

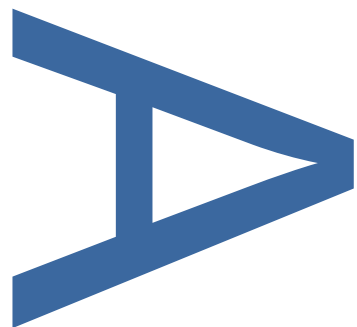
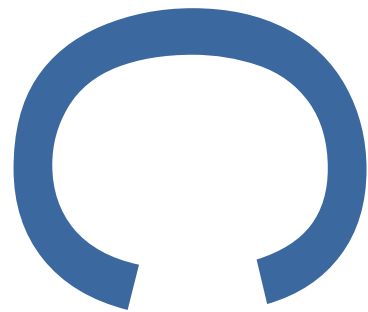
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## **1 ABSTRACT**

This report details the results of an archaeological evaluation carried out by Pre-Construct Archaeology, on behalf of CgMs Consulting on land at Sandyfields, Main Road, Colden Common, Hampshire. The site is the subject of development proposals. The evaluation was a requirement of a condition of planning consent for the development.

The evaluation was carried out in accordance with the approved Written Scheme of Investigation between the 6<sup>th</sup> November and 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017.

The evaluation comprised the excavation of 27 (of a proposed 29) 30m X 2m trenches. Trenches 18 and 29 were not excavated owing to an ecological constraint. The excavated trenches revealed natural sandy clay beneath topsoil and, in the northern part of the Site, modern made ground. No archaeologically significant features, deposits or finds were found. No further archaeological work is recommended.

## **2 INTRODUCTION**

### **2.1 Project Background**

2.1.1 Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd was commissioned by CgMs Consulting to carry out an archaeological evaluation of land at Sandyfields, Main Road, Colden Common, Hampshire (Figure 1), NGR . The site is the subject of a development proposal for 165 houses.

2.1.2 This report details the results of the archaeological evaluation, which was 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 secured by conditions 21 and 22 of planning permission for the proposed development (Planning reference 14/01993/OUT).

2.1.3 The evaluation comprised twenty-nine trenches (Trenches 1 – 29); Trenches 1 to 17 were to the north of a track separating the Site into two halves with Trenches 18 to 29 south of this track (Figure 2). The fieldwork was carried out between the 6th November and 23rd November 2017.

2.1.4 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 Matthews the Historic Environment Team Archaeologist acting as planning advisor to Winchester City Council and Matt Smith of CgMs Consulting.

### **2.2 The Site, Topography and Geology**

2.2.1 The Site is located to the east of Main Road, which runs through the settlement of Colden Common. The Site is an area of approximately 5.6 hectares and comprised a former commercial nursery and an area of woodland along the eastern boundary known as 'Stratton's copse' (not planned for development). The rest of the Site is currently split between a caravan park to the north and a meadow to the south, divided by a track. The Site is bounded by Glen Park Caravan Park along the southern boundary, Tanglewood along the eastern boundary and green fields to the north and west. The Site is generally flat and lies at approximately 40m above Ordnance datum.

2.2.2 The underlying geology is mapped as being 'Lambeth Group'; comprising of clay, silt and sand, no superficial geological deposits listed as being present on site, there are 'river terrace' and 'head' deposits very close to the site.

2.2.3 The Site is generally flat and lies at approximately 40m above Ordnance datum.

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

2.3.1 The archaeological and historical background of the Site was set out in a Desk-based Assessment (Hayes 2014). There are no known archaeological sites or find-spots from within the Site although find-spots of Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and later prehistoric and Romano-British material are recorded within a 1km radius of the Site. There has been limited archaeological investigation in the vicinity of the Site and few chance discoveries are recorded. The paucity of known archaeological sites and find-spots appears to suggest the area has low archaeological potential although this is as likely to be a result of a lack of systematic investigation as any other factor.

### **3 AIM**

#### **3.1 Archaeological Evaluation**

- 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.
- 3.1.2 This report on the results of the evaluation aims to provide sufficient information so that the future treatment of any archaeological resources found within the Site, in respect of the proposed development, may be determined.



