

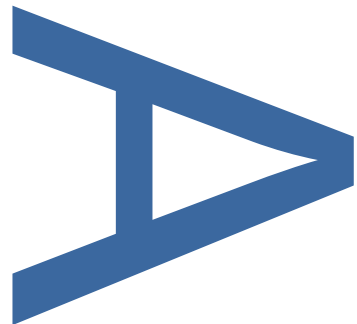
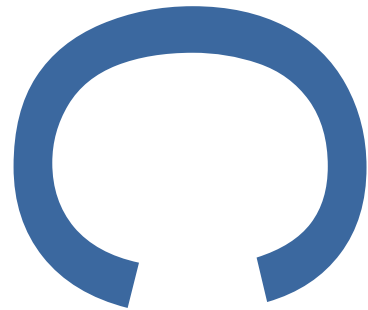
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Plate 2: D3, View to South of foundation trench. Scale 1m.

1 ABSTRACT

Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by Solvarchitects, on behalf of Mr Toby Shears, to carry out an archaeological watching brief at 27 Hyde Close, Winchester, Hampshire, during construction of a rear extension to the existing property. The watching brief was conducted in two visits, on the 25th and 26th May 2017. Visits coincided with ground work at the rear of the Site during excavation of new foundations for the proposed rear extension and drainage.

The new foundation trench was excavated from existing ground level to a depth of 0.8m below ground level and was c. 0.6m wide. The trench was formed along the western Site boundary from the existing house and returned to run east. The sides and base of the trench were inspected and comprised dark grey post-medieval/modern garden soil throughout with occasional chalk and ceramic building material fragments. No archaeological features, deposits or artefacts, or natural deposits, were observed.

It is concluded that excavation for the new foundation and drainage was not deep enough to expose any underlying archaeological resources, such as Romano-British burials that are known to occur in the area of the Site.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Project Background

2.1.1 Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by Solvarchitects on behalf of Mr Toby Shears, to carry out an archaeological watching brief, at 27 Hyde Close, Winchester, Hampshire, hereafter 'the Site' (**Figure 1**). The Site is the subject of a development to provide a rear extension to the existing property.

2.1.2 The archaeological watching brief and subsequent reporting were required as conditions 4 and 5 of planning permission for the development of the site granted by the Local Planning Authority Winchester City Council (planning ref. 14/02608/FUL). The conditions were 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 4 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. The Written Scheme of Investigation shall include:

- An assessment of significance and research questions
- The programme and methodology of site investigation and recording
- Provision for post investigation assessment, reporting and dissemination
- Provision to be made for deposition of the analysis and records of the site investigation (archive)

2.1.4 Planning condition 5 states: 'Following completion of all archaeological fieldwork a report shall be produced in accordance with an approved programme including where appropriate post-excavation assessment, specialist analysis and reports and publication'. This document provides an outline for post-excavation assessment reporting, which would include proposals for subsequent specialist analysis reports and an appropriate level of publication.

2.1.5 This document addresses conditions 4 and 5 of planning permission and has been prepared in accordance with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists standard and guidance for an archaeological watching brief (ClfA 2014) and *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment* (English Heritage, 2006). PCA is a ClfA Registered Archaeological Organisation and is bound by its code of conduct.

2.2 Location, Topography and Geology

2.2.1 The Site, NGR 447989 130052 (**Figure 1**), lies in the historic northern suburb of Winchester. It is located on the southern side of Hyde Close, which runs between Hyde Street and Worthy Lane. The existing property forms part of a Victorian terrace.

2.2.2 The natural and historic topography of the Site falls gently from west to east toward the valley floor of the River Itchen. The modern urban topography close to the Site is characterised by streets of Victorian housing and later 20th century development. Ground level within the Site lies at approximately 47m above OD.

2.2.3 The geology of the Site is expected to comprise Upper Chalk beneath superficial deposits of clay and flint and weathered chalk.

2.3 Archaeological and Historical Background

2.3.1 The Site lies to the north of the historic core of Winchester, within the area of Romano-British and medieval suburbs and an extensive Romano-British cemetery that was in use from the late 1st century to the late 4th century AD. Burials within the cemetery have been found by chance and by archaeological excavation at numerous locations east of Andover Road and Worthy Lane (once known as 'Bone Lane') (Ottaway et al 2012). The previous discoveries, made since the 19th century, include Roman cremation and inhumation burials found at properties in Hyde Close.

