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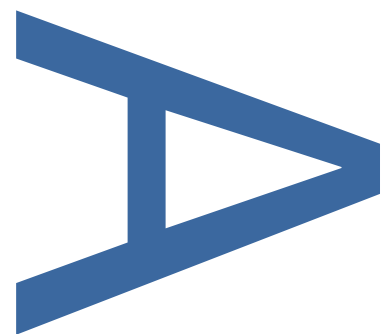
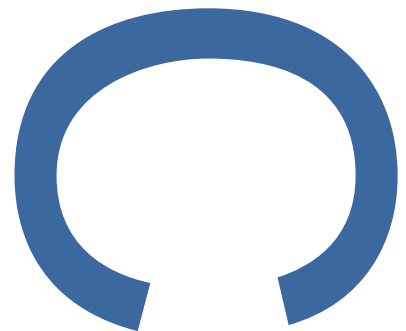
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**Figure 1: Site Location**

**Figure 2: Trench Location**

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## **1 ABSTRACT**

Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by CgMs Heritage. to undertake an archaeological evaluation on Land south of Howe Road, Rowner, Gosport, Hampshire. The Site is the subject of a residential development.

The evaluation forms part of a staged approach to understanding the archaeological implications of the proposed development. The evaluation was intended to ensure that, in the event archaeological remains are encountered, they are to be recognised, characterised and recorded.

The evaluation revealed no significant archaeological deposits or features and appears to have demonstrated that the Site retains very little archaeological potential.

## **2 INTRODUCTION**

### **2.1 Project Background**

2.1.1 Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by CgMs Heritage. to undertake an archaeological evaluation on Land south of Howe Road, Rowner, Gosport, Hampshire, (**Figure 1**), hereafter 'the Site' (centred at NGR 58397 00442). The Site is the subject of a residential development. This document provides the results for the initial stage of archaeological work comprising of seven trial trenches.

2.1.2 The evaluation forms part of a staged approach to understanding the archaeological implications of the proposed development. The evaluation was intended to ensure that, in the event archaeological remains are encountered, they are to be recognised, characterised and recorded.

2.1.3 This document provides the results for the trial trench evaluation, a total of five 30m X 2m trial trenches. This document has been prepared in accordance with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists standard and guidance for archaeological field evaluation (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 lies to the south of Howe, Road, Rowner, Gosport on a former plant nursery.

2.2.2 The Site lies on largely flat land at approximately 5-6m above Ordnance Datum.

2.2.3 According to the British Geological Survey, the Site is underlain by Wittering Formation - sand, silt and clay, with undifferentiated superficial River Terrace Deposits of sand, silt and clay. Superficial deposits of peat are also mapped along the western side of the site. (<http://mapapps.bgs.ac.uk/geologyofbritain/home.html> accessed 1st August 2018).

### **3 AIM**

#### **3.1 Archaeological Evaluation**

3.1.1 The aim of the archaeological evaluation was to determine the presence or absence of archaeological remains within the Site and, where present, determine their nature, extent, date, condition and significance, taking account of their potential to contain biological and palaeo-environmental remains.

3.1.2 A report on the results of the evaluation will aim to provide a context for archaeological remains that may be identified and provide sufficient information so that the future treatment of the remains, in respect of the proposed development, can be determined in consultation with the archaeological advisor to the Local Planning Authority.

## 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 summary of recorded contexts is provided in a Trench Index in **Appendix 1** and photographs of the trenches in **Appendix 2**. The archive is held at PCA's Winchester office under the site code **HRRH18** and will in due course be deposited with the Hampshire Cultural Trust on behalf of Hampshire County Council.

### 4.2 Methodology

4.2.1 The archaeological evaluation was undertaken following the methodology that was detailed in the Written Scheme of Investigation (CgMs 2018), which was approved by the Local Planning Authority in advance of the commencement of works and on the advice of their archaeological advisor Neil Adam, Hampshire County Council.

4.2.2 The evaluation was originally intended to comprise the excavation of seven trenches measuring 30m x 2m. The array of trenches was intended to provide a reasonable sample of the Site in order to establish its archaeological potential. Trenches 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7 were excavated (**Figure 2 & Plate 1**), with trenches 2 and 3 repositioned to allow for site access. Trenches 1, 2, 3 and 7 were opened and investigated between 1<sup>st</sup> October and 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018. Trench 4 was opened and investigated on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018. The remaining trenches were not excavated owing to the presence of several, previously unknown, buried live services as well as structures related to the previous use of the site.