## **4 RESULTS**

### **4.1 Introduction**

4.1.1 The following presents a summary of the evaluation results based upon the Site archive, which comprises a Site diary, trench recording sheets, drawings and digital photographs; a context index is provided in Appendix 1, a trench location plan on Figure 2 and selection of trench sections on Figure 3.. The archive is held at PCA's Winchester office under the site code **AY630** and will in due course be deposited with the Hampshire Cultural Trust.

### **4.2 Methodology**

4.2.1 The archaeological evaluation comprised twenty-seven trenches (Trench 1-17 and 19-28) measuring 30m x 2m (Figure 2). 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 and 29 were abandoned due to ecological constraints. Trench 1 was not fully excavated due to the depth of modern material capping the natural clay beneath. The location of Trenches 6, 7 and 9 were all adjusted to accommodate a hedge line running through the Site.

4.2.2 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 trenches were excavated to a maximum depth of c. 0.70m below ground level.

4.2.3 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.

### **4.3 Summary of Deposit Sequence**

4.3.1 In the northern part of the Site trenches 1-17 revealed modern made ground lying directly over natural brown sandy clay, variously tinged orange, yellow green and grey (Plate 1 and Figure 3 sections 1C and 1D); this part of the site had been used as a caravan park, preparation for which would appear to have involved the removal of a pre-existing ground surface. In the southern portion of the Site trenches 19-28 revealed natural brown sandy clay beneath a subsoil and topsoil profile (Plate 2 and Figure 3 sections 6B and 6C).

4.3.2 The natural sandy clay was encountered in all trenches between 0.6m and 0.2m below ground.

#### **4.4 Conclusion**

- 4.4.1 The evaluation revealed no archaeological features, deposits or finds. There was evidence that the northern part of the Site had been disturbed previously, probably to facilitate the use of it as a caravan park. It is concluded that the Site retains no significant archaeological potential. No further archaeological work is recommended.

## **5 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.
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This report was prepared by Ryan Wolfe and the report illustrations were prepared by Charlotte Faiers. The project was managed for PCA by Paul McCulloch.

## APPENDIX 1: CONTEXT INDEX

Context No	Trench No	Section	Type	Description	Thickness
101	1	1B	Layer	Mid yellowish grey, sandy clay	0.15m
201	2	2B	Layer	Light greenish brown, sandy clay	0.15m
301	3	1C	Layer	Light greenish brown, sandy clay	0.15m
401	4	2A	Layer	Light greenish brown, sandy clay	0.15m
501	5	2F	Layer	Dark greyish brown, sandy clay	0.1m
601	6	2E	Layer	Dark greyish brown, sandy clay	0.15m
701	7	2D	Layer	Mid orangish brown, sandy clay	0.15m
801	8	2C	Layer	Mid yellowish brown, sandy clay	0.1m
901	9	3F	Layer	Mid yellowish brown, sandy clay	0.1m
1001	10	3E	Layer	Mid yellowish brown, sandy clay	0.1m
1101	11	1A	Layer	Mid yellowish brown, sandy clay	0.15m
1201	12	3D	Layer	Dark orangish brown, sandy clay	0.2m
1301	13	1D	Layer	Dark orangish brown, sandy clay	0.1m
1401	14	4	Layer	Mid orangish brown, sandy clay	0.15m
1501	15	3C	Layer	Dark greyish brown, sandy clay	0.05m
1601	16	3B	Layer	Mid orangish brown, sandy clay	0.1m
1701	17	3A	Layer	Dark greyish brown, sandy clay	0.15m
1901	19	5A	Layer	Dark greyish brown, silty clay	0.25m
1902	19	5A	Layer	Dark greyish brown, sandy clay	0.1m
1903	19	5A	Layer	Mid orangish brown, sandy clay	0.1m
2001	20	5B	Layer	Dark greyish brown, silty clay	0.1m
2002	20	5B	Layer	Light greyish brownish, sandy clay	0.17m
2003	20	5B	Layer	Light greyish brown, sandy clay	0.31m
2101	21	5C	Layer	Dark greyish brown, silty clay	0.1m
2102	21	5C	Layer	Dark orangish brown, sandy clay	0.22m
2103	21	5C	Layer	Mid orangish brown, sandy clay	0.04m
2201	22	5D	Layer	Dark greyish brown, silty clay	0.2m
2202	22	5D	Layer	Dark greyish brown, sandy clay	0.11m
2203	22	5D	Layer	Light orangish brown, sandy clay	0.12m
2301	23	5E	Layer	Dark greyish brown, silty clay	0.12m
2302	23	5E	Layer	Mid greyish brown, sandy clay	0.25m
2303	23	5E	Layer	Light greyish brown, sandy clay	0.09m
2401	24	5F	Layer	Dark greyish brown, silty clay	0.22m
2402	24	5F	Layer	Mid yellowish brown, sandy clay	0.16m
2403	24	5F	Layer	Light greyish brown, sandy clay	0.18m
2501	25	6A	Layer	Dark greyish brown, silty clay	0.14m
2502	25	6A	Layer	Light orangish brown, sandy clay	0.11m
2503	25	6A	Layer	Light yellowish brown, sandy clay	0.11m

