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**AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL
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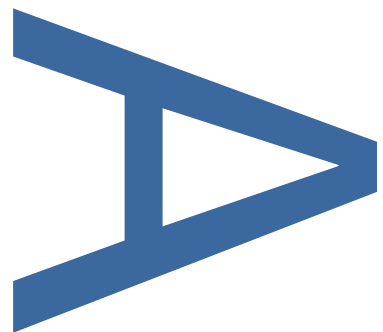
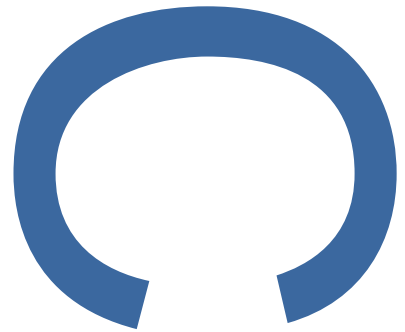
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1 NON – TECHNICAL SUMMARY

This report details the results of an archaeological evaluation carried out by Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd on behalf of CgMs Consulting on land at Woodcroft Farm, Lovedean, Havant, Hampshire. The Site is the subject of a housing development proposal comprising the erection of 288 houses, for which outline planning consent has been obtained.

The evaluation comprised the excavation of 37 30m X 2m trenches, carried out in keeping with the approved Written Scheme of Investigation, between April 2018 and March 2019.

The evaluation trenches revealed no archaeological features, deposits or artefacts.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Project Background

2.1.1 Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by CgMs Consulting to undertake an archaeological evaluation on land at Woodcroft Farm, Lovedean, Havant, Hampshire, (NGR 468233 112063) hereafter 'the Site' (**Figure 1**). The Site is the subject of a development proposal comprising the erection of 288 houses, for which outline planning consent has been obtained.

2.1.2 The archaeological evaluation was required by the Local Planning Authority (LPA), Havant Borough Council, acting on the advice of their archaeological advisor David Hopkins, Hampshire County Archaeology Officer (CAO) and in keeping with NPPF Section 12 and Local Plan Policy. The requirement has been secured by condition 18 of outline planning permission for the proposed development (Planning Ref 13/00804/OUT). The evaluation was intended to provide information toward understanding the archaeological implications of the proposed development and determination of the subsequent treatment (mitigation) of any archaeological remains found within it.

2.1.3 This document provides a report on the evaluation, which comprised the excavation and recording of 37 of the proposed 39 30 X 2m trenches. The evaluation was undertaken between April 2018 and March 2019.

2.1.4 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* (English Heritage, 2015).

2.2 Location, Topography and Geology

2.2.1 The Site is located on land approximately 10.8 hectares in extent situated around Woodcroft Farm, Lovedean, Hampshire. The Site is irregular in shape and bounded by open fields to the north and west and by Meadowlands Junior and Infant School and a recreation ground to the south and south-east.

2.2.2 The site comprises an undulating, pasture mixed farming landscape on the very edge of an urban area. The study site lies on relatively level land where the wider topography begins to plateau from the higher downs to the north. Within the site there is a slight fall to the southwest at 55m AOD from the northern areas which are situated around 70m AOD.

2.2.3 The geology of the site is shown by the Geological Survey (Sheet 316: Fareham) on the northern edge of a massive syncline (Bere Forest Syncline) and is part of the Portsdown Anticline which forms the Chalk Downs on the north side of Portsmouth. Generally, the syncline and the Site itself are underlain by the London Clay Formation. However, the Site is located on deposits of the Reading Formation, comprising mottled clay which is locally sandy.

2.3 Archaeological and Historical Background

2.3.1 The archaeological and historical background to the Site was set out in detail in a Heritage Assessment (CgMs 2010), prepared in respect of the Site's proposed development, and is not repeated here in detail. The assessment considered sites, monuments and findspots entered on the Hampshire Archaeology and Historic Buildings Record and within 1km of the Site. The sparse number of archaeological findspot entries, just two stray finds of late prehistoric date was assessed as indicating that the Site retains low archaeological potential, while evidence for medieval settlement in the vicinity of the Site is restricted to medieval placename evidence. However, the lack of recorded archaeological evidence in or close to the Site may be the result of the relatively low number of archaeological investigations carried out.

