>th</sup> century the area around the site was characterised by scattered farms. Cartographic sources indicate that the site was enclosed within a large field probably used for pasture from at least the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.
- 9.4 No further archaeological work is recommended.

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## **11 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- 11.1 Pre-Construct Archaeology Limited would like to thank CgMs and Matthew Smith for commissioning this archaeological evaluation. Thanks are also extended to Tracy Mathews the Historic Environment Team Archaeologist acting as planning advisor to Winchester City Council for her monitoring of the works. Readypower Engineering Limited are also acknowledged for their neat and efficient machining and subsequent backfilling of the site.
- 11.2 The author would like to thank Paul McCulloch for his project management, Ryan Wolfe for his supervision of the site, and Charlotte Faiers for the illustrations.

## Appendix 1: Context Index

Context No	Trench No	Section	Type	Description	Thickness
101	1	1A	Layer	Top soil - Dark grey brown, clayey silt	0.04m
102	1	1A	Layer	Sub-soil - Mid brownish grey, clay	0.12m
103	1	1A	Layer	Natural - Mid yellowish grey, clay	0.18m+
201	2	1B	Layer	Top soil - Dark grey brown, clayey silt	0.12m
202	2	1B	Layer	Sub-soil - Mid brownish grey, clay	0.20m
203	2	1B	Layer	Natural - Mid yellowish grey, clay	0.10m+
301	3	1C	Layer	Top-soil - Dark grey brown, clayey silt	0.08m
302	3	1C	Layer	Sub-soil - Mid brownish grey, clay	0.20m
303	3	1C	Layer	Natural - Mid yellowish grey, clay	0.06m+
401	4	1D	Layer	Top-soil - Dark grey brown, clayey silt	0.11m
402	4	1D	Layer	Sub-soil - Mid brownish grey, clay	0.15m
403	4	1D	Layer	Natural - Mid orangey brown, clay	0.06m+
501	5	1E	Layer	Top-soil - Dark grey brown, clayey silt	0.11m
502	5	1E	Layer	Sub-soil - Mid brownish grey, clay	0.15m
503	5	1E	Layer	Natural - Mid yellowish grey, clay	0.08m+
601	6	1G	Layer	Top-soil - Mid greyish brown silty clay	0.10m
602	6	1G	Layer	Sub-soil - Dark greyish brown, clay	0.16m
603	6	1G	Layer	Natural - Light orangey grey, clay	0.05m+
701	7	1H	Layer	Top-soil - Mid greyish brown silty clay	0.13m
702	7	1H	Layer	Sub-soil - Mid orangey grey, sandy clay	0.18m+
703	7	1H	Layer	Natural - Light orangey grey, clay	0.08m+
801	8	1I	Layer	Top-soil - Mid greyish brown silty clay	0.13m
802	8	1I	Layer	Sub-soil - Mid orangey grey, sandy clay	0.13m
803	8	1I	Layer	Natural - Dark reddish orange, sandy clay	0.15m+
901	9	2A	Layer	Top-soil - Mid greyish brown silty clay	0.17m
902	9	2A	Layer	Sub-soil - Mid greyish brown silty clay	0.14m
903	9	2A	Layer	Natural - Light yellowish brown, clay	0.03m+
1001	10	2B	Layer	Top-soil - Mid greyish brown silty clay	0.14m
1002	10	2B	Layer	Sub-soil - Light greyish brown, sandy clay	0.30m
1003	10	2B	Layer	Natural - Light yellowish orange, clay	0.03m+
1101	11	2C	Layer	Top-soil - Mid greyish brown silty clay	0.09m
1102	11	2C	Layer	Sub-soil - Light greyish brown, sandy clay	0.20m
1103	11	2C	Layer	Natural - orange brown sand	0.10m
1201	12	2D	Layer	Top soil - Dark grey brown, silty clay	0.09m
1202	12	2D	Layer	Sub-soil - Mid grey brown sandy clay	0.15m
1203	12	2D	Layer	Natural - orange brown, sandy clay	0.02m+
1301	13	2E	Layer	Top soil - Dark grey brown, silty clay	0.10m
1302	13	2E	Layer	Sub-soil - Mid grey brown sandy clay	0.18m
1303	13	2E	Layer	Natural - orange brown, clay	0.03m+