2601	26	6B	Layer	Dark greyish brown, silty clay	0.14m
2602	26	6B	Layer	Mid yellowish brown, sandy clay	0.18m
2603	26	6B	Layer	Light yellowish brown, sandy clay	0.08m
2701	27	6C	Layer	Dark greyish brown, silty clay	0.14m
2702	27	6C	Layer	Mid orangish brown, sandy clay	0.15m
2703	27	6C	Layer	Mid orangish brown, sandy clay	0.16m
2801	28	6D	Layer	Dark greyish brown, silty clay	0.16m
2802	28	6D	Layer	Mid greyish brown, sandy clay	0.27m
2803	28	6D	Layer	Light greyish brown, sandy clay	0.04m

## APPENDIX 2: PLATES



Plate 1: Trench 11 Facing east. 1m scale.



Plate 2: Trench 19 Facing west. 1m scale.



### APPENDIX 3: OASIS FORM

OASIS ID: preconst1-302324

#### Project details

Project name Sandyfields, Colden Common

Short description of the project This report details the results and working methods of an archaeological evaluation carried out on land at Sandyfields, Colden Common, 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 6th November and 23rd November 2017. The archaeological evaluation revealed no archaeologically significant features, deposits or finds.

Project dates Start: 06-11-2017 End: 23-11-2017

Previous/future work No / No

Any associated project reference codes AY630 - Sitecode

Type of project Field evaluation

Site status None

Current Land use Vacant Land 1 - Vacant land previously developed

Monument type NONE None

Significant Finds NONE None

#### Project location

Country England

Site location HAMPSHIRE WINCHESTER COLDEN COMMON Sandyfields, Colden Common, Hampshire

