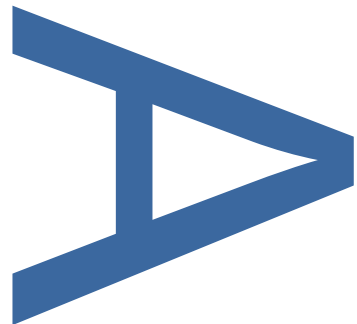
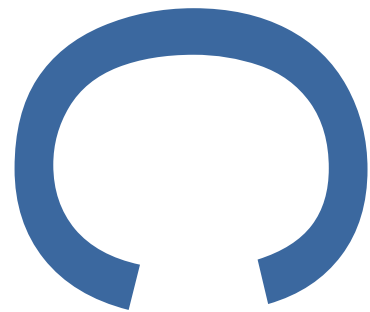


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**REPORT ON ARCHAEOLOGICAL
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Figure 2: Detailed Site Location

Figure 3: Section Locations on Proposed Groundworks

1 ABSTRACT

Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by Pippa Wright, to carry out an archaeological watching brief during works to widen a driveway, at 6 The Street, Old Basing, Hampshire. The watching brief was a requirement of planning consent for the driveway widening and was conducted over two visits, on the 14th and 15th of May, to coincide with the ground work.

The watching brief revealed a simple sequence of deposits of certainly post-medieval and probably modern date perhaps derived from the site of Old Basing House. These deposits would appear to be of low archaeological potential. It may be concluded that the ground work for the driveway extension has not had any impact on significant archaeological remains.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Project Background

2.1.1 Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by Pippa Wright, to carry out an archaeological watching brief during works to widen a driveway at 6 The Street, Old Basing, Hampshire (NGR 466724 152769), hereafter ‘the site’, (**Figures 1 & 2**). The proposed works are intended to provide additional parking adjacent to the Scheduled Monument ‘Old Basing House’ (SM Ref 1001961).

2.1.2 The archaeological watching brief was required by the Local Planning Authority Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council as a condition (3) of planning consent (Planning Ref 16/01346/HSE), based on the advice of their archaeological advisor David Hopkins the County Archaeology Officer (CAO), Hampshire County Council.

2.1.3 This report on the results of the watching brief has been prepared in accordance with the Written Scheme of Investigation (PCA 2019), prepared to meet the requirement of Condition 3 of planning consent, the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists standard and guidance for an archaeological watching brief (CIfA 2014) and ‘*Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment*’ (Historic England 2016). PCA is a CIfA Registered Archaeological Organisation and is bound by its code of conduct.

2.2 Location, Topography and Geology

2.2.1 The Site lies in the historic village of Old Basing. The village lies south east of Basingstoke and on the valley floor of the River Loddon. The site lies at approximately 80m above OD.

2.2.2 The Site lies on alluvium – clay, silt, sand and gravel.

2.3 Archaeological and Historical Background

2.3.1 The Hampshire Archaeology and Historic Building Record contains entries of sites, finds and monuments of all major periods, from the Mesolithic period onwards, from within or close to Old Basing. The settlement of Old Basing, documented since the 9th century, and possibly a royal estate in the middle-Saxon period, saw Hugh de Port erect Basing Castle, a motte and bailey, in the eleventh century at the southern end of the village. This was replaced in the sixteenth century by Basing House, besieged by Parliamentary forces in the Civil War.

- 2.3.2 The immediate archaeological context of the Site was summarised in advice provided to the Local Planning Authority, in respect of the proposal to widen the drive into N0 6 The Street, by David Hopkins, as follows: *'The site is located within the historic core of Old Basing and immediately adjacent to the scheduled monument of Old Basing House. Specifically it is immediately adjacent to the Garrison Gate. The outer curtain wall of Old Basing House runs through this plot. Although the proposed development is very small in scale it will cut back the bank that lies to the front of the house, but also to the front of the line of the curtain wall. It is likely that archaeological evidence will be revealed that might shed light on the origins and development of Old Basing House, the line of the curtain wall and the outer defence, its character and possibly of the siege itself.'*

3 AIM

3.1 Archaeological Watching Brief

- 3.1.1 The aim of the archaeological watching brief was to monitor groundwork for the proposed driveway extension and investigate and record archaeological remains that might be identified, taking account of the date, nature, extent, bio-archaeological and palaeo-environmental potential of the remains.
- 3.1.2 This report on the results of the watching brief aims to provide a context for any archaeological remains that were identified and provide sufficient information so that the Local Planning Authority can be satisfied that the requirement for the watching brief has been satisfactorily addressed.

