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HAMPSHIRE**

**AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING
BRIEF REPORT**

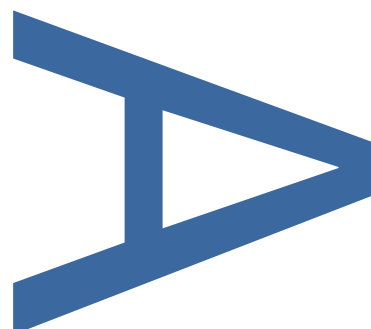
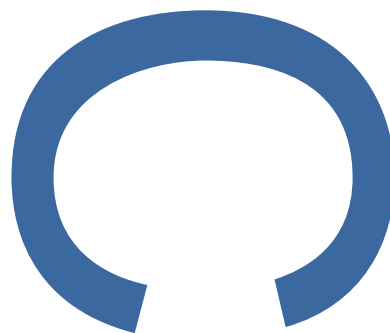
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1 NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY

Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd was appointed by Robert Day to undertake an archaeological watching brief during ground works at 12 High Street, Lymington, Hampshire. This report concerns the results of the watching brief, which comprised of monitoring of ground reduction across the site on the 20th and 25th of March 2019.

The ground investigations revealed a general deposition sequence for the Site, with no significant archaeological remains or features observed during the course of the watching brief.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Project Background

2.1.1 Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) has been appointed by Robert Day, to carry out an archaeological watching brief, at 12 High Street, Lymington, Hampshire, hereafter 'the site' (**Figures 1 and 2**). The site is the subject of a proposed development comprising the creation of 1 flat, 1 pair of semi-detached houses and a one & two storey rear extension to the existing building (as well as other related works).

2.1.2 The archaeological watching brief and subsequent reporting are required as condition 9 of planning permission for the development of the site granted by the Local Planning Authority, New Forest District Council (planning ref. 16/10282). The conditions are based on the advice of the New Forest National Park Authority Senior Archaeologist 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 9 states:
'No groundworks shall take place within the site until the applicant, or their agents or successors in title, has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological work in accordance with a written scheme of investigation which has been submitted by the applicant and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Reason: The development is located in an area of archaeological significance where the recording of archaeological remains should be carried out prior to the development taking place in accordance with Policy DM1 of the Local Plan for the New Forest District outside the National Park. (Part 2: Sites and Development Management).'

2.1.4 This document provides a report on the results of the Watching Brief, carried out between the 20th and 25th of March 2019 and has been prepared in accordance with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists standard and guidance for archaeological watching briefs (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 is situated towards the bottom of the High Street and comprises of a shop unit on the ground floor with a maisonette above, there is storage, for the shop, to the rear of the shop. The shop and maisonette are contained within the original core of the building, with a 20th century ground floor extension. Number 12 High Street is a grade 2 listed building grouped together with Number 13.

2.2.2 The site is well defined on all sides, bordered on its western side by the existing extension to the Stanwell House Hotel, and to the east by the Masonic Hall and its grounds and car park. To the front of the site is a pedestrian footway that is raised above the carriageway and is contained by railings. The remainder of the site is a garden that extends southwards. The site is located approximately 200m to the west of the Lymington River and lies 1m above the Ordnance Datum.

2.2.3 One bedrock geological formation is present on the site; the site is mapped as Headon Beds and Osborne Beds (undifferentiated) - clay, silt and sand (www.bgs.ac.uk/data/home.html).

2.3 Archaeological and Historical Background

2.3.1 The archaeological and historical background to the site is detailed within a rapid archaeological appraisal (RAA) prepared in support of the planning application (PCA 2016), and is not repeated here. The RAA summarised the site's archaeological potential and significance as follows:

2.3.2 *'The site is situated towards the bottom of the High Street and comprises of a shop unit on the ground floor with a maisonette above, there are also storage and facilities to the rear of the shop. The shop and maisonette are contained within the original core of the building, whereas the rear of the ground floor is a 20th century addition. Number 12 High Street is a grade 2 listed building as part of a group with number 13. The assessment has considered known archaeological resources recorded in the Hampshire Archaeology and Historic Buildings Record (AHBR) within the site and study area. The assessment has also considered previous and existing impacts to the archaeological resource potential and the significance of any resources that may be placed at risk by the proposed development of the site. It is concluded that:*

