

**23 ST. CROSS ROAD,  
WINCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE**

**AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING  
BRIEF**

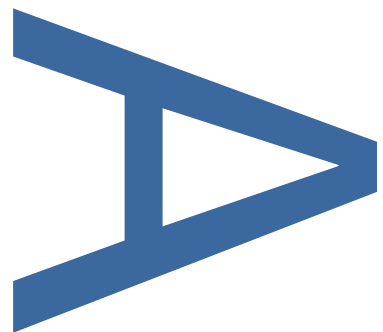
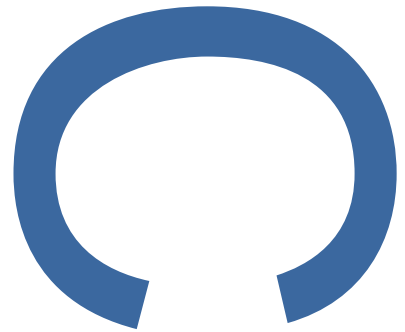
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## **1 ABSTRACT**

Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by Deborah Nash, to carry out an archaeological watching brief, at 23 St. Cross Rd., Winchester, Hampshire, hereafter 'the site'. The site is the subject of a proposed single storey extension to the rear of the property.

The site lies to the south of the historic core of Winchester, approximately 200m to the south of the line of the City walls. The site is located above the historic site of Winchester's Austin Friary, within the area believed to have been the precinct of the friary.

The watching brief was conducted in two visits, on the 23rd and 24th July 2018. No archaeological features, deposits or artefacts, or natural deposits, were observed.

## **2 INTRODUCTION**

### **2.1 Project Background**

2.1.1 Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by Deborah Nash, to carry out an archaeological watching brief, at 23 St. Cross Rd., Winchester, Hampshire, hereafter 'the site' (**Figure 1**). The site is the subject of a proposed single storey extension to the rear of the property.

2.1.2 The archaeological watching brief, and this report, was required by planning permission for the development of the site, granted by the Local Planning Authority, Winchester City Council (planning ref. 17/01330/HOU). These requirements are 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 This document provides a report on the results of the watching brief, carried out between the 23rd July and 24<sup>th</sup> July 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, NGR SU 47843 29031 (**Figure 1**), lies in the historic southern suburb of Winchester. It is located on the eastern side of St. Cross Road., the main thorough fare leading to the historic city gate from the south.

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 Proposed Development**

2.3.1 The proposed development is focused on the construction of a single storey extension to the rear of the existing Victorian end of terrace. Other alterations are to be made to the building but will not have an impact on any below ground archaeological resources.

### **2.4 Archaeological and Historical Background**

2.4.1 The site lies to the south of the historic core of Winchester, approximately 200m to the south of the line of the City walls. The site is located above the historic site of Winchester's Austin Friary, within the area believed to have been the precinct of the friary. The LPA's HETA summarised the historical and archaeological background to the Site as follows:

*'Archaeological background:*

- *The application site lies within Winchester's historic southern suburb, adjacent to the long distance Roman road heading south from Winchester.*
- *The site lies within the precinct of the medieval Austin Friary (Augustinian Order), known from documentary sources and from previous archaeological investigations undertaken to the north.*
- *The Austin Friary was established here towards the end of the reign of Edward I and was extended to the south by 1328, as far as Sevetwichene, a lost lane, approximately represented by St Michael's Road. friary was dissolved in 1538 and the precinct let out, before being granted to Winchester College in 1543.*
- *Previous archaeological investigations have revealed that substantial remains of the Austin Friary survive as buried archaeological remains to the north of the application site. The site of the church with a typical elongated chancel and nave with a possible chantry chapel; to the south of this lay the claustral ranges, including the site of the Chapter House. A number of burials were also located in the chapter house, northern cloister walk and north of the church.*
- *The claustral complex is likely to extend south of St Michael's Gardens; however it is uncertain whether the main building complex of the friary would have extended as far south as the application site. However the friary precinct would also likely have included garden and orchard areas, outbuildings etc also.*
- *A chalk cut well (with later brick capping) was located to the rear of No's. 27-29 St Cross Road in 2007. Given it is located within the Austin Friary; the well may date to the medieval period, although a post-medieval date is also a possibility.*

### **3 AIM**

#### **3.1 Archaeological Evaluation**

- 3.1.1 The aim of the archaeological watching brief is to monitor groundwork for the proposed rear extension and investigate and record archaeological resources that are identified, taking account of the date, nature, extent, bio-archaeological and palaeo-environmental potential of the resources and the research aims and questions that have been identified.
- 3.1.2 A further aim of the work was to prepare an archive of the results of the investigation leading to the preparation of this watching brief report.