4 RESULTS

4.1 Introduction

- 4.1.1 The following presents a summary of the observations made during the watching brief and is based on the Site archive, which comprises a Site diary, trench recording sheets, drawings and digital photographs. A summary of recorded contexts is provided in a Context Index in **Appendix 1** and photographs of the Site are provided in **Appendix 2**. The archive is held at PCA's Winchester office under the site code **HTSB19** and will in due course be deposited with the Hampshire Cultural Trust.
- 4.1.2 The watching brief was conducted over two visits, on the 14th and 15th of May, which coincided with the ground work to form the extended drive. Groundwork consisted of the reduction of existing levels to form a level base for the extended drive. This created a long section facing north-west and a maximum 0.8m deep, which was recorded (**Figure 3**). No natural deposits were recorded.

4.2 Deposition Sequence

4.2.1 The lowest deposit recorded (105) was a layer of dark grey clayey silt with frequent charcoal inclusions as well as common ceramic Building Material (CBM) and mortar/plaster inclusions. This layer was sealed by a (103), a deposit of light yellowish brown mortar/ plaster with a light brownish grey clayey silt, two iron nails were recovered from this context. These two layers are interpreted as demolition material, perhaps redeposited as make-up from a nearby source such as the site of Old Basing House. Later layers (101), (102), (103) & (104) appeared to be similar in character and lay beneath an upper horizon of topsoil (100). This sequence was consistent across the Site and in the exposed section (**Figure 3 & Plates 1 - 3**)

4.3 Conclusion

4.3.1 The watching brief revealed a simple sequence of deposits of certainly post-medieval and probably modern date perhaps derived from the site of Old Basing House. These deposits would appear to be of low archaeological potential. It may be concluded that the ground work for the driveway extension has not had any impact on significant archaeological remains.

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.

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APPENDIX 1: Context Index

Context Number	Type	Description	Date	Interpretation	Depth (M) BGL	Section Drawing
100	Layer	Mid greyish brown silty sand	Modern	Garden Topsoil and Turf	0 - 0.32	1A, 1B
101	Layer	Light brownish grey clayey silt and CBM	Post 17th Century	Demolition Material, possibly used for levelling	0.33 - 0.49	1A, 1B
102	Layer	Dark greyish brown clayey silt	17th Century	Levelling layer or possible capping of demolition material 103	0.49 - 0.71	1A
103	Layer	Light brown yellow (mortar) with Light brown grey (sediment)	17th Century	Mortar or wall plaster layer, associated with demolition	0.71+	1A, 1B
104	Layer	Light yellow white chalk	17th Century	Redeposited chalk with some CBM, may represent build up of bank?	0.47 - 0.62	1B
105	Layer	Dark brownish grey clayey silt	17th Century	Highly burnt material, likely from destruction of Basing House	0.70+	1B

APPENDIX 2: Plates 1 - 3



Plate 1. Section 1A, view south. Scale 1m.



Plate 2. Section 1B, view south. Scale 1m.



Plate 3. Image of main Site section and stripped area. View south-east.

APPENDIX 3: Oasis Record

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Project dates	Start: 14-05-2019 End: 15-05-2019
Previous/future work	No / Yes
Any associated project reference codes	HTSB19 - Sitecode
Type of project	Recording project
Site status	None
Current Land use	Residential 1 - General Residential
Significant Finds	NAILS Post Medieval
Investigation type	"Watching Brief"
Prompt	National Planning Policy Framework - NPPF

Project location

Country	England
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Postcode	RG24 7BH
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Site coordinates	SU 66271 52773 51.269740009561 -1.049940310003 51 16 11 N 001 02 59 W Point

