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WINCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE,
SO23 8BA**

**AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL
EVALUATION REPORT**

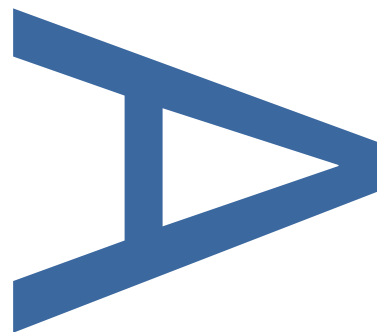
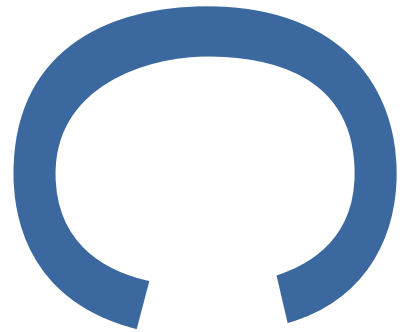
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1 NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY

Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by CFW Architects on behalf of the client, to carry out an archaeological evaluation, at 57 Parchment Street, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 8BA, hereafter. The Site is the subject of a proposed rear extension.

The evaluation was designed in discussion with the LPA's Historic Environment Team Archaeologist (HETA) and reflected the potential of the Site to contain archaeological resources that may be affected by the proposed development.

The evaluation comprised the excavation of one 1.5m by 1.5m test pit, to a total depth of no more than 0.60m (the proposed depth of foundations).

No significant archaeological features or finds were identified during the course of this evaluation. As such it can be considered that the proposed development will not affect any archaeological resources.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Project Background

2.1.1 Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by CFW Architects on behalf of the client, to carry out an archaeological evaluation, at 57 Parchment Street, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 8BA, hereafter 'the Site', NGR 448226 129660 (**Figure 1**). The Site is the subject of a proposed rear extension.

2.1.2 The archaeological evaluation was a requirement of the Local Planning Authority (LPA), Winchester City Council (planning reference 17/03036/HOU). This evaluation was designed in discussion with the LPA's Historic Environment Team Archaeologist (HETA) and reflected the potential of the Site to contain archaeological resources that may be affected by the proposed development.

2.1.3 This document provides a report on the results of the evaluation, carried out between the 28th to the 31st of May 2018 and has been prepared in accordance with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists standard and guidance for archaeological watching briefs (ClfA 2014) and Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (Historic England, 2015).

2.2 Location, Topography and Geology

2.2.1 The Site lies in the historic core of Winchester on the east side of Parchment Street, some 200m north of the High Street, 150m south of the line of the town's historic defences and 380m from the River Itchen. Parchment Street, which runs north-south and at the base of the sloped western side of the town, occurs at approximately 38m above Ordnance Datum. The immediate topography is level and occupied by typically urban character of mainly Victorian and later 20th century building stock.

2.2.2 The bedrock geology of the Site is mapped as Seaford Chalk Formation, with superficial deposits likely to include gravel and alluvial deposits.

2.3 Archaeological and Historical Background

2.3.1 The Site lies in an area of the historic core where archaeological remains are deeply stratified and potentially, at depth, waterlogged. The line of Parchment Street appears to follow the base of the western slope of the town and in pre-Roman times this location may have formed the western edge of the River Itchen valley floor. Extensive evidence of the Roman town was found to the east of the Site between Lower and Middle Brook Street along with evidence of the management of river channels. Parchment Street is identified as an element of the late Saxon and medieval street plan and as is likely to have been occupied by properties, for which there is considerable documentary evidence.

2.3.2 In providing the advice on the planning application for the proposed rear extension, the Historic Environment Team Archaeologist commented on the archaeological background as follows:

- *The application site is located within the core of the historic city. Parchment Street dates back to the late 9th century AD and the boundaries of Late Saxon and medieval properties which fronted onto this street are preserved in the existing property boundaries in this area. Thus archaeological remains of Late Saxon and medieval properties (both structural remains and features such as wells and rubbish pits) may survive within the site.*
- *Previous archaeological investigations undertaken at the rear of an adjacent property (No.58) have revealed a post-medieval wall foundation and associated demolition debris approximately 600mm below the ground level. Artefactual material recovered from the demolition debris indicates a C17-C18 date. Post-medieval deposits extended to at least a depth of 1m within the site, below which evidence from borehole samples indicated possible medieval and earlier occupation horizons from c.1.25m below ground level. At approximately 2.5m below ground level a sequence of humic silts, peat and chalky deposits lay above glacial outwash and riverine gravels. These deposits possibly represent riverine and floodplain deposits dating from the Mesolithic to the Iron Age.*
- *Further to the south at No. 73 Parchment Street, evidence of a medieval building (floors and occupation surfaces) survive at a depth of only 0.47m below existing ground level)*

3 AIM

3.1 Archaeological Evaluation

- 3.1.1 The aim of the archaeological evaluation is 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 A further aim was to prepare an archive of the results of the investigations leading to the preparation of this final report, so that the future treatment of any archaeological resources beneath 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, digital photographs. Photographs of the site appear in Appendix 1. The archive of all stages of the archaeological work is held at PCA's Winchester office under the site code AY653 and will in due course be deposited with the Hampshire Cultural Trust.

4.2 Methodology

4.2.1 The archaeological evaluation was undertaken following the methodology detailed in the Written Scheme of Investigation (PCA 2018), which was approved by the Local Planning Authority in advance of the works and on the advice of the HETA.