### 4.3 Summary of Deposition Sequence

4.3.1 The deposition sequence was seen to vary across the site with a topsoil depth of between 0.07m (Trench 7) and 0.51m (Trench 1).

4.3.2 Modern levelling layers observed immediately below the topsoil in Trench 2. These comprised a layer of sand and a layer of gravel.

4.3.3 Trench 3 was excavated to the maximum depth of 1.2m with no evidence of the natural geology identified. Beneath the topsoil was a mixture of modern backfilling/levelling layers (**Plate 2**).

4.3.4 Trench 7 demonstrated a mid brownish yellow silty sand subsoil and Trench 4 demonstrated a light greyish brown silty sand subsoil (**Figure 3**).

4.3.5 The natural geology identified in trenches 1, 2 and 7 was observed to be a mid reddish-brown gravel and sand, whereas in trench 4 it was identified as a light brownish yellow gravel and clay. No Natural geology was identified in Trench 3.



#### **4.4 Archaeological Features**

4.4.1 Trench 2 contained one small, badly rooted linear feature [205] (**Plate 3**), which contained a single fill of loose mid greyish brown silty sand (206). This fill contained two small segments of clay pipe stem, which were not retained.

4.4.2 No archaeological features, deposits or artefacts were seen during the excavation of the other trenches.

#### **4.5 Conclusion**

4.5.1 The feature in Trench 2 has been interpreted as a post medieval ditch, perhaps for drainage, of low archaeological significance.

4.5.2 Owing to the previous land use of the site as and the intrusion of modern services it is considered to have undergone significant disturbance. It is therefore concluded that the site retains no significant archaeological potential.

## **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 Hampshire Cultural Trust, on behalf of Hampshire County Council

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This report was prepared by Dominic McAtominey with Illustrations prepared Diana Valk. The project was managed for PCA by Thomas Hayes.

## **7 REFERENCES**

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## Appendix 1: Trench Index

Area/Trench	Context Number	Type	Interpretation	Depth (m) BGL
Tr 1	101	Layer	Turf and Topsoil	0 - 0.51
Tr 1	102	Layer	Natural	0.51+
Tr 2	201	Layer	Turf and Topsoil	0 - 0.12
Tr 2	202	Layer	Natural	0.5+
Tr 2	203	Layer	Modern levelling layer	0.12 - 0.27
Tr 2	204	Layer	Modern levelling layer	0.27 - 0.5
Tr 2	205	Cut	Possible post - medieval ditch	0.6 - 1.18
Tr 2	206	Fill	Silting of ditch 205	0.6 - 1.18
Tr 3	301	Layer	Turf and Topsoil	0 - 0.16
Tr 3	302	Layer	Modern backfill/levelling	0.16+
Tr 4	401	Layer	Turf and Topsoil	0 - 0.34
Tr 4	402	Layer	Subsoil	0.34 - 0.62
Tr 4	403	Layer	Natural	0.62+
Tr 7	701	Layer	Turf and Topsoil	0 - 0.07
Tr 7	702	Layer	Subsoil	0.07 - 0.35
Tr 7	703	Layer	Natural	0.35+

## Appendix 2: Photographs (Plates 1, 2, 3)



*Plate 1. Shot of trench 7 facing North East*



*Plate 2. South West facing section of Trench 3, showing modern disturbance*





*Plate 3. North East facing section of linear [205]*

## Appendix 3: OASIS Record

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### 8 OASIS ID: preconst1-330272

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#### Project details

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Project dates	Start: 01-10-2018 End: 11-10-2018
Previous/future work	Yes / No
Any associated project reference codes	HRRH18 - Sitecode
Type of project	Field evaluation
Site status	None
Monument type	DITCH Post Medieval
Methods & techniques	"Sample Trenches"
Development type	Housing estate
Prompt	National Planning Policy Framework - NPPF
Position in the planning process	After full determination (eg. As a condition)

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#### Project location

Country	England
Site location	HAMPSHIRE GOSPORT GOSPORT Land South of Howe Road, Rowner, Gosport, Hampshire
Postcode	PO13 8AB
Study area	0 Hectares
Site coordinates	SU 458397 100442 50.887509498151 -1.348239117029 50 53 15 N 001 20 53 W Point