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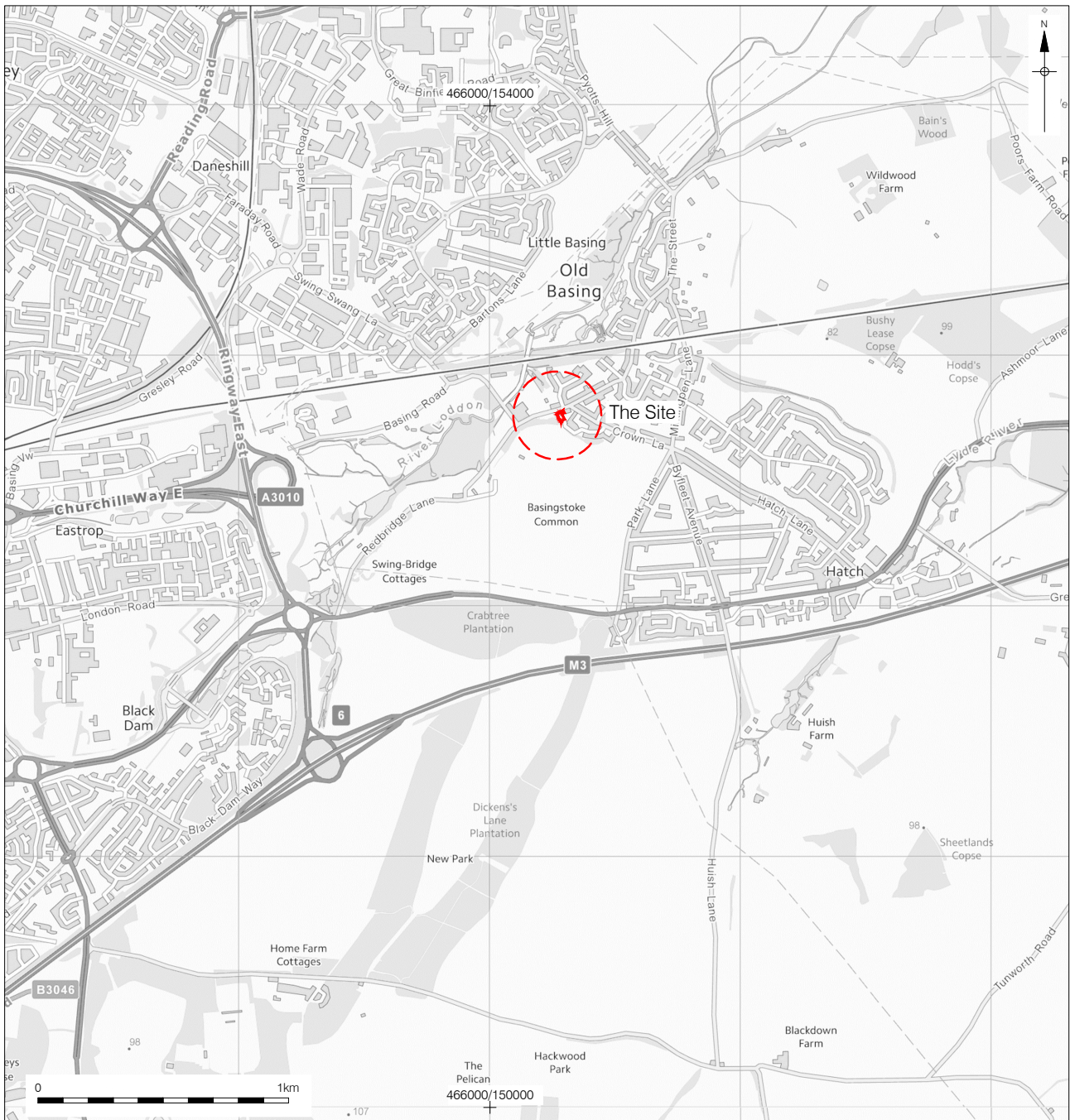
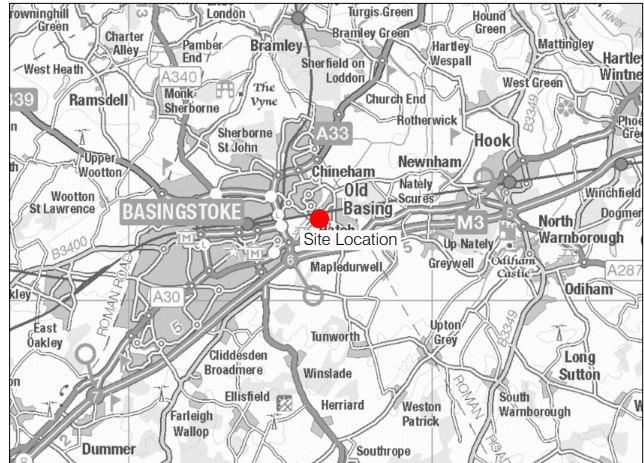
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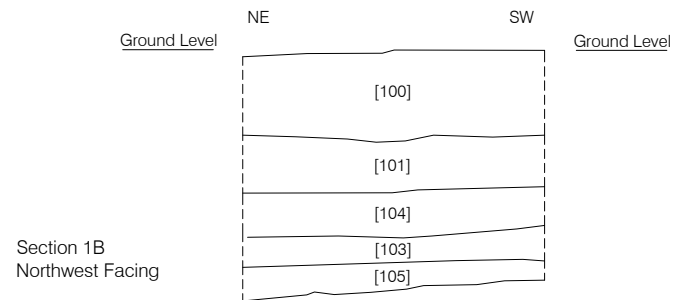
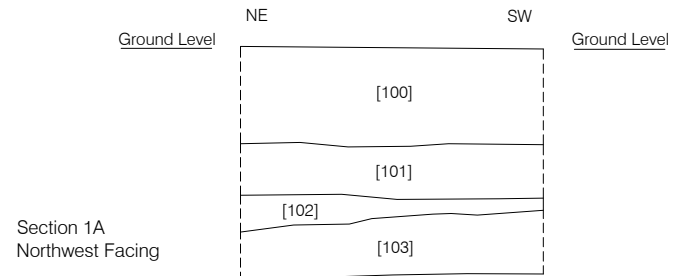


Figure 3
 Section Locations on Proposed Development
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