1401	14	2F	Layer	Top soil - Dark grey brown, silty clay	0.08m
1402	14	2F	Layer	Sub-soil - Mid grey brown sandy clay	0.19m
1403	14	2F	Layer	Natural - orange brown, sandy clay	0.06m+
1501	15	2G	Layer	Top-soil - Mid greyish brown silty clay	0.08m
1502	15	2G	Layer	Sub-soil - Light greyish brown, sandy clay	0.12m
1503	15	2G	Layer	Natural - orange brown, sandy clay	0.08m+
1601	16	2H	Layer	Top-soil - Mid greyish brown silty clay	0.09m
1602	16	2H	Layer	Sub-soil - Light greyish brown, sandy clay	0.18m
1603	16	2H	Layer	Natural - orange brown, sandy clay	0.04m+
1701	17	1F	Layer	Top-soil - Mid greyish brown silty clay	0.07m
1702	17	1F	Layer	Sub-soil - Light greyish brown, sandy clay	0.14m
1703	17	1F	Layer	Natural - Light yellowish brown, sandy clay	0.07m+
1801	18	2I	Layer	Top-soil - Mid greyish brown silty clay	0.07m
1802	18	2I	Layer	Sub-soil - Light greyish brown, sandy clay	0.18m
1803	18	2I	Layer	Natural - orange brown, sand	0.06m+
1901	19	2J	Layer	Top-soil - Mid greyish brown silty clay	0.06m+
1902	19	2J	Layer	Sub-soil - Light greyish brown, sandy clay	0.23m
1903	19	2J	Layer	Natural - Light yellowish grey, sandy clay	0.07m+
2001	20	3A	Layer	Top-soil - Mid greyish brown silty clay	0.05m+
2002	20	3A	Layer	Sub-soil - Light greyish brown, sandy clay	0.21m
2003	20	3A	Layer	Natural - orange brown, sandy clay	0.04m+

## Appendix 2: Plates



Plate 1: Trench 2 Facing north



Plate 2: Trench 6 Facing south

## Appendix 3: OASIS Form

### OASIS ID: preconst1-298204

#### Project details

Project name	Sandy Lane, Waltham Chase
Short description of the project	An archaeological evaluation of 20 trenches
Project dates	Start: 17-07-2017 End: 21-07-2017
Previous/future work	No / No
Any associated project reference codes	AY621 - Site code
Type of project	Field evaluation
Site status	None
Current Land use	Cultivated Land 1 - Minimal cultivation
Monument type	NONE None
Significant Finds	NONE None
Methods & techniques	"Sample Trenches"
Development type	Housing estate
Prompt	Planning condition
Position in the planning process	After full determination (e.g. As a condition)

#### Project location

Country	England
Site location	HAMPSHIRE WINCHESTER DROXFORD Sandy Lane, Waltham Chase, Hampshire
Postcode	SO32 2HQ
Study area	3.17 Hectares
Site coordinates	SU 55906 15293 50.933822579481 -1.204322849128 50 56 01 N 001 12 15 W Point
Lat/Long Datum	Unknown
Height OD / Depth	Min: 53.99m Max: 57.13m

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Project director/manager	Paul McCulloch
Project supervisor	Ryan Wolfe
Type of sponsor/funding body	Developer
Name of sponsor/funding body	CgMs