2.3.2 The advice provided to the LPA by the HETA set out the background as follows:

Archaeological background:

- *The application site lies within the historic Roman and medieval suburbs northern suburb of Winchester and specifically the site lies within the extensive northern Roman cemetery of Winchester (in use Late 1st – late 4th century).*
- *In situ inhumation and cremation burials relating to this Roman cemetery have been recorded in close proximity to the application site during development / other groundworks on a number of occasions, including at other properties in Hyde Close.*

Consideration:

- *Based on previous observations and archaeological recording within the vicinity of the application site, there is a high potential that the proposed development will impact on buried remains associated with the proposed extension to this property.*
- *However deep overburden deposits are known on the south side of Hyde Close, so depending on the nature and depth of the foundations to be utilised, then adverse effects on archaeological remains could potentially be minimised.*
- *Appropriate archaeological mitigation measures can be secured via appropriately worded conditions and could range from archaeological monitoring through to excavation and recording, depending on the impact of new foundations / related groundworks.*

3 AIM

3.1 Archaeological Watching Brief

- 3.1.1 The aim of the archaeological watching brief was to monitor groundwork for the proposed rear extension and investigate and record archaeological resources, taking account of the date, nature, extent, bio-archaeological and palaeo-environmental potential of the resources and the research aims and questions that were been identified.
- 3.1.2 This report on the results of the watching brief aims to be sufficient to demonstrate to the LPA that the watching brief was carried out in accordance with the approved Written Scheme of Investigation, pursuant to the relevant planning requirements.

4 RESULTS

4.1 Introduction

4.1.1 The following sections summarise of the result of the watching brief and are based on the Site archive, which consists of written and photographic records. The Site archive is held by PCA's Winchester office under the WINCM site code **AY615**. Photographic images of the Site are provided in **Appendix 1, Plates 1-2..**

4.2 The Watching Brief

4.2.1 The watching brief was conducted in two visits, on the 25th and 26th May 2017. Visits coincided with ground work at the rear of the Site during excavation of new foundations for the proposed rear extension and drainage.

4.2.2 The western foundation trench was excavated from existing ground level to a depth of 0.8m below ground level and was c. 0.6m wide; it ran along the existing property boundary between the Site and number 28 Hyde Close, adjacent (**Appendix 1, Plates 1 & 2**). The sides and base of the trench were inspected and comprised dark grey post-medieval/modern garden soil throughout with occasional chalk and ceramic building material fragments. The southern foundation trench was also observed, revealing the same soil profile. No archaeological features, deposits or artefacts, or natural deposits, were observed.

4.3 Conclusion

4.3.1 It is concluded that excavation for the new foundations and drainage was not deep enough to expose any underlying archaeological resources, such as Romano-British burials that are known to occur in the area of the Site.

5 Acknowledgements

PCA is grateful to Shaun Mildenhall of Solvarchitects for commissioning the watching brief on behalf Toby Shears and Tracy Matthews, Historic Environment Team Archaeologist, Winchester City Council.

The watching brief was carried out by Paul McCulloch, who also prepared this report.

APPENDIX 1: PLATES



Plate 1: D1, View to North of new foundation trench. Scale 1m.



Plate 2: D3, View to South of foundation trench. Scale 1m.

APPENDIX 2: OASIS REPORT

OASIS ID: preconst1-309124

Project details

Project name 27 Hyde Close Winchester SO23 7DT

Short description of the project An archaeological watching brief was carried out at the rear of the existing house on excavations for new foundations for a rear extension. The site lies in an area of previous discoveries of Romano-British burials within the extensive northern cemetery of Roman Winchester. The sides and base of the foundation trenches revealed post-medieval garden soil to a depth of 0.8m below existing ground level; no burials or significant archaeological remains of any date were uncovered.

Project dates Start: 25-05-2017 End: 26-05-2017

Previous/future work Yes / Not known

Any associated project reference codes AY615 - Sitecode

Any associated project reference codes 14/02608/FUL - Planning Application No.

Type of project Recording project

Site status Conservation Area

Current Land use Residential 1 - General Residential

Monument type NONE None

Monument type NONE None

Significant Finds NONE None

Significant Finds NONE None

Investigation type "Watching Brief"