3 AIM

3.1 Archaeological Evaluation

- 3.1.1 The aim of the archaeological evaluation was to determine the character, extent, date, condition and significance of archaeological remains that may survive within the Site, taking account of their potential to contain biological and palaeo-environmental remains.
- 3.1.2 This report on the results of the evaluation aims to provide sufficient information so that the future treatment of any archaeological remains within 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, trench/context recording sheets, registers, drawings and digital photographs; the archive also includes an assemblage of finds and samples. A summary of recorded contexts is provided in a Trench Index in **Appendix 1** and photographs of the trenches are provided in **Appendix 2**. The archive is held at PCA's Winchester office under the site code **WFLH18** and will in due course be deposited with Hampshire Cultural Trust.

4.2 Methodology

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

4.2.2 The evaluation comprised the excavation of 37 trenches of the proposed 39 trenches, each measuring 30m x 2m (**Figure 2**). The array of trenches was intended to provide a reasonable sample of the Site in order to establish its archaeological potential. All trenches were opened in their proposed locations, except trenches 7, 11, 18 and 20 which were relocated due to Site conditions. Trenches 17 and 19 were not excavated owing to on-site conditions.

4.3 Deposition Sequence

4.3.1 The deposition sequence was relatively consistent across the Site (**Plates 1 - 4**). Trenches revealed a natural geology of clay and gravel, which was seen at depths between 0.20m and 0.29m Below Ground Level beneath sub soil and top soil (**Figure 3**).

4.3.2 No archaeological features, deposits or artefacts were found in any of the trenches.

4.4 Conclusion

4.4.1 The archaeological evaluation suggests that the Site retains no archaeological potential.

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 on behalf of Hampshire County Council.

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 County Council, 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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This report was prepared by Dominic McAtominey with Illustrations prepared by Diana Valk. The project was managed for PCA by Paul McCulloch.

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APPENDIX 1: TRENCH INDEX

Trench	Context Number	Type	Interpretation	Depth (m) BGL
1	101	Layer	Topsoil	0 - 0.1m
	102	Layer	Subsoil	0.1 - 0.23m
	103	Layer	Natural geology	0.23m +
2	201	Layer	Topsoil	0 - 0.15m
	202	Layer	Natural geology	0.15m +
3	301	Layer	Topsoil	0 - 0.12m
	302	Layer	Subsoil	0.12 - 0.24m
	303	Layer	Natural geology	0.24m +
4	401	Layer	Topsoil	0 - 0.28m
	402	Layer	Natural geology	0.28m +
5	501	Layer	Topsoil	0 - 0.21m
	502	Layer	Natural geology	0.21m +
6	601	Layer	Topsoil	0 - 0.19m
	602	Layer	Natural geology	0.19m +
7	701	Layer	Topsoil	0 - 0.24m
	702	Layer	Natural geology	0.24m +
8	801	Layer	Topsoil	0 - 0.25m
	802	Layer	Natural geology	0.25m +
9	901	Layer	Topsoil	0 - 0.26m
	902	Layer	Natural geology	0.26m +
10	1001	Layer	Topsoil	0 - 0.22m
	1002	Layer	Natural geology	0.22m +
11	1101	Layer	Topsoil	0 - 0.25m
	1102	Layer	Natural geology	0.25m +
12	1201	Layer	Topsoil	0 - 0.22m
	1202	Layer	Natural geology	0.22m +
13	1301	Layer	Topsoil	0 - 0.16m
	1302	Layer	Natural geology	0.16m +
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	1602	Layer	Natural geology	0.16m +
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	1802	Layer	Natural geology	0.17m +
20	2001	Layer	Topsoil	0 - 0.29m
	2002	Layer	Natural geology	0.29m +
21	2101	Layer	Topsoil	0 - 0.16m
	2102	Layer	Natural geology	0.16m +