4.2.2 The evaluation comprised the excavation of one 1.5m by 1.5m test pit, to a total depth of no more than 0.60m (the proposed depth of foundations) or to the depth at which archaeology was encountered. The test pit was located as close as possible to the location of the eastern most wall of the proposed extension (**Figure 2** and **Plate 1**).

4.3 Results

4.3.1 Test Pit 1 was excavated to a total depth of 0.65m. No natural deposits were encountered and no archaeological features or finds were observed. The turf layer and modern sub-soil continued to a maximum depth of 0.17m below ground level. Along the western edge of the test pit was a group of un-mortared bricks, which appeared to represent the remains of a paved area, pre-dating the existing house extension. In the remaining area of the test pit, the modern sub-soil covered layers of dark brown mixed post-medieval garden soil; containing 19th century ceramic building material and pottery.

4.3.2 The following deposition sequence was observed (**Figure 3** and **Plate 2**):

- Turf [100] – 0.00-0.07m Below Ground Level (BGL)
- Modern Subsoil [101] – 0.07m-0.17m BGL
- Very Mixed post-medieval garden soil – 0.17m-0.47m BGL
- Post-medieval garden soil – 0.47m-0.65m+ BBGL

4.4 Conclusion

4.4.1 No significant archaeological features or finds were identified during the course of this evaluation. Furthermore, the presence of post-medieval garden soil beyond the total depth of the test pit indicates that it is highly unlikely that any significant archaeological resources will be present at this level in the garden of 57 Parchment Street. As such it can be considered that the proposed development will not affect any archaeological resources.

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.

5.2 Copyright

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. Hampshire Cultural Trust 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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The evaluation was undertaken by Thomas Hayes and James Bannister.

7 REFERENCES

PCA 2018. 57 Parchment Street, Winchester, Hampshire, SO23 8BA: Written Scheme of Investigation for Archaeological Evaluation

Appendix 1: Site Photographs



Plate 1 West facing plan shot of Test Pit 1



Plate 2 North facing section of Test Pit 1

Appendix 2: OASIS Form

OASIS ID: preconst1-325543

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Project dates	Start: 28-05-2018 End: 31-05-2018
Previous/future work	No / No
Any associated project reference codes	AY653 - Sitecode
Type of project	Field evaluation
Site status	None
Current Land use	Other 5 - Garden
Monument type	NONE None
Significant Finds	NONE None
Methods & techniques	"Test Pits"
Development type	Small-scale extensions (e.g. garages, porches, etc.)
Prompt	National Planning Policy Framework - NPPF
Position in the planning process	After full determination (eg. As a condition)

Project location

Country	England
Site location	HAMPSHIRE WINCHESTER WINCHESTER 57 Parchment Street, Winchester
Postcode	SO23 8BA
Study area	30 Square metres
Site coordinates	SU 48226 29660 51.063713465368 -1.311709815443 51 03 49 N 001 18 42 W Point
Height OD / Depth	Min: 0m Max: 0m

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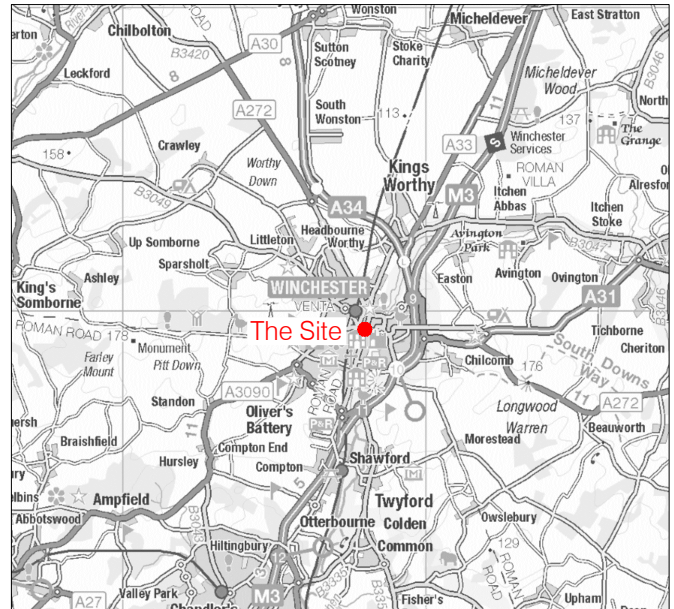
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Figure 1
Site Location
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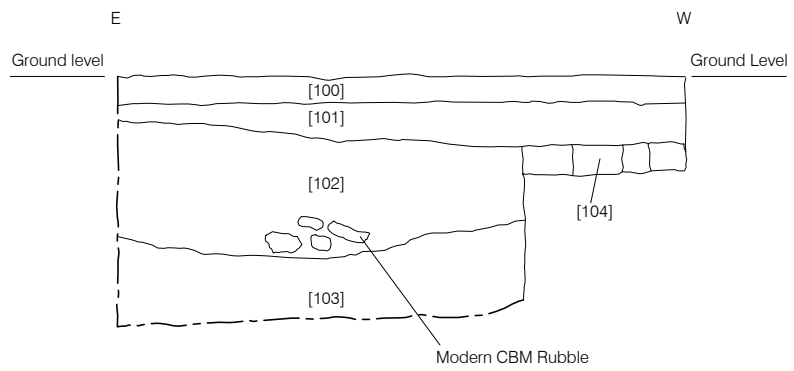


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Figure 2
Detailed Site Location
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Section 1
North Facing
Test Pit 1



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Figure 3
Section 1
1:20 at A4

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