## **4 RESULTS**

### **4.1 Introduction**

4.1.1 The following presents a summary of the watching brief results based upon the Site archive, which comprises a Site diary, digital photographs. The archive of all stages of the archaeological work is held at PCA's Winchester office under the site code **AY649** and will in due course be deposited with the Hampshire Cultural Trust.

### **4.2 Methodology**

4.2.1 The archaeological watching was undertaken following the methodology detailed in the Written Scheme of Investigation (PCA 2017), which was approved by the Local Planning Authority in advance of the works.

4.2.2 The watching brief comprised monitoring the groundworks associated to the proposed development, in particular the excavations for the footings of the single storey extension.

### **4.3 Watching Brief Results**

4.3.1 The watching brief was conducted in two visits, on the 23rd and 24th July 2018. Visits coincided with ground works at the rear of the Site during excavation of new foundations for the proposed rear extension.

4.3.2 The foundation trenches were excavated from the existing ground level to a depth of approximately 0.6m below ground level (BGL) and were approximately 0.5m wide. The excavations ran alongside, to the south, of the existing kitchen extension. The sides and the base of the excavations were inspected and comprised a dark grey post-medieval/modern garden soil throughout with regular ceramic building material fragments and evidence of modern disturbance. No archaeological features, deposits or artefacts, or natural deposits, were observed.

### **4.4 Conclusion**

4.4.1 It is concluded that the excavations for the new foundations were not deep enough to expose any potential surviving underlying archaeological resources or natural deposits.

## **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.

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## **6 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd is grateful to Deborah Nash for commissioning the watching brief and to Tracy Matthews, Winchester City Council HETA, for her advice.

The watching brief was carried out by Thomas Hayes, PCA Ltd.

## **7 REFERENCES**

PCA, 2017, "23 St. Cross Road, Winchester, Hampshire: WSI for an Archaeological Watching Brief".

## Appendix 1: OASIS Record

### OASIS ID: preconst1-340841

#### Project details

Project name	23 St. Cross Road, Winchester, Hampshire
Short description of the project	Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by Deborah Nash, to carry out an archaeological watching brief, at 23 St. Cross Rd., Winchester, Hampshire, hereafter 'the site'. The site is the subject of a proposed single storey extension to the rear of the property. The site lies to the south of the historic core of Winchester, approximately 200m to the south of the line of the City walls. The site is located above the historic site of Winchester's Austin Friary, within the area believed to have been the precinct of the friary. The watching brief was conducted in two visits, on the 23rd and 24th July 2018. No archaeological features, deposits or artefacts, or natural deposits, were observed.
Project dates	Start: 23-07-2018 End: 24-07-2018
Previous/future work	No / No
Any associated project reference codes	AY649 - Sitecode
Type of project	Recording project
Site status	Conservation Area
Monument type	NONE None
Significant Finds	NONE None
Investigation type	"Watching Brief"
Prompt	National Planning Policy Framework - NPPF

#### Project location

Country	England
Site location	HAMPSHIRE WINCHESTER WINCHESTER 23 St. Cross Road, Winchester, Hampshire
Postcode	SO23 9JB
Study area	20 Square metres
Site coordinates	SU 47843 29031 51.058089220392 -1.317258846648 51 03 29 N 001 19 02 W Point
Height OD / Depth	Min: 0m Max: 0m