- The potential for the site to contain significant archaeological resource that is prehistoric in date is considered to be Low. Any in situ archaeological resources would likely to be of High archaeological significance and would be important on a local level.*
- The potential for the site to contain significant archaeological resources that are Romano British or Anglo Saxon in date are considered to be Low. Any in situ archaeological resources would be likely to be of High archaeological significance on a regional level.*
- The potential for the site to contain significant archaeological resources that are medieval in date is considered to be Moderate. Any in situ archaeological resources would likely to be of Moderate archaeological significance on a local level.*

- *The potential for the site to contain archaeological resources that are post-medieval is considered to be High. Any in situ archaeological resources would likely to be of Low archaeological significance and would be important on a local level.'*

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 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 was to prepare an archive of the results of the investigations leading to the preparation of this report, so that the future treatment of any archaeological remains 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 watching brief results based upon the Site archive, which comprises a Site diary, written and sketched records and digital photographs. Photographs of the Site appear in Appendix 1. The Site archive is held at PCA's Winchester office under the Site code HSLH19 and will in due course be deposited with the Hampshire Cultural Trust.

4.2 Methodology

4.2.1 The archaeological watching brief 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 watching brief took place between the 20th and 25th of March 2019. The monitored works included ground reduction of 0.7m – 0.9m across the site. As well as monitoring of a test pit investigating the foundations of an adjacent building, dug to 1m below ground level (BGL).

4.3 Summary of Deposition Sequence

4.3.1 The site slopes from the south and was reduced by 0.7m – 1.1m BGL (N-S), with a test pit dug to 1m BGL. The ground reduction revealed the following sequence of deposition:

- A layer of modern top soil covering the whole area, comprising of a dark blackish grey clayey silt, seen to a depth of 0.4m BGL at the northern end of the area and 0.5m BGL and the southern end.
- Underlying the top soil was a layer of post-medieval made ground, a dark greyish brown silty clay, seen to a depth of 0.7m BGL in the north and 0.9m BGL in the south. This layer contained post-medieval material; clay pipe fragments, fragments of glass bottles, pot, ceramic building material (CBM) and oyster shell.
- The ground reduction in the south-west side of the area revealed a layer of natural, mid brownish yellow clay, seen up to a depth of 1.1m BGL.

4.4 Archaeological Features

4.4.1 No significant archaeological remains were uncovered during the course of the watching brief.

4.4.2 In the centre of the site a very small, shallow discrete feature, measuring 0.4m diameter and 0.16m deep was observed cut into the natural clay. It contained a single fill, identical in composition to the layer of post-medieval made ground found above. It is believed to derive from the post-medieval period and is considered to be of low archaeological significance.

4.5 Conclusion

- 4.5.1 The ground investigations revealed a general deposition sequence for the Site, with no significant archaeological remains or features observed during the course of the watching brief.

5 ARCHIVE PREPARATION 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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5.2.3 Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd has made every effort to ensure the accuracy of the content of this report. However, Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd cannot accept any liability in respect of, or resulting from, errors, inaccuracies or omissions this report contains.

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7 REFERENCES

PCA, 2018, '*12 High Street, Lymington, Hampshire: WSI for an Archaeological Watching Brief*'.
August 2018.

APPENDIX 1: PHOTOGRAPHS



Plate 1. Shot of site facing north



Plate 2. Shot of east facing section of site

APPENDIX 2: OASIS RECORD

OASIS ID: preconst1-347826

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Project location

Country	England
Site location	HAMPSHIRE NEW FOREST LYMINGTON AND PENNINGTON 12 High Street, Lymington
Postcode	SO41 9AA
Study area	0 Square metres
Site coordinates	SZ 32620 95544 50.758003699139 -1.537482527476 50 45 28 N 001 32 14 W Point

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Digital Media available "Database","GIS","Images raster / digital photography","Spreadsheets","Survey","Text"