Trench	Context Number	Type	Interpretation	Depth (m) BGL
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	2502	Layer	Natural geology	0.23m +
26	2601	Layer	Topsoil	0 - 0.28m
	2602	Layer	Natural geology	0.28m +
27	2701	Layer	Topsoil	0 - .31m
	2702	Layer	Natural geology	0.31 m +
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	2802	Layer	Natural geology	0.27m +
29	2901	Layer	Topsoil	0 - 0.24m
	2902	Layer	Natural geology	0.24m +
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	3002	Layer	Natural geology	0.27m +
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	3202	Layer	Natural geology	0.19m +
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	3302	Layer	Natural geology	0.27m +
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	3702	Layer	Natural geology	0.29m +
38	3801	Layer	Topsoil	0 - 0.27m
	3802	Layer	Natural geology	0.27m +
39	3901	Layer	Topsoil	0 - 0.20m
	3902	Layer	Natural geology	0.20m+

APPENDIX 2: PHOTOGRAPHS (PLATES 1 – 4)



Plate 1 – Trench 5, view to west. 1m scale.



Plate 2 – Trench 33, view to north-west. 1m scale.



Plate 3 – Trench 21, view to east. 1m scale.



Plate 4 – Trench 11, view to east. 1m scale.

Appendix 3: Oasis Form

8 OASIS ID: preconst1-348614

Project details

Project name	WOODCROFT FARM, LOVEDEAN, HAMPSHIRE: AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVALUATION
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Project dates	Start: 10-04-2018 End: 02-05-2019
Previous/future work	No / No
Any associated project reference codes	WFLH18 - Sitecode
Type of project	Field evaluation
Current Land use	Other 15 - Other
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)

Project location

Country	England
Site location	HAMPSHIRE HAVANT HAVANT Woodcroft Farm, Lovedean
Postcode	PO8 9UB
Study area	10.8 Hectares
Site coordinates	SU 68233 12063 50.90345045044 -1.029508791783 50 54 12 N 001 01 46 W Point