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#### Project archives

Physical Archive recipient	Hampshire Cultural Trust
Digital Archive recipient	Hampshire Cultural Trust
Digital Contents	"Survey"
Digital Media available	"Database", "Images raster / digital photography", "Spreadsheets", "Text"
Paper Archive recipient	Hampshire Cultural Trust
Paper Media available	"Context sheet", "Drawing", "Plan", "Report", "Section"

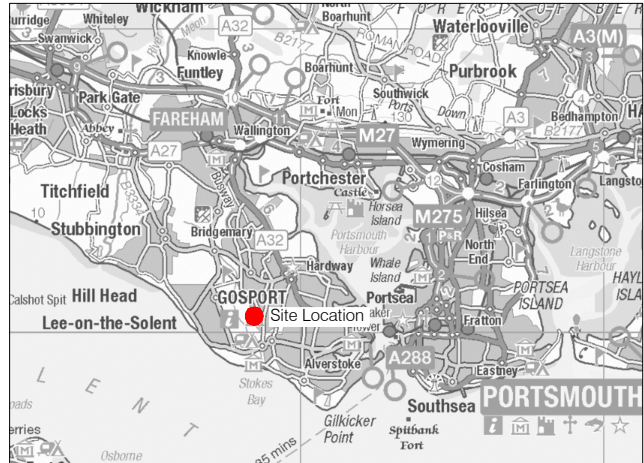
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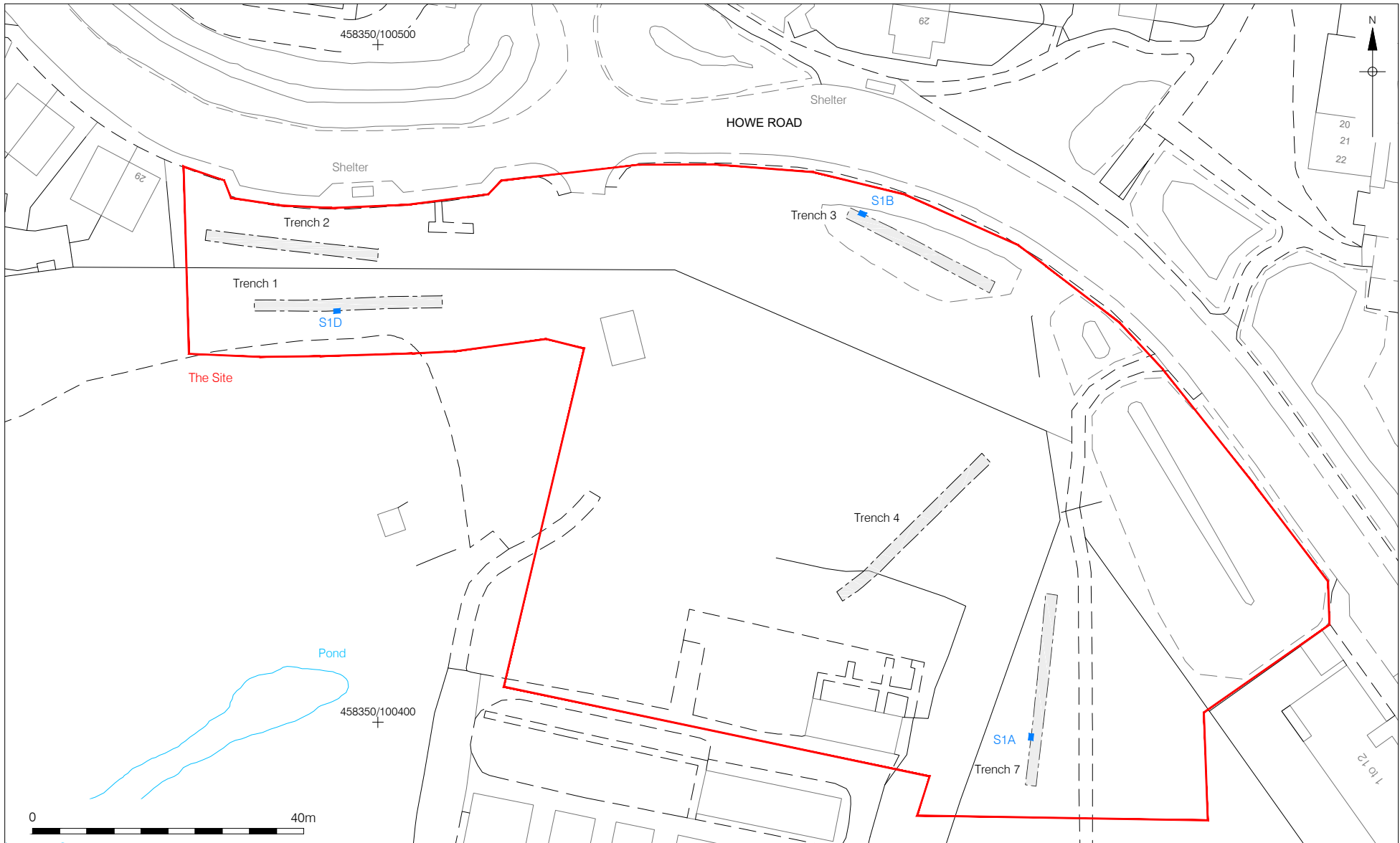
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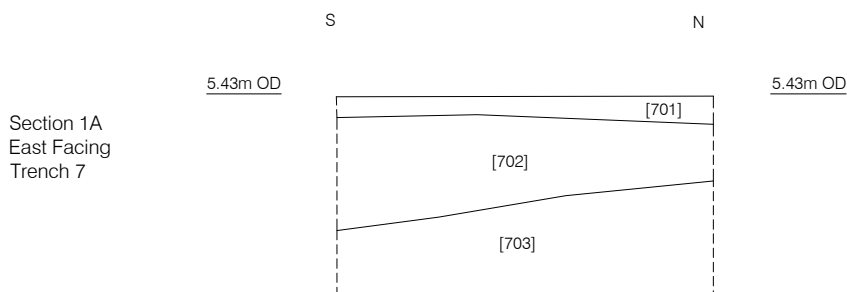
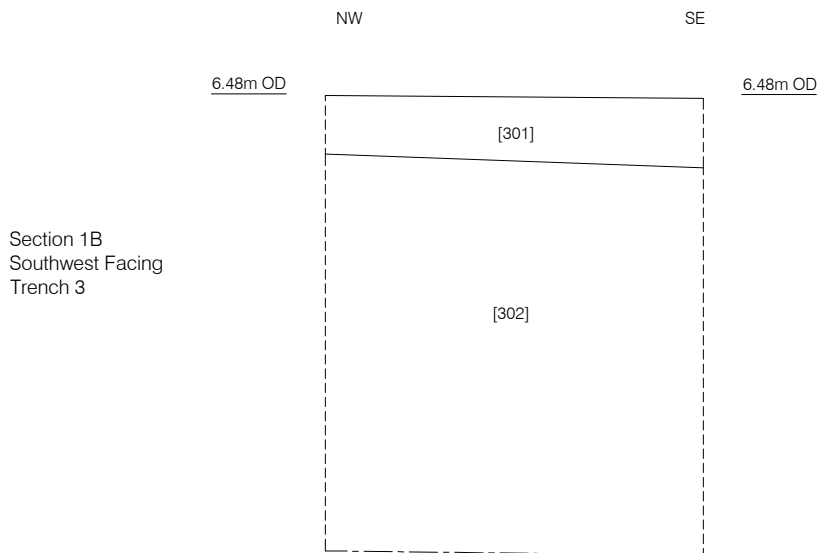
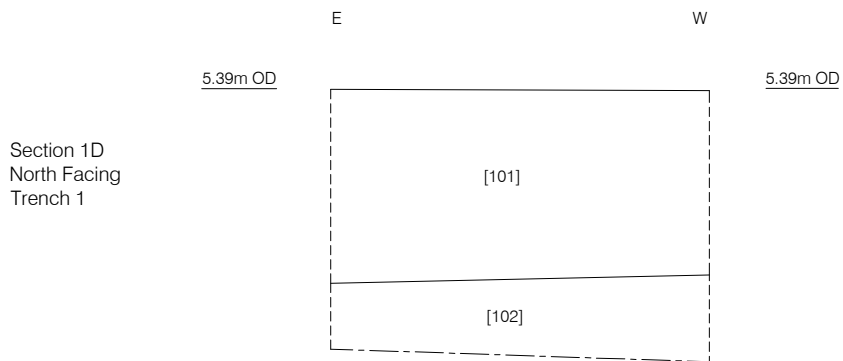


Figure 3  
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