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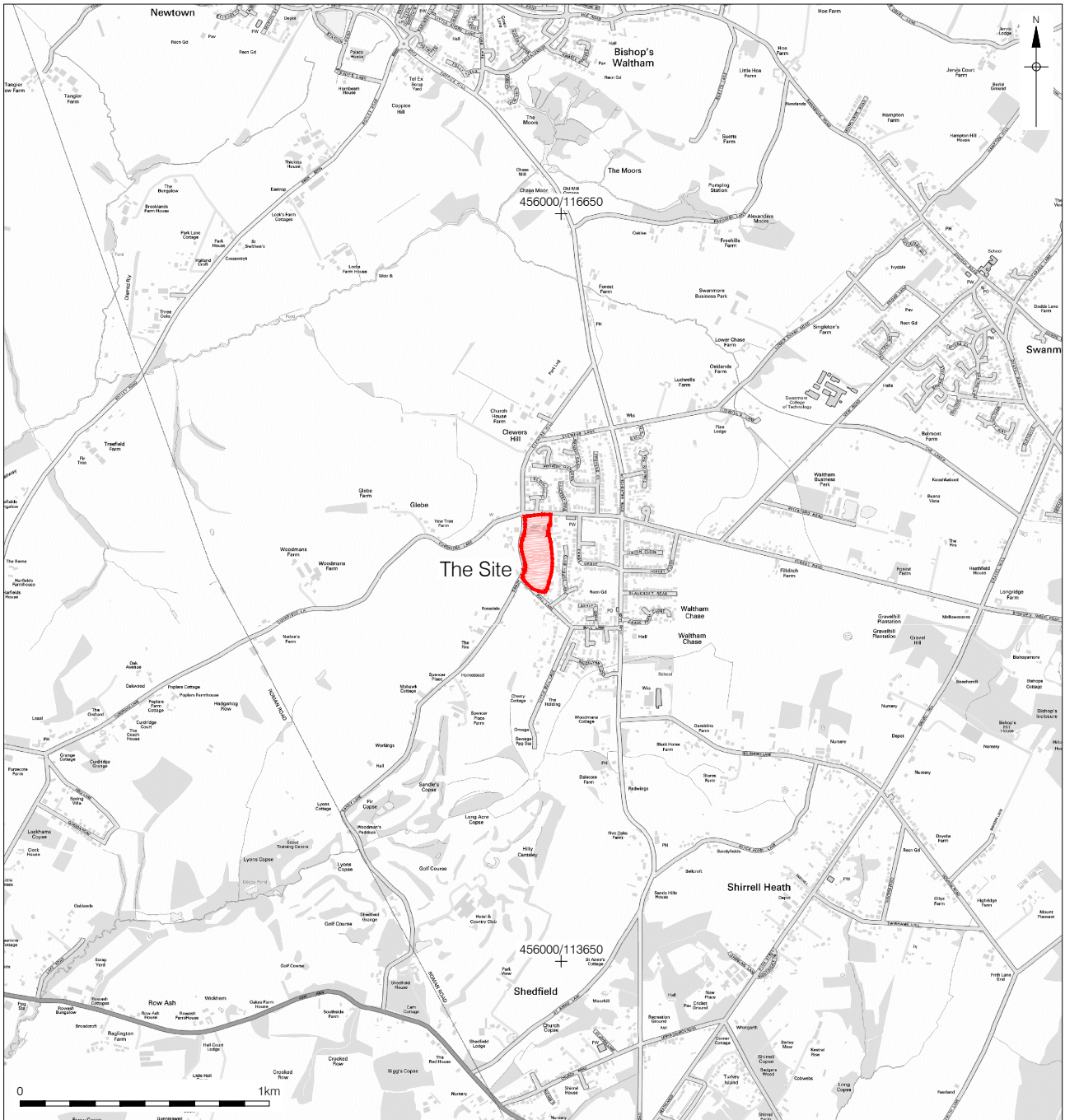
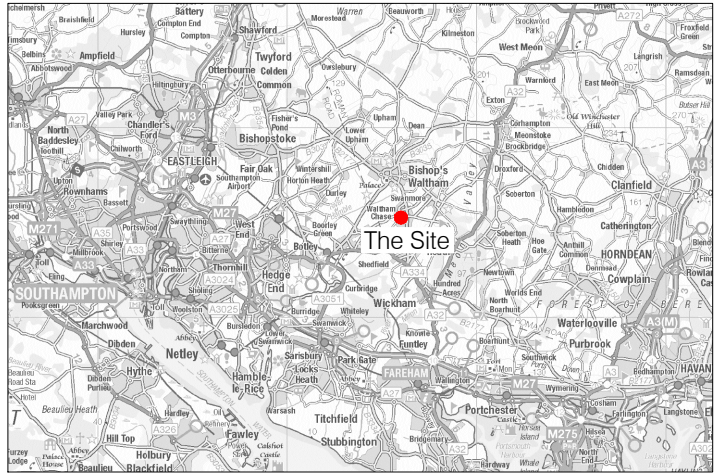
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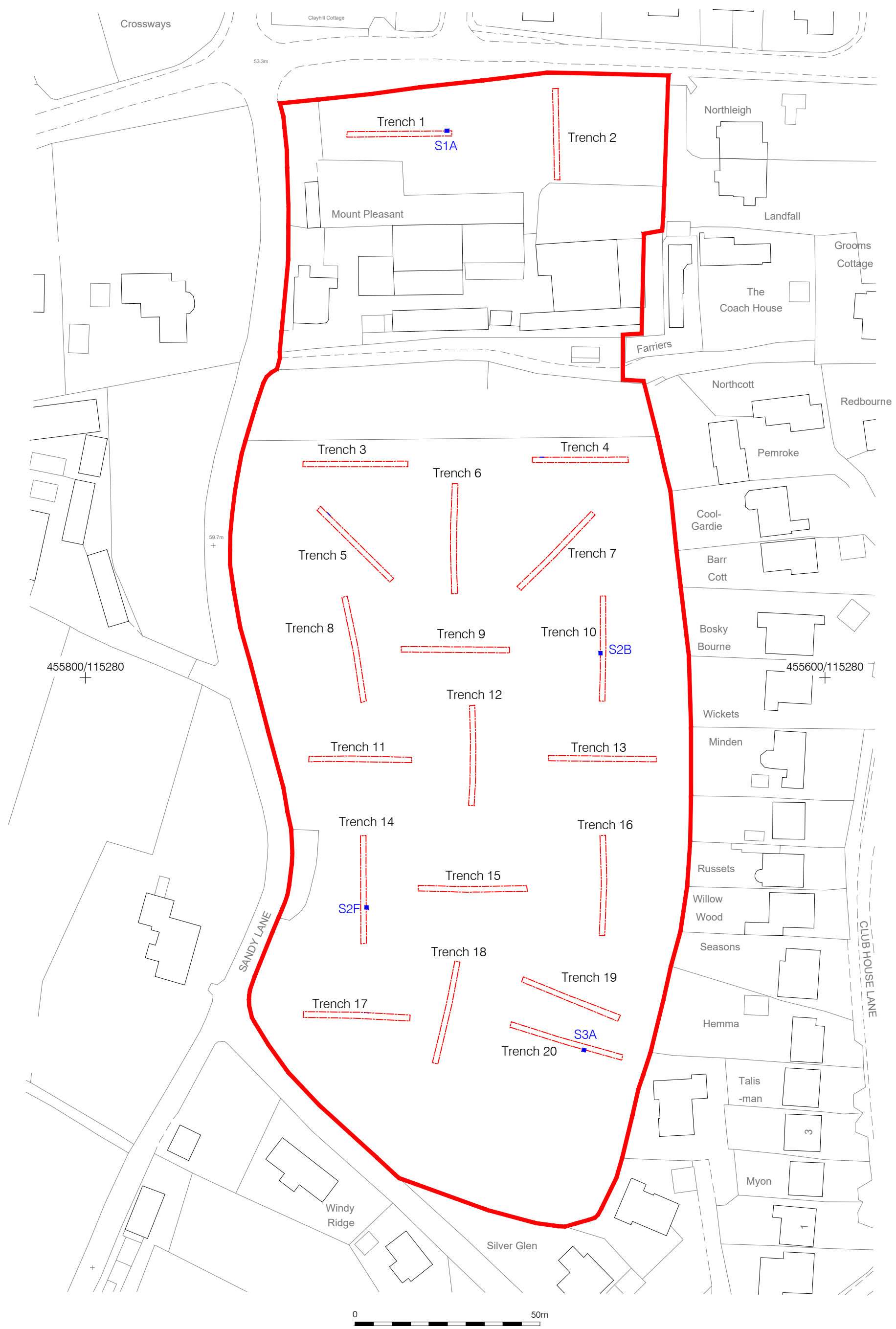
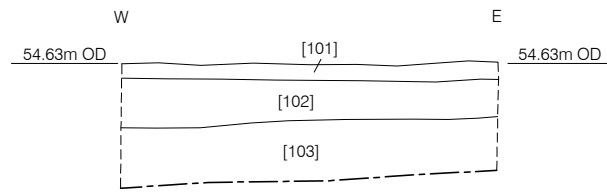
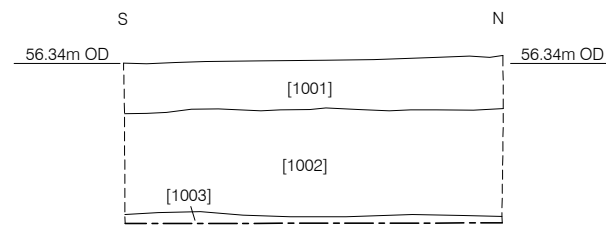


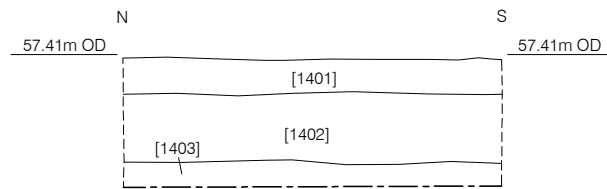
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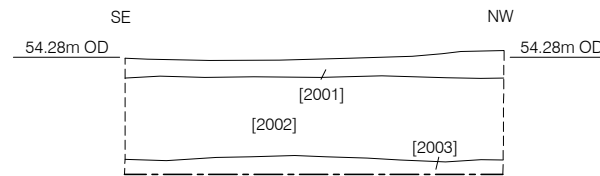
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South Facing  
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Section 2B  
East Facing  
Trench 10



Section 2F  
West Facing  
Trench 14



Section 3A  
North East Facing  
Trench 20



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