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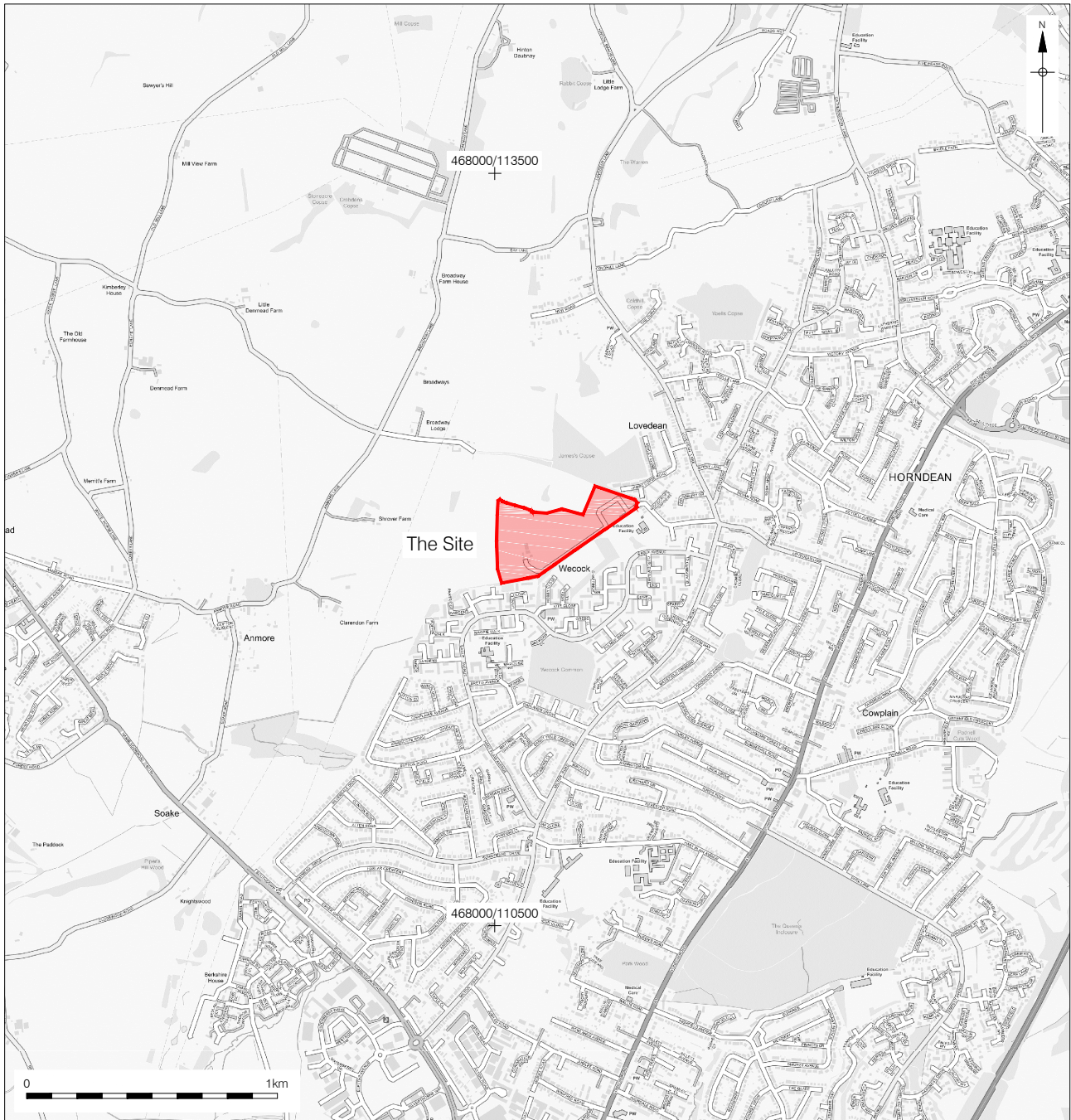
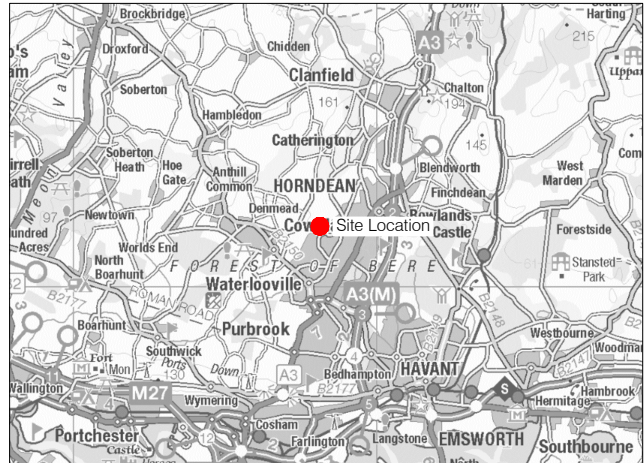