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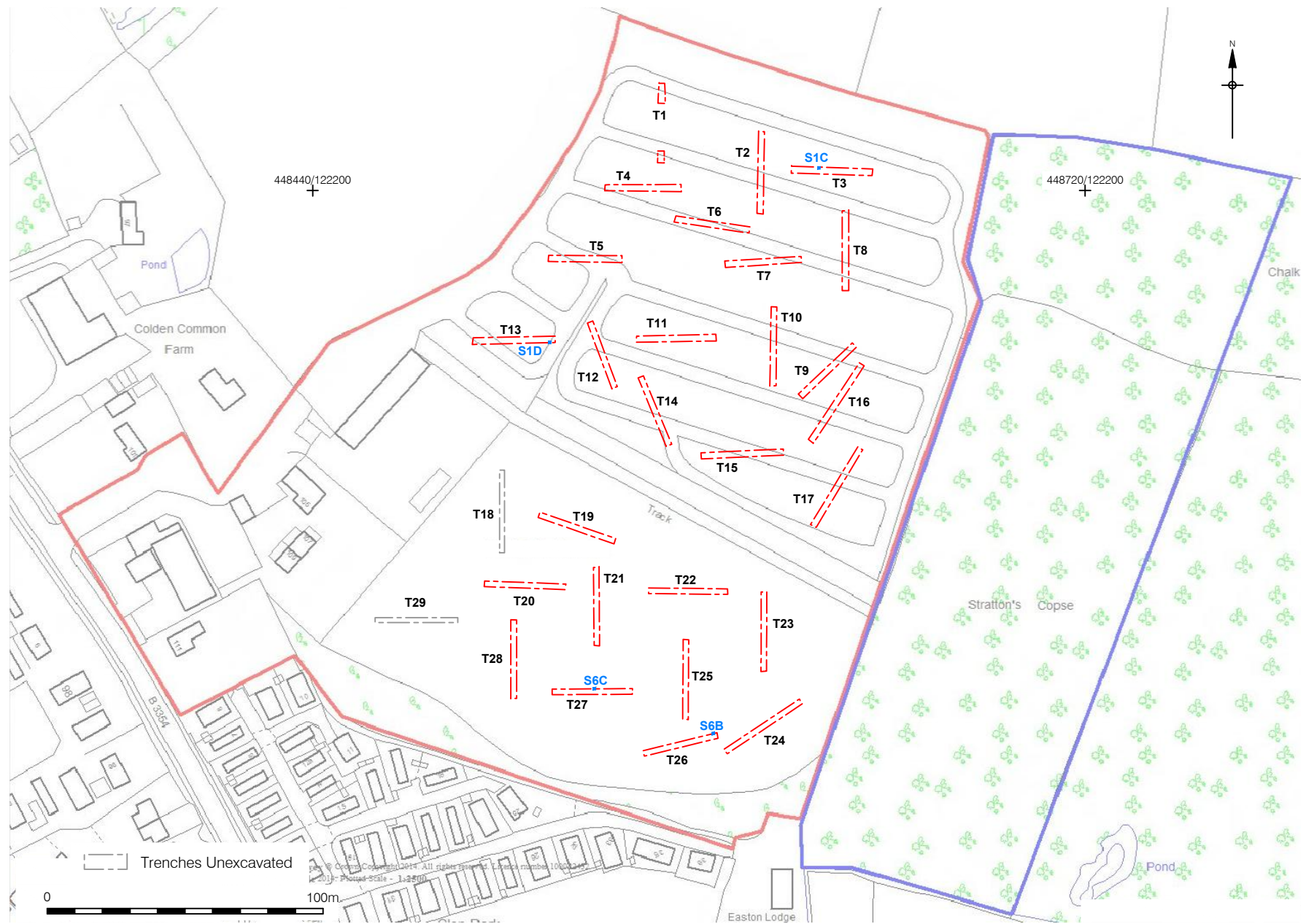
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Figure 1  
 Site Location  
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Figure 2  
Trench Location  
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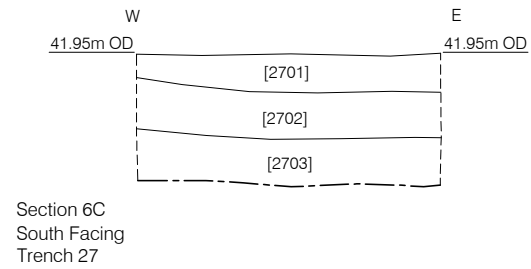
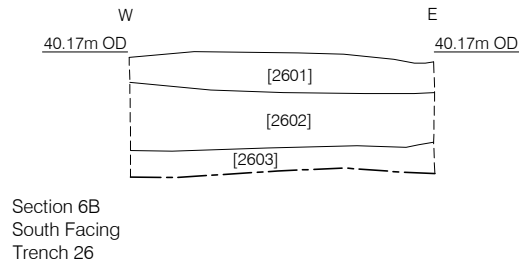
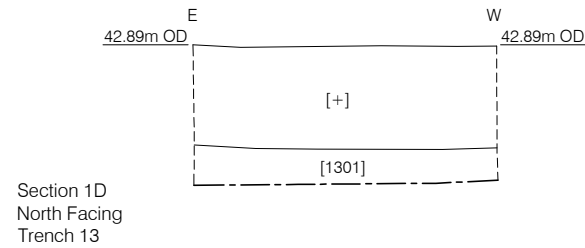
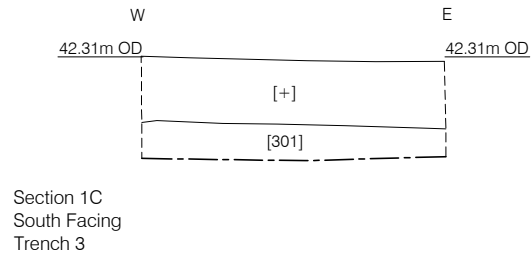


Figure 3  
Representative Sections  
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