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Type of sponsor/funding body	Private Client
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Physical Archive ID	AY649
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Digital Contents	"none"
Digital Media available	"Images raster / digital photography", "Text"
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Paper Contents	"none"
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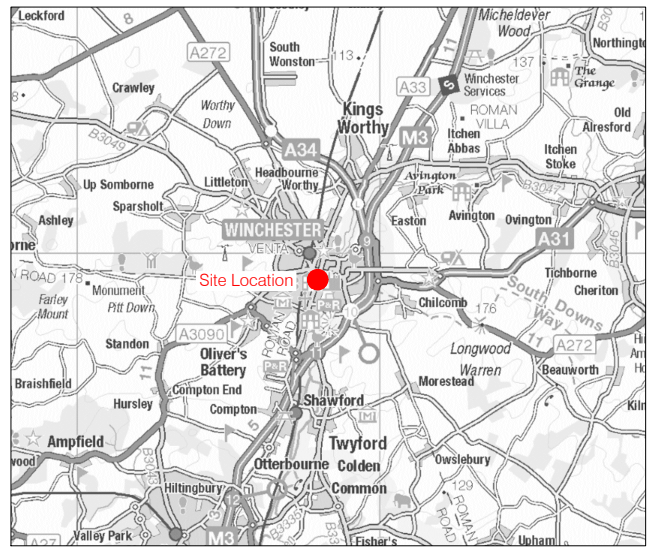
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Figure 1  
 Site Location  
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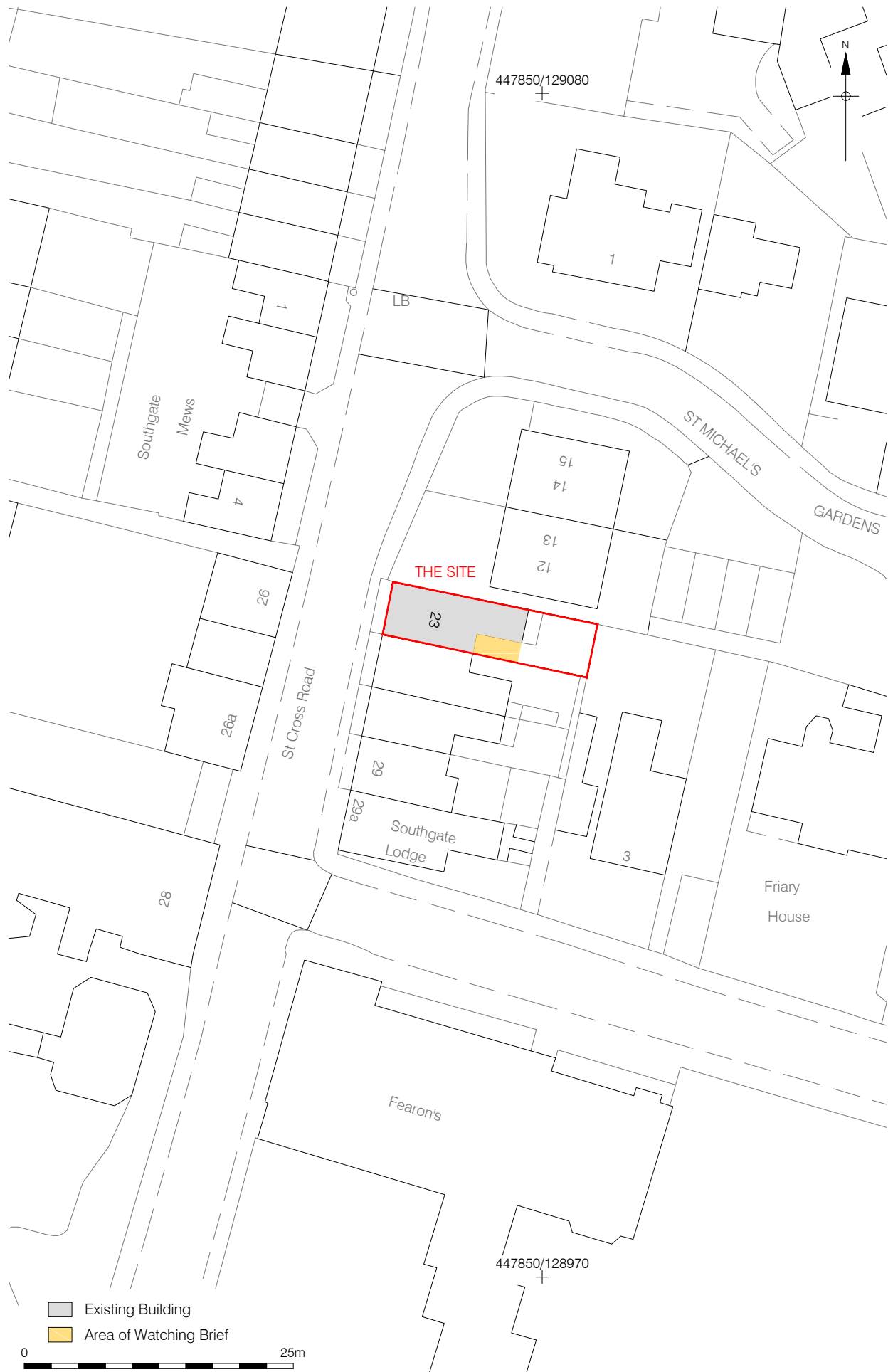


Figure 2  
 Detailed Site Location  
 1:500 at A4



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