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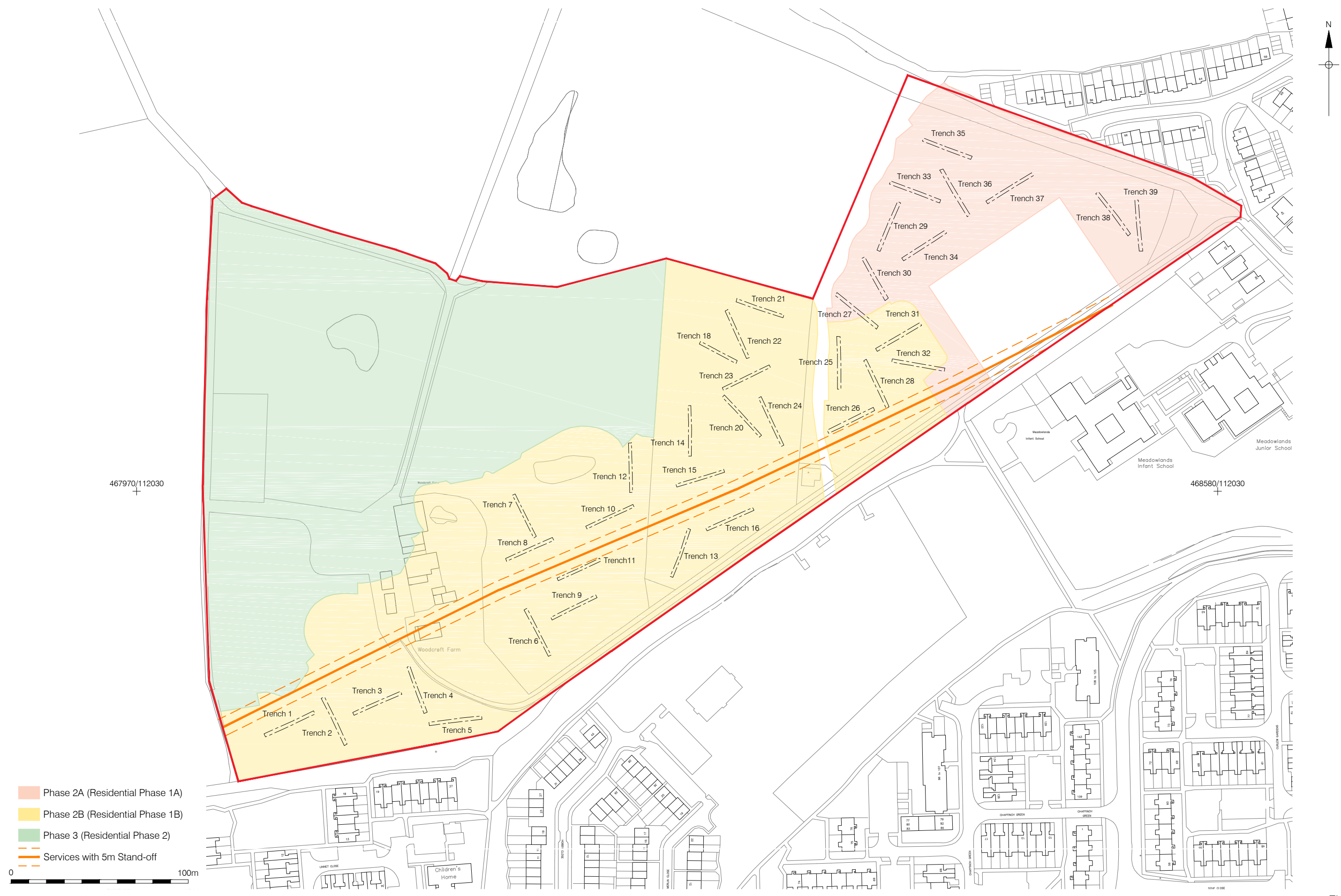
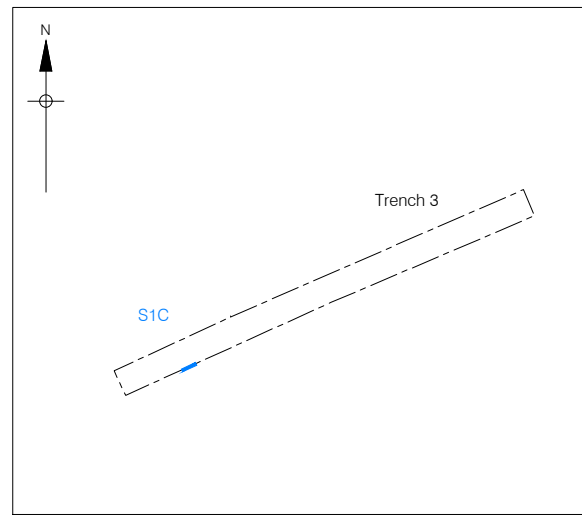
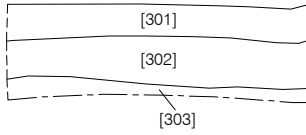