Prompt Planning condition

Project location

Country England

Site location HAMPSHIRE WINCHESTER WINCHESTER 27 Hydse Close

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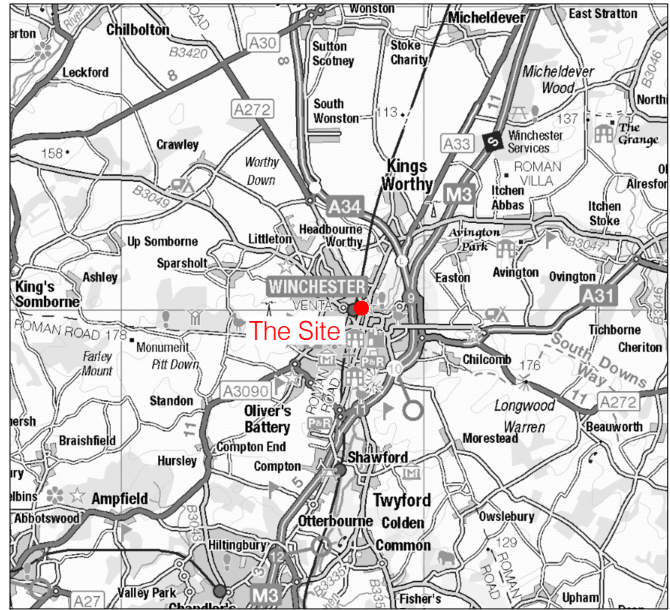
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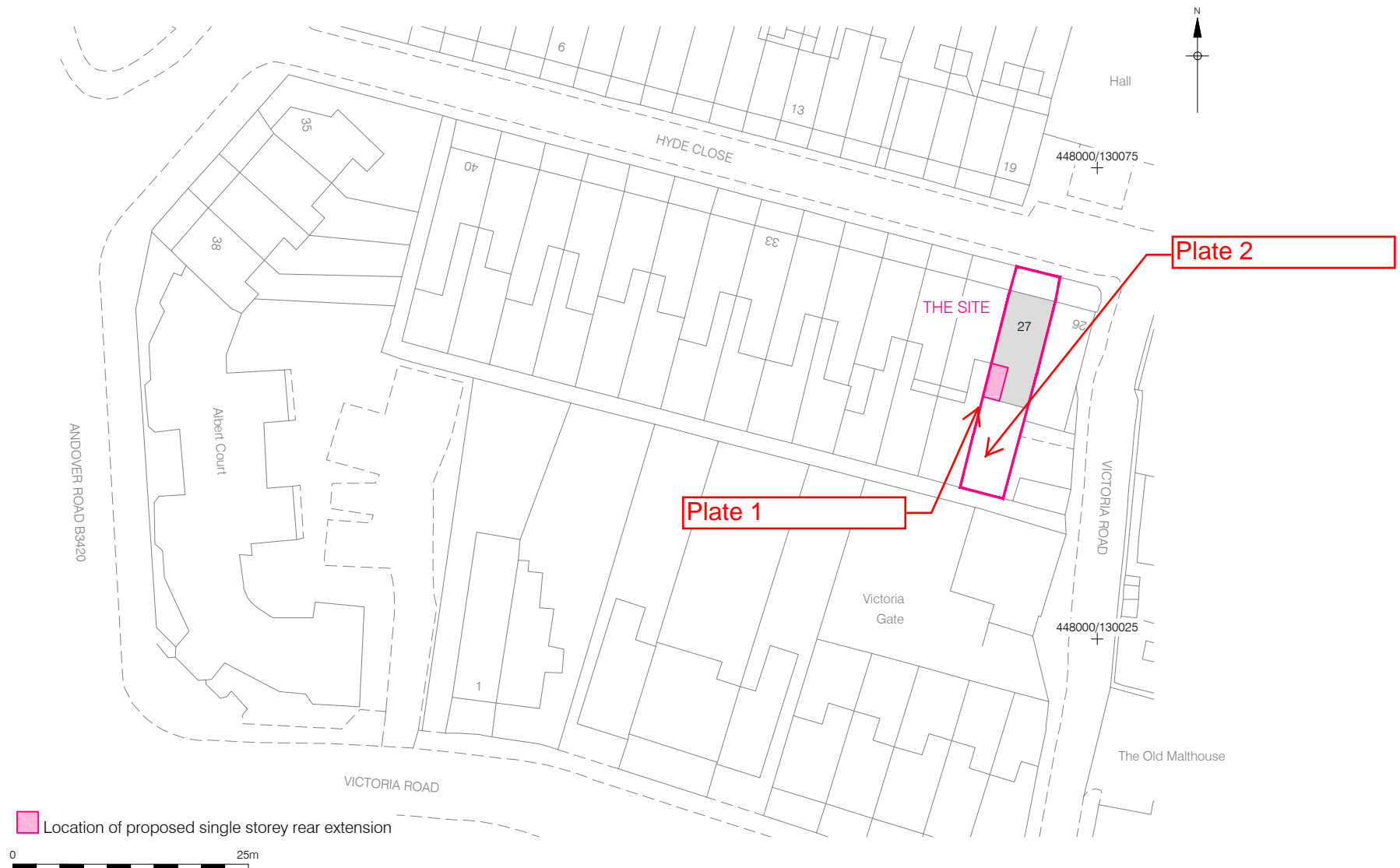
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Figure 1
 Site Location
 1:2,000,000 & 1:250,000 & 1:25,000 at A4



Location of proposed single storey rear extension

0 25m

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Figure 2
Detailed Site Location showing proposed single storey rear extension
1:625 at A4

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