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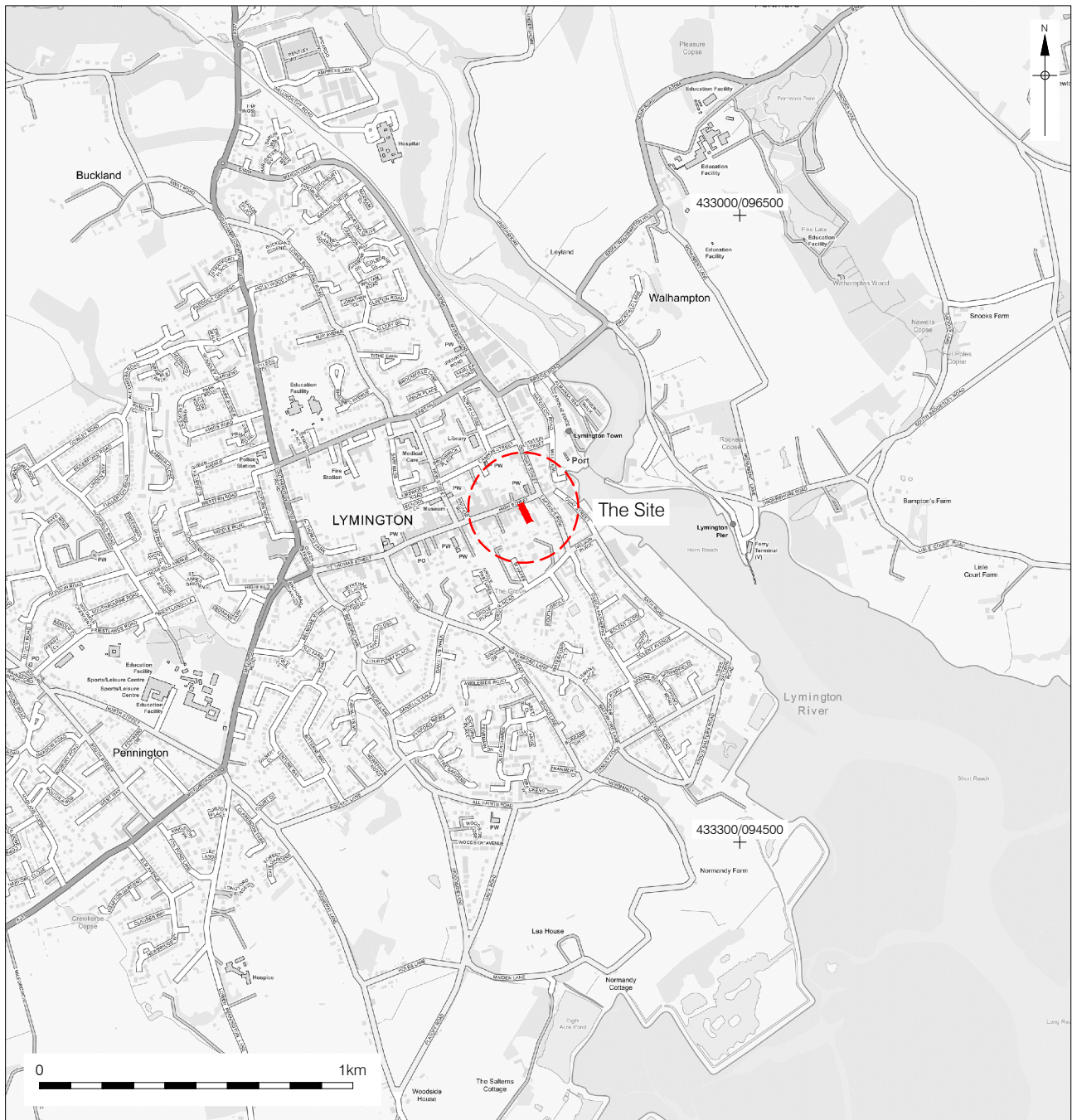
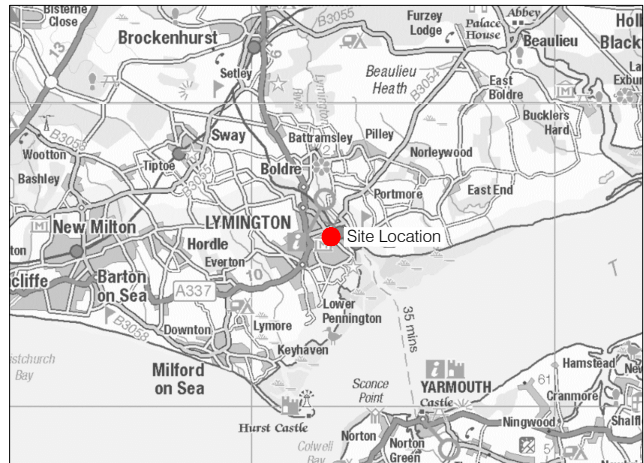
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