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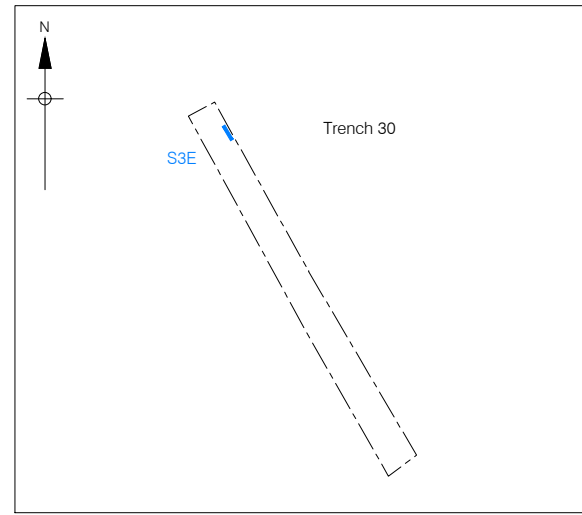


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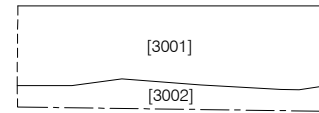


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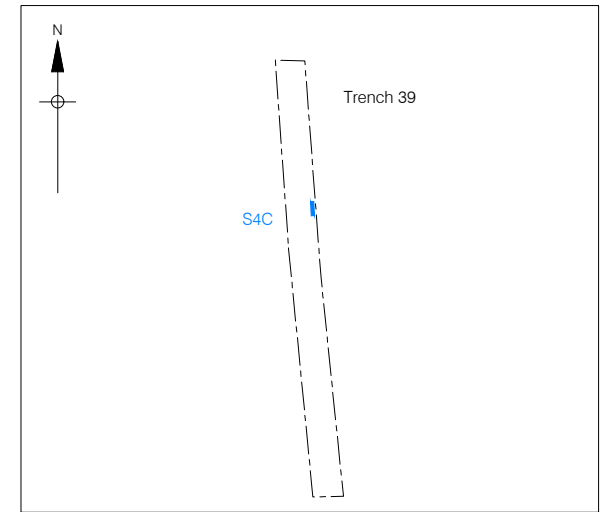


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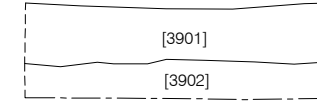


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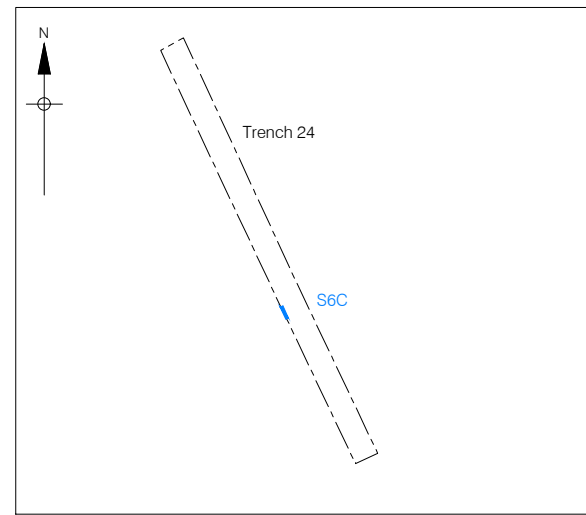


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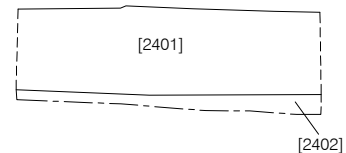


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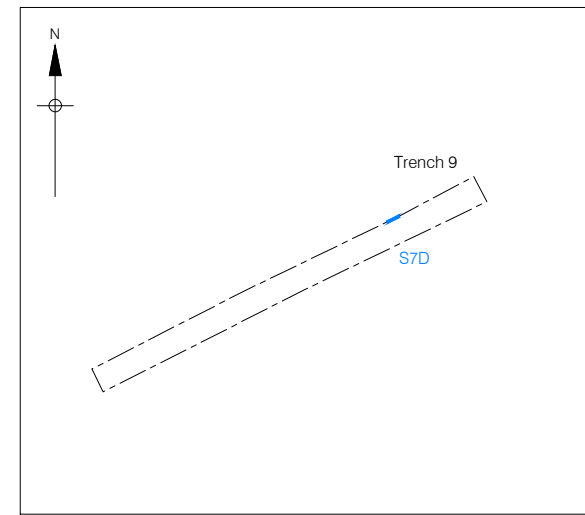


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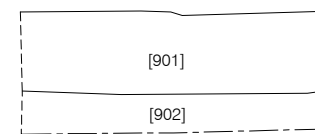


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Northeast Facing
Trench 24



SW NE

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Section 7D
Southeast Facing